



Willamette Valley Chapter
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Model A Ford



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Model A



Restorers Club

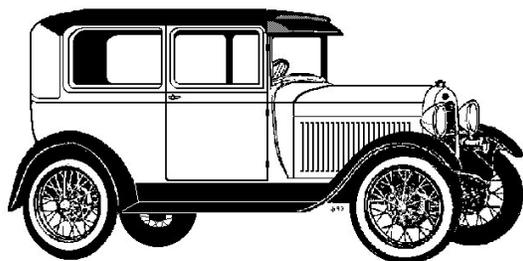
**Next General Meeting: Mission Next General Meeting, Willamette Heritage Center (Mission Mill) Card Room, Salem, OR
Thursday, May 4th, 2018 at 7:00 pm**

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Newsletter Editors	Monday Breakfast	General Meetings	Board Meetings
January Hardy	Jan 14	January 13	Annual Banquet Jan 14
February Hardy	Feb 11	February 7	Feb 18
March Hardy	Mar 11	March 7	Mar 18
April LeMaster	Apr 8	April 4	Apr 15
May LeMaster	May 13	May 2	May 20
June	Jun 10	June 6	Jun 17
July	Jul 8	June 16	Swap Meet Jul 15
August	Aug 12	July 4	Four Club Picnic Aug 19
September	Sep 9	August 1	NWVCMM Sep 16
October	Oct 14	September 5	Oct 21
November	Nov 11	October 3	Nov 18
December	Dec 9	November 7	Dec 16
		December 7	President's Luncheon

A Note from Bob

Bob and Patti are touring Europe and Italy and were unable to leave a message for us. Stay tuned for next month.



Some material printed in this newsletter may have been borrowed from other publications. We wish to thank other clubs for sharing their newsletters with us. We are happy to share our articles and other information publication in their newsletters.

For information about the club, please contact Gary LeMaster at (503) 393-6069

As I Age I Realize That –

I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.

I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off.

My people skills are just fine. My tolerance of idiots needs work.

The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

When I was a child, I thought naptime was punishment. Now it's like a mini vacation.

The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.

Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.

Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle free and three sizes smaller?

When the kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please, I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes."

From the April 2019 Ahooga News

Jim's Technical Tip

By Jim Cannon – The Ahooga News

Coolant Level in the Model A

It is best to check the coolant level in your radiator when the engine is cold, before you set off on a drive. At this time (because coolant contracts when cold and expands when hot) the proper coolant level is about a ½" or so above the top of tubes in the upper tank. The coolant should not be above the baffle in the upper tank when cold. That's too much and the excess will just be blown out later when the engine is hot and you are running down the road.

It is hard to see the coolant when cold, because the baffle is in the way. Use a flashlight to look in through the filler neck and to the left or right of the baffle, to see the coolant level. If you can't see the tubes through the coolant, use a disposable wooden stir stick (like the ones they put out at coffee shops to stir your coffee) as a dip stick in the filler neck. Go just to the side of the baffle until it touches the bottom of the upper tank. When you withdraw the stick, look for about ½" of coolant stain on the stick. Add some coolant if low.

When checking the coolant when the engine is hot, after you've driven for a time, you want to see the coolant very close to or slightly over the baffle. Only add coolant if you can't see any near the baffle in the upper tank, but don't overfill (or it will just blow it out).

Tour Update

Seminar: Deluxe Tune-up

Presented by Bill Cote

Bring your own chair

Lunch included

Space may be limited

Event: Antiquing and Lunch in Albany

Presented by Carole Cote

Both on Saturday, April 27, 2019

10:00am till 2:00pm

Bill & Carole's place:

33253 SE White Oak Rd

Corvallis, OR 97333

RSVP by April 13, 2019 to Bill Cote

541-752-0924

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Willamette Valley Model A Ford Club

Model A Ford Tour/Car Display

(Weather permitting)

Sheep to Shawl Festival

Willamette Heritage Center

1313 Mill St. SE

Salem, Oregon

Saturday May 11, 2019

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

McKenzie Pass Tour

Geologic Background

June 28-29 2019

Eons ago, though not so far back in geologic time, there was no Coast Range, no Willamette Valley, and no Cascade Range. These are newcomers are seemingly forever plastered onto the continent. But nothing is permanent: what is today, will in eons to come, be changed or destroyed altogether by unseen forces constantly at work at and below the Earth's surface.

In preparation for the McKenzie Pass tour, the program for the May General Meeting will begin an introduction to general geologic principles and processes. We will talk about some of the different types of rocks and what they tell us about Earth history. We'll talk about geologic time, the structure of the Earth and the forces that structure generates. We'll then begin to describe how those forces have shaped Western Oregon. Hopefully, these discussions will pique your interest for some very interesting discussions.

But that won't be the whole story. Erosion, deposition, mass wasting and weathering continually attack and gradually alter the crust we live on. Earth quakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis produce more rapid changes in the landscape and provide fodder for some very interesting discussions.

For those of us who are more visually oriented seeing is believing. On our June tour over McKenzie Pass, we will make a series of roadside stops and relate the processes to the landscape. Hopefully, by the end of the tour, we will all have a better understanding of this beautiful place we are so privileged to live in.

Motel in Rainbow

Harbricks Country Inn

5491 McKenzie Hwy

Rainbow, OR 97413

541-822-3805 (Cell 541-844-9194)

If you have not yet made a room reservation for the night of June 28th, don't delay!!

If you are interested in learning a bit more about some of the processes we will discuss, check out one or more of the following on Prime Video.

Making North America (This is a NOVA production) – Episodes 1 through 3

Voyage of the Continents – Episodes 3 and 6

Mega Disasters – Episode 1

Tiny Tip – Keeping Moisture Out of the Distributor

Have you ever driven your Model A in the rain, and have it “act up?” This is exactly what happened to me while on tour with the Western Carolina's Model A Club. First the car began to periodically “skip.” Then it began to really run rough, until it just died. The cause – moisture in the distributor. Well, this is a common problem in cars without electronic ignitions. Usually, the humidity level in the atmosphere is something the hot engine “burns” off before coming in contact with our distributors. But, when it rains, there is just too much moisture in the atmosphere and the inside of the distributor cap will begin to “sweat.” This in turn causes moisture droplets to fall onto the points, thus interrupting the flow of electricity between the ignition coil and the spark plugs. Generally, if you can get the distributor dry, you can go on your merry way. But how to solve the problem before it happens is the real question. Nobody wants to try to stand in a downpour over a hot engine and try to dry out their distributor. WD-40 is the answer! It was developed in 1953 by Norm Larson, founder of the Rocket Chemical Company in San Diego, CA. WD-40, from the abbreviation “Water Displacement, 40th formula,” was originally designed to repel water and prevent corrosion. Another little “tool” to keep in your arsenal, If every 3-4 months you will open up your distributor and spray the underside of the cap and down into the distributor and tops of the spark plug “wires,” a rain shower will never leave you sitting by the side of the road waiting on AAA.

Happy Begg, Palmetto A's of South Carolina

Tours & Upcoming Events!

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| May 2 | Thur | General Meeting 7:00 PM Mission Mill
Card room 3 rd Floor |
| May 13 | Mon | Breakfast at Sybils, 2373 State Street
8:30 AM |
| May 20 | Sat | Board Meeting, Gold Dragon Chinese
Restaurant, 4645 Commercial St SE, 2 pm |
| Jun 6 | Thur | General Meeting 7:00 PM Mission Mill
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