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# The Connecting Rod

**Willamette Valley Chapter**  
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**Next General Meeting, President's Lunch NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum, Brooks, OR**  
**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 11:00 am**

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<b>January</b>	Hardy
<b>February</b>	Hardy
<b>March</b>	Hardy
<b>April</b>	Garrison
<b>May</b>	LeMaster
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**Board Meeting Hosts**

<b>January</b>	<b>19</b>	Flemings
<b>February</b>	<b>16</b>	Giesbrecht
<b>March</b>	<b>16</b>	Ramsay
<b>April</b>	<b>20</b>	Fleming
<b>May</b>	<b>18</b>	Garrison
<b>June</b>	<b>29</b>	Pizza Feed
<b>July</b>	<b>4</b>	3 Club Picnic
<b>July</b>	<b>29</b>	Annual Picnic (potluck)
<b>September</b>	<b>21</b>	
<b>October</b>	<b>19</b>	
<b>November</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>December</b>	<b>9</b>	Pres. Lunch

**Blair's Blather**

When it rains like crazy and we stuff ourselves with turkey, we are definitely into winter. For the first time in many years I missed the Albany Swap Meet. My wife, Tracy (she who must be obeyed) did not have to worry about what might follow me home.

Please accept my thanks for letting me serve as your president. We had some fun tours and I actually heard some new jokes.

As is so often the case, a club like ours is only as good as the participation of its members. We have many wonderful members. I would like to give special thanks to the members of the board. Their time and commitment to our club are much appreciated.

Christmas is near and I wish each of you all good blessings. May you catch Santa before he makes it up the chimney.

Blair

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 503-393-606**

## **Minutes of the Willamette Valley Chapter Model A Ford Club of America Board of Directors Meeting Held November 2, 2017**

The November Board of Directors Meeting was held at the Willamette Heritage Center at the Mill located in Salem, Oregon, immediately following the November General Meeting of the Club Membership. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:45 pm by President, Blair Wasson. Officers and Board Members present at the meeting were President Blair Wasson, Secretary Ray Ramsay, Treasurer Gary LeMaster and Board Members Bob Burton, Lee Hardy, Fred Lissner and Peggy Ramsay. All attendees waived notice of time, place and purpose of the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORTS.** Minutes of the October Board Meeting, as previously circulated through The Connecting Rod, were approved. Since all Board Members were present for the Treasurer's Reports given during the November General Meeting, the re-reading of the report was waived.

### **OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Elections.** It was noted that a President, Vice-President and two Board Members for the positions currently occupied by Fred Lissner and Peggy Ramsay are needed for next year. Current Board Members Fred and Peggy both volunteered to continue their Board membership for the 2018/2019 terms if necessary. In addition Gary LeMaster has graciously agreed to take the Presidency for 2018 and Blair Wasson has agreed to also assume the position of Vice-President for 2018 (as well as Past President) with the understanding that by taking the position he is NOT agreeing to take the Presidency in 2019. If no further candidates come forward, these individuals have graciously agreed to fill-out our officer and board member needs for 2018.

**Board Action – Membership.** Nothing to report.

**Board Action – Appointment of Assistant Treasurer/Back-up Check Signer.** Gary LeMaster reported that he had spoken with our bank and that it was willing to allow our current president, Blair Wasson, to act as our assistant Treasurer and back-up check signer. Blair agreed to accept the task and, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, Blair was elected to the position of assistant treasurer with check-writing authority in the absence of the Treasurer.

**Board Action – The Treasurer's Briefcase.** Gary reported that he had purchased a new briefcase for the Treasurer's position for the princely sum of approximately \$71.10. The combination lock on the case WILL NOT BE SET so there will be nothing to remember, or forget!

**Board Action – Cake for the President's Luncheon.** The Board unanimously approved the purchase of a cake for the dessert at the President's Luncheon from Pure Decadence Pastries, a local bakery with ties to our Club. So far we have 25 signed up to attend.

**Board Action – Approval of Chemeketa Community College Scholarship For Next Year.** The Board unanimously approved the funding of our traditional scholarship at Chemeketa Community College for next

year. It was noted that the college had provided much needed help at last year's Swap Meet which was much appreciated. The amount of the scholarship will be \$1,200 and Gary LeMaster will be the contact person with the college for this matter.

**Update on Tours** – Revisiting the goal of have four driving tours for 2018, Ray and Peggy Ramsay volunteered to head-up the Spring Tour (perhaps in May), Blair Wasson volunteered to head-up one of the Summer Tours which will consist of the Tour Oregon event traditionally sponsored by the Willamette Valley Model T Club and Fred Lissner is investigating a tour to Detroit Dam in August. Assuming this all works out, we only need one more driving tour for 2018 to reach our goal!

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned at approximately 8:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ray Ramsay, Secretary

## **Where The Pets Go**

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who have been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together. But one day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body waivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face, your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long from your life but never from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together.

## Laughter Zone

A doctor that had been seeing an 80-year-old woman for most of her life finally retired. At her next check-up, the new doctor told her to bring a list of all the medicines that had been prescribed for her. As the doctor was looking through these his eyes grew wide as he realized Grandma had a prescription for birth control pills. "Mrs. Smith, do you realize these are birth control pills?" "Yes, they help me sleep at night." "Mrs. Smith, I assure you there is absolutely nothing in these that could possibly help you sleep!" She reached out and patted the young doctor's knee and said, "Yes, dear, I know that. But every morning, I grind one up and mix it in the glass of orange juice that my 16-year-old Granddaughter drinks. And believe me; it definitely helps me sleep at night." You gotta love Grandmas!

Students in an advanced Biology class were taking their mid-term exam. The last question was Name seven advantages of Mothers Milk. The question was worth 70 points or none at all. One student was hard to put to think of seven advantages. He wrote:

- 1) It is the perfect formula for the child.
- 2) It provides immunity against several diseases
- 3) It is always the right temperature.
- 4) It is inexpensive.
- 5) It bonds the child to the mother and vice versa.
- 6) It is always available as needed.

And then the student was stuck. Finally, in desperation, just before the bell rang indicating the end of the test he wrote:

- 7) It comes in two attractive containers and its high enough off the ground where the cat can't get it. He got an A.



### **Drafting Guys Over 60.**

I am over 60 and the Armed Forces think I'm too old to track down terrorists. Currently you can't be older than 42 to join the military. They've got the whole thing backwards.

Instead of sending 18-year olds off to fight, they ought to take us old guys. You shouldn't be able to join a military unit until you're at least 55.

For starters, researchers say 18-year-olds think about sex every 10 seconds. Old guys only think about sex a couple of times a month, leaving us more than 280,000 additional seconds per day to concentrate on the enemy.

Young guys haven't lived long enough to be cranky, and a cranky soldier is a dangerous soldier. 'My back hurts! I can't sleep, I'm tired and hungry.' We are bad-tempered and impatient, and maybe letting us kill some jerk that desperately deserves it will make us feel better and shut us up for a while.

An 18-year-old doesn't even like to get up before 10 am. Old guys always get up early to pee, so what the heck. Besides, like I said, I'm tired and can't sleep and since I'm already up, I may as well be up killing some fanatical nutcase.

If captured, we couldn't spill the beans because we'd forget where we put them. In fact, name, rank, and serial number would be a real brainteaser.

Boot camp would be easier for old guys. We're used to getting screamed and yelled at and we're used to soft food. We've also developed an appreciation for guns. We've been using them for years as an excuse to get out of the house, away from the screaming and yelling.

They could lighten up on the obstacle course, however. I've been in combat and never saw a single 20-foot wall with rope hanging over the side, nor did I ever do any pushups after completing basic training.

Actually, the running part is kind of a waste of energy, too. I've never seen anyone outrun a bullet.

An 18-year-old has the whole world ahead of him. He's still learning to shave, to start a conversation with a pretty girl. He still hasn't figured out that a baseball cap has a brim to shade his eyes, not the back of his head.

These are all great reasons to keep our kids at home to learn a little more about life before sending them off into harm's way.

Let us old guys track down those terrorists. The last thing an enemy would want to see is a couple million angry old men with bad attitudes and automatic weapons who know that their best years are already behind them.

HEY!! How about recruiting Women over 50... **in menopause!!!** You think MEN have attitudes?? Ohhhhhhhhhhhh my!!! If nothing else, put them on border patrol. They'll have it secured the first night!



## ANNUAL BANQUET

Date: Sunday - January 21, 2018

Place: Roth's West Salem, Founders Room

Times: Meet & Greet – 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
Dinner – 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
Swearing in of new Officers, Awards & Program – 7:00 pm

Price: \$10.00 per Attendee and the Club provides the rest.

### Menu Options

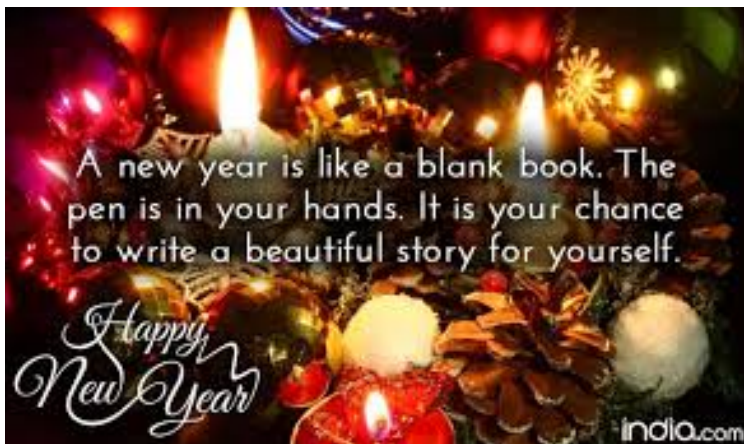
Peach & Mustard Glazed Pork Tenderloin (Gluten Free)

Traeger Smoked Salmon Fillet

Oregon Wild Mushroom Manicotti

Includes Green Salad with Apple, Goat Cheese, Pecans & Sherry Vinaigrette, Roasted Potatoes with Shaved Fennel & Parmesan, Sauteed Lemon & Garlic Green Beans, Peppermint Stack Dessert and Chocolate Cake with Strawberry Filling and Butter Creame

Submit your menu choice and number of attendees to Gary LeMaster, Treasurer, by January 13, 2018. Remit your payment in cash or check made out to the “**Willamette Valley Model A Ford Club**” either in person, at the General Meeting or by mail at 1845 Lockhaven Drive NE, Salem, OR 97303-2070, phone 503-393-6069 home, 503851-3349 cell.



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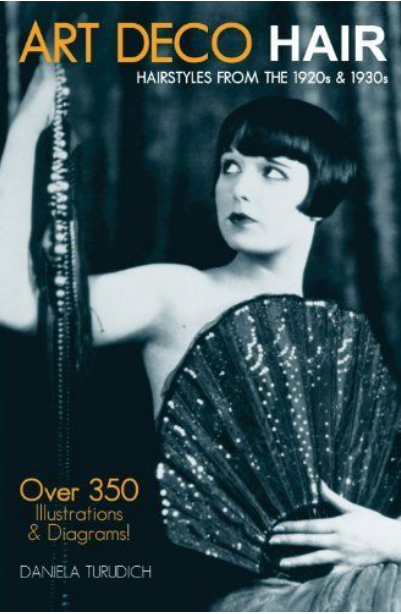
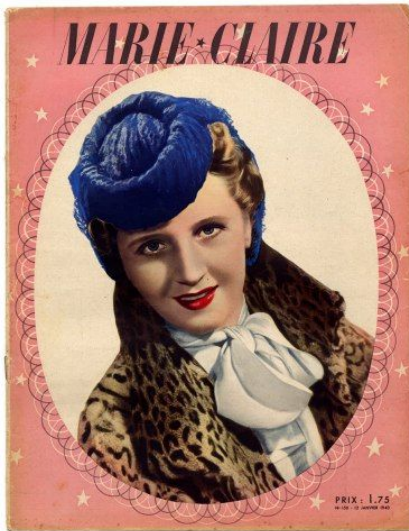
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## **IDLE AIR ADJUST**

### **Question:**

When you turn the carburetor **air adjustment screw** in (clockwise), are you making the mixture richer or leaner? My 'A' has a tendency to want to stall when you slow down to turn a corner and have the clutch in to shift into second gear. I have set the idle up higher than it should be to avoid the stall problem. Does this seem like an idle mixture that is too lean or too rich? I have heard both opinions expressed.

### **Answer:**

The carburetor air adjustment affects idle air mixture only. For this adjustment to work correctly you must have no air leaks around the manifold gasket (intake side), at the carburetor or vacuum line. Many times the throttle shaft in the upper housing of the carburetor is worn and allows air to be drawn in around the shaft.

To make correct adjustment of idle air adjustment screw begin by turning the idle air screw all the way in (clockwise) to the seat (lightly) and then back out (counter-clockwise) 1-1/2 turns. With the spark lever in the full retard position, bring the engine to an idle. Lean the carburetor mixture a little by adjusting the dash adjusting knob for no more than 1/4 turn open. Now turn the idle air screw in slowly until the engine starts to stall (Note the position of the screw). It should cause the engine to start to stall out about 1/4 turn in (counter-clockwise) from where you started. Now slowly turn the screw counter-clockwise until the engine starts to stall again. Then turn back counter-clockwise to a point in between the two stall points. This should be about 1-1/2 turns from the seat.

Turning the screw **clockwise** reduces the air mixture to the idle fuel, making it a richer mixture (less air). Turning the screw counter-clockwise increases the air mixture, there by providing a leaner fuel mixture. If the screw has little or no effect it means you either have an air leak in the idle circuit (usually caused by too much wear around the throttle shaft) or if you have a windshield wiper vacuum line you may have a leak in that line. Put a 1/8" brass pipe plug in the intake manifold vacuum connection to plug it off for testing (1930/1931 only with vacuum wipers).

The problem you describe can also be caused by float level set too high. When the float level is too high the fuel level in the jets is too high and causes a rich mixture when engine vacuum is reduced (as when slowing down to turn a corner). The rich mixture floods the carburetor, causing it stall or quit at reduced speeds.

### **Problem:**

Carburetor leaks fuel out through the air intake.

### **Solution:**

There are three main causes of fuel leaking out the air intake.

- If the float level is incorrectly set it will allow the fuel level to be too high in the bowl. The fuel in the Main Jet is at the same height as the level in the bowl. The fuel leaking from the air intake is coming from the Main jet overflowing. Try lowering the float level. Set the float level to 1" measured from the flat surface of the top casting to the ring around the float.
- Replace the gasket for the Main jet and then tighten down real good. (Soak these fiber gaskets for about a week before using) Tighten the Main Jet several times over a period of a week after replacing the gasket.
- The needle shut off valve in the top of the carburetor may not be seating well enough to turn off fuel flow to the carburetor. The best float valve I have used is a modern type with gas resistant rubber tip (referred to as a VITRO needle valve, part number A 9564-M in Bratton's Antique Auto Parts catalog). Must have clean fuel, sediment free, to allow fuel shutoff needle valve to seal properly.

## **Tours & Events! 2017/2018**

- Dec 9 Sat**      **Presidents Lunch** Catered lunch at the NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Jan 21 Sun**      **Annual Banquet** Roth's West Salem  
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