



**Willamette Valley Chapter**  
P.O. Box 3031 Salem, OR 97302



**1930 Deluxe Delivery**

Model A Ford



Club of America



SALEM, OREGON

Model A



Restorers Club

**Next General Meeting Heritage Center (Mission Mill) 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Conference Room, Salem, OR**  
**Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 pm**

<b>President</b>	Blair Wasson	<b>Historian</b>	Tom Morrison	
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	Peggy Ramsay	17	<b>Programs</b>	
	Fred Lissner	17		

**Swap Meet Committee** Lew Garrison, Dale Stites, Gary LeMaster

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<b>January</b>	Hardy
<b>February</b>	Hardy
<b>March</b>	Hardy
<b>April</b>	Garrison
<b>May</b>	LeMaster
<b>June</b>	LeMaster
<b>July</b>	
<b>August</b>	
<b>September</b>	
<b>October</b>	
<b>November</b>	
<b>December</b>	

**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>August</b>		Annual Picnic (potluck)
<b>September</b>	<b>21</b>	Wasson
<b>October</b>	<b>19</b>	Burton
<b>November</b>	<b>16</b>	LeMaster
<b>December</b>	<b>9</b>	Pres. Lunch

**Blair's Blather**

The spring rains kept coming and we thought the sun was forever banished. Now here it is almost June, summer sun has appeared, and already it is Swap Meet time. This time of year when we all get to meet again and enjoy our annual opportunity to provide an event that helps hundreds of car hobby enthusiasts. In recent years we have made changes that have reduced the overall burden, but we still need lots of people to show up at 5:00 am to collect fees and direct swappers. We will continue to need helping hands throughout the day. There will be sign-up sheets at our next General Meeting for the many jobs. Please give generously of your time when you can. As we end the Meet (between 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm) there will a tear-down and cleanup. Many thanks to Beauford Averette for his organizing and strategic assistance. There will be a pizza feed following the Swap Meet. Many thanks in advance for all the help.

See you at the General Meeting

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**

**Willamette Valley Chapter  
Model A Ford Club of America  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
May 18, 2017**

The May Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Willamette Valley Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America was held at the home of Lew and Judy Garrison on May 18, 2017. The Meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by President, Blair Wasson. Board members attending were Blair Wasson (President), Ray Ramsay (Secretary), Gary LeMaster (Treasurer), and Board Members at Large Bob Burton, Lee Hardy, Fred Lissner and Peggy Ramsay. Past President Che Walker was absent. Also, present at the meeting was Club members Jim Rowen, Tim Fleming and Lew and Judy Garrison. All individuals present waived time, place and purpose of the meeting.

**NON-CLUB MEMBER GUESTS:** None.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Reading of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting were waived and the minutes of the April Board Meeting and the April General Meeting were adopted as written and previously circulated.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Gary LeMaster reported on the balance in the Club treasury and that all bills are being paid in the normal course of business.

**FORD A PROBLEMS:** Discussed advantages of additional supports for radiator rods on 28/29 Model A's. Restoration Tip for the Evening: removing the plastic safety caps from new batteries before installation decreases overall installation time and frustration!

**MEMBERSHIP.** The membership applications of Henry and Carolyn Beutler; Jim and Vickie McCubbin; and Bob and Patti Myers, which were approved at the last Board meeting, were signed by Blair Wasson. Please introduce yourself at our next meeting if you have not already done so.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Sunshine – Tom Morrison continues to improve. He will also be disposing of some of his spare parts in the near future so, if you are interested, contact Tom.

Social – The May 8<sup>th</sup> Club Breakfast, at Sybil's Restaurant on State Street was another resounding success. Attendance has held up for the second month in a row! The next Club Breakfast will be at Sybil's on the morning of June 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. Join us for a great start for the week.

Tours – The latest Tour List will be updated by Tim Fleming, our Tour Chairperson, and published in the next newsletter. A brief recap of Sheep to Shawl was given and a write-up of the event should appear in the next newsletter.

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSED:**

**OB:** Name Tags: New name tags were handed out at the last General Meeting. If you missed yours, get them at the next General Meeting. Roland and Ginny Giesbrecht are producing additional tags from the updated Club roster. Members will be responsible for their own tags and wearing them at Club events.

**OB:** Combination of the 2017 December General and Board Meetings and the Christmas Party and the President's Breakfast. The December General and Board Meetings, Christmas Party and President's Breakfast will be combined this year and held on December 9, 2017 at the Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum at the Powerland Heritage Park in Brooks. The event is scheduled from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and will include a catered lunch. Tim Fleming and Ray Ramsay will be acting as co-chairs to help arrange the event.

**OB:** Webmaster and Newsletter Editors Still Needed. Old News! We still have no webmaster or newsletter editors for the rest of the year. This need will continue to be announced at the General Meetings until someone steps forward.

**OB/NW:** Swap Meet. Food and insurance have been taken care of. Gary LeMaster will follow-up with the College concerning getting some younger help to set up the picnic tables and help with the take-down and

clean-up after the event. Lew Garrison will contact the PPP (porta-potty people) to make sure we have the requisite number of comfort stations at the event. As noted before, we still need a Sheriff and increased participation during the event this year.

**NB:** NW Regional Door Prize. At the request of Verna Morrison, the Morrison's have taken over providing the Club's door prize for the NW Regional. We understand that a very nice metal model Model A has been donated. Thank you Morrison's!

**NB:** August General and Board Meetings Cancelled. Due to crowded schedules and the Club picnic, the General and Board Meetings have been cancelled.

**NB:** The Club Picnic. The Club Picnic will be held on July 29<sup>th</sup> at Jim Rowen's. It has been decided that the Club will provide beverages and Kentucky Fried Chicken and attendees will bring a salad, side and/or dessert to share.

**JUNE 2017 MEETINGS:** The June 2017 General Membership Meeting will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Willamette Heritage Center at the Mill. June's Meeting location has changed and will be held on the Second Floor of The Mill. The June 2017 Board of Directors Meeting will be held at the after-Swap Meet Pizza Feed to be held at Walery's Pizza in West Salem on June 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 pm.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:21 pm. The meeting was followed by refreshments provided by the Garrisons which featured two kinds of pie – peach and chocolate cream and a Garage Tour. Thank you, Garrisons.

Respectfully Submitted,        Ray Ramsay, Secretary

**FOR SALE.** 1931 Model A Deluxe Roadster. Older restoration. An excellent driver. Has been driven all over the Northwest. 6V alternator, leather front seat, toolbox, side curtains, boot for the top when folded down. Rumble seat. Good tires. \$18,000. Must sell due to health issues. More pictures available on request. Tom Morrison, Salem, Oregon, [503-364-3090](tel:503-364-3090) , [tomverna53@gmail.com](mailto:tomverna53@gmail.com)



## Willamette Valley Model A Club - events 2017

Jun 18	Swap Meet    set up day prior	Chemeketa Community College
Jun 23-25	NW Regional Meet	Coos Bay                                MAFCA
Jun 29	Pizza Feed	West Salem
Jul 4	Picnic @ Fire Station 10-1600	Cordon Rd.
Jul 6-9	Oregon Tour	Hosted by Southern Club
Jul 15	Adair Picnic	Adair Park                                3 club
Jul 29	Club Picnic	Rowen's Home                                Rowen
Aug 12	Lebanon " Furniture store" tour	Valley tour                                Fleming / Wasson
Sep 16	Newell House Pioneer day	Model T club
Sep 30	Jordan Chicken dinner	Jordan, OR
Dec 9	President Breakfast	NW Vintage Car Museum                Fleming/Ramsey

## THE 2017 SHEEP TO SHAWL EVENT

We have participated in the Sheep to Shawl event at the Willamette Heritage Center at Mission Mill for several years as a side benefit of our Club holding most of its General Meetings there throughout the year. All participants look forward to meeting and interacting with the families that attend - especially the children. It is a great showcase of our cars and hobby and allows us to promote the pleasure that can be had in owning and driving Model A Fords.

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> was this year's date for the event. This was the 32<sup>nd</sup> Sheep to Shawl and although some of the sheep may be getting a bit tired, the Model A participation is fairly new and still very enthusiastic. Weather is always problematical in spring in Oregon and although we were fortunate in the past few years, this year's event started out in light rain with occasional sun breaks. The Model T Club was invited to join us this year but as a result of the weather, we had four Model A's and some Model T members, but no actual Model T's. Attendees included Ron Marsh and his Model A, Blair Wasson and his Model A, Chris Feskens and his Model A along with his grandson Nick, and Ray and Peggy Ramsay with "Alice." Also attending were Model T Club member Don Blain and Model A Club members Fred Lissner and Bob Myers.

This year our display area was moved to just left of the front door to the main Heritage Center Building. The area was roped off for us and was a much better space to showcase our cars. Most families entering the event stopped to see the car, especially with Ray acting like a carnival barker and gathering in the children to climb in Alice, honk the horn and get pictures. Alice achieved a new milestone with seven children in the car at the same time! Other members also shared their cars with the public and were very gracious with their time in answering questions. One of the most frequently asked questions this year was "Did you drive them here?" where after we educated the public on the sturdiness of Model A Fords.

By 11:00 am the weather was getting to some of the members who adjourned to the Hospitality Room for coffee and an early lunch. We took this in shifts and everyone got some hot food and drink. This year's spread was much, much improved with not only sandwich fixings, but hot dogs, two types of chili, and vegetarian soup, chips, fruit, and beverages, hot and cold. The spread was excellent. We were fortunate to have the lady (in complete costume) who was playing Thomas McKay's daughter who was a teenager when the Mill was built. She entertained us with history of the Mill and made lunch very, very pleasant. Our Club name tags provided instant access to the room. This year the Club contributed \$50 towards the cost of the food.

By about 2:15 pm the intermittent wind and rain was turning into a downpour. At 2:45 pm a decision was made to "head for the barn" and we broke formation and headed for our individual garages. By that time Ray had become extremely hoarse from acting as our unofficial "Master of Ceremonies." We also passed out our full complement of flyers for the Swap Meet. So, long story short, we all were cold but had a great time. Thanks to everyone who brought their cars and those who didn't but supported us by attending anyway. Hopefully next year the weather will be better and we will have both Model A's and Model T's to display to the public.

Thank you all again.

Ray and Peggy Ramsay

### Distributor Shaft by [Larry Jenkins](#)

**Who says old dogs can't learn new tricks.** While preparing my Model A distributor for the PerTronix Ignitor electronic ignition system, I replaced the bushings and added a new two-piece distributor shaft. Great. No wobble at all, but the shaft seemed to turn a tad tight. It will wear itself in, I said. Ahah! Why not help it? Pull back the oiler and squirt some oil in the hole. Then oil around the top where the shaft protrudes from the casting. Turn the distributor upside down, and oil it again where the shaft comes out of the casting. While inverted, tighten the casting between the jaws of a vice. Not too hard now. Seems to work best between the

condenser flats. Chuck up a slot type driver in your variable speed corded drill, carefully place the bit into the slot on the bottom of the shaft and turn on the drill. Alternate between slow and fast while adding some more oil frequently. An added benefit here is to determine if your shaft is running true. Observe this at slow speed. I was lucky. Loosen the vice, turn the distributor right side up, re-tighten and screw in the cam screw. Squirt a little oil again, and repeat the spinning of the shaft. After about five minutes, my casting spun on the shaft very freely without any wobble or shaft looseness at all.

Sorry this took so long. Hope it helps someone.

## **Make a Splash !**

By Mary Carlson

**Once upon a time**, women at the beach were expected to be dressed modestly. The attitude gradually changed. Fabrics used for bathing costumes evolved and became more comfortable. Eventually, the *swim* suit took over from the *bathing* suit.

What follows is a scant history of the sorts of garments worn to the beach, from the early 20th century until the 1970's.

Modesty was the order of the day during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, as beach wear for both men and women often covered the body from neck to ankle. When women's garments became shorter, the leg was covered with a heavy stocking. The costumes were made of heavy cotton, wool or silk. In addition, there was a cotton/wool blend called 'luster', which was considered to be ideal, as it dried relatively quickly.



### Woman's Bathing Suits

#### *Left Image:*

Raw Silk, black with white collar

Unknown origin, c. 1917 - 1921

By the mid years of WW1 (1914-1918) conservative restrictions began to relax and women's bathing suits were usually made without sleeves.

#### *Right Image:*

Cotton, black and white polka dots.

Unknown origin, c. 1912 - 1916

As time passed, bathing suits were made with slimmer, shorter bloomers. In this suit the overskirt is slit at the sides to give more physical freedom and perhaps to add a touch of glamour.

By the 1920's, liberality was beginning to replace conservatism. In Canada, in 1917, women got the right to vote. Political equality between men and women created opportunities for other expressions of equality, and it didn't take long for fashions to change. Swimwear became more abbreviated with less distinction between the sexes. Suits lost their sleeves, necklines were lowered in both the front and back. These garments were often made of body hugging knitted wool or cotton jersey. Still, when wet, these suits were uncomfortable as they did not have any elastic in them.



*What's going on in this photo?*

In June 1922, the Washington DC superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, one Col. Sherrell, ordered that bathing suits (presumably women's) not be over 6 inches above the knee. Policeman Bill Norton is upholding the law at the Tidal Basin bathing beach.



Woman's Bathing Cap

Black silk taffeta. Machine embroidered with white braid and gold thread  
 England, c. 1918 - 1925

Tight fitting cloche shaped caps became popular in the 1920's when women started to 'bob' their hair.

**Rubber Diving Helmet**  
 31 Y 1420 - COLORS: Blue or red; white  
 State color. We Pay **29¢**  
 Postage.....  
 So attractive. Genuine 50¢ value. Carefully molded; adjustable chin strap; side snaps.

**Rubber Swim Shoes**  
 31 Y 1416 - COLORS: Blue or red. SIZES: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. State size and color. Postpaid..... **59¢**  
 \$1.00 value—very chic with half-inch heel, and contrasting trim. Don't be without them!

CBA KS *Montgomery Ward & Co.* 117

The cap shown above is more ornate than those of the Model A era, which were often made of rubber and came with or without chin straps. The swim or beach shoes were also made of rubber.



Ward's Little Catalogue for mid-summer 1931 features swim suits on sale. They are all wool one piece garments. One has appliquéd decorations, one has a striped top and another is a solid color.

The orange and black suit on the left, below, is labelled 'Regent Knit Seamless Crotch Patented 1927'. This is a Canadian suit from 1927-1933.

The black suit with the orange sail boat is made of wool knit and is from 1925-1932.

These suits have the same silhouette as the one featured on the front cover of the *Simpson's* catalogue [below left] and of GG, KK and LL on page 3A-49 of the *MAFCA Fashion Guidelines*, as well as the suits on the previous page. \*see note



For the summer of 1931, the *Simpson's* [Toronto, Canada] sale catalogue featured an all wool bathing suit, for only \$1.69. It was available in red or black and bust sizes 36 to 42. Note the low-cut sun-tan top. The bathing caps and beach shoes are made of rubber.

If you were not in the mood for swimming, you could wear beach pajamas. See the ad for pajamas from the mid-summer 1931 *Ward's* catalogue. The bodice on that garment is similar to the bodice on the green and yellow pajamas shown below. The green and yellow print garment featured here was from the *Woodward's Department Store* [Vancouver, Canada] and was sold around 1930-1935. The brown pajamas are also of cotton and are from the same era.



It is said that Jantzen swimming suits forever changed how people interacted with the water and increased their level of enjoyment. No longer was the beach just a place to enhance one's health through sunbathing, but to indulge oneself in the sport and recreation of swimming.



The poster to the left is the color version of an image on page 141 of *A Book of Fashion Facts*

## 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 the tops of the spark plugs and the 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

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### *Upcoming Events! 2017*

- Jun 1 Thur General Meeting** 7:00 pm,  
Mission Mill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr Conf Room
- Jun 12 Mon Breakfast at Sybil's Omelettes,**  
2373 State Street, Salem, 8:30 am
- Jun 17 Swap Meet** – Set up 9:00 am
- Jun 18 Swap Meet** – 5:30 am to 2 pm
- Jun 29 Thur Board Meeting,** at the Pizza Feed  
Walery's, West Salem, 6:00 pm
- Jul 4 Thur General Meeting & Board Meeting,** at 3 club  
Picnic, behind fire station 1, 10:00 am

**For driving Tours, see Events on Page 4**