



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



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1929 Model A Ford Phaeton

Model A Ford



Club of America



SALEM, OREGON

Model A



Restorers Club

Next General Meeting is at the Heritage Center (Mission Mill) 3rd Floor, Card Room, Salem, OR
Thursday, March 2nd, 2017 at 7:00 pm

President	Blair Wasson	Historian	Tom Morrison	
Vice President		Sunshine	Ginny Giesbrecht	
Secretary	Ray Ramsay	N.W.R.G.	Tom Morrison	
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Board Members	Bob Burton	18	Tour Chair	Tim Fleming
	Lee Hardy	18		
	Peggy Ramsay	17	Programs	
	Fred Lissner	17		

Swap Meet Committee Lew Garrison, Dale Stites, Gary LeMaster

Newsletter Editors of the Month

January	Hardy
February	Hardy
March	Hardy
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Board Meeting Hosts

January	19	Flemings
February	16	Giesbrecht
March	16	Ramsay
April	20	Fleming
May	18	Garrison
June	15	
July	20	
August		picnic (potluck)
September	21	
October	19	
November	16	
December	16	Pres. Breakfast

Blair's Blather

Perhaps you didn't know this, but the Early Ford Cars (A's and T's) run a very successful Owner Adoption Service. This service (E. F. C. A. S.) has specialized in finding the right owner for the right car for many years. It's a symbiotic thing.

Adoptees fall within Amateur (they smell really rank) to very cranky old "Pros.

In Ancient Homeric Times Ulysses was lured by Sirens. "A" and "T" cars lure new owners by the plaintive sound of the Oogah horn. Sometimes an exhaust powered Wolf Whistle supplements the basic horn. Old males seem to relate to exhaust noises. Member Tim Fleming can likely provide an explanation for this.

Often owners come in pairs, husband and wife). The male can be heard explaining to the female about the fantastic investment potential of an old Ford. The wife has a collection of musty, old parts receipts and a washing machine full of very "rank" ("throw them away idiot") work clothes.

For some time now the E. F. C. A. S. has found it good practice to organize owners into groups, i.e. car clubs. This way the more knowledgeable owners can instruct 'newbie's' about such things as marking territory with oil and painless double clutching. Good Model A owners are fairly shifty. Model T owners are shiftless.

In the Salem area owners are kept in line by receiving a monthly newsletter titled the "Connecting Rod" Please check it each month to find out what your Model A expects of you.

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 503-393-6069

Willamette Valley Chapter
Model A Ford Club of America
Meeting of the Board of Directors

February 16, 2017

The February 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 Roland and Ginny Giesbrecht on February 16, 2017. The Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President, Blair Wasson. Board members attending were Blair Wasson (President), Ray Ramsay (Secretary), Gary LeMaster (Treasurer), and Board Members Lee Hardy, Fred Lissner and Peggy Ramsay. Board Member Bob Burton and Past President Che Walker were absent.

NON-CLUB MEMBER GUESTS: None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Reading of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting were waived and adopted as written and circulated. An effort will be made to see if the Board Meeting Minutes can be published in the Connecting Rod.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gary LeMaster reported that the Club treasury is in good order and all bills are being paid in the normal fashion. Payment of dues and delinquencies were also reviewed.

FORD A PROBLEMS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sunshine – Gary LeMaster is recovering nicely, as evidenced by his attendance at the meeting.

Social – The next Club Breakfast, at Sybil's Omelettes Restaurant, 2373 State Street, will be on the morning of March 13th at 8:30 am.

Tours – The latest list will appear in the Connecting Rod. Note: Many of the 2017 tours will be held jointly with the Model T Club in order to maximize participation, variety and fun. Also, Ray Ramsay will contact Mission Mill to obtain details regarding this year's Sheep to Shawl Car Display.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSED:

Name Tags: On motion moved, seconded and unanimously carried, it was authorized for the Club to purchase 100 name badges with alligator clips fasteners to use at meetings.

Possible Combination of the 2017 December General and Board Meetings and the Christmas Party and the President's Breakfast. After discussion, and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, our President, Blair Wasson was charged with the task of investigating holding the 2017 December Meetings (both General and Board)/Christmas Party at the Newell House Museum at Champeog. The Model T Club did this a few years ago with great success. The President's Breakfast usually held in December would be cancelled this year as the December Board Meeting would be combined with the General Meeting. This would **NOT** affect the next Annual Banquet to held in January of 2018. More information on this will follow as it becomes available.

Webmaster Needed. If the Club is to publish the Connecting Rod on its website, it needs a webmaster to handle and update the website on a monthly basis. This need will be announced at the next General Meeting.

MARCH 2017 MEETINGS: The March 2017 General Membership Meeting will be held on March 2nd at 7:00 pm at the Willamette Heritage Center at the Mill. The March 2017 Board of Directors Meeting will be held on March 16th at 7:30 pm at the home of Ray and Peggy Ramsay located at 2756 Pheasant Avenue SE, Salem, Oregon 97302.

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There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:16 pm. The meeting was followed by coffee and refreshments provided by the Giesbrecht's and Roland's Garage Tour.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ray Ramsay, Secretary

THE 2017 SUPER BOWL BREAKFAST/TOUR

Is a tour really a tour if you don't drive any place in a Model A? Well, maybe. What with the Winter Storm Warning and the deluge of rain we received the previous night and that morning, the Super Bowl Breakfast/Tour held at the Flight Deck Restaurant next to the Salem Airport was sparsely attended this year. Five couples showed up, Roland & Ginny Giesbrecht, Langley & Jody Jones, Ron and Gwyn Marsh, Ray & Peggy Ramsay and Blair and Tracy Wasson. Because of the lack of participants, we cancelled the games and just had a good breakfast and plenty of good conversation. It probably goes without saying, no Model A's were in attendance. I'm not sure with the water running over the road on McGilchrist that any of them could have made it anyway. So, to make a long story short, the accommodations were good, the service was great, along with the food and the conversation. We took a straw poll and Blair and Tracy were the only ones rooting for the Patriots and, as it turned out, the only ones that picked the winner. Hopefully, next year, the weather and the attendance will be better. Meanwhile, a good time was had by all that were in attendance!

Ray Ramsay

PHAETONS

Phaetons were one off the first five Model A body styles introduced in December 1927. They were initially available in seven different exterior colors. The belt molding was a contrasting color to the body. The body was only available as a four door. The 1928 models came without exterior door handles. The 1929 models had exterior door handles and kits were sent to dealers to add handles to the earlier models.

Side curtains were provided with the car. They were stored in a compartment under the floor, or on later models, under the driver's seat. The interior was either brown or black artificial leather. With the introduction of the 1930 models, the Phaeton changed in appearance. The sides were taller and the new cowl design was incorporated. The 1930 Phaetons were available in only five color combinations. The interior remained black artificial leather. Rubber floor mats were the standard floor coverings.

In June of 1930, Ford introduced the Deluxe Phaeton. This was a two door model that had cowl lights, rear mounted trunk, full length rear bumper, wind wings and eleven different color schemes. The spare was mounted on the fender. The rear seat had an arm rest on each side. The interior was genuine tan leather. This addition was carried over in to the 1931 model as well. Production numbers for the 1928-1929 models are 87,294. Production numbers for 1930-1931 Standard Phaetons are 20,544. Production figures vary on the total number of Deluxe Phaetons that were produced. A safe number is 7,281, probably including exports.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY MODEL A CLUB – EVENTS 2017

Mar 13	Breakfast at Sybil's Omelettes, 2373 State Street, 8:30 AM		
Mar 12	Lunch @ Gervais Fire Station (Model T club) Meet at Shopko @ 1030		T club
Mar ?	Model A tune up at Jim Rowen's		Rowen
Apr 8	Yamhill County museum and Horse pull – farming event. Tour out West valley to McMinnville – many activities – like Brooks – tour back More details to come		Feskings leading
May 6	Sheep to Shawl Mission Mill, Meet at Mission Mill @ 0930		Ramsey
Jun 17	Swap Meet set up 9:00 AM - Noon	Chemeketa Community College	
Jun 18	Swap Meet 5:30 AM – 4:00 PM	Chemeketa Community College	
Jun 23-25	NW Regional Meet	Coos Bay	MAFCA
Jul 4	Model T and A Picnic @ fire station park – behind Cordon Road Fire station		
Jul 6-9	Oregon Tour Hosted by Southern club – Details coming		
Jul 29	Club Picnic	Jim Rowen's	Rowen
Aug 19	Coast Tour + lake boat ride	Roth's West Salem – modern and model A	Fleming
Sep 9	Grist Mill – south valley tour	Details coming	Wasson
Sep 30	Jordan Chicken Dinner	Jordan	???

WATER DISPLACEMENT # 40

Water Displacement #40 began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and de-greaser to protect missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a "water displacement" compound.

They were successful with the fortieth formulation, thus WD-40. The Corvair Company bought it in bulk to protect their atlas missile parts. The workers were so pleased with the product, they began smuggling (also known as "shrinkage" or "stealing") it out to use at home. The executives decided there might be a consumer market for it and put it in aerosol cans. The rest, as they say, is history.

It is a carefully guarded recipe known only to four people. Only one of them is the "brew master." There are about 2.5 million gallons of the stuff manufactured each year. It gets its distinctive smell from a fragrance that is added to the brew. Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you.

When you read the "shower door" part, try it. It's the first thing that has ever cleaned that spotty shower door. If yours is plastic, it works just as well as glass. It's a miracle!

Then try it on your stovetop... Viola! It's now shinier than it's ever been. You'll be amazed.

Here are some of the uses:

Protects silver from tarnishing.
Cleans and lubricates guitar strings.
Gives floors that 'just-waxed' sheen without making it slippery.
Keeps flies off cows.
Restores and cleans chalkboards.
Removes lipstick stains.
Loosens stubborn zippers.
Untangles jewelry chains.
Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.
Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
Keeps ceramic and terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing.
Removes tomato stains from clothing.
Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots.
Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors.
Keeps scissors working smoothly.
Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes.
Gives a children's play gym slide a shine for a super-fast slide.
Lubricates gear shift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers.
Rids kids' rocking chairs and swings of squeaky noises.
Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open.
Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers.
Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.
Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans.
Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons, and bicycles for easy handling.
Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly.
Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.
Removes splattered grease on stove.
Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.
Lubricates prosthetic limbs.
Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).
Removes all traces of duct tape.
Folks even spray it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain.
Florida's favorite use is: "cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers."
The favorite use in the state of New York--WD-40 protects the Statue of Liberty from the elements.
WD-40 attracts fish. Spray a LITTLE on live bait or lures and you will be catching the big one in no time. Also, it's a lot cheaper than the chemical attractants that are made for just that purpose. Keep in mind though, using some chemical laced baits or lures for fishing is not allowed in some states.
Use it for fire ant bites. It takes the sting away immediately and stops the itch.
WD-40 is great for removing crayon from walls. Spray on the mark and wipe with a clean rag.
Also, if you've discovered that your teenage daughter has washed and dried a tube of lipstick with a load of laundry, saturate the lipstick spots with WD-40 and re-wash. Presto! Lipstick is gone!
If you sprayed WD-40 on the distributor cap, it would displace the moisture and allow the car to start.
It removes black scuff marks from the kitchen floor!
Use WD-40 for those nasty tar and scuff marks on flooring. It doesn't seem to harm the finish and you won't have to scrub nearly as hard to get them off. Just remember to open some windows if you have a lot of marks.
Bug guts will eat away the finish on your car if not removed quickly! Use WD-40!

P. S. The basic ingredient is FISH OIL

A SMART BLONDE

Some years ago, a blonde lady went into a bank and requested a \$5,000 loan so she could take a month long vacation in Europe. She appeared to be a lady of means, so the bank employee did not hesitate to assist her in completing the necessary paper work. When nearly finished, he informed her that the bank requires collateral to secure all loans. Without hesitation she agreed to leave her nearly new (probably worth over \$200,000) Royals Royce automobile.

She made the trip and upon her return she repaid the \$5000 note plus \$50.00 interest. The employ, puzzled by her obvious ability to pay, asked her why she expended the effort to obtain a loan.

She answered that she did not need the money. She then stated, "Where else can I store my automobile in a secure location for \$50.00 per month?"



1910 Model T Ford Runabout

Show this to your friends, children and/or grandchildren!

The year is 1910, over one hundred years ago.

What a difference a century makes!

Here are some statistics for the Year 1910:

The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

Fuel for this car was sold in drug stores only.

Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births took place at HOME.

Ninety percent of all Physicians had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as 'substandard.'

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

The five leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease

The population of Las Vegas Nevada was only 30!

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea had not been invented yet.

There was no "Mother's Day" or "Father's Day"

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A. (but almost everyone had a gun)

Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years.

FORD DATES OF INTEREST

July 30, 1863 – Henry Ford born
November 6, 1893 -- Edsel Bryant Ford born, only son of Henry and Clara Ford
June 4, 1896 – Henry Ford's first car quadracycle is finished
June 16, 1903 – Ford Motor Company incorporated
July 30, 1903 – Ford's first car is sold
August 2, 1904 – Ford of Canada is incorporated near Windsor, Ontario
June 1, 1909 -- Model T wins Coast to Coast Race in 22 days
April 1, 1913 -- Assembly line is introduced
January 11, 1917 – First Ford truck is introduced
September 5, 1917 – Henry Ford II born, son of Edsel Ford
February 4, 1922 – Ford buys Lincoln Motor Company
June 24, 1924 – Ten millionth Ford is produced
April 14, 1931 -- 20 millionth Ford built
December 7, 1931 – Model A Ford production ends
March 9, 1932 -- First V-8 rolls off Rouge assembly line
March 14, 1932 -- Model B Ford starts production
March 31, 1932 -- Ford introduces V-8 engine
June 12, 1933 – Greenfield Village opens in Dearborn, Michigan
August 26, 1933 – Ford V-8's win Elgin Road Race
June 13, 1935 – Two millionth Ford V-8 is built
January 18, 1937 – 25 millionth Ford built
May 1, 1937 -- Ford (US) produces 1,146,522 cars and trucks
June 29, 1939 – 9N Ford tractor is introduced
November 20, 1940 – 6-Cylinder Ford car production begins
February 10, 1942 – Ford civilian production stops for war effort
May 26, 1943 -- Edsel Ford, son of Henry Ford, passes away age 49
September 21, 1945 – Henry Ford II is named president of Ford Motor Company
October 22, 1945 – Ford establishes Lincoln and Mercury Division
April 8, 1947 -- Henry Ford passes away at the age of 83
June 9, 1949 – Ford premieres 1949 Ford
September 20, 1950 – Clara Ford, wife of Henry Ford, passes away at age 83
September 29, 1987 – Henry Ford II passes away at age 70

A NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SOURCE

Articles suitable for publishing in the Connecting Rod are available from the website MAFCA.com. from the Home page, in the column on the left place the curser on:

- 1) Chapters, this brings up a screen with eight options. Click on articles and select a topic. Print the article from the website for later scanning or typing to a file for later use.
- 2) Technical Q and A, This brings up 11 options. Click on area of interest. Selected articles can be printed from the website and then scanned or typed to a file for use in the Connecting Rod newsletter.

WEARING SEAT BELTS

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS THAT DESERVE YOUR ATTENTION

Do you know what happens in the first fatal second after a car going 55 miles per hour hits a solid object?

In the first 10th of the second, the front bumper and grille collapse.

The second 10th finds the hood crumpling, rising and hitting the windshield as the spinning rear wheels lift from the ground. Simultaneously, fenders begin to wrap themselves around the solid object. Although the car's frame is halted, the rest of the car is going 55 miles per hour. Instinct causes the driver to stiffen his legs against the crash and they snap at the knee joints.

During the third 10th of the second, the steering wheel begins to disintegrate and the steering column aims for the driver's chest.

The fourth 10th of the second finds two feet of the car's front end wrecked while the rear end is still moving at 35 miles per hour. The driver's body is still traveling 55 miles per hour.

The fifth 10th of the second the drivers is impaled on the steering column and blood rushes into his lungs.

By the sixth 10th of the second, impact has built to the point where the driver's feet are ripped out of tightly laced shoes. The brake pedal breaks off. The car frame buckles in the middle. The driver's head smashes into the windshield; as the rear wheels, still spinning, fall back to earth.

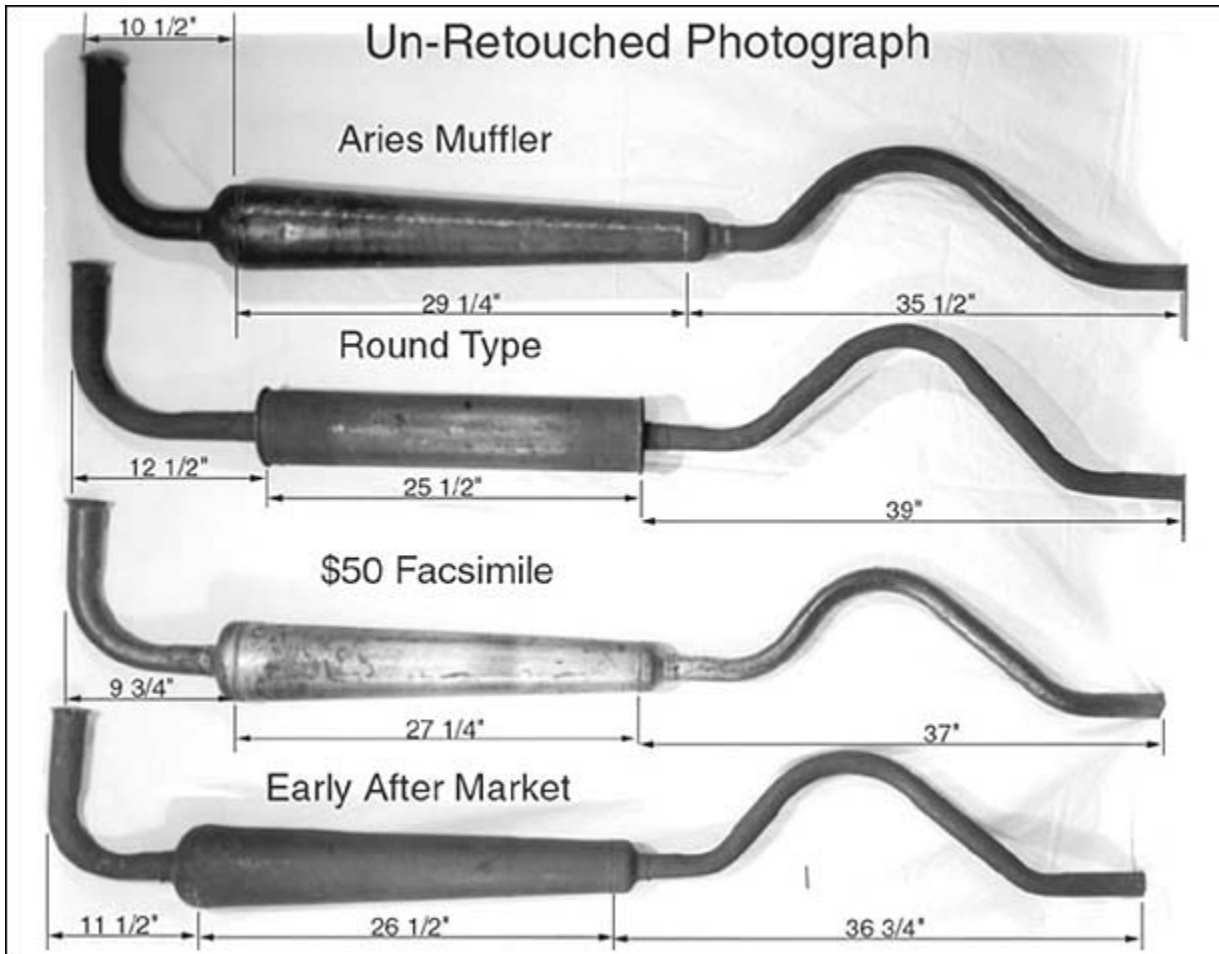
The seventh 10th of the second, hinges rip loose, doors fly open and the seats break free, striking the driver from behind.

The seats striking the driver do not bother him because he is already dead.

NOW WILL YOU BUCKLE YOUR SEAT BELT?

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Georgia Paramedics Against Drunk Driving

DO YOU KNOW YOUR MODEL A MUFFLERS?



Columbia Basin Model A Club

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Upcoming Events!

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| Mar 2 | Thur | General Meeting 7:00 PM
Mission Mill, Card room 3 rd Floor |
| Mar 12 | Sun | Lunch at Gervais fire Station with Model T
Club Meet at Shopko @ 10:30 AM |
| Mar 13 | Mon | Breakfast at Sybil's Omelettes , 2373 State
Street, Salem, 8:30 AM |
| Mar 16 | Thur | Board Meeting 7:30 PM, Peggy and Ray
Ramsay, 2756 Pheasant Ave. SE, Salem, OR |
| Apr 6 | Thur | General Meeting 7:00 PM
Mission Mill, Card room 3 rd Floor |
| Apr 8 | Sat | Yamhill Valley Heritage Center , Horse pull
and other old farming stuff, Chris Feskins |
| Apr 10 | Mon | Breakfast at Sybil's Omelettes , 2373 State
Street, Salem, 8:30 AM |