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Bill Cote's Painting Seminar Attendance
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Model A Ford



Club of America



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Model A



Restorers Club

Next General Meeting: Heritage Center (Mission Mill), 3rd Floor, Card Room, Salem, OR

Thursday, May 5th, 2016 at 7:00 pm
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President	Che Walker	Historian	Tom Morrison
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	Lee Hardy 16	Programs	Larry Labbe'
	Ray Ramsay 17		
	Fred Lissner 17		

Swap Meet Committee Lew Garrison, Dale Stites, Gary LeMaster

Newsletter Editors of the Month Board Meeting Hosts

January	Hardy	January	21	Fleming
February	Hardy	February	18	Giesbrecht
March	Hardy	March	17	Averette
April	Garrison	April	21	Ramsay
May		May	19	Stites
June		June	16	Pizza
July		July	21	Averette
August		August		Rowan picnic (potluck)
September		September	15	Kraus
October		October	20	Ramsey
November		November	17	LeMaster
December		December	17	Pres. Breakfast Goudy Common

President's Comments

It seems the weather is giving us a lot of teasing days, making us anxious to get our Model A's out of the garage. There are many tours scheduled for this spring and summer so we should be able to take our loved machines throughout the lovely Willamette Valley. Our major event for the year, the swap meet, is on the horizon. Many hands are needed for setup and the event itself. Mark your calendars for June 18th and 19th. See you on the road.

Gary (for Che Walker)

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

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Board of Director's Meeting
April 21, 2016

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm, by President, Che Walker. Others in attendance were: Beauford Averette, Tim and Brenda Fleming, Lee Hardy, Fred Lissner, Ray and Peggy Ramsay (Hosts), Blair Wasson..

The Board waived notice of time, place and purpose of the meeting.

The minutes of the March General meeting which had been sent to officers and board members were dispensed with.

The Treasurer was not present..

Model A Ford Problems Discussed: Ray and Peggy Ramsay's Model A now has an electronic ignition. Blair Wasson said his Model A had a vapor lock problem due to a gas cap without a vent hole. Putting gas stabilizer in your gas tank this time of year is a good idea. Water Wetter is available from NAPA in south Salem. It will help your radiator run cooler. **Committee Reports:**
TOURS: May 4th is the Auction with the Model T club. It will be at the old fire station on Cordon Rd. at 7:00 pm. Proceeds from the donated items will go to either the Model T or Model A Club. Tim Fleming is working on a May coast tour. May 7th is the Sheep to Shawl event at the heritage center. You should arrive about 9:30 am and you will be able to leave about 3:00 pm. You should bring a chair and water along and remember, the Hospitality Room will be open to those showing a car. May 14th will be the tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright house next to the Silverton Gardens. Lunch will be the Creekside Grill in Silverton. The Papa's Toys event will also be May 14. June 11th we will meet at Wal-Mart on Turner Road and have a short tour before we go to the Salem airport to see the B17, War Bird, that is being restored there. June 13-16 the "T" Club will host an Oregon Tour based out of Redmond, Oregon. The tour is for cars 31 and older. June 18 and 19th we will set up and hold our annual swap meet. The Red Robin Curise-in in Albany is every Thursday night. Cars arrive between 2:30 and 8:00 pm. If we are to go, we would probably leave Salem around 6:00 pm. **Sunshine:** No report. **Program:** The program for May will be a discussion by Che' Walker and then Tim Fleming. **Socials:** We will meet at 8:30 am on May 9th for breakfast at Sybil's Omelet's on State Street. **N.W.R.G.:**No report. **Newsletter:** Lew Garrison is the editor for the May issue of the Connecting Rod. **Historian:** No Report. **Swap Meet:** We will be deciding on items to keep from our past snack booth use. We will go through the items at Dale Stites home at the May Board meeting. There will also be a discussion of how we will run the Swap meet this year. **Old Business:** No old business. **New Business** .Lee Hardy has purchased the new radios for the club to use. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beauford Averette

Bill Cote's Paint Seminar

By Lew Garrison

On Saturday April 23, we (Jim Rowen, Fred Lissner, and myself) were privileged to attend a seminar on painting our old cars. Bill Cote, who painted my 31 Coupe, instructed us on the fine arts of the base coat, clear coat system of painting from primer on up. On the cover are just some of the cars of those in attendance.

Jim and I began our trip in my Coupe from Salem. I first intended to drive all the back roads to Corvallis, but once we got on I-5 after getting gas, I decided to try the freeway since it was early morning with less traffic. With the overdrive I was able to achieve 55 to 60 and 65 downhill without flooring the gas pedal. The car ran well, but I decided to not press my luck and got off at Albany exit and then used the back roads with hardly any traffic.

When we arrived, there were several clubs represented, Albany Enduring A's, Eugene McKenzie A's and the three of us from Salem, Fred came with his modern iron. In total, there were 24 in attendance. As you can see below, the class room in his shop was quite adequate. Please note the 36 roadster in the back of the room, Gene Byrne's car cleaned, repaired and now running due the diligent efforts of Bill.



Bill covered the original paints, how well you wanted the car to look, the tools needed as well as the guns available to produce the finished product. He also covered the primers, paints, and clear coats available today. Costs range from \$800 a gallon up to \$1500 depending on the color and sparkle you want. Application of the paint he describes is like dancing, if you are a good dancer you will make a good painter (probably my problem having two left feet). Technique, technique, technique he says is the main issue with all paint applications. Safety is another concern in all painting, not only are the fumes toxic, but they are highly flammable. Good equipment is an essential.

Bill served lunch, chilli from a Model A oil pan with corn bread made by Carol, Bill's wife and Ron Gilbreath's daughter. After lunch Bill went through the finer points of application of paint and clearcoat as well as getting input in the form of questions and experiences in painting from the audience. Everyone truly enjoyed the seminar and the knowledge we gained. Below is the Speedster Bill completed last year and he plans on taking it to the Bonneville Salt Flats to see how fast it will go with the overhead B engine and 5 speed transmission.



These are some of the other features we saw at the Seminar. This is actually a wood shed, that is, the building behind the nice 30 Tudor.



When you know you've been married too long!!!

With a side of argument

We were in a restaurant, perusing the menu, when I let my husband know that he rarely paid attention to me when I spoke.. Well, of course he disagreed and so we were back perusing our menus in CHILLY silence. After a few uncomfortable minutes, I said "I think I'm getting a headache". He responded, "Go ahead sweetheart, get whatever you want"

Annual Model A Picnic

The annual Model A Picnic this year will be at Jim Rowen's house, or should I say garage on Saturday August 13th at 3 PM. Jim is located off of MaCleay Road east of Cordon Road at 6853 Rippling Brook Drive SE. Details on what to bring other than chairs will be announced at the meeting and further additions of this newsletter.

Trico Vacuum Windshield Wipers

At the next Swap Meet you attend, you may be looking for Trico wipers for your car and don't know which will be the right one. I found this information in a 1979 issue of Busted Knuckles, a journal of car restoration. For the 29 to 31 Fords the following was given.

29 Closed RSB 134 or optional KSB 134

30-31 Open Standard RSL 123 or optional KSL 104 on the driver's side
RSL 104 or optional KSL 104 on the passenger's side

30-31 Open Sports Model RSL 166 or optional KSL 104 on the driver's side
RSL 158 or optional KSL 104 on the passenger's side

30-31 Closed and Convertible CX 1 or optional KCX 1

31 Victoria RSB 174 or optional KSB 177

These letters and numbers are usually found on the back in yellow ink unless the unit has been painted or cleaned to thoroughly.

Sheep to Shawl Display

Once a year we are asked to show our Model A's and old cars at the Mission Mill for their Sheep to Shawl event. This year it will be on Saturday May 7th from 10 am to 4 pm. Please plan to attend if you can. Setup will be at the west end of the main lot. Plan on being there at 9:30 am and bring lawn chairs Also, there will be a hospitality room this year for the exhibitors of which we qualify. Last year Peg and Ray had a nice lunch there. Please mark your calendars and let Ray Ramsay know about how Thursday at the General Meeting how many cars we can expect.

B 17 tour

Saturday June 11th from 8am to 3 pm there will be a car and aircraft show at the Salem Airport. We will be able to see the B 17 restoration project which has been under way several years. This is the

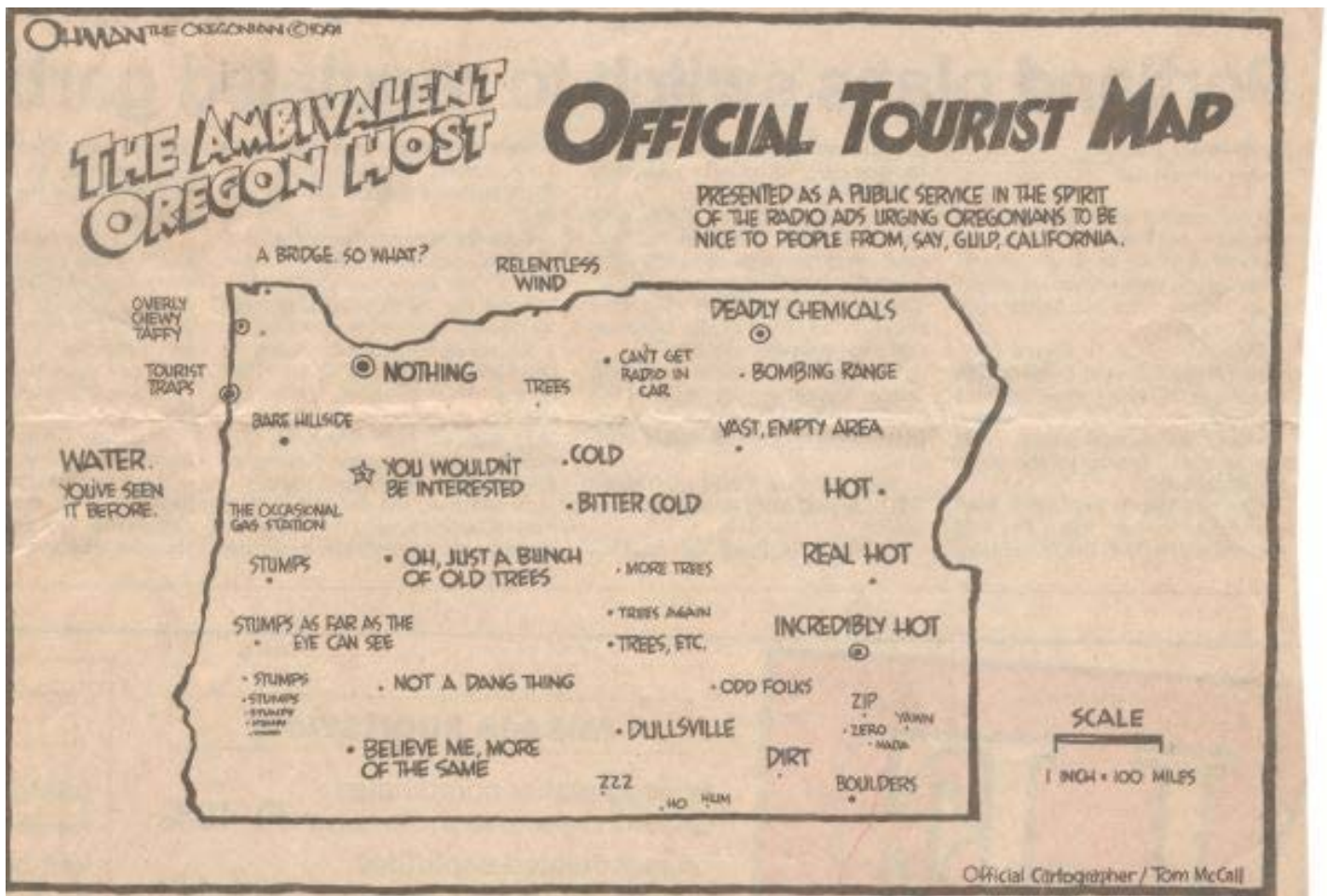
same plane that was in Portland at the Bomber Restaurant on McLoughlin Blvd. If you want to participate in the event, we will meet at Wal-Mart on Turner Road at 7am for a short tour before going to the Airport at 8 am from the same location. Contact Tim Fleming for more info, the cost is \$10 for entry fee for each vehicle.

Gallon House Bridge Event

Tuesday May 31st there will be a event at the Gallon House Bridge to commemorate the building of the bridge over 100 years ago. The Marion County Commissioners would like to have some old cars to ride across the bridge. The event will begin at 1 pm at the bridge northwest of Silverton. If you are interested, contact Holly Peters for more information.

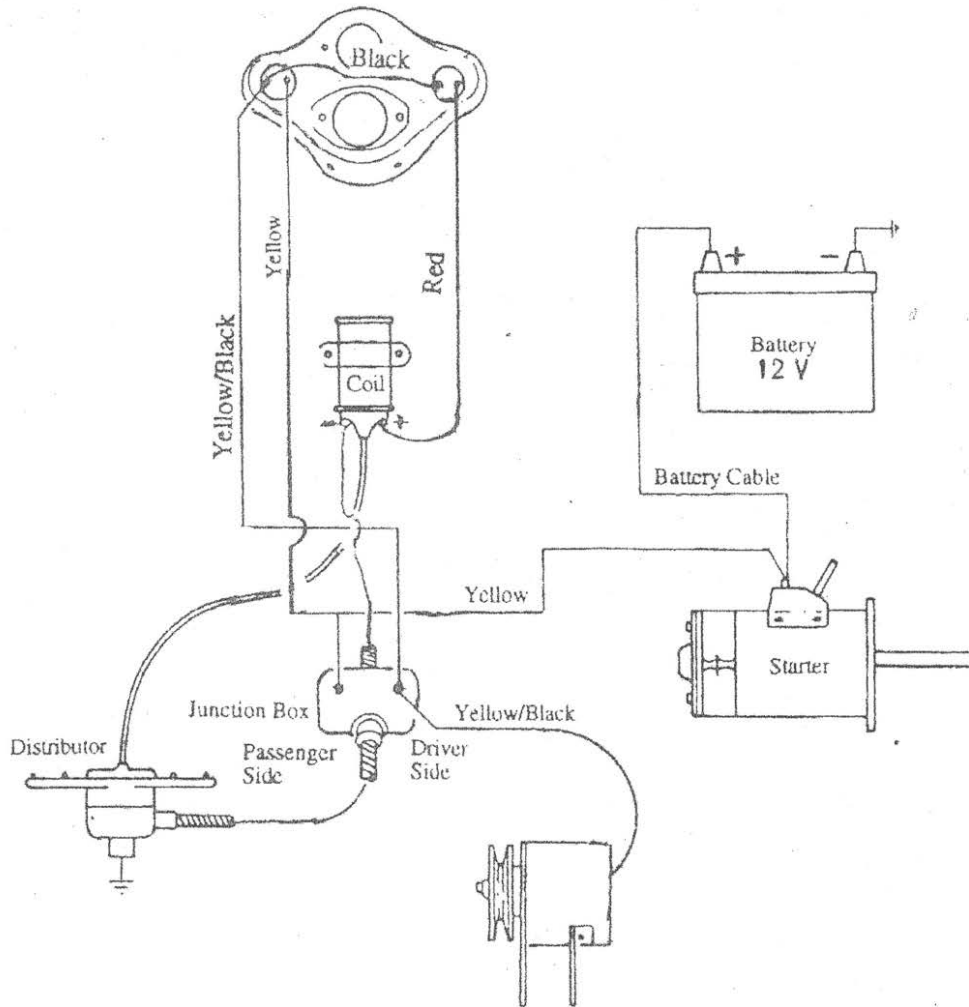
Oregon Gardens Tour

Tim and Brenda Fleming will be leading a tour to the Frank Lloyd Wright house at the Oregon Gardens on Saturday May 14th. The tour will be guided through the house and will cost \$10 each. We will be leaving at 11am from Safeway on Lancaster Drive at Silverton Road. We will have lunch in Silverton after the tour. See Tim or Brenda at the General meeting if you want to go.



A Diagram for a 12 Volt Conversion

Jerry Melland at the March general meeting used the diagram below to illustrate a simplified process for converting a Model A to 12 volts using stock Model A wires. Besides using stock wires, the ammeter wires must be reversed and the pop-out replaced with a 2-pole keyed ignition switch. The diagram is being included in this newsletter for those who may have been unable to attend the meeting.



PARTS NEEDED FOR 12-Volt CONVERSION

- 12 Volt battery
- Coil IC14 (NAPA)
- Bulbs – head, tail, dash, turn
- Flasher – 12 volt
- Alternator – GM one wire
- Pulley and mounting kit
- Ammeter - 30/30
- Plugs – gap to .038 to .042

Tours and Events Schedule

- May 4** **Wed** **Model T and A Parts Auction**, 7 pm Cordon Road Firehouse
- May 5** **Thur** **General Meeting**, 7pm Mission Mill 3rd Floor
- May 7** **Sat** **Sheep to Shawl**, 9:30 am Mission Mill
- May 9** **Mon** **Breakfast at Sybil's Omelettes**, 8:30 am
- May 14** **Sat** **Lloyd House Tour**, Safeway on Lancaster 11 am
- May 19** **Thur** **Board Meeting**, 7:30 pm Stites
- June 2** **Thur** **General Meeting**, 7 pm Mission Mill 3rd Floor
- June 11** **Sat** **B 17 Event Tour**
7 am Wal-Mart on Turner Rd.
- June 18 & 19** **Swap Meet Setup and Event**, Chemeketa Community College

Sometimes Seniors Don't Understand Directions

I assume we are all SeniorsThis is why you (a Senior?) should listen to your Doctors instructions.

I went to my nearby CVS Pharmacy, straight to the back, where the Pharmacists high counter is located. I took out my little brown bottle, along with a teaspoon, and set them up on the counter.

The Pharmacist came over, smiled, and asked if he could help me.

I said, "Yes! Could you please taste this for me?"

Seeing a senior citizen, the Pharmacist went along. He took the spoon, put a tiny bit of the liquid on it, put it on his tongue and swilled it around. Then, with a stomach-churning look on his face, he spat it out on the floor and began coughing. When he finally was finished, I looked him right in the eye and asked, Now, does that taste sweet to you?"

The Pharmacist, shaking his head back and forth with a venomous look in his eyes yelled, **HELL NO!!!**"

I said, "Oh, thank God! That's a real relief! My doctor told me to have a Pharmacist test my urine for sugar!"

I can never go back to that CVS, but I really don't care, because they aren't very friendly there anymore!

Tour and Events Schedule!

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