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View of the Clackamas River from Bill Jabs Gazebo

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Model A Ford



Club of America



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Restorers Club

General Meeting: NWVC&MM 3995 Brooklake Road NE, Brooks, OR

Thursday, October 6th, 2016 at 7:00 pm
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Swap Meet Committee Lew Garrison, Dale Stites, Gary LeMaster

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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	LeMaster	June	16	Pizza Feed
July		July	21	Morrison
August	LeMaster	August	13	Rowan picnic (potluck)
September		September	15	
October	LeMaster	October	20	Ramsey
November		November	17	LeMaster
December		December	17	Pres. Breakfast

President's Comments

Fall has arrived. The broad full colors of the season are upon us. The mornings are crisp and the dew heavy. It is truly invigorating time. It's also a time for one or two additional tours before its time to start getting the Old A ready for storage. It might be time to look the old girl over and see what repairs and maintenance can be accomplished during winter break so she will be ready for spring tours. Our General Meeting this month is at the car museum in Brooks at 7:00 pm. The museum will be open for review. The program for the annual banquet is going to be a picture review of our members conducted by Tim Fleming. You will get to tell us some great stories. If you have not gotten your pictures to Tim, now is the time. You will get your originals back. See you Thursday.

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

**Willamette Valley Chapter
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Board of Director's Meeting
September 15, 2016**

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., by Vice-President, Blair Wasson.. Others in attendance were: Beauford Averette, Tim and Brenda Fleming, Lee Hardy, Gary LeMaster, Fred Lissner, .

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

The minutes of the September General meeting were dispensed with.

The Treasurer reported the books were up to date and in proper order.

Model A Ford Problems Discussed: No discussion. **Committee Reports:** **TOURS:** No discussion. **Program:** The program for October was not discussed. **Socials:** We will meet at 8:30 am on October 10th for breakfast at Sybil's Omelet's on State Street. **N.W.R.G.:** No report. **Newsletter:** No editor for the October issue of the Connecting Rod. **Historian:** No Report. **Swap Meet:** The Board discussed swap meet personnel needs. Unless we can get more participation, it becomes increasingly more difficult to fill all the positions the event requires. Also, those helping need to be at the site at 5:00 am to help. Most of the work of locating spaces for vendors is done by 8:30 am. Beauford Averette will contact Steve Agee and see if the Chemeketa automotive students would be willing to help us out for an hourly fee, also we have given them a scholarship for many years. Until we can find out from him if they will help us, we are withholding the \$1,200.00 scholarship funds. If we are no longer able to host the swap meet, the scholarship will not be renewed. It was suggested that we meet with the Enduring A's of Albany and discuss how they are handling their swap meet personnel needs. It's time to put ads in publications for the swap meet that would be held on Father's Day, June 18, 2017. **Old Business:** No old business. **New Business:** There was discussion of the swap meet. The Board voted to accept Fred and Jeanette Kroon as new members of the club. They have two 1929 Fords. Donations to various organizations were put on hold until we see what happens with the swap meet. Up to \$500.00 was approved for ten members to fly on a tri motor antique plane out of Aurora either October 1-2 or Salem October 9-11. Tim Fleming will be contacting members to see if they are interested. The cost the members will pay is \$35.00 for the fifteen minute flight. **The October General meeting will be held in the Gas Station at the Car & Motorcycle Museum in Brooks.** Due to a medical procedure experienced during the day, the host location was not available. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Beauford Averette

THE 2016 SHEEP TO SHAWL TOUR

Model A's, animals, food, games, sheep and alpaca sheering, story telling, rope-making, exhibits, demonstrations of spinning, weaving, rug making and more were all in evidence at the 31st Annual Sheep to Shawl event at the Willamette Heritage Center (Mission Mill) on Saturday, May 7th.

Five Model A's were on display by Ron and Gwyn Marsh, Tim Fleming, Lew Garrison, Che Walker along with his two sons Asher and Hudson and his father David Walker and Ray and Peggy Ramsay.

There may not have been as many families as in previous years (which may have been because the Awesome 3000 run was scheduled the same day) but those who came were excited to be there and to see our Model A's. The children especially loved sitting in the driver's seat, grasping the steering wheel and honking the "ah-oo-gah" horn. We think we have a potential Model A driver in Carter, a 10-year old who took a particular interest in Alice. He checked out the quail thermometer, the engine, the brake pads and even wanted to know why the spare tire was missing two lug nuts (it has 3) when the wheels had five. He is one savvy young man and we found out from his mother on Monday that after he got home that night, all he talked about was the Model A and he ran around the house the rest of the evening making "ah-oo-gah" sounds. He doesn't know it yet, but he's going to receive a birthday ride in Alice when his birthday comes around in July.

As usual, the Club availed itself of the Hospitality Room in shifts and really appreciated the break and refreshments it provided. The weather was perfect and the people who stopped by were great. Among those who stopped and took pictures was a young Japanese woman who took pictures to e-mail to her brother who is a mechanic in Japan. Model A interest is world wide! We had a great time and look forward to doing it again next year.

Peggy and Ray Ramsay

Bill Jabs Car Collection and Picnic on the River

It was a brisk and downright cold foggy morning on Saturday September 24th when members of the Model T and Model A clubs gathered at Safeway on the corner of Lancaster Drive and Silverton Road. Attendance was low, we assumed, because of the weather. Those present were Don and Joanne Blain, Ron and Lou Rollings, Dave Mulhern, Tom Morrison, Blair and Tracy Wasson, Paul and Holly Peters and Gary LeMaster.

We left at 8:05 am using Cordon Road and Hazel Green to arrive in Silverton. Highway 213 was lightly traveled, but Gary (our tour leader) utilized wide spots on the road to let faster traffic proceed. Leaving Mollala on highway 211 we experienced the same. At our potty stop in Colton Sonny Newton from the Model T club joined our group. After a majority of our party rotated through the single toilet, we continued on to Estacada then north to Eagle Creek to the 20 acres of Bill Jabs. We arrived in beautiful, sunny, blue sky weather making it necessary to discard our cold weather garb.

Bill gave us an extensive tour of his collection telling us the story of each car which took over an hour. There were Lincolns, Packards, Dodges, many Model A's, a large wrecker, two Corvairs, a Hupmobile and others. His garage is 60'x120' in size and is still a little crowded.

We then moved to either to lavender shop or over to the river for lunch at the gazebo. Bill has approximately 12 acres in lavender with more to be planted. There was great fellowship during lunch while we viewed the Clackamas River. At about 1:00 pm we headed back to toward home using the same route as far as Marquam where we traversed cross country. Various cars peeled off at various locations as we neared Salem at about 2:30 pm. Several comments were made about how great the tour was.





One of the many fluids Bill uses in his cars shown at the right.



Tour and Events Schedule!

Oct 20	Thur	Board Meeting, Ramsay, 7:30 pm
Nov 3	Thur	General Meeting , Heritage Center Card Room , 7 pm
Nov 17	Thurs	Board Meeting, LeMaster, 7:30 pm Hills DR SE, Turner

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