

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









Next General Meeting, Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum, Powerland Heritage Park, 3995 Brooklake Road, Brooks, OR Thursday, October 5th, 2017 at 7:00 pm

| President | Blair Wasson | | Historian | Tom Morrison |
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| Board Members | Bob Burton | 18 | Tour Chair | Tim Fleming |
| | Lee Hardy | 18 | Programs | |
| | Peggy Ramsay | 17 | | |
| | Fred Lissner | 17 | | |

Swap Meet Committee Lew Garrison, Dale Stites, Gary LeMaster

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Blair's Blather

I keep asking everyone I see if someone has found TIME. It seems that TIME just keeps slipping away, no matter how hard I keep trying to find it.

Many of us old car nuts are sensitive to OLD TIME and SLOW TIME and we relate those to GOOD TIME. MODEL T cars even have TIMERS on them (Distributors). What I'm trying to say is that here it is October and I still haven't found TIME.

If you can find TIME, there will still be a few dry driving days to hop in the "A" and enjoy a short run. It's always good for the soul.

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 September 7, 2017

The September Board of Directors Meeting was held on September 7, 2017 in the Card Room on the Third Floor of the main mill building at the Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill, immediately following the September General Meeting of the Club Membership. The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:15 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 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 previous Board Meeting, as previously circulated through The Connecting Rod, were approved. Since all Board Members were present for the Secretary and Treasurer's Reports given during the September General Meeting, the re-reading of the reports 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 years if necessary. A discussion of possible candidates for the positions of President and Vice-President was begun and will continue to be pursued during the month.

Board Action – Approval of New Board Meeting Scheduling. It was previously suggested that in order to increase attendance at our Board Meetings and to better coordinate matters between the Membership at General Meetings and Board Members at Board Meetings, that the monthly Board Meetings should be held directly following the monthly General Membership Meetings. Also, it was stressed that all Club member have an open invitation to attend all Board Meeting. After further discussion, and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was decided that until further notice, the monthly Board of Directors meetings will be held directly following the monthly General Membership meetings. This decision may be revisited after the Board has had some experience to see how well this change actually works.

Board Action – Approval of Ray Ramsay as Assistant Secretary. The recent brief medical absence of Treasurer, Gary LeMaster, has highlighted the need for an Assistant Treasurer to sign checks and perform other Treasurer duties in the Treasurer's absence. Club Secretary, Ray Ramsay, volunteered to assume this position for the Club. After further discussion, and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, Ray Ramsay was elected to the position of Assistant Treasurer for the Club to hold such office until he resigns, he is removed, or his successor is duly elected, whichever happens first.

Board Action – Approval of Purchase of New Briefcase for the Treasurer. Treasurer Gary LeMaster announced that the handle of Treasurer's Briefcase, after many, many years of faithful service, had finally given up the ghost. After discussion, and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Treasurer was authorized to purchase a replacement briefcase.

Board Action – Adoption of 2018 Tour Goals. It was unanimously agreed that the Club should sponsor at least four "driving tours" (as opposed to "destination tours" where we just display our cars) per year. The goal will be to have a minimum of one Spring Tour, two Summer Tours and one Fall Tour. Gary LeMaster will attempt to locate the Potential Tour List that was developed approximately two years ago as a starting point. He also remembers that the Club had, sometime in the past, printed a list of Tour Rules/Etiquette to be used on Tours. He will also attempt to locate this document so it can be updated and redistributed to Club Members. Board Members who have lead tours in the past will volunteer to aid those who have never lead a tour before. This is also a "work in progress."

Board Action – Approval of Menu for the President's Luncheon. The menu for The President's Lunch to be held on December 9, 2017 at the Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum at the Powerland Heritage Park was approved. The Menu and an Order form will be circulated to the Membership through the October Connecting Rod.

Work in Progress – Programs for the General Meetings. It has been a constant struggle to locate and schedule Program presentations for the General Meetings that have broad (no pun intended!) appeal (i.e. something more than just mechanical issues!). The Board is unanimous in its concern that the Club should have programs that appeal to a wide range of members that include the general categories of History, Mechanical and presentations that would appeal to our female members, such as Era Fashions. No one is quite sure how to accomplish this, but the over-all goal is to do a better job in 2018 than we did in 2017.

Work in Progress – Membership in the Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum at the Powerland Heritage Park. The Club has been offered the opportunity to obtain a Club Membership in the Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum. Cost is believed to be \$500 for the first year and \$300 for each succeeding year. Gary LeMaster is going to investigate the benefits of the Club joining the Museum and will report back at the next Board Meeting. The matter was tabled until then.

HOMEWORK FOR BOARD MEMBERS. Each Board Members is to consider potential tour possibilities and potential General Meeting programs and to bring their suggestions to the next Board Meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned at approximately 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ray Ramsay, Secretary

NOTE: IF YOU DID NOT NOTICE ABOVE, THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS AT THE NORTHWEST VINTAGE CAR & MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM AT POWERLAND HERITAGE CENTER, 3995 BROOKLAKE ROAD, BROOKS, OR, OCTOBER 5TH, 2017, 7:00 PM.

October Meeting Program

Katie Hawkins, Business Liaison for the Career Technical Education Center, is our featured speaker this month. The CTEC is a program for the Salem-Keizer School District's Juniors and Seniors in high school—they apply to a specific program, which they attend half-time; the other half they spend at their resident high school and must keep up their grades. As part of the program at CTEC, they learn foundational technical skills (within their industry of focus) as well as professional skills. They are encouraged to name a career objective that flows from their foundational skills, and then research it to find out the on-the-job experience, lifestyle it provides, and required experience and education. Many of our students are college-bound, with the hands-on learning giving them a competitive advantage over their peers. This should be a very educational and exciting presentation. Be sure to bring your questions.

Willamette Valley Model A Club – Tours & Events 2017

Sep 30 Jordan Chicken dinner Jordan

Dec 9 President's Lunch, Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum, Powerland Heritage Park. 1100 am, Fleming/Ramsey



"You can have it for fifteen quid, but he goes with it."



MENU FOR THE PRESIDENT'S LUNCH

Date: Saturday - December 9, 2017

Place: President's Lunch, Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum, Powerland

Heritage Park

Times: Meet & Greet - 11:00 am to Noon Lunch -

Noon to 1:00 pm (approx)

Elections and other Club Business - Following Lunch

Price: \$15.00 per Attendee and the Club provides the service, dessert and beverages

Menu Choices

<u>Smokey's Trip</u> - Sliced smoked tri-tip with garlic mashed potatoes, garden salad, and fresh baked baguette.

<u>Eat the Plank</u> - Wild Coho salmon with wild rice, garden salad, and fresh baked rolls with butter.

<u>Sassy Stir Fry</u> - Fresh vegetables and rice with choice of Thai Chicken, Broccoli Beef or All Veggie. Served with fresh diced fruit.

ALL RESERVATIONS, ORDERS AND MONEY MUST BE RECEIVED BY RAY AND/OR PEGGY RAMSAY NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 27, 2017. (503) 581-8296

ORDER FORM FOR THE PRESIDENT'S LUNCH

| Name of Club Member: | | | | |
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| (Please Print) | | | | |
| Number of Meals Ordered: | | | | |
| Smokey's Trip | | | | |
| Eat the Plank | | | | |
| Sassy Stir Fry | | | | |
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| To Be Filled Out by the Ramsay's | | | | |
| Amount of Money Received \$ | | | | |
| Date Order Received: | | | | |
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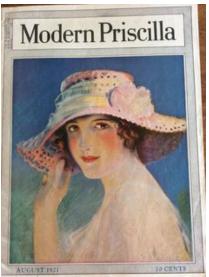


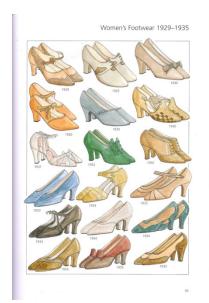












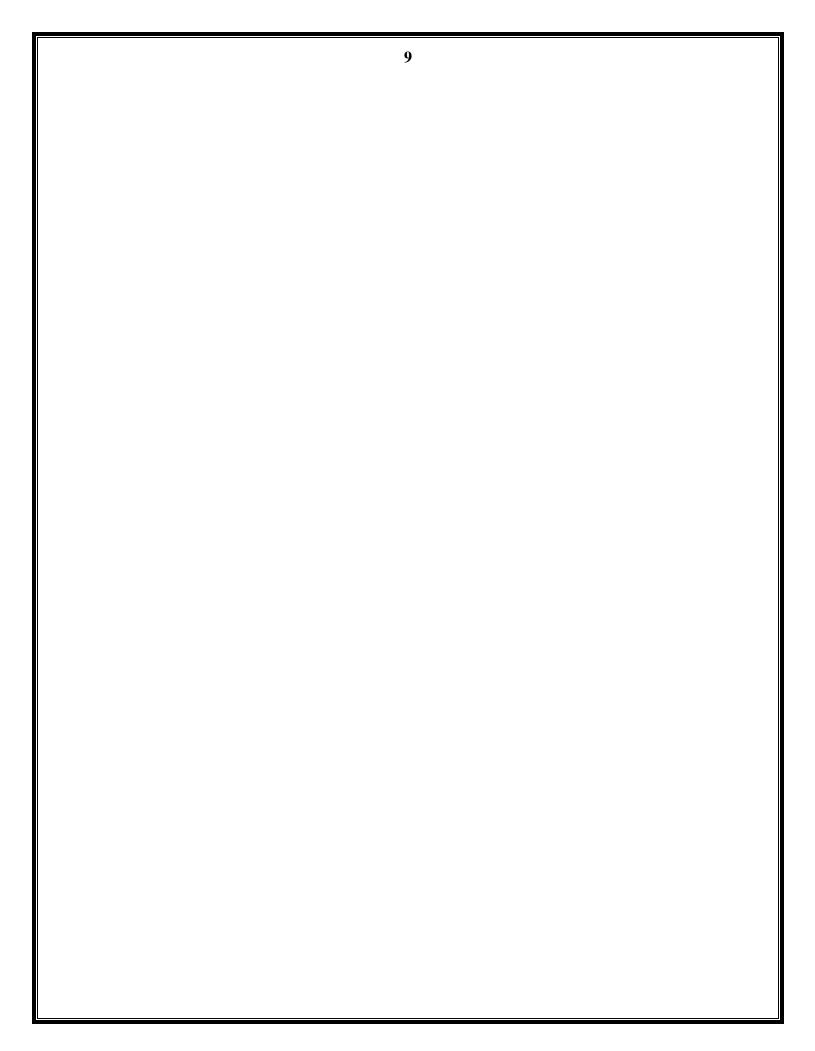








1927 Wedding Arthur Anning and Elizabeth Binnie, Sydney, Australia



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Tours & Events! 2017

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| Oct 9 | 9 Mon | Breakfast at Sybil's Omelettes, 2373 State Street, |
| | | Salem, 8:30 am |

Nov 2 Thur General Meeting, 7:00 pm Mission Mill, 3rd Floor Card Room

Nov 13 Mon Breakfast at Sybil's Omelettes, 2373 State Street, Salem, 8:30 am

Dec 9 Sat Presidents Lunch Catered lunch at the NW

Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum, 11:00 am to

General Meeting 7:00 pm NWVCMM, 3995

2:00 pm

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