



Willamette Valley Chapter
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1928 Open Cab Pick-up

Model A Ford



Club of America



SALEM, OREGON

Model A



Restorers Club

Next General Meeting, Heritage Center (Mission Mill), 3rd Floor, Card Room, Salem, OR
Thursday, September 7th, 2017 at 7:00 pm

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Board Meeting Hosts

January	19	Flemings
February	16	Giesbrecht
March	16	Ramsay
April	20	Fleming
May	18	Garrison
June	29	Pizza Feed
July	4	3 Club Picnic
July	29	Annual Picnic (potluck)
September	21	Wasson
October	19	LeMaster
November	16	Burton
December	9	Pres. Lunch

Blair's Blather

A few days ago I gave a young man (early 40's) a ride in my Model A. During the ride I explained about the joys of riding the back roads at the slower speeds of the "A". I told him about how you see so much more at 45 than at 65; how you have time to think and wonder as your motor past farms and small towns where other people have spent decades building their dreams.

When we arrived back at our starting point, the young man thanked me for the ride but explained that he would have to put in a much larger engine if he ever bought a Model A. He missed the whole point about going slow. My wife Tracy, the smart one, has explained to me about the ever-changing world. I don't care. You will still find me in the "A" going slow thinking about the people and their history. That's how I explain why I'm not too swift! We had a great turn-out again at our 2nd Monday breakfast at Sybils. Please join us on September 11th.

Blair

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Willamette Valley Chapter Model A Ford Club of America

Our illustrious Secretary has flown the coup and left without leaving any feathers behind to inform you all of the Board activities. But being summer, we all have been busy and the activities of the Board have been few. We will get caught up in the fall.

NOTE: IF YOU DID NOT NOTICE ABOVE, THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS AT THE HERITAGE CENTER (MISSION MILL) 3RD FLOOR, CARD ROOM, SALEM, OR, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2017, 7:00 PM. THERE IS NO MEETING IN AUGUST BECAUSE THE ANNUAL PICNIC WAS MOVED TO JULY 29TH.

September Meeting Program

Robin Bartel, Fred Lissner's neighbor, has been a collector of World War I and II memorabilia for many years. A couple of years ago, we toured his collection which all of us applauded as extraordinary. Robin will be attending our September meeting and will bring with him a few of his treasures. He will discuss their significance, how they were used, who used them and how he was able to acquire them. Robin has stored in his gray matter an unbelievable wealth of trivia associated with the war efforts and the items in his collection. He truly enjoys talking about them, so come with a healthy curiosity and lots of questions.

Willamette Valley Model A Club – Tours & Events 2017

Sep 16	Newell House Pioneer day	Model T club
Sep 30	Jordan Chicken dinner	Jordan
Dec 9	President's Lunch, Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum, Powerland Heritage Park. 1100 am,	Fleming/Ramsey

A MAN SEES THINGS DIFFERENTLY THAN A WOMAN DOES!

For all men and women who remember the past: How different we are! A wife was curious when she found an old negative in a drawer, so she had it made into a print.



She was pleasantly surprised to see that it was of her at a much younger, slimmer time. It was taken many years ago on one of her first dates with her husband. When she showed him the photo, his face lit up. "Wow! Look at that," he said with appreciation. "That's my old Ford!!"

THE 2017 ARE YOU KIDDING ME? TOUR

The participants started gathering at 8:00 am at the South Safeway parking lot. By 8:30 am we had approximately 7 Model A's, 2 Model T's, a Graham, a vintage Chevy pick-up, several modern vehicles and somewhere between 35 and 38 people. Blair and Tracey Wasson were our Tour Leaders. Blair handed out very complete directions which even included the mileage between turns. The Tour headed out down Commercial, on to I-5 briefly until we could turn off on the Delaney Road exit and then via the back roads, through Jefferson and on to our first stop at the Scio Fire station.

At the Fire Station we had a break for coffee, donuts and a pit stop. We also had a 30 minute historical talk about SC-10, known as Scio to the initiated, and some of its early history. The talk was given by Carol Bates whose mother was instrumental in interviewing many early pioneers of the area and has written a book based on her interviews. We learned a lot about this little town including that it was named for a town in Ohio and that it's Indian name means

peace. We heard about its early history, how the surrounding Indians were peaceful and helpful to the pioneers, about some of the floods and fires, and the covered bridges in the area. As usual, there is a lot more history packed into these small towns and we came away wiser about this little corner of Oregon.

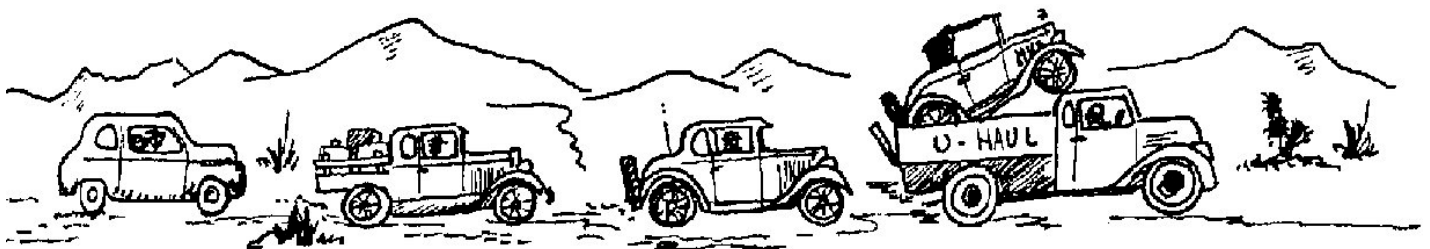
Next we saddled up and headed for Lebanon. Our speeds probably averaged between 30 and 35 mph which means we had long, leisurely looks at the scenery and if you wanted a second (or even third or fourth) look, there was plenty of time. We had Goldilocks Weather, not too hot and not too cold, so it was pleasant for everyone, even us who drove open car!

At Lebanon we pulled into the Hometown Furniture Parking Lot. You can tell that you are in the right place if you can see an old boat and several old cars scattered around the parking lot. This is a remodeled Wal-Mart building that has been turned into a combination museum/furniture store. Check out the pictures that Lee Hardy took that accompany this write-up and you get a representative feel of what it is like inside the store. A lot of the displays are 20's vehicles in their original barn-find condition. There are also some horse drawn vehicles and one yellow 50's Cadillac which is parked vertically. Yes, I said vertically. You have to see it to believe it. There was so much to see that Peggy and I are planning to go back for a second look this Fall. We spent a little over an hour browsing the store and then assembled and motored on over to a rather new Best Western for lunch.

The hotel had the 1847 Bar and Grill attached and this was our lunch stop. There was a wedding going on when we arrived which may or may not have contributed to the fact that lunch was very slow – as in around 2 hours. Good thing we all liked each other! But, lunch was good and so was the conversation. After lunch, Blair told us that the facility had a Japanese Garden attached that had been designed by the same person that did the Japanese Garden in Portland. We toured the Garden and then assembled and headed home to Salem, for the most part, retracing our steps. Peggy and I got home about 4:30 pm.

All in all, it was great getting the cars out on the road and the Model T people just made it that much better. Thank you, Blair and Tracey, for arranging this tour for us. And thanks to all who participated and made it so much fun. If you missed it, we'd advise checking out the Hometown Furniture Store if you have time. It's a hoot.

Ray and Peggy Ramsay





THE SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING WILL BE AFTER THE GENERAL MEETING. TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED.

1. Each year we should have four (4) good tours.
2. Combine Board Meetings with General Meetings to cut the numbers of meetings in half.
3. Have a program planned for each General Meeting.
4. Remember the wives when we plan programs.

Era Fashions



Lanvin 1927



Chanel - 1927
Marion Woodhouse by Edward Steichen



Lelong 1928
Lee Miller by Edward Steichen



Patou - 1928
Edward Steichen

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Tours & Events! 2017

- Sep 7 Thur General Meeting** 7:00 pm, Mission Mill, 2nd Floor
Card Room
- Sep 11 Mon Breakfast at Sybil's Omelettes**, 2373 State Street,
Salem, 8:30 am
- Sep 21 Thur Board Meeting**, Wasson,
Independence, 7:30 pm
- Oct 5 Thur General Meeting** 7:00 pm Mission Mill, 2nd Floor
Card Room
- Oct 9 Mon Breakfast at Sybil's Omelettes**, 2373 State Street,
Salem, 8:30 am
- Oct 19 Thur Board Meeting**, LeMaster, 1845 Lockhaven Drive
NE, Keizer, 7:30 pm
- Nov 2 Thur General Meeting**, 7:00 pm Mission Mill, 2nd Floor
Card Room

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