



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



1928 Coupe

Model A Ford



Club of America



SALEM, OREGON

Model A



Restorers Club

**Next General Meeting, Willamette Heritage Center (Mission Mill) 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Card Room, Salem, OR**  
**Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 pm**

<b>President</b>	Bob Myers	<b>Historian</b>	
<b>Vice President</b>	Gary LeMaster	<b>Sunshine</b>	Ginny Giesbrecht
<b>Secretary</b>		<b>N.W.R.G.</b>	
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<b>Past President</b>	Gary LeMaster	<b>Raffle Chair</b>	
<b>Board Members</b>	John Martin	20	<b>Tour Chair</b> Tim Fleming
	Fred Kroon	20	<b>Programs</b>
	Lee Hardy	19	
	Fred Lissner	19	

**Swap Meet Committee** Lew Garrison, Dale Stites, Gary LeMaster

<b>Newsletter Editors</b>		<b>Monday Breakfast</b>	<b>General Meetings</b>		<b>Board Meetings</b>	
January	Hardy	Jan 14	January	13	Annual Banquet	Jan 14
February	Hardy	Feb 11	February	7		Feb 18
March	Hardy	Mar 11	March	7		Mar 18
April	LeMaster	Apr 8	April	4		Apr 15
May	LeMaster	May 13	May	2		May 20
June	LeMaster	Jun 10	June	6		Jun 17
July	LeMaster	Jul 8	June	16	Swap Meet	Jul 8
August	LeMaster	Aug 12	July	4	Four Club Picnic	Aug 19
September	LeMaster	Sep 9	August	1	NWVCMM	Sep 16
October	LeMaster	Oct 14	September	5		Oct 21
November		Nov 11	October	3		Nov 18
December		Dec 9	November	7		Dec 16
			December	7	President's Luncheon	

### **A Note from Bob**

We're in need of a tour or two. Fall colors come to mind. At the Board Meeting Newell Pioneer Village at Champeog Park and Heirloom Roses at St Paul, OR were mentioned. With a suggestion for lunch and/or PIE it could be a tour! We could even include cars made before, during, or after 1931!

We've had a rainy September with intermittent cloudy and sunny days. There's still time to get out your Model A for a drive – weather permitting.

For the General Meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup> we'll be showing the first half of the "Horatio's Drive, DVD. I will be out of town and Blair Wasson will lead the meeting. Enjoy!

Have a great October.

Bob, President

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 at (503) 393-606**

**Willamette Valley Model A Ford Club  
The Connecting Rod  
October 2019**

**September 5th, 2019 General Meeting** was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Willamette Heritage Center, Card Room. Attendance was 15. Cash balance is approx. \$6,800.00

**Tours and Activities:**

**Jordan Chicken Run**

(Jordan Chicken Dinner)

Sunday, Sept 22, 2019

Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Departed at 9:30 AM from former Shopko lot at Lancaster & Rickey Streets S E

**The Oregon Tour**

June 9-12, 2020

A Hub Tour tentatively based in Keizer.

Further info to come

**NW Regional Meet**

September 24-22, 2020

Hosted by Inland Empire A's

Spokane, WA.

Meeting was adjourned by Bob Myers, President at 7:42 PM.

**Program:** Biography of Henry Ford (DVD), provided by Gary LeMaster  
Refreshments were provided by Bob Myers

**Breakfast at Sybil's, Monday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

6 club members attended

**Board meeting, Monday September 16th, 2019**

The elections situation was discussed. To provide a base for future officers, increasing membership was discussed. With a positive response from members attending the Sept General Meeting, publicly displaying our cars on a regular basis is being considered for attracting future members. Search for location(s) and scheduling is in progress.

**Scheduled Meetings, etc.:**

General Meeting October 3rd, 2019

Card room, Willamette Heritage

Center. Refreshments will be

provided by John Martin.

Breakfast at Sybil's,

Monday, October 14th

8:30 AM 2373 State Street

Board meeting

Monday October 21st

Gold Dragon Restaurant

SE Commercial

Submitted by Bob Myers, President

Beginning at the 2016 NWRM held in Walla Walla, WA a new Model A Evaluation was put in place for the Model A that is a driver. To avoid confusion with Fine Point Judging, cars are "Evaluated" not Judged, Scoring begins at "0" with points added for a maximum of 450 points. In fine point judging scoring begins at 500 and points are deducted for non-standard items. Below is the MAFCA Restorers Class Handout dated October 10, 2015 for the Connecting Rod.

## The Restorers Class

### MAFCA RECOGNITION AWARD FOR THE EVERDAY MODEL A

Background: The intent of The Restorers Class shall be to recognize MAFCA members who utilize their Model A Ford vehicle as a "driver" through its primary use of being enjoyed on today's roads and highways. In consideration of today's modern roads with faster highway speeds, vehicles require improved performance, reliability and safety. This class allows owners to operate their vehicles with original, era and aftermarket parts. While original parts are considered the "benchmark", quality reproduction parts and accessories with the look of the original part are acceptable. Improved or modern parts such as an overdrive, air conditioner or alternator are permitted but are not evaluated. The recognition is to encourage members to maintain their vehicles to a standard that reflects the original design and look, while permitting the owner to operate their vehicle with reliability, safety and comfort

#### **Policies & Procedures:**

1. Vehicles are evaluated and awarded points based upon condition, finish and originality.
2. "Award Point System" - each Model A starts at zero points and has the potential to earn up to a maximum of 450 points.
3. Good era and reproduction parts are accepted; as identified they will receive one less point.
4. Evaluators do not test any equipment as to its proper operation.
5. Visual evaluation only carried out, no tools or measuring devices utilized.
6. Vehicle evaluation encompasses Engine, Body, Exterior Plating, Interior, Wheels/Tires and Undercarriage areas.

#### **Entry Criteria:**

1. Vehicle owner shall be a current MAFCA member and is required to supply their membership number to enter a vehicle.
2. Model A as defined by Ford production (benchmark) — No Modified or Speedster
3. Engine Block — Model A or B.
4. Original or good reproduction parts as defined by Ford production for the year and model.
5. Paint: Model A era correct color for the year and model. Slight variations or interpretations are acceptable.
6. Vehicle must be licensed and road-worthy.
7. No fiberglass fenders or body parts.

#### **Permissible Items: (No points awarded for these items)**

1. Alternator
2. Radial Tires
3. Hydraulic Brakes

#### **Accepted Items, not evaluated.**

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| 1. Turn Signals                               | 7. Era Air Cleaner |
| 2. Seat Belts                                 | 8. Air Conditioner |
| 3. Additional Rear-View Mirror                | 9. Trailer Hitch   |
| 4. Right Hand Tail Lamp and mounting Bracket. | 10. Accessories    |
| 5. Overdrive                                  | 11. Radios         |
| 6. 12 Volt System                             |                    |



# 2020 Oregon Tour

By Joanne Blain

The Oregon Tour has been an annual event for over 40+ years and has been hosted by various clubs. The Willamette Valley Model T Ford Club will be hosting the 2020 Oregon Tour and, therefore, has started the planning process for that tour.

It has been decided that the dates for this tour will be July 9 – 12, 2020. The 4-day event will include registration and a short tour on the 9<sup>th</sup> with a full day of touring on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, and concluding with a short tour on the 12<sup>th</sup>. The committee is beginning the search for possible staging venues which will include hotel/motel and RV accommodations.

At the first planning committee meeting which took place on September 4, 2019 various possible tour destinations were discussed. The next meeting will be held on October 2, 2019 at 6 PM in the training room of the Fire Station located at 300 Cordon Rd NE, Salem. We welcome anyone interested in assisting in the planning of this tour.

This tour is open to all cars 1931 and older, with newer vehicles included upon approval. Participants can take part in all four days of touring or any individual day. Details will be shared as plans are finalized.

This is always a great tour and we hope you will consider joining us. Any questions can be directed to Joanne Blain at 503-871-0118/503-585-8078 or email: [djblain@msn.com](mailto:djblain@msn.com).

## For Sale 1930 Model A Town Sedan

**This is a beautiful touring sedan for sale locally. It is equipped with new tires, cast iron brakes, new brake linings and all new safety glass. The engine has been rebuilt with standard bore, new pistons, stainless valves and counter-balanced crankshaft and a Snyder high compression head. It has been converted to a 12 volt electrical system and the gas tank has been cleaned and sealed. The radiator has been re-cored A steal at \$16,000. Contact Jim Brennan 503-743-2606**



# news and views on the local scene

## WHAT CLUB MEMBERS ARE DOING...IN WORDS AND PICTURES

### Chapter Calendar of Coming Events

- OCTOBER 18 ..... Eighth Annual Orange County Roundup  
Orange County Chapter—Knott's Berry Farm, California
- OCTOBER 25-26 ..... Annual Autumn Trails Tour  
Dallas Chapter—Dallas, Texas
- NOVEMBER 16 ..... Swap Meet  
Diamond Tread Chapter—Downey, California
- DECEMBER 6 ..... National Annual Banquet  
All Chapters, at Convention Center—Anaheim, California

All Chapters are invited to list their one or two major events of the year in this Calendar. Notices should be predated at least six to eight weeks.

### Long Island Chapter—East Meadow, N.Y.

Something new started by this chapter is called CAMP, which stands for Club Automotive Materials Pool. It is a supply of tools normally too expensive for each club member to purchase for himself. The tools are paid for out of club funds and then made available to members free of charge. In addition, the club is making up a kit of parts most likely to fail during tours or club events. This special kit is known as SOS, meaning Spares on Site. Items in the kit are also purchased by the club and given to members in any emergency situation and then replaced by the recipient at the earlier possible time. The SOS kit is portable and taken to each club activity, while the CAMP tools are not. The idea was suggested by John Gugliotti who has been assigned by the club president, Dan Kasten, to be custodian of the equipment.

### Longhorns Chapter—Amarillo, Texas

Ford Motor Company furnished trophies and a lot of merchants of Amarillo donated prizes to help make the recent Sixth Texas Tour a success. Attendance was below expectations but those cars present displayed some of the finest restorations in the country and everyone enjoyed the three busy days of activities. Selected by popular vote, Sue Dennis reigned as "Mrs. Model A" for the event.



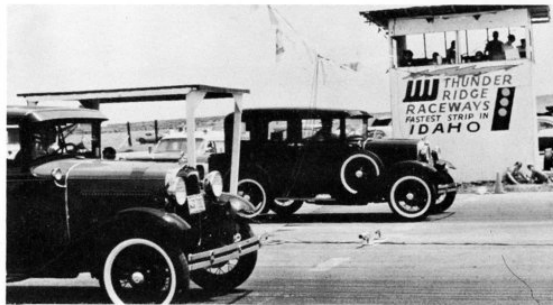
SUE DENNIS, "Mrs. Model A" for Sixth Texas Tour, admires Best of Show car and trophies belonging to Donald Baldwin of Clovis, N.M.

### Treasure Valley Chapter—Boise, Idaho

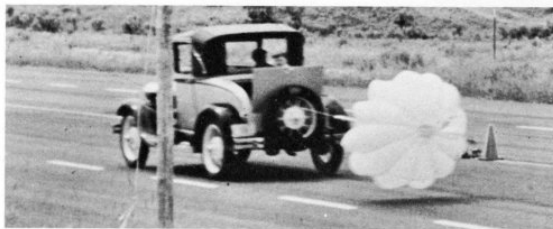
Members of the Treasure Valley Chapter established some records, of sorts, when they participated officially in drag races with their Model A Fords at the Thunder Ridge Raceway.

Participants were Hap and Dorothy Wilson, Royce and Vera Fifer, Bob and Johanna Beardsley, Dean and Roberta Windham, Wilbur and Gladys Shook, Doug and Virginia Hitt, Vern Long, and Chuck Ward. All cars present made the quarter mile run at least once.

Top time for the day was registered by Chuck Ward in his 1930 Roadster, with total elapsed time of 24.23 seconds, doing 51.13 miles per hour at the finish line. Close on his bumper was Royce Fifer in his 1930 Coupe, in 24.71 seconds at 51.03 miles per hour.



START of drag race between Doug Hitt (left) and Hap Wilson, both in 1930 Briggs Town Sedans. Wilson finished first.



FAST FINISH required parachute air brake to slow speedy Sport Coupe driven by Virginia Hitt during powder puff race.

The crowd pleasing event of the day was the powder puff race where Virginia Hitt had ten year old daughter Barbara dump a parachute from her position in the rumble seat of the 1929 Sport Coupe as they crossed the finish line. (On a previous run the driver was a bit over anxious and had Barbara throw the parachute at the half-way mark; but she towed her "air brake" to the finish line for a win anyway!) Other powder puffers were Roberta Windham and Dorothy Wilson.

Grudge race of the day found the club president, Dr. Doug Hitt, underwhelming Hap Wilson by an embarrassing margin. Both have 1930 Briggs Town Sedans.

Top times for regular dragsters approached 170 miles per hour, prompting the announcer to invite spectators to take a refreshment break at the concession stands while the Model A's toured the 1,320-foot course — they should be back in time for the finish.



# For Sale

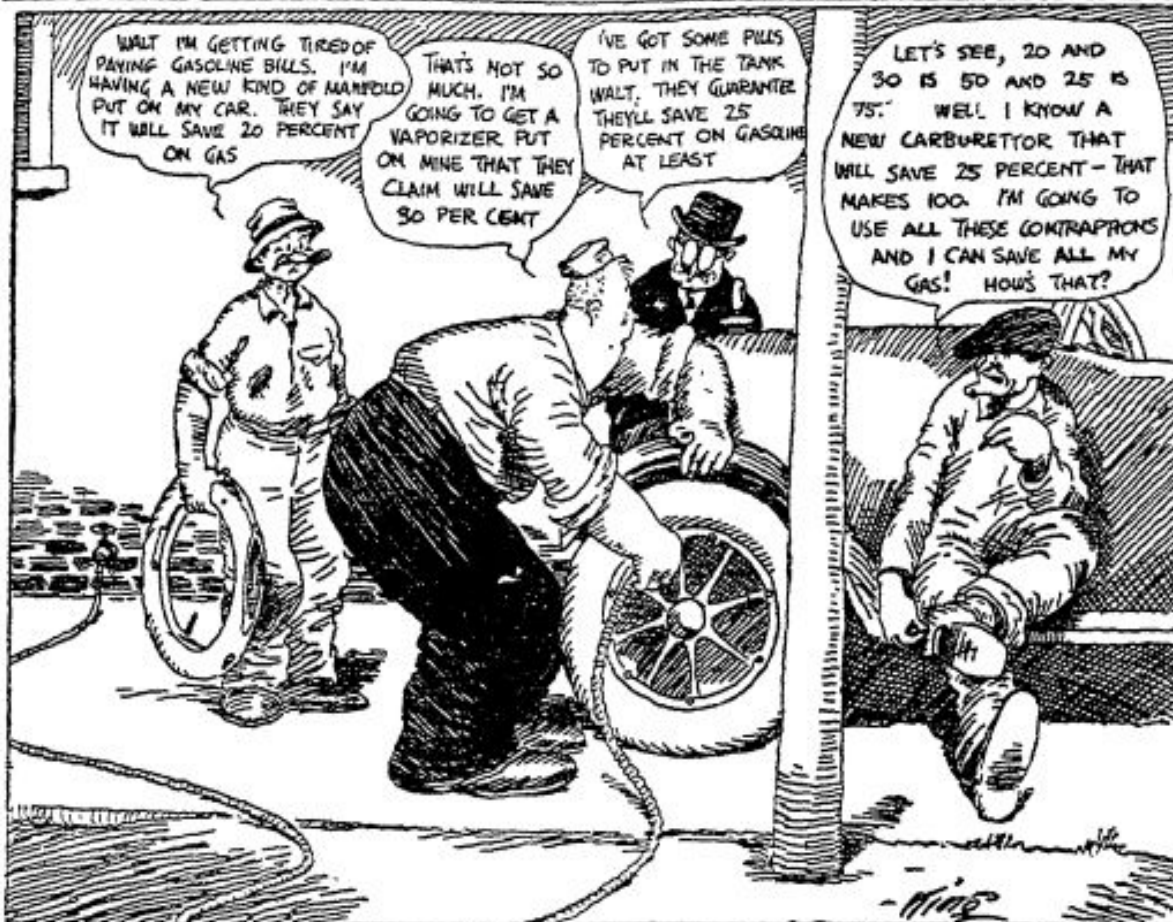
Peggy Ramsay brought in two hats that belonged to Ray for sale. I have taken one and the other is available for purchase. I will bring it to the net General Meeting for you to review. There is no price on the hat. If you are interested you can pay what you think it is worth to the club treasurer.

From the internet

Zits Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman



## GASOLINE ALLEY—BILL DOES SOME MENTAL ARITHMETIC



## Tours & Upcoming Events!

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| Oct | 3  | Thur | General Meeting 7:00 PM Willamette Heritage Center Mission Mill Card room 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor |
| Oct | 14 | Mon  | Breakfast at Sybils, 2373 State Street 8:30 AM  |
| Oct | 21 | Mon  | Board Meeting, Gold Dragon Chinese Restaurant, 4645 Commercial SE, 2:00 pm                      |
| Nov | 7  | Thur | General Meeting 7:00 PM Willamette Heritage Center Mission Mill Card room 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor |
| Nov | 11 | Mon  | Breakfast at Sybils, 2373 State Street 8:30 AM  |
| Nov | 18 | Mon  | Board Meeting, Gold Dragon Chinese Restaurant, 4645 Commercial SE, 2:00 pm                      |

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