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Meeting: Church of the Nazarene - 16850 NE Fourth Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA - Second Monday of Month - 7:00 PM

Guys breakfast meeting every Wed. (7:00am) at Hockinson Café, 219 NW 20th Ave, Suite 100, Battle Ground, WA

Guys lunch on Fridays (11:00 am) at Benny's Pizza & Café on 4219 St Johns Rd NE, Vancouver, WA

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Note: Periodically some materials printed in our newsletter may have been borrowed from other club newsletters. We thank other clubs for sharing their newsletters with the Volcano A's. Also, when sources are known they will be included.

Photo of the Month





President's Note

November 24, 2019

I apologize to Jack for being harsh on him as I brought up old history in our club, maybe some folks can stop and think about how terrible I felt after serving the club for twenty years and hearing there were secret meeting possibly to vote me out. As I stated before if people would have talked to me about their concerns, I would have happily worked with them to nominate and elect new officers.

Next year I would like to form an election committee early and convince more members to volunteer and have a friendly election process, at this time I would retire and enjoy more time traveling. So, let us all be thankful for the friends we have and enjoy our Model A's.

Thank you, Jerry

Committee Chairs

Community Service: Joyce Swartz
Garage Workshop: Tom Pagel
NW Regional Rep: Jack Dusenberry
Public Relations: Dian Lane
Refreshments Coordinator: Nancy Wooldridge
Sunshine: Kathy Green
Tour Director: Roger Green



Anniversaries

27 Art & Marlynn Pugsley
29 Frank & Arnita Mayer

Birthdays

2 Janet Hickel
9 Shirley Weast
12 Carl Bach
13 Linnette Jordan
18 Jim Kelly
20 Rick Boehm
24 Mike Grimm
27 Ron Hall
29 Marylan Kelly

Refreshments

December: Christmas Party
January: Sherry Rusunen and Jane Hall
February: Lynn Mattingley and Linda Willey
March: Becky Blick and Marylan Kelly
April: Dian Lane and Nancy Wooldridge
May: Joyce Swartz
June: Open
July: Open
August: Club picnic
September: Open
October: Open
November: Dianne Earnest and Roberta Emerick
December: Christmas party

Volcano A's General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Jerry Lane called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

TREASURER: Linda Willey gave the financial report.

TOURS: Roger Green announced there are no more tours for 2019. Remember "Kruze for the Kids" at Benny's 4219 A St. John's Road on Sat. Dec. 7th. Bring your car, \$5.00, and a toy or food and join the fun and some breakfast!! Our Christmas potluck is Mon. Dec. 9th at the Lanes. More later.

EDITOR/WEBMASTER: Bob stated that the pictures for the calendar are here tonight to vote on. There is a sign-up sheet to place your order for your calendar. The calendars will be available at our Christmas party.

REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE: Nancy Wooldridge announced the sign-up sheet for next year's refreshment help is available. Anyone can sign-up!!

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Joyce Swartz stated that 90#s of food was collected at the Oct. meeting plus Tom Pagel and his son donated 33#s and 154#s respectively bringing our year's total to 989#s.

SUNSHINE: Pat and Jack Dusenberry have decided to step down from their Sunshine responsibilities. Thank you both so much for your many years!! Kathy Green has volunteered to assume the responsibility. Bert Uthe was recently in the hospital.

LAVA LADIES: Dian Lane announced the Lava Ladies will be having their annual planning meeting at our Jan. luncheon. Sherry Rusunen read a thank you note from Babies In Need for our "Baby shower" donation! Sherry also announced that she will step down as the Babies In Need organizer. Karen Huset has volunteered to assume the responsibility.

OLD BUSINESS: Tom Ryan made a motion that the minutes from Oct. be amended to read that not only are the present officers running for office, but also Roger Green was nominated for president. Also, the minutes should read that nominations are made at the Oct. meeting and elections are held at the Nov. meeting with results read at the Dec. meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Jerry said the Veteran's Day parade was wet, but went smoothly.!

NEW BUSINESS: The Christmas potluck will be Monday, Dec. 9th at 6:00 PM. at the Lanes. **Note** that that is 1 hour earlier than our usual meeting time. Bring your favorite holiday dish and a \$20.00 wrapped gift for our auction fundraiser. Mark the gift for man or lady. . Dianne Earnest announced her watercolor art pieces were for sale. Tom Pagel said he is headed to Chuck's Produce to buy potatoes for the food bank. Anyone who would like can donate money so he can buy even more. The Sweetheart dinner will be at The Lanes again (Thank You) on Sunday Feb. 9th. Details to follow.

RAFFLE: Mike Grimm won \$38.00 and the club received \$37.00.

REFRESHMENTS: Roberta Emrick & Dianne Earnest served "fun" snacks of pretzels and candies.

ADJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned by Jerry Lane.

Submitted by Sherry Rusunen

2020 Club Membership Dues

They are due by the December Club Meeting. Please make payment at or before the December meeting or send your check for \$20 to:

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Front Page Photo

Jerry Lane's Model A is the first to lead the Volcano A's in the Veterans Day Parade at Ft. Vancouver.

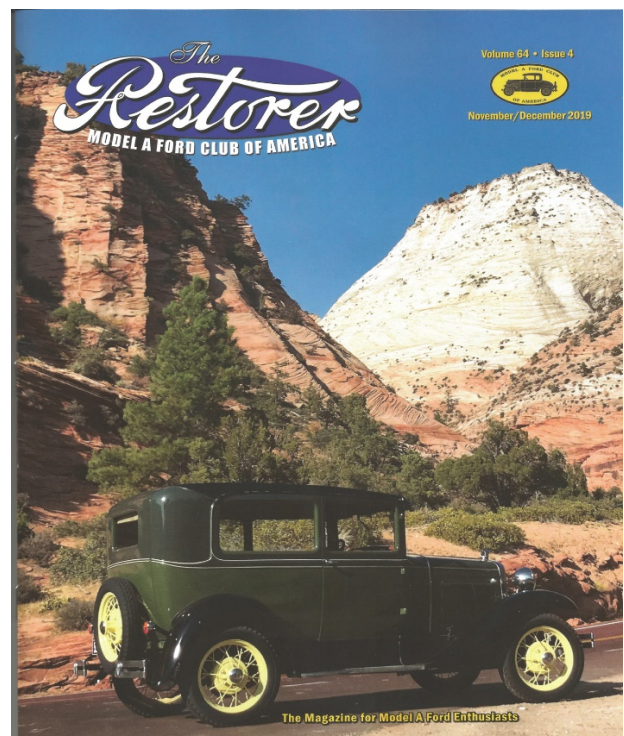


2020 Club Calendars

2020 Volcano A's Calendar (\$10.00/ea.) will be available at the December Meeting for those that had ordered them.



Restorer Nov-Dec 2019 Issue



Tiny Tips

STEERING GEAR LUBRICATION

As a suggestion, the next time you service your steering gear, fill the box with as much chassis lube as you can pump into it. Then fill in the voids with all the EP-140 gear lubricant that it will hold. Then turn the steering gear from stop to stop and then add EP-140 to the top once again.

You see, all steering gears are prone to leak with normal use. By using chassis lube you will provide a non-leaking medium that will tend to seal the leakage area while the EP-140 will provide the extreme pressure lubrication for severe metal to metal lubrication.

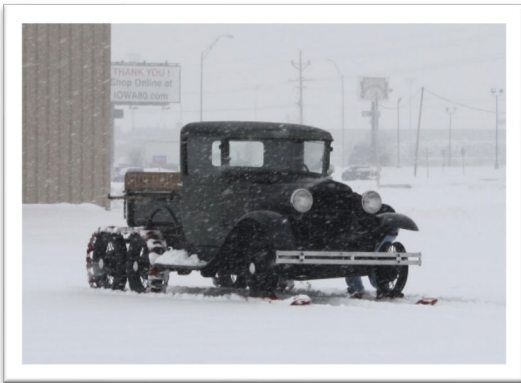
In other words, the grease will keep the lubricating oil on the job.

Patent Cures



Red E. Power

Model A Pickup in Snow



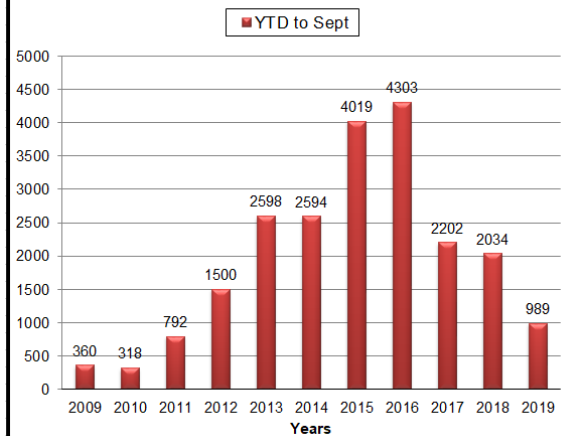
Stop the Winter Wind!



Community Service

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Food Collection & Donations by Year



Winter Begins Dec 22, 2019



2020 Club Officers

2020 Club Officers and Annual Club Awards will be announced at the December meeting.

Meet Your Model A Members



John & Dianne Earnest 1929 Woody Wagon

In 1994 we met Al Hollan, from Mica, Washington, who showed us his Woodie wagon and explained he had parts for another one, which he was selling. In the fall 1998, I called him back to see if it was still for sale. In May, 1999, Art Pugsley and Al Hollan brought "most" of the parts including the hacked down pickup version shown in the before picture.

Some beautiful wood already cut and ready for fitting and finishing came with the package.

The wood pattern in this Woodie is particularly beautiful as it is cut from one piece of wood and the grains match all the way across the sides. I had enough original parts that I decided to try to use all original parts in the restoration process.

With the help of many people, the Woodie was slowly coming tighter. It was a fun hobby. Then when I discovered the National Meet was coming to Portland in 2004, the hobby became more of a job as I tried to finish in time for the meet, logging over 1700 hours of time spent on the project. After false starts with a mouse nest in the gas tank, broken carburetor, and clogged filters, the Woodie made it to the 2004 National Model A meet in Portland!

After being judged (against a standard based on what a new Model A Ford Woodie would be like coming off the showroom floor) it won 416 points, which awarded it the highly coveted AWARD OF EXCELLENCE!

Lava Ladies



The Veterans Assistance Center was thrilled to receive our donation of sweats. They had just run out and were going to begin looking for supply sources so our donation was very timely and much appreciated!

It feels so good and I am very proud to belong to our club that is so generous in our community service activities. I look forward to our January planning meeting, I can't wait to see what new adventures await us.

I'm also looking forward to our annual Christmas potluck, it's always an amazing meal with so many good cooks! See you Monday, December 9th at 6:00 pm.

Dian

Model A ERA Fashion



Ford Advertisement



Upcoming Events

December 9 - Christmas Party at 6:00 PM
The Lane's Museum
January 13 - Monthly Volcano A's Meeting

Future MAFCA Events

Central CA Regional Group Jamboree
2020 - April 16-18 - Bakersfield, CA
Host: Bakersfield Chapter

Midwest Regional Meet
2020 - May 31 - June 5 - Overland Park, KS
Host: Plain OL A's

MAFCA National Convention
2020 - June 21-26 - Kerrville, TX
Host: Alamo A's

MAFCA Information

The **Model A Ford Club of America, Inc. (MAFCA)** is a California non-profit corporation and a national historical society dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Model A Ford vehicles as manufactured from 1928 through 1931. MAFCA's members are dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of Ford vehicles of that era. MAFCA is the largest club in the world dedicated to one make of automobile. Volcano A members are urged to join the Model A Ford Club of America, Inc. Visit the MAFCA website for a membership application. Dues are \$50 yearly and include a subscription to **The Restorer**.

Articles and contributions are encouraged and may be used as space permits. The deadline for all articles is the 20th of the preceding month. The Volcano View is a monthly publication of the Volcano A's Chapter - MAFCA. E-mail all proposed articles to: rusunen@comcast.net.

Jim's Tech Tip

Towing Your Model A on a Trailer



There will be times when you need to transport your Model A on a trailer. Here's a tip on trailer loading to help you tow safely.



When the car is loaded on the trailer, the tongue weight of the trailer on the trailer hitch (on the back of your car or truck) should be between 10-15% of the total weight of the combined "trailer+Model A". If you load the trailer with less than 10% of the weight on the hitch, the trailer will sway as the speed increases, which is very dangerous. Over 15% can put too much unnecessary load on the back of your tow vehicle, which can take weight off of your front wheels (needed for steering and braking) – which is also not good.

How do you know the weight of your "trailer+Model A"? I took my car on the trailer to my local feed store where they have a scale. Many truck stops also have scales. I parked the loaded trailer on the scale, disconnected my truck, and moved the truck off the scale. They charge a small fee to give you the weight. Once I had that total weight, it was easy to calculate 10% and 15% of that. For example, if your "trailer+Model A" is 4,200 pounds, your Target Tongue Weight is 420 to 630 pounds, call it 525.

Once you know the Target Tongue Weight that you are shooting for, how do you know what the actual tongue weight is when you put the Model A on the trailer? You can figure it out with a ruler or tape measure.

Go to a building supply store (like Home Depot) with your tow vehicle and no trailer. Measure and record the distance between the bottom of the trailer hitch and the ground. Now start loading 80# bags of dry concrete mix into your car trunk or truck bed until you have loaded your Target Tongue Weight. (I had a helpful young guy at HD load them in for me.) The exact load is not critical, but it must be above your 10% number. Now measure and record the distance between the bottom of the trailer hitch and the ground again. Once you have those 2 numbers, you can ask the helpful lad at the store to unload all those bags and put them back! Thankfully, you only have to do this exercise one time.

With these 2 measurements, before and after the load was added, you can quickly figure out the change in height above the ground when you have your Target Tongue Weight on the back of your tow vehicle. This CHANGE in the height of your trailer hitch is the HITCH DROP that you need to get when you load your Model A on the trailer.

Before attaching the trailer to your tow vehicle in the future, measure the height of the trailer hitch above the ground. Now attach the trailer and load your Model A on it. Pull the Model A forward on the trailer until your trailer hitch has dropped by your Target Hitch Drop. You can roll the Model A forward and backward a bit on the trailer to get the amount of drop that you are shooting for. Now tie the Model A down in this position on the trailer and be confident that you have enough, but not too much, tongue weight on your trailer hitch.

I have marked on my trailer the best spot to load a Model A to get the target tongue weight and hitch drop. When I put them on the mark, the tongue weight is correct.

For more tips on safe towing, check out the following web site:
<https://www.curtmfg.com/towing-safety>

Let's be careful out there, and Have a Model A Day!

Jim Cannon



Header from the MAFCA Website

MAFCA President's Page – Doug Clayton

December 2019

The Grandest of Tours



The Canyonlands Tour, what an amazing trip! I admit that driving around in a Model A is wonderful way to spend a few days. However, when you combine the fun of touring with some of the most scenic National Parks in the whole country, the excitement becomes almost unbearable. 350+ registrants made it to Kanab Utah in early October to share and enjoy the majestic vistas as well as each other's company. Even though we had anticipated this event for over 4 years, reality exceeded all our expectations. The weather cooperated, the Model A's cooperated (only a couple of breakdowns) and even the traffic cooperated. Congratulations to the Steering Committee for a job well done!

The next big event for MAFCA will be the **National Awards Banquet** in Claremont California, December 2-5. With registrations now approaching 250, this promises to be another terrific event. For those members who have never attended a National Awards Banquet, you are missing a most enjoyable time with seminars, local tours and a very relaxed atmosphere. Sign up while you still can.

Last week, we received the sad news that MAFCA has lost another one of our great contributors (and a close friend), Tim Johnstone. Back in 1986, then President Bob Swigert appointed Tim Johnstone, John Hargrave and me to the Judging Standards Committee which was, at the time involved, with printing a revision to the Judging Standards (now the Restoration Guidelines). Tim was already known for his in-depth research and restoration on Model A Station Wagons. John Hargrave went on to serve as MAFCA President in 1992, while Tim and I continued to work on every revision of the Guidelines since then. Tim also was the head of the Woody Wagons Special Interest Group, providing detailed help to countless restorers over the years. He served as Chief Judge at the 1994 Joint Convention in Tacoma, the 2008 Convention in Dallas and was appointed to serve as Chief Judge for the upcoming Kerrville meet next year. He was made a Life Member in 2004 for his tireless efforts. We will all miss him.

Now that we are back home, I am getting back to my "5S" efforts to straighten up the garage. This consists of the five basic steps - sort, straighten, shine (or sweep), standardize, and sustain. Well, I am still sorting, but I have done some straightening and cleaning as well. At the start of the project, I envisioned following the 5 steps in order, and finishing up in a month or two. Now reality has set in! Although the garage looks much better, I am starting to measure my success in feet. That is, how many feet of useful garage space can I clear and clean up in a day or weekend? Wish me luck, a little warm weather and I will be out test driving one of the Model A's!

MAFFI Newsletter Minute

November 2019



In an effort to keep our museum exhibits new and different, we have appreciated our association with NATMUS (National Automotive and Truck Museum) in Auburn, Indiana. They have been willing to use several of our Model A Trucks and service vehicles in one of their exhibits and have made several improvements to display them. This has opened up areas in our museum to bring in newly donated vehicles and to showcase others. Dave Yarde who is one of our Trustees is also the Executive Director of NATMUS and we appreciate his willingness to work with us on this effort. Also, a special thank you to Randy Czubko and his grandson Tyler, Stan and Mary Sorrels, Greg Fish, Jerry Morrissey and Lou Ironside for their help in the move.

If you haven't been to NATMUS, you should make it a destination. It is well worth seeing and it is adjacent to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum which also has an amazing showroom of beautiful cars.

Vintage Gas: Grand Opening of Salt Lake City Firestone Service Store



Updated-During the late-1920s and the 1930s, the Firestone, Goodyear and BF Goodrich tire companies in an effort to cash in on the automobile service market opened service centers that not only sold tires but also offered car and truck service. The grand opening celebration of this new and modern *Firestone Service Store* located in the greater Salt Lake City, Utah area was held on Friday and Saturday, August 24th and 25th, 1934.

A couple of things of note in the image are the fuel pumps and the car on display on the far-left of the photo. The gas pumps are deluxe "merchandising" units with the bottom section enclosed in glass for the display automotive parts and sundries. Reader Robert Rampton has identified the automobile inside of the gathering of men on the left as *AB Jenkins' 1932 Pierce-Arrow roadster* he used for his first 24-hour record attempt on the Bonneville Salt Flats. Jenkins lived in Salt Lake City and Firestone was one of his sponsors so it appears he brought the Pierce out to help promote the Grand Opening.

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For Sale Items or Wanted

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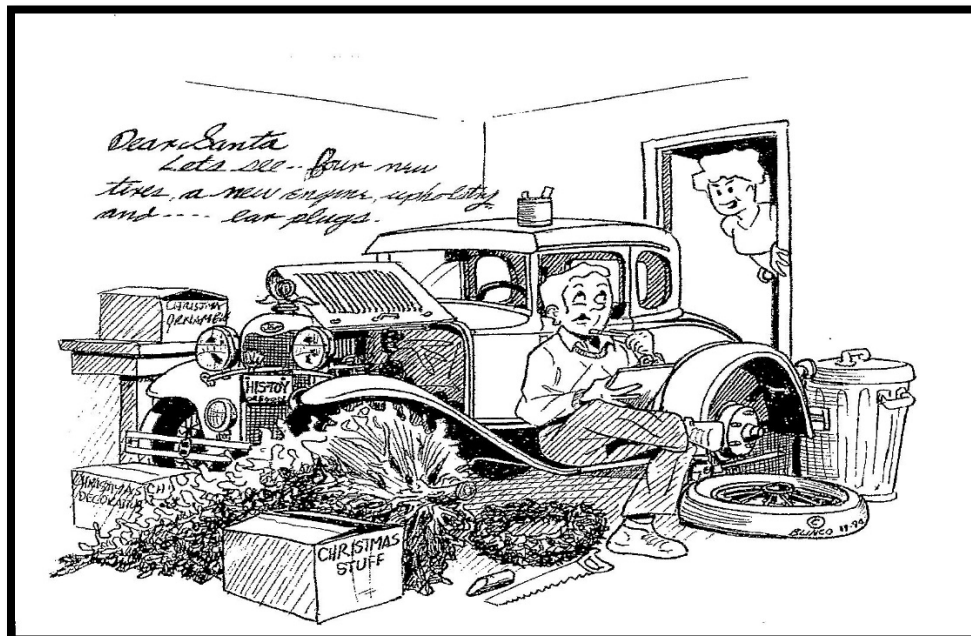
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A Car Party for All
**First Saturday
in December
2019**



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