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Meeting: Church of the Nazarene – 16850 NE Fourth Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA - Second Monday of Month – 7:00 PM Take-Out only at Benny's Pizza & Café on 4219 St Johns Rd NE, Vancouver, WA

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Celebrate Independence Day July 4th 2020



Photo from the Ridgefield Parade 2019



President's Note June 25, 2020

Well not much to report on at this time, as the virus is keeping us home and being safe.

We really enjoyed the lower Cascade Mountain tour Corley organized, the drive thru Dole Valley, Silver Star and Larch Mountain, all part of the Yacolt burn which happened many years ago. Some of my memories include hunting, fishing, and climbing 150' tall Nobel fir trees to pick their cones, we were paid \$5.00 per 100 lb. grain burlap sacks. Today \$5 seems like a small amount for such a dangerous job, we were thrilled for the opportunity as farm labor paid \$1 per hour and if we were in good picking \$5.00 per hour was our income, not bad for a high school kid with a gas guzzling car.

We are anxiously waiting for Corley's July tour to Trout Lake and surrounding area. I hope my old chicken coop can make it, so I don't win a second award, if our friend Jim shows up, he would probably beat me out for the award.

> Keep it safe, Jerry



Front Page Photo

Model A's at a rest stop just after passing the Larch Mountain Correctional Facility to stretch and exercise the legs.



<u>Anniversaries</u>

- 12 Marlin Binder & Kay Scott
- 18 Leonard & Linda Willey
- 26 Dickson & Bibbi Lee
- 27 Ken & Louise Berg

<u>Birthdays</u>

- 9 Carma Huset
- 13 Pat Cox
- 24 Kay Scott (Binder)

<u>Saturday - July 18th Tour</u> <u>Meet at 8:15 & start at 8:30 sharp</u>

We will start at the Nazarene church where we hold our monthly meetings, cruise through the hills to Washougal, then head on up the gorge. We will then head north to Trout Lake, where we will stop for lunch, and hold the July club meeting. Does "Wood Fired Pizza" sound good after a morning of cruising? After lunch, we will make a stop at "Studebaker Bob's" to view his projects, then head for home. To get back home, we will head cross country, traveling through Gifford Pinchot National Forest, on our way to Swift Dam, Cougar, Amboy, and home. We plan to put together a challenge for the navigators to compete along the way. This is a pretty long tour, and a full day for the model As, so come prepared for tons of fun!

Always, reminders about wearing face masks when in public and keeping socially distant are important if we are to do these tours. This threat to our health is not over, by any means. Masks are not a political statement; they are a health issue! Smart/thinking people will wear their masks when practical and social conditions indicate their use.

<u>Meet Your Model A Members</u>



<u>Jerry & Dian Lane – 1930 Fordor Town Sedan</u>

From the early days of our Model A Ford Club activity (1999), the first car was a 1931 Tudor purchased from Sue Perry of the Beaver Club courtesy help from Floyd Hickel. The car was a great driver and still is.

In 2002 we had a chance to purchase a 1929 Tudor which was freshly restored, also a great driver that we've put almost 20,000 miles on.

After 14 years of driving we thought a Fordor would be more comfortable, so started the search. After looking in The Restorer and Hemmings I found a 1930

Fordor located in Chico California owned by Ivan Hoath for 51 years. After several phone calls we decided to drive our pickup and trailer to Chico, after an early start we arrived in Chico in the late afternoon, after meeting Ivan and his wife we took about a 10-mile drive and everything seemed OK. So, we ended up making a deal which included a truck load of extra parts. The next morning, we loaded the pickup about 6' high and then loaded the car on the trailer with extra wheels and large parts under the car with an extra motor and transmission chained on the end of the trailer. We said our good byes and headed up the road looking like the Beverly Hillbillies.

We drove North to Redding then Hwy 299 to Arcata, then enjoying two days driving the coast Hwy home.

<u>Volcano A's General Membership Meeting Minutes</u> Friday June 19, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Jerry Lane called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. prior to our tour beginning to East County.

TREASURER: Linda Willey reported all finances were in order and all bills up to date.

TOURS: Roger Green said there a is a tour being planned for Sat. July 18th. We will meet at the church parking lot on Fourth Plain where we have our regular monthly meetings. More details are forthcoming in future emails. Stay tuned.

NEW BUSINESS: There has been a loss to our club membership; Mike LaFleur has passed away. He is Cassandra's husband and Roger and Kathy Green's son-in-law. Please remember them in your prayers. There is no 4th of July parade this year due to the pandemic. Most all Model A events nationally have been canceled. This makes our "social distance" tours even more important!! We will have a short July club meeting on July 18th prior to our departure for the tour.

ADJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Submitted by Sherry Rusunen

Model A ERA Driving Gloves



<u>Goodrich Advertisement</u>

Women Fashions for the 1930's



Future MAFCA Events

National Awards Banquet

2020 – December 3-6 – Fort Worth, TX Host: Fort Worth Model A Club

MAFCA National Tour

2021 – June 20-24 – North Conway, New Hampshire Host: New Hampshire Lakes Region MAC





In Memory of Michael R. LaFleur – Volcano A's Club Member

June 25, 1974 ~ May 30, 2020

Michael R. LaFleur, 45, Ridgefield, Washington, died Sunday, May 30, 2020, at home, while writing a grocery list from what appeared to be a grand mal seizure.

Mike was born June 25, 1974, in Covina, California.

Mike's father, Michael H. LaFleur, was the first Japanese/ American baby adopted out of Japan after WWII and he was adopted by a single French woman living in the United States. From Mike's appearance it sure looks like the U.S. GI must have been a Native American.

Mike was very devoted to his family and loved a good laugh.

Mike is survived by his wife, Cassandra (Green) LaFleur; and his daughter, Leeya Ohanna LaFleur (LOL); brothers, Marcus LaFleur, Portland, OR and Tom Monson, Tampa, FL; many half siblings; and step parents, Brad and Kim Holman, Florence, AZ.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Michael H.

LaFleur, West Palm Beach, FL and Raylene Monson, Amboy, WA.

Because of the Covid-19 virus, no services will be held at this time. Mike will be interned at the Bethel Cemetery, Ridgefield, WA.

Mike really loved kids so if you were inclined to send flowers, instead would you please support a local group, in your area, that helps to make kids' lives better.



Checking out our SPRINGS (AKA June Tour)

On June 19th, an intrepid group of Volcano Aers embarked upon a quest to examine the effectiveness of their model A springs. That was not the original intent of the mission, but as it turned out, that is what happened. Before the "TOUR" began, (it was advertised as a 'tour', but...) a short and somewhat informal club meeting was held, wherein it was decided to hold another meeting next month, not at the regular time and place, but, in of all places, Trout Lake. More on that later... After that, the "TOUR" ensued. A "Get out of the house, and drive through the countryside" tour, as it was touted to be, started out calm enough, with some smooth tarmac roads and simple cruising. There were 9 cars, 7 of which were model As, plus two modern cars. (Did those guys forget this is a model A tour? One wonders...) Anyway, a pretty decent turnout considering we have been in lockdown and all.

The tour took a path up along the east fork of the Lewis river, and down through Dole Valley. Dole Valley must be misnamed, because we saw NO PINAPPLES. At some point along the way, there was a sign that said "End of County Road". This started the Gifford Pinchot National Forest roads. It is the opinion of this author that the national Gifford Pinchot National Forest budget might be too small, as the roads soon deteriorated into a series of dust followed by pot holes, followed by more dust and more potholes. Then, we spotted an outhouse, followed shortly by the Larch Mountain Honor camp. We voted on leaving those driving the modern cars at the prison, but eventually decided that they were so old they would never survive that harsh treatment, and allowed them to continue to follow along (eating our dust). Then the road got worse.

Model A springs are amazing things. As the road went from dust/potholes to almost all potholes, the springs got a real workout, and proved once again the genius of H.W. Spring, the inventor of the model A spring. I imagine he got rich off of this patent, as these puppies really work! Of course, they have their limits as everything does, and if you hit said pothole at a speed near supersonic, (or above 5 mph), you can be thrown up in your seat until the chicken wire in your model A's roof is also tested for strength.

The good news: The springs passed the test. In fact, they exceeded all expectations, and were given an overall rating of 11. (The scale is 0-10, so go figure...)

The bad news: The chicken wire tested not so good, and Mr. H.W.Chicken has more work to do before his wealth exceeds his IQ. The rating was only a 3-.

After the test was completed, eventually another sign appeared, something about entering civilization, and the road magically got smoother. Must be a different budget. And, luckily for the group, it led us to the Stardust Diner, where we were treated like royalty, and fed some great food, under the cover of a shade canopy instantiated especially for us. (It was a hot sunny day, and you should have shown up!) While waiting for the food to digest, and generally telling lies to each other, it was decided that at the next meeting, Bob, your editor, will give a presentation on "The Anatomy of a Pothole". Stay tuned, and don't miss that meeting; which will be held at "Studebaker Bobs", in Trout Lake. It should be a riveting epistle.

So, if you missed the June "tour" and the springs test, you really missed out on an opportunity to catch up with our friends in the model A world, tell / listen to a lot of lies. Of course, you can just turn on the TV to hear a lot of lies, but these were much more personal, and interesting. There is good news though, another fun tour is scheduled for next month, and you have a chance to tell and hear more lies then, plus once again you can test your springs and chicken wire! How great is that? We will meet at the Nazarene Church where we usually hold our meetings at 8:15am, and head out at 8:30. (It is a full day tour, so we need an early start. So please show up with a full tank of fuel!) Most of this tour is on good paved roads, with a couple small sections of spring testing material. Hope to see you then!

PS Bring your camera, there will be some wonderful photo ops...

Photos from the Countryside Tour



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: rrusunen@comcast.net



MAFCA President's Page – Some Thoughts from Bill

Header from the MAFCA Website $June\ 2020$



In May, your Board of Directors made another very difficult decision. We concluded that risk to our members would still be at unacceptable levels in early December, so the Board has cancelled the annual National Awards Banquet (NAB) that was to be held in Fort Worth, Texas. This has been a very disappointing year for our members and we are extremely sorry that we have had to take this action. Like our move to cancel the National Convention originally set for this month, we believe it would be best to avoid even the possibility of COVID-19 problems in December. We are grateful to Fort Worth's Cowtown A's for agreeing to sponsor the event in 2021. They had already made some wonderful plans for 2020 and assure us those plans will

be transferable to next year.

As you know, the National Awards Banquet is when the newly elected Board members are installed for the coming year. That will still happen, but it will be happening at the MAFCA office in La Habra rather than in Fort Worth.

I hope you agree with our decisions. They are unprecedented. Our hope is that 2021 will allow us to get back on track with our national and regional events. Our primary national event for 2021 will be the **MAFCA National Tour** in North Conway, New Hampshire. It will be held from **June 20 through June 24**. Mark your calendar now so you can be sure to get your reservation when the forms become available early next year. The New Hampshire Lakes Region MAC has been working hard to get ready for us. They have a wonderful tour planned with experiences that you will be able to brag about for years to come. And, then there will be the **National Awards Banquet** in Fort Worth, Texas in the **December 2021** time frame. Exact dates will be announced in the near future.

We all wish you continued good health and safety as these days of COVID-19 roll on. If you have a chance to get out and drive your Model A, even around the block a few times, you will feel better just by getting out in your favorite car. I hope to see you soon.

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 <u>The Restorer</u>.

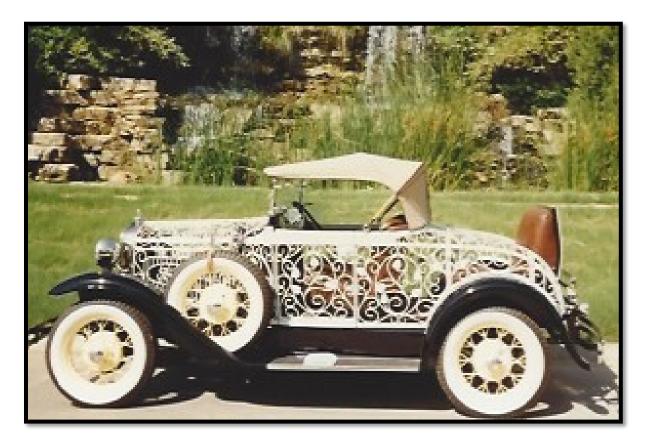
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What's New at the Museum?

A very unique Model A named, "America's Sweetheart" has been donated to the Museum by Dean Weller of Kansas City, Kansas. Jim Spawn, former editor of "The Restorer" lives in Kansas City and has known Mr. Weller for many years. Jim was instrumental in facilitating the donation and has made arrangements for a local club member to transport the car to the museum as soon as possible. If you have a copy of the March/April 1998 Restorer Magazine, you can read the full article on this amazing car.

America's Sweetheart will be on display for Model A Day, September 18-19, 2020.





Goodyear Blimp Sign Offers Tires, GAS, Oil and Service

Motor Tires Inc. opened this new Goodyear tire store at West 2nd Street and South La Brea Avenue, in Los Angeles, CA, in 1931. At the time, many of the Goodyear tire operations in the area that offered gasoline displayed one of the Company's Blimp symbols over the gas pump island.

The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. launched its first blimp (non-rigid airship), the "Pilgrim" in 1925, and the symbol soon caught on in the public's eye. In the early 1930s, airplanes, dirigibles, and zeppelins were quite popular, and ever since then the tire maker has had a small fleet of the airships.

Motor Tires Inc. being an independent, offered four different pumps and brands of gasoline at this location, left to right are Shell "40," Gilmore "Blu-Green," Union, and "Motor Tire." A deluxe oil dispenser is visible in the middle of the pumps. In addition, it was a fully equipped facility that offered the following services: brake repair, lubrication, tire vulcanizing, battery, and electrical repairs.

Source: Theoldmotor.com

For Sale Items or Wanted

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