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### **Club Photo of the Month**



### **July Tour**

Tentative full day tour scheduled for July 18 (subject to change)

We will start at the Nazarene church where we hold our 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. 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 Pichot National Forrest, 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!



## ***President's Note*** ***May 21, 2020***

I hope everyone is healthy and well and surviving the lock down staying physically and mentally active. I feel very fortunate to live in a rural area and having projects to work on. Recently a friend gave me a Wilton Machinist vise built in 10-1962. Old but not as old as me. The vise has almost sixty years of hard use on it coming from a large shop in Woodland, I was happy to receive the vise and could not wait to restore it. This project kept me happy, as I was repurposing it and thinking of our Model A's, as we all know the restoration, ownership, and pride of owning our Model A's is so important at this time.

Thank you, Roger & Corley, for the great tours thanking our First Responders.

*Jerry*

***Jerry's Vise Before***



***Jerry's Vise After***



## **Front Page Photo**

Gary & Joyce Swartz's 1929 Town Sedan and formally owned by Lynn & Marilyn Elvestrom.



## **Anniversaries**

- 2 Rita Dietrich
- 9 Pete Hazard & Jann Jones
- 11 John & Dianne Earnest
- 13 Greg & Shirley Weast
- 14 Rick & Paula Boehm
- 16 Bob & Sherry Rusunen
- 20 Jerry & Carlene Willis

## **Birthdays**

- 6 Linda Freimuth
- 7 Marlin Binder
- 7 Amanda Uthe
- 10 Rita Dietrich
- 11 Gary Swartz
- 12 Janice Bach
- 14 Joanna Simpson
- 17 Ardis Collins
- 20 Richard Pargman
- 22 Roger Green

## **Refreshments**

- July:** Open
- August:** Annual Club Picnic
- September:** Open
- October:** Open
- November:** Dianne Earnest and Roberta Emerick
- December:** Christmas party

### Meet Your Model A Members



#### Sam & Connie Salzman 1929 Ford Model A Sport Coupe

Purchased by Bob Baker at the request of his wife Barbara (Connie's Parents) in the late 1980's from Matthews Memory Lane Motors in Portland. He had a few collectible cars, 1957 and 1962 Thunderbirds as well as a collection of John Deer Tractors.

Bob enjoyed driving it in the Columbia County Oregon area attending many local antique car events.

The Model A was always Connie and my favorite, I am good at fixing things and would help Bob as needed eventually moving the car into Vancouver. We gave it a good cleaning, (left the mice in the barn at Dad's house) adjusted brakes, replaced head gasket, carburetor rebuild and replaced the manifolds early on but other than that only normal maintenance.

We found the Volcano A's Car Club but have not been able to find enough time to attend meetings, events as we would like. Working seemed to take up most of our time, we are hoping to remedy that soon, retirement here we come!

### **Custom Made Tool Display Cases**

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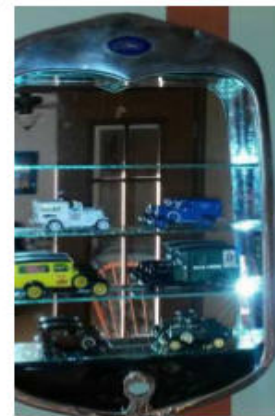
## Ford Factory Body Shop



## Display Idea

Want a unique shelf to display your Model A items? Here a great idea.

Check out your dad's garage, or grandpa's barn, or maybe even tag along to the next swap meet to find an old radiator shell.



This one has a mirror on the back and glass shelves, but I bet it would look just as awesome using other materials as well.

## Future MAFCA Events

### **National Awards Banquet**

2020 – December 3-6 – Fort Worth, TX

Host: Fort Worth Model A Club



**Ron Harper, owner of an “Oil Decarbonizer”**

Ron Harper, long time Model A friend, was many things in life. He was always on the edge of the envelope when it came to fun and playing with our Model A's. He showed up at one Northwest Regional Group meet about 25 years ago with a bunch of wires & tubes connected to a small domed can with a spark plug on top. All this was mounted on the passenger side of the engine in front of the carburetor. That side of the hood was always open so everyone at the meet could see this thing and of course ask about it.

This ‘thing’ attached to his engine was an “Oil Decarbonizer”! Ron was famous for wearing cowboy boots and the stuff really got deep when someone asked about the “thing”. Straight faced, Ron would explain this item was #3 of 4 “Oil Decarbonizers” invented and built in the early 1930's. The others were destroyed by a big oil company that bought the rights to the invention to keep it secret from the public.

He would continue on to explain he had not changed oil since installing it about five years earlier. Ron would pull out the oil dipstick and show the oil being almost perfectly clean as proof of the functioning. Somehow, he never remembered he had actually changed to oil just before leaving home and that was not part of the story anyway.

People just had to know more about this incredible accessory & Ron explained how it functioned so ingeniously. Engine oil was cycled through the small domed container and the spark plug would fire on every fourth revolution of the engine, burning the carbon out of the oil. People were amazed. Amazed at the story, the delivery and the inventive mind that created all that crap. The story was honed and improved over

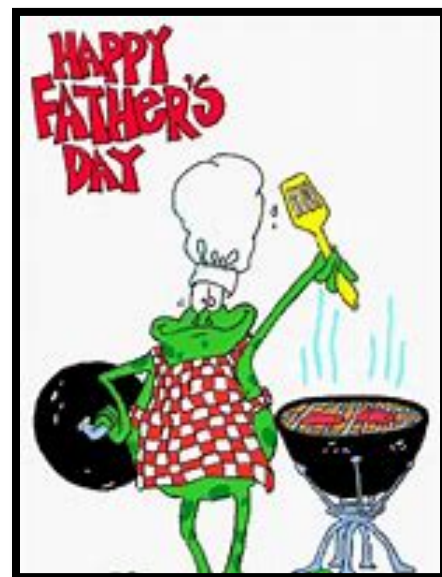
time but any con man would have been proud of the delivery from the beginning. Reactions were mixed but most people took it as fun and part of the good fellowship of the meet. Some were convinced “Big Oil” would do such things and still others were agitated that anyone would modify a Model A Ford in any way.

The highest compliment came a year later at the next Northwest Regional Group's Meet when another guy had had built a similar one of these contraptions! It was called an “Acme Electrosark” this time and it even had a nice decal on the side to prove it. Most of the details of the Electrosark were different from the Decarbonizer, but the story line was still evolving and continued to improve.

This adventure all started when Ron was cleaning stuff out of his desk at the end of the school year and found many of the random components. This same man was a teacher to middle school kids who loved him dearly for his creativity and dedication. He made their days more fun and they actually were learning during History class.

He is missed.

**June 21, 2020**





### **Tech Tip for Your Model A**

#### **Don't let your Model A just sit.**

In this time with the COVID 19 restrictions that prevent us from getting out and participating in most Model A activities, we tend to just let our cars sit in the garage. Just like the owners, our Model A's need to get out and get some exercise. If possible every week or so take your Model A for a drive, even if it is just around the neighborhood.

Just starting up your Model A every so often and letting it idle for a while may be doing more harm than good. By exercising your car on the road, the engine is brought up to temperature which helps reduce condensation and harmful deposits from forming in the crankcase and the running gear components get properly lubricated. Exercising your Model A on a regular schedule is good for both the car and the owner.

Reprint from Santa Anita A's – May Issue



### **Stay Positive Folks. We shall overcome.**

For a small amount of perspective at this moment, imagine you were born in 1900. When you are 14, World War I starts, and ends on your 18th birthday with 22 million people killed. Later in the year, a Spanish Flu epidemic hits the planet and runs until you are 20. Fifty million people die from it in those two years. Yes, 50 million. When you're 29, the Great Depression begins. Unemployment hits 25%, global GDP drops 27%. That runs until you are 33. The country nearly collapses along with the world economy. When you turn 39, World War II starts. You aren't even over the hill yet.

When you're 41, the United States is fully pulled into WWII. Between your 39th and 45th birthday, 75 million people perish in the war and the Holocaust kills six million. At 52, the Korean War starts and five million perish.

At 64 the Vietnam War begins, and it doesn't end for many years. Four million people die in that conflict. Approaching your 62nd birthday you have the Cuban Missile Crisis, a tipping point in the Cold War. Life on our planet, as we know it, could well have ended. Great leaders prevented that from happening.

As you turn 75, the Vietnam War finally ends. Think of everyone on the planet born in 1900. How do you survive all of that? A kid in 1985 didn't think their 85-year-old grandparent understood how hard school was. Yet those grandparents (and now great grandparents) survived through everything listed above.

Perspective is an amazing art. Let's try and keep things in perspective. Let's be smart, help each other out, and we will get through all of this. In the history of the world, there has never been a storm that lasted. This too, shall pass.



## **MAFFI Newsletter Minute**

**May 2020**

What's new at the Museum you might ask? Well, in spite of the mandatory closure due to Covid19 the Board of Trustees have been working hard behind the scenes in anticipation of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Model A Day, September 19, 2020. There have been new projects underway to make the museum more enjoyable. We are hoping to have the Interactive Chassis up and running for Model A Day. A Vintage Post Card machine to go along with our Penny Machine will give you more ways to take home a souvenir of your day at the Museum. Recently some of our Trustees have been also working on a complete collection of Model A Jim Beam Bottles to have on display. Two new donations to the Museum are The America's Sweetheart (see article in *The Restorer* Mar/Apr 1998) and a Sears Tractor Conversion!



The response to the 2019 Model A Day Pins and the 20 Millionth Model A Pins has been great. If you didn't get your order in, contact Suzan O'Neale ([oneale31@gmail.com](mailto:oneale31@gmail.com)). She will be able to let you know what is still available.

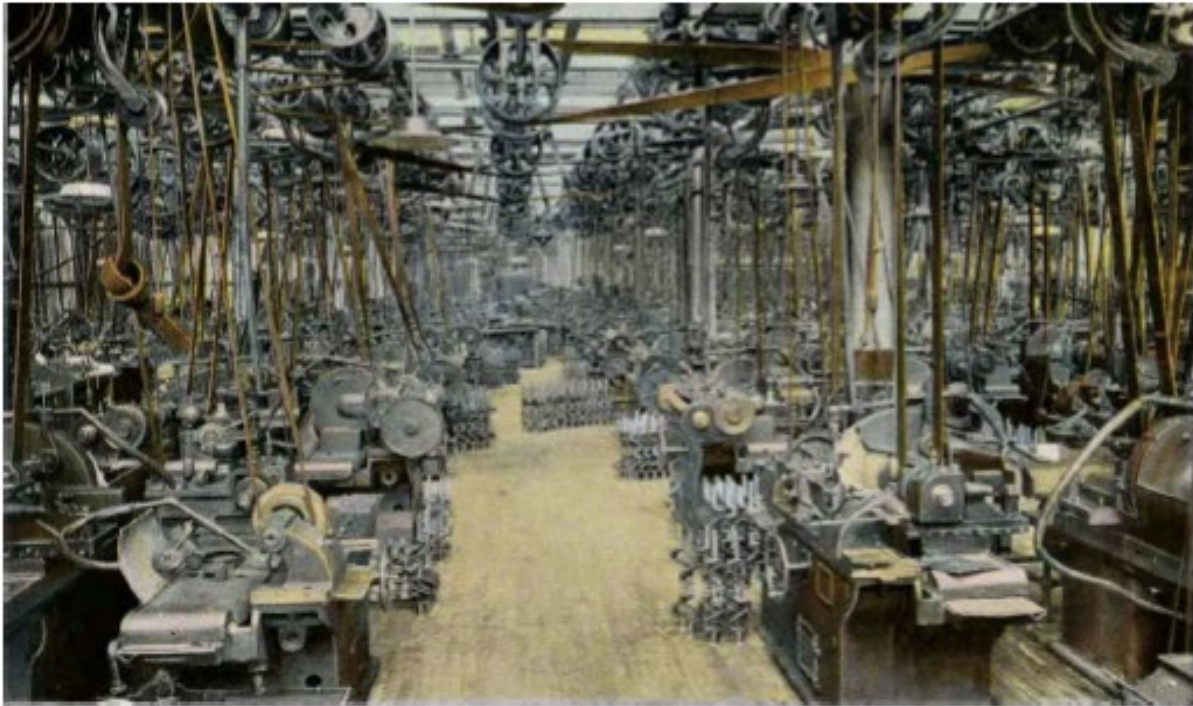
Make sure to get in your hotel reservations for Model A Day if you haven't done so. Our host hotel is the Four Points by Sheraton in Kalamazoo. Call them directly to get our Model A Day room rate (269)385-3922. **DO NOT CALL THE SHERATON 800 NUMBER!** There are other hotels in the vicinity as well if the Four Points is sold out and also RV and camping areas.

## **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**.

## Ford Motor Company Pictures (1903 - 1917)

(Thanks to Tom Christenson)



**Crank Shaft Grinding Department.... 50 miles of Belting to drive the Ford Machinery**



**1000 Ford Model T Chassis. In 1916 Ford Production was as high as 2768 cars in one day!**

*Reprint from Central Iowa Model Club Newsletter*



**Thank You to all Doctors, Nurses, First Responders, Law Enforcement & Grocery Workers**

**Tour Number 2**



**Model “A” Ford To Go – Taylor Truck-a-Way Co.**



This load of three new 1930 Model “A” Fords is on a semi-trailer manufactured by the Taylor Truck-a-Way Co. of Los Angeles, CA. At the time, a rig of this type was used for local and regional transport, and *long-distance transport of automobiles* was handled primarily by train. The lightweight trailer frame is constructed in the form of a lattice truss that is resistant to bending. The lower part of the fifth wheel hitch on the truck is of the conventional type but uses a lightweight horizontal top section, as seen in the second photo below.

The invention of the semi-trailer is attributed to *August C. Fruehauf* and Otto Neumann, and the first one was constructed in 1914 in Fruehauf’s blacksmith shop in Detroit, MI. The firm later used a hitch invented by Hermann Farr and produced by Charles Martin’s Rocking Hitch Company in Springfield, MA, before developing its own device.

Source: Theoldmotor.com

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