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Meeting: Church of the Nazarene – 16850 NE Fourth Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA - Second Monday of Month – 7:00 PM Friday Lunch (11:00am) at Benny's Pizza & Café on 4219 St Johns Rd NE, Vancouver, WA 98661

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### <u>President's Message</u> <u>February 25, 2022</u>

We had a sweet Valentine's Party at the Lane's Museum. Thank you, Jerry & Dian, for

hosting us!

And at the party we met Don & Ramona Olson, new club members. They have a '29 Phaeton, dark green in color (green is my favorite color you know!). We need to help Don get it running after a long sleep. By the way, we know it's a small Model world, when I described the car to Art, he thought he knew it and he does. It was the Stahlnecker's car that Art had worked on in the mid 80's!

A few of our daffodils have bloomed this week, even though it snowed yesterday. Flowers blooming, Covid numbers coming down, Model A's coming out of winter storage, tours happening – **Things are looking up and I'm optimistic for a great Model A season!** 

Sincerely, Roger Green, President, Volcano A's

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"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world" -Anne Frank

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: <u>rrusunen@comcast.net</u>

## <u>Refreshment Committee</u>

Volunteer members provide refreshment at the monthly meetings.

- Mar: Dian Lane & Nancy Wooldridge
- Apr: Lynn Mattingley & Sherry Rusunen
- May: Open
- Jun: Open
- Jul: Open
- Aug: Annual Club Potluck Picnic
- Sep: Open
- Oct: Open
- Nov: Open
- Dec: Christmas Party & Gift Auction

### March Celebrations



Tom Pagel	1
Karen Huset	4
Ken Holtmann	13
Bob Rusunen	16
Angela Parrish	21
Sandy Pagel	22
Corley Wooldridge	24
Sam Salzman	25



Jack & Lynn Mattingley	1
Steve & Marjorie Pargeter	20
Tom & Sandy Pagel	30

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## <u>Volcano A's General Membership</u> <u>Meeting Minutes</u>

Monday February 14, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER:** Roger Green called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. This meeting was held in conjunction with our Sweetheart dessert gathering at the Lanes' Museum.

**GUESTS:** Roger introduced new members Don & Ramona Olson who own a 1929 Phaeton.

**TREASURER:** Leonard Willey gave the financial report.

**TOURS:** Gary Swartz announced we will have a tour to the Ridgefield Wildlife Reserve on Sat. Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Battle Ground Albertson's parking lot at 10:00. For those who wish, you can meet at the United Methodist Church at 1410 S, Hillhurst at 10:00. The others will pick up those at the church shortly after 10:00. The tour starts at the Hillhurst Reserve entrance. It is a "stay in the car" drive through. Bring your binoculars! Lunch will follow at the Sportsman Bar and Grill.

**INSURANCE:** Gary Swartz investigated the MAFCA insurance policy we carry as MAFCA members. We all need to have our own insurance policy on our cars. That is the primary coverage. MAFCA insurance is the secondary policy, which will pick up any extra costs. You are covered by MAFCA insurance when on a tour with our club. If you leave the tour and go out on your own, you are no longer covered by MAFCA.

EDITOR/WEBMASTER: No report.

**LAVA LADIES:** Dian Lane reported the refreshment list has openings.

**SUNSHINE:** Karen Huset reported she was stepping down as our Sunshine leader. Carma Huset has volunteered to take over. Thank you, Carma.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Roger brought the new 2022 budget to a vote. It was first and seconded by Jerry Lane and Linda Wiley, respectively. It was also announced that Don Knudsen has passed away. Funeral details are pending.

**RAFFLE:** Karen Huset won the 50/50 raffle. She and the club each received \$27.00.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Following the meeting, we had a delicious "Sweetheart" dessert party!!

ADJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned by Roger Green.

Submitted by Sherry Rusunen

### **Upcoming Club Events**

- Mar 14 Monthly Volcano A's Meeting
- Mar 19-20 **40**<sup>th</sup> Almost Spring Swap Meet & Car Show, Washington State Fair,

110 9<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Puyallup, WA

- Apr 11 Monthly Volcano A';s Meeting
- May 9 Monthly Volcano A's Meeting
- May 21-22 **Monroe Swap Meet**, Evergreen State Fairgrounds,14405 179<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Monroe, WA
- Jun 13 Monthly Volcano A's Meeting
- Jul 4 Ridgefield July 4th Parade
- Jul 11 Monthly Volcano A's Meeting
- Aug 8 Monthly Volcano A's Club Picnic
- Sep 12 Volcano A's Meeting
- Sep TBD Annual President's Tour and Regional Meet
- Oct 10 Volcano A's Meeting
- Nov 11 Ft Vancouver Veteran's Day Parade
- Nov 14 Volcano A;s Meeting
- Dec 12 Volcano A's Christmas Party

### Portland Swap Meet

Apr 1-3 Portland Expo Center, Portland, OR





### Future MAFCA Events

### **MAFCA** National Convention

June 12-17, 2022 Kerrville, Texas Host: Alamo A's

### **National Awards Banquet**

December 5-8, 2022 Golden, Colorado Host: Model A Club of Colorado

### Proposed 2022 Model A Tours

- March 26: Tour of Pearson's Air Museum
- **April:** Open TBD
- May: Open TBD
- **June:** Poker Run to the country, train ride and lunch.
- **July:** Ridgefield July 4th Parade and lunch.
- August: Club Tour and Picnic.
- **September:** President's Tour & Regional Meet in Spokane.
- **October:** Open TBD
- **November:** -Veteran's Day Parade and lunch.
- **December:** Christmas Potluck Dinner and Gift Auction.

### Lava Ladies

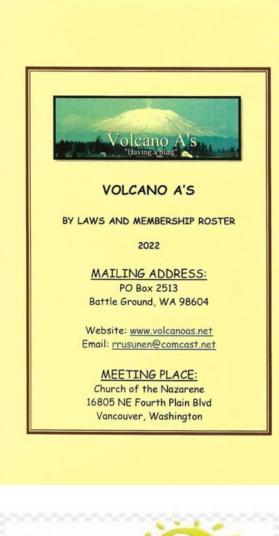
We have a luncheon scheduled for Noon on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Lane's Museum. The luncheon will be "Costco style" costing us each \$5.00. I'd like to get a head count at our March meeting or drop me a text or email to let me know you are coming. Bring your ideas and suggestions for events and community service projects for this year – it looks like we will be able to get out and about – HURRAY!!

Look forward to seeing you all soon! Dian.

## 2022 Roster

### <u>Sunday March 13, 2022</u>

The 2022 Club By-Laws and Roster will be available at monthly club meetings.





Olson, Donald & Ramona 7535 Carolina Lane Vancouver, WA 98664-2150 ramonasidon@comcast.net 503-901-0218 1929 Model A Phaeton



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### Model A Ford Advertisement



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# <u>St Patrick's Day</u>

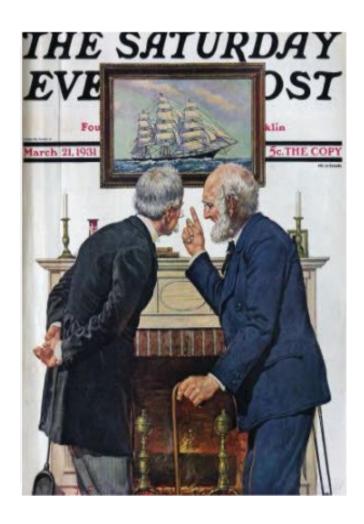


### Why green clothes?

Wearing green has become a staple of St. Patrick's Day, but the holiday was originally associated with the color blue. It's thought that the shift to green happened because of Ireland's nickname "The Emerald Isle," the green in the Irish flag and the shamrock, or clover. Green ribbons and shamrocks were worn as early as the 17th century. During the Irish Rebellion of 1798, an uprising against British rule in Ireland, Irish soldiers wore full green uniforms on March 17 to make a political statement. Legend has it that wearing green makes a person invisible to leprechauns that will pinch someone if they see them. In Ireland, some people still adhere to the tradition of Catholics wearing green and Protestants wearing orange, the colors that represent their respective religious sects on the Irish flag.

Reprint from: Quail Tale- March 2022





### **MAFFI Newsletter Minute-February**

The organizers of Model A Days have been busy planning the 2022 Model A Days event. Model A Days 2022 will be for two September days - Friday. 16. and Saturday, September 17, at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. The theme of this year's event is "Model A Trucks." This will include all types such as Panel Deliveries, Stake Beds, Deluxe Deliveries, Pickups, etc. There will be seminars, rides in Model As around the grounds, a great swap meet, and this year a tour to the "Air Zoo" Museum in Kalamazoo, and much more. Final details and registration information will begin to appear after March 1.



# **Model A Ford Club of America**

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The Prez Sez...

March 2022

I'd like to use this months letter as a reminder of things to come. First and foremost, I would like to encourage you to renew your membership in MAFCA for 2022. It is critical so we can send your Restorer out with the bulk mailing each time. Second, I need your help as we work to grow our club. As I stated last month, we are reaching younger folks through our social media efforts. I would like to encourage you to talk about the club. Let the Model A Ford become your brand by wearing our hats and clothing items. As you do you will find people who will share their experiences with the Model A.

We are holding our National Convention this June 12 through 17<sup>th</sup> in Kerrville Texas. I am looking forward to experiencing the Texas Hill Country as presented by our host Chapter the Alamo A's. There is so much wonderful history in the area from the River Walk to the Alamo. I'm told that some of the best Model A Roads are there so be prepared for some great country touring. I'm looking forward to the Era Fashions show, the Fine Point Judging and of course the Restoration Class Evaluations. There will be something there for everyone. You can find registration forms on the front page of our website, <u>www.mafca.com</u>. I would like to thank the many fine members of the Texas Clubs who are contributing to the success of this event.

Our board of directors have decided to move the printing of our National Roster book ahead by one year. I am excited to see this book revised as it is a useful tool. I use mine many times a week as I help new members find Model A Club members in their area. It is also a must book to have when long distance touring. It was very helpful to our group when we drove from Maine to California last year.

Lastly in our board meeting our membership director, John LaVoy had his selection for the National Nominating Committee approved. They will be conducting a nationwide search for members to run for election to the 2023-2024 Board. Please contact John at <u>membership@mafca.com</u> if you have a desire to serve as a director of MAFCA.

I'm looking forward to seeing you soon, Happy Motoring, Jay McCord

### **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</u> <u>**Restorer**</u>.

Check out the MAFCA Website! www.mafca.com



# National Awards Banquet December 5-8, 2022

Golden, Colorado hosted by the Model A Ford Club of Colorado



### Details at www.mafca.com

## Henry Ford Said-

"Politics in the <u>true</u> sense, have to do with the prosperity, peace and security of the people."



# Kids returning to school after Corona.





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### MARCH 2022 Flying Quail Chapter Coordinator Article From the desk of 2022 Chapter Coordinator – Robert Bullard

It seems to be a universal challenge with almost all of our MAFCA Chapters to maintain and hopefully grow membership. Most of our Chapters are facing declining membership due to the aging of our existing members. Each month I read in the Chapter newsletters ideas about increasing membership and the local chapter activities for actually going out and getting those members.

This month I'd like to offer some thoughts about how to welcome those new members into our Chapters and MAFCA. Almost nothing can be as exciting, or as intimidating for a new member as attending their first club meeting or event. These initial interactions with new members or even just guests will go a long way in determining if they will join and become active in the Chapter. First impressions are crucial for "first timers" to feel wanted and respected.

Some thoughts about steps to take on those first interactions:

- Make sure the Chapter President or Membership Director introduces them to the entire club and encourages the new members/guests to say a few words about themselves, their car(s) and why Model A's interest them.
- Encourage existing members to introduce themselves and interact with the new members/guests to make them feel wanted and included.
- 3. Some Chapters have a "New Member" packet that contains amongst other items: copy of the Chapter by-laws, copy of a current Chapter roster, a current Chapter newsletter, information about MAFCA including a membership application and a list of upcoming Chapter meetings and tours. If you don't have one consider creating one for the futer.
- Many existing members will be wearing their Chapter nametags so provide a temporary name tag for the "newbies". This will aid in preventing brain cramps and forgetting a name at the worst possible moment.

I believe getting news members involved as quickly as possible into the Chapter flow of activities is crucial in maintaining their participation and membership. Special thanks to former Chapter Coordination Doug Linden for resources used in this newsletter.

"Paying it Forward" - Robert Bullard



FROM THE BENCH

#### CHRIS WICKCKERSHAM

#### The New Terry Burtz Model A Engine

In my last months report I said that one of the subjects I would be writing about was the "new" Terry Burtz Model A engine. Terry has been working on this project for more than 15 years and now is finally able to offer his new engine kits for sale.

The idea was to offer an engine that had the outward appearance of an original engine but was more robust and offered features found in a more modern engine. At one point, Terry almost gave up on the project because he could not find a foundry here in the U.S. that could produce a quality casting in the numbers he was able to commit to.

It is sad, but so much of this kind of industry is no longer available in our country. Terry finally found a company in China that manufactures engines who would take on his project. I would liked to have seen these components made right here in the U.S. but that was simply not possible. So, at this time, if we are going to have new engine components for our Model A's, we have to accept the fact, they will be coming from China.

The engine is designed with a fully counterbalanced 5 main bearing crank, insert bearings, full pressure oiling, improved intake porting, hardened exhaust valve seats and a modern rear main bearing seal. The exterior dimensions of the block are exactly the same as the original engine. All original components such as the head, pan, the front and side covers, pistons, cam, lifters and valves all fit the new block without modification. The only components specific to the Burtz engine are the block, crankshaft and connecting rods. Terry cleverly designed the engine so an external full flow oil filter could be easily added with some very minor modifications to the block. Also available is a new light weight flywheel that is machined to accept a Ford V-8 clutch assembly.

The initial limited run of the new Burtz engine was completed about a year ago but there were a lot more customers than engine kits available. To my knowledge, none found their way to any members of the Model A clubs in our area. The second production run was completed last fall but shipping was delayed because of the back log of ships waiting to off load in our local ports. To expedite deliveries, Terry elected to ship the engine kits to the east coast for distribution from a warehouse in Kentucky. The orders for the west coast were then sent by truck to a distribution center in Hawthorne, California, where the kits could either be picked up in person or they would be forwarded on to the customer.

On Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, Chuck Davies showed up at my shop with 2 of the new Burtz Model A engine kits and 2 new Burtz light weight flywheels.

Upon initial inspection, it looks like Terry has provided a high quality, well thought out product. The casting is generally smooth with minimal flashing or extra material where the mold sections come together. While all the machining is completed, in order to keep the costs down, de-burring



The Burtz engine kit arrives in 3 baxes: block, crankshaft and connecting rods



and smoothing of the casting must be performed by the purchaser. The main caps are in place and the cam bearings are installed. The crank is finished ground and appears to have been done very well. The connecting rods are fully finished with pin bushings installed and finish honed. The optional flywheel was finished machined and balanced, ready for the ring gear to be installed.

The first block was placed on an engine stand and all the critical dimensions were checked and found to be well within specifications. The only thing that I was not completely happy with was the valve seats.

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The finish on some were rough and all the seats appeared to have been machined slightly off center resulting in the width of the seat not being consistent. It was decided to have the seats re-ground to insure proper sealing and heat transfer.

All five cam bearings were installed but for those using a three bearing cam, only the end and center bearing shells were drilled for oil. This engine would be using a new five bearing cam. So, using the instructions provided with the engine, the #2 and #4 bearing shells were drilled for oil pressure. This required making a tool to guide the extra long drill bit that was necessary for this operation.

Chuck also wanted to use an external full flow oil filter which required enlarging two holes in the block. Additional tooling was necessary to accurately perform these modifications. The Burtz "New Engine Builders Guide" includes detailed instructions for this operation. The rest of the preparation included deburring the block and generally going over the exterior to smooth out rough areas and removing excess flashing. The only modification performed that was not covered in the instructions was to drill a small hole from the bottom of the outside of the rear cam bearing down at an angle thru the back wall of the block. This hole will allow any oil that may collect behind the cam to drain back into the crankcase and not become pressurized which

could result in a leak between the back of the block and the flywheel housing. After the valve guides were installed, the block was sent to the automotive machine shop to have the valve seats re-ground. While the block was away, the crank and rods were inspected and the dimensions were verified. Again, all dimensions were well within specifications including the fit of the piston pins.



As I get into this project, I am starting to appreciate more and more all the thought and planning Terry has put into his "new" engine. It is a real treat to work on a Model A engine that is not all worn out and has to have major work to try to save a 90 year old block casting that has suffered from lack of maintenance and poor workmanship. The availability of good quality improved components for the Model A engine will be a great benefit to our hobby for many years to come.



Stay tuned next month for a report on the assembly process. Hopefully by then, the engine will be finished and ready for the test

1 Joseph Contraction

Heavy duty connecting rods

Special tooling to drill cam bearing shells stand.

Reprint from: Santa Anita - Spoken Wheel Newsletter - January 2022

## Model A Era Fashion



Reprint from: Steamtown A's Newsletter - March 2022

# Model A Parts & Pieces









Reprint from: Sullivan Trail A's News February 2022

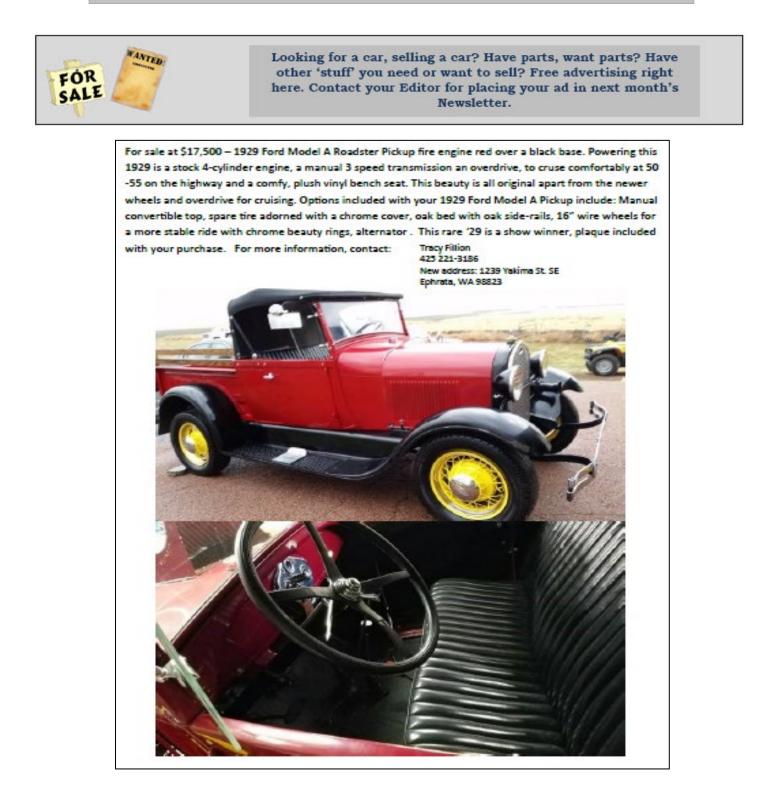
### <u> Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge Tour – February 26, 2022</u>

We just completed our first tour of the year and what a great turnout. We had 24 participants, 13 cars and Dian Lane won the drawing for a free lunch. We already have more tours planned for 2022 and we hope that even more participants will be able to join in on the fun. Remember if you need some help getting your Model A back on the road, simply let us know and we can help. Helping each other is a nice benefit to joining our club. Gary Swartz



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# Time is getting close

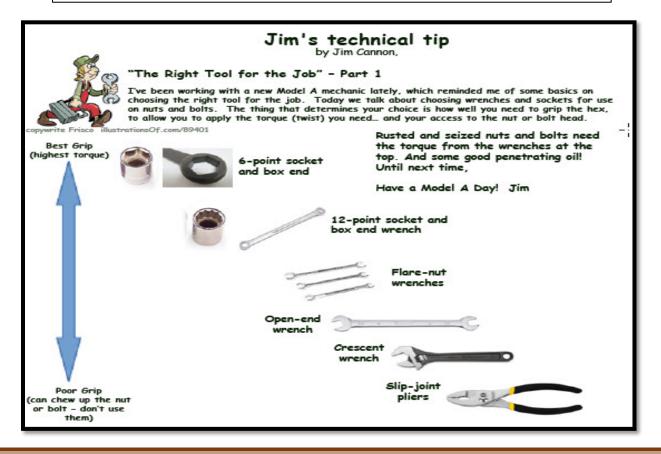
"Keeping the hobby moving forward by assisting young Model A'ers"

Every two years since 1994, the Model A Youth Restoration Award (MAYRA) has given financial support to youth who Our reason for doing so is to solidly cement the idea of the Model A hobby in the minds of our youth at an impressionable age with the intent and hope that this will be a lasting association that will help support Model A restorations and the hobby into the future.

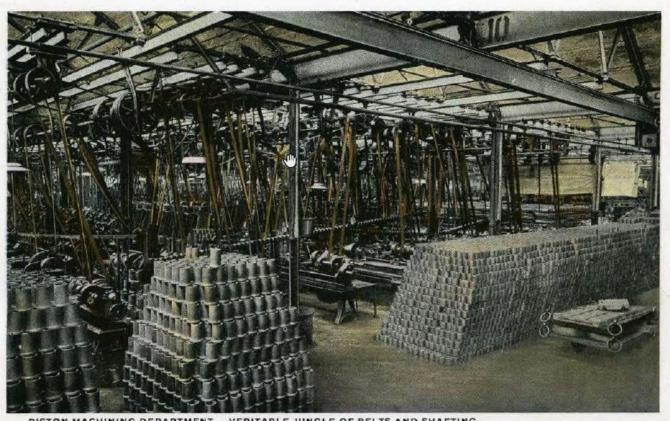
There were 12 recipients of the previous awards in 2020, each receiving \$2,500 in financial support. The next awards are in June. Eligible youth and young adults between the ages of 12 and less than 22 are eligible to apply. May 31, 2022, is the final date to apply.

Complete information on the award program can be found on www.Modelarestorationaward.org.

MAYRA is asking the reader to share this information with anyone interested in the hobby and with his or her fellow Model A club members. Somewhere out there are youth and young adults restoring Model As who will benefit from a financial boost. Please help make that happen. THINK YOUTH !!!



## Ford Manufacturing Piston Processing Department



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