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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 and Take-Out at Benny's Pizza & Café on 4219 St Johns Rd NE, Vancouver, WA

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On the way to Trout Lake in August 2020





President's Note August 27, 2021

Well darn! Our Sternwheeler tour organized by Corley has been temporarily shut down due to mechanical problems, hopefully the

tour can be rescheduled in the future as we anxiously await.

Our September 13th Club meeting will be at the Nazarene Church at 7:00 PM, we will be discussing some possible bylaw changes, so please come and voice your thoughts.

We will also be discussing other important topics, including the President's Tour September $20^{th} - 24^{th}$.

Jerry



"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart."

- Heller Keller

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:

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1921 Ford Model TT Stake Truck



<u>Volcano A's Board Meeting Minutes</u> <u>August 9, 2021</u>

CALL TO ORDER: 12:55 pm by President Jerry Lane.

The major discussion for this meeting was changing some of our by-laws. Please refer to pages 7, 8 & 9 of this newsletter. There you will find a complete reading of the current by-laws and the suggested changes.

A second discussion was concerning dues this year...YES, there will be dues in the amount of \$20.00. They will be due now and by Dec. 31st.

Another discussion involved mailing the newsletter. This, too, will involve a by-law change...#15b. Again, refer to pgs. 7, 8, & 9 of this newsletter.

These changes will be discussed at the general meeting today and the Sept. general meeting per our by-laws and voted on at our Oct. meeting.

ADJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned by Jerry Lane at 1:50 pm. followed by our Aug. monthly meeting and our annual potluck luncheon.

Submitted by Sherry Rusunen.

Dues, Dues, Dues for 2022

Just an early reminder – Dues for the 2022 year are due by the end of December!

The cost for a one-year membership is \$20.00 per year.

If you enjoy having a hard copy of your newsletter you may print it out after you receive it on your computer.

The Club Officers have approved not mailing hard copies of the newsletter to save the club money. The printing and mailing of limited copies cost the club over \$600.00/year.

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<u>Volcano A's General Membership Meeting Minutes</u> Monday, August 9, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Jerry Lane called the meeting to order at 2:08 pm.

TREASURER: Linda Willey gave the financial report.

TOURS: Corley Wooldridge reported the Scavenger Hunt was a lot of fun!! All enjoyed! A tour is being planned for a Cascade Locks boat ride. A date will be announced as soon as plans can be finalized. Cost will be \$34.00 per person, if booked early. Details will follow per emails. Jerry Lane will report on the President's Tour.

EDITOR/WEBMASTER: No report.

NORTHWEST REGIONALS: Roger Green reported that the Spokane Hub is a go, with dates to follow.

LAVA LADIES: Dian Lane reported everything is good!

REFRESHMENTS: Nancy Wooldridge stated there is a signup sheet available to complete refreshments for the rest of the year.

OLD BUSINESS: The minutes from the last meeting were approved and seconded as written by Bibbi Dickson and Leonard Willey respectively.

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NEW BUSINESS: Dues will be collected for the 2022 year. They are \$20.00 per family and due between now and Dec. 31st. Our monthly meetings will again be held at the Nazarene Church, 16805 NE Fourth Plain Blvd. on the 2nd Monday of the month starting with our Sept. 13th meeting. The board meeting by-law changes were discussed. Please refer to pages 7, 8, & 9 of this newsletter for details of the by-laws and the suggested changes. These will again be discussed at the Sept. General Meeting and then voted on at the Oct. meeting.

REFRESHMENTS: Following the meeting, we had our annual potluck supper.

ADJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned by Jerry Lane.

Submitted by Sherry Rusunen

Club Meeting Refreshments

September Dian Lane and Marylan Kelly

October Sherry Rusunen and Jann Jones

November Carma Huset and Karen Huset

December Christmas Party Potluck





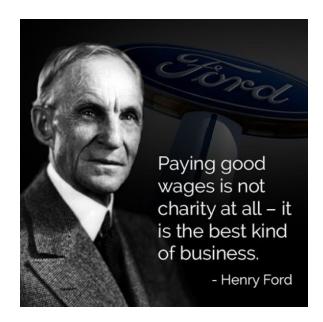


- 6 Richard & Sandra Pargman
- Darrel & Linda Freimuth
- 12 Ron & Jane Hall
- 14 Don & Ruby Knudsen
- 17 Jerry & Dian Lane
- 20 Sam & Connie Salzman



Happy Birthday

- 13 Sharon Cook
- 23 Robin Crawford
- 28 Richard Simpson
- 30 Sherry Rusunen



How the Phillips Screwdriver Took Over America The Robertson screw is better in multiple ways, but Henry Ford sealed its fate in the U.S.



ain's first standardized screw in 1841. American engineer William Sellers did the same for his country in 1864. Standardized screw heads and screwdrivers emerged

Phillips Head later. Early screws used either a slotted head or some sort of square or octagonal drive. As screw production increased, slotted drives became standard. But if you've ever came (slipped) a screw-head slot, you know why it's not the only design. Enter Peter Lymbusner Robertson The official history from the Robertson Screw Company says that Robertson, a Canadian inventor and industrialist, out himself when the blade slipped during a demonstration of a new spring-loaded screw driver, forcing an epiphany that the world needed a new type of screw. Robertson designed a fastene that featured a square socket tapering towards a truncated pyramidal bottom, winning a Canadian pate for his work in 1907. It's a brilliant design—Robertson screws won't easily cam out, and the sock shape helps center the screwdriver, making one-handed operation easy.



The Robertson was perfect for the burgeoning auto industry. Ford began using it to assemble Model Ts at its Windsor, Ontatio, plant, where the screer's time-saving qualities reduced costs by a significant \$2.60 per car. But suless you're Canadian, there's a good chance you've never heard of Robertson screws. That's because Henry Ford wanted to use Robertson's in all of his plants, and he wanted more control over how they were made. Robertson, by most accounts a stubbour man, wouldn't agree. No deal was struck, and the Canadian lost an important part of his business. Meanwhile, other engineers worked on their own types of screw heads.

According to Rybczynski, the one that stuck came from inventor John P. Thompson and businessman Henry F. Phillips. A

Phillips screw offers many of the benefits of a Robertson and can be driven by a traditional slotted screwdriver in a pinch. Phillips licensed his design to the giant American Screw Company, which got eneral Motors to use the screw in the 1936 Cadillac. Within the decade, almost all automakers were

A Phillips is, arguably, not a better screw than a Robertson. Consumer Reports once wrote that "compared with slotted and Phillips-head screwdrivers, the Robertson worked faster, with less camout." However, cam-out was good for automakers increasingly selping on automation, as it meant screws wouldn't be over-tightened. Today the Phillips is the standard, except in Canada, where the Robtson remains popular, and in Japan, which has its own cruciform screw, the Japanese Industrial Stand-

Next time you strip out a Phillips, shake your fist at Henry Ford.

BY CHRIS PERKINS AUG 31, 2020 from Rand & Track

Check out the MAFCA Website! www.mafca.com









Step Up and Volunteer for 2022 Officer Positions
The Club needs a President, Vice President, Secretary,
Treasurer, and Member at Large for next year.

Current Role and Responsibilities of Club Officers

President

The President shall be subject to the control of the Board of Directors, have general supervision, direction, and control of the business affairs of the organization.

- (a) He/she shall preside at all meetings of the membership and at all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall recognize all members requesting the floor in a proper manner.
- (b) The President shall sign all contracts and other documents, providing however, the Board of Directors must first approve all documents.
- (c) The President shall present the Proposed budget to the membership for approval at the February Club meeting.
- (d) The President shall act on behalf of the Club for any outside activities.

Vice President

In the absence of the President, or in the event of his/her inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President.

- (a) If the President can no longer perform his/her duties, the Vice President may call a meeting of the remaining Board of Directors within 30 days to fill the vacancy as outlined in Article V, Section 8. When so acting, the Vice President shall have all powers of and be subject to all the restrictions as the President.
- (b) The Vice President shall act as Tour Chair to manage Club sponsored tours. Any member wishing to conduct a sponsored tour shall notify the Vice President.
- (c) The Vice President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President of by the Board of Directors.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep a correct accounting of the Club's business transactions.

- (a) The Treasurer shall deposit all monies and other assets in a depository as may be designated by the Board of Directors.
- (b) The Treasurer shall disperse the funds of the organization as may be ordered by the Board of

Directors and shall render to the President and Board of Directors an accounting of the organization's assets and liabilities when they request such information.

- (c) The Treasurer shall furnish a semi-annual financial statement to the Board of Directors, which shall be made available to all Club members upon request.
- (d) No obligation, debt or other liability shall be incurred by the Treasurer without specific approval of the Board of Directors.
- (e) The Treasurer shall perform such other duties, as from time to time may be assigned by the President of by the Board of Directors.

<u>Secretary</u>

The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors in one or more books provided for that purpose.

- (a) The Secretary shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provision of these By-Laws or as required by law.
- (b) The Secretary shall be custodian of the Club's records.
- (c) The Secretary shall keep a register of the post office address of each member.
- (d) The Secretary shall perform all duties incident to the Office of Secretary and such other duties, as from time to time may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.
- (e) The Secretary shall manage correspondence as directed by the President.

Member at Large

- (a) The Member at Large shall be elected by the general membership.
- (b) The Member at Large shall be a member of the Board of Directors.
- (c) The Member at Large shall act on behalf of and for the general membership. Any member wishing to present a concern to the Board may do so through the Member at Large.

Club By-Laws Changes

Following are proposed Club By-Laws changes reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. These changes were presented at the August club meeting. Club members will be able to comment on these changes at the September club meeting.

Article V, Section 4: Election and term of office

Currently reads: "Officers of the club shall be elected annually at the regular November of the members.(sic) Each officer shall hold office until a successor shall have been duly elected and installed in office."

(NOTE: The word "meeting" is currently missing after 'November,' and before 'of,' and should be added in any event.)

Proposed change: "Officers of the club shall be elected annually at the regular November meeting of the members. Each officer shall hold office until a successor shall have been duly elected and installed in office, but no longer than a period of three continuous years. The member is then eligible to hold any other office, if duly elected. After a period of one year out of the term limited office, the member is once again eligible to serve in the original office position."

Article V, Section 5 Qualifications of Elected Positions

Currently reads: "A nominee for the position of President must have held a Board of Directors or Committee position within the Club for one full year."

Proposed change: "A nominee for the position of President must have held a Board of Directors or Committee position within the Club for one full year or have been an active member in good standing for a minimum of 2 years plus the candidate must have attended at least one overnight tour event."

Article V, Section 10: New sections to be added as follows:

Article V, Section 10 (e) Proposed change: "The President is responsible for coordinating an annual "President's Tour", typically to be held in September of each year."

Article V, Section 10 (f) Proposed change: "The President is responsible for organizing an annual Christmas party, with auction of donated gift items."

Article V, Section 11.(b): Proposed change

Currently reads: "The Vice President shall act as tour chair to manage club sponsored tours. Any member wishing to conduct a sponsored tour shall notify the Vice President."

Proposed change: "The Vice President shall function as tour chair, with the assistance of the Member at Large. The tour duties will be divided per a mutually agreed upon schedule."

Article V,

Section 14 (d): New section to be added as follows:

Article V, Section 14.(d) Proposed change: "The member at large shall share the duties of tours planning, coordination, and implementation responsibilities with the Vice President (Tour Chair). These responsibilities are to be divided between these two positions annually, per a mutually agreed upon schedule."

Article V, Section 15.(b):Proposed change:

Currently reads: "The Editor shall be responsible for the distribution (preferably electronically or US Postal Service) of the newsletter and any other notices."

Proposed change: "The Editor shall be responsible for the distribution of the newsletter and any other notices electronically (e-mail or via website). Printed copies of newsletter will no longer be provided to club members."

Article VI, Committees: Proposed change:

Currently reads: "The board of directors or the President may designate one or more committees, as necessary, to conduct the activities and or affairs of the club. Each committee shall consist of two or more members of the club, with one member appointed as chairperson. Each member of a committee shall continue as such until a successor is appointed or until the duties of the committee are completed or until terminated by the board of directors."

The following proposed sentence would be added: "The refreshments committee shall be responsible for scheduling and coordinating the annual picnic, which is to be held in conjunction with the August club meeting."

Ductile Iron Brake Drums

By Matt Barrett, Shade Tree A's

In my quest to have the best brakes, I discovered new ductile iron brake drums. They are a little pricey but you can purchase the fronts and then at another time the backs. These brake drums will not expand as much as the original steel ones and dissipate heat much better. I now have the best brakes my car has had in many, many years.



If you have a Model 'A' and you want to keep it as original as possible, no one will fault you or for that matter even know (unless you tell) that you have ductile iron brake drums and hubs. The only telltale will be the stopping power you now have. Remember safety is our number one priority. Happy driving and stopping!

June 2021 Script News

Model A Scavenger Hunt and Flinging Contest – 7/31/2021

Each team will have 90 minutes to drive your car around Battle Ground, and as many of the items on the list as you can. The location of all items was within 3 miles of downtown Battle Ground. There are no limits on where you can drive to find the items but try to stay within a 3-mile radius of central Battle Ground. Your team is on its own in your search, this is not a group tour. You may use a digital camera or smart phone to take a picture of each item.

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Start Time:	Target Return Time:	Return Time:

We think that there could have been some questionable finds (lies?) by people on finding some items... We are not accusing anyone in particular (Jim Kelly), we are just saying... There was an attempt or six to cheat on the Chicken Flickin' contest (Pete and Jan Hazard), but we had fun, and that is what was important... After some tough arm wrestling, name calling, kicking, and screaming, team Roger Green and Dickson Lee managed to claim the major award. Unfortunately, after all that scrambling and blood shed, the "Major Award" was not so "MAJOR", but lunch was great!)

Scavenger Hunt Items

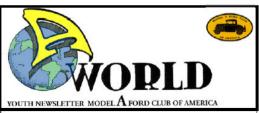
- 1) A porch swing
- 2) A convertible car
- 3) An American flag flying
- 4) A bird bath
- 5) A taco sign
- 6) A boat out of the water
- 7) A "Free Meals" sign
- 8) A palm tree
- 9) A bird house
- 10) A basketball hoop
- 11) A Fire Station
- 12) A sign with an arrow on it
- 13) A winding path
- 14) A pinwheel yard art
- 15) A mural art with a Studebaker in it
- 16) A baby stroller
- 17) A Bigfoot
- 18) A moving sign
- 19) A cupola
- 20) A cross on a church building
- 21) A cemetery
- 22) A milk can
- 23) A park bench
- 24) A baseball field
- 25) A 25mph sign

Chicken Flinging Event

This event is sanctioned by Bruno (so no chickens will be harmed in the event)! This portion of the event is to test your Chicken Flinging skills. This is a Team event, so add up all points for each team member. Every team member is allowed as many practice shots as they want in a two-minute time limit. After practicing, each member of your team will be given 5 chicken fingers to work with. You must fling these chickens into Bruno's belly hole from 10 feet. You can use both hands, and you can lean over the line as far as you like, but your feet must remain behind the blue line. The chickens are slung by putting your index finger inside the chicken's head, then pulling back on the chicken's tail. Aim, ten let go! That's it.



Number of items found X 5	= Points for items found (points).	
Bonus for being the first to return	+10 (points). Number of minutes late returning	X1 =
Deduct points for late return	(negative points).	



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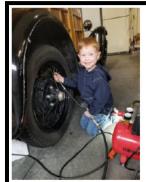
Taylor Laurita age 3, Avery Laurita age 5, and Bode Laurita age 2 got to see their grandfather's new Model A pickup before he did! They helped picked it up for him last fall, from Edina, Minnesota.



Jax (left) 9 years old, grandson of Mark Babb, and his friend Norwood, 10 years old. They live in Columbus, Georgia and love riding in the 1930 Model A Coupe . Jax will let you know real quick it's his car, his Grandfather is leaving it to him in his will!



Harper Trujillo is 6 years old, riding in her grandfather Mike Laurita 's 400 A named "Lucy", on a tour in Colorado.





Parker Frost, age 4, is from Billings Montana, is learning to work on Model A's early!



This Noah, grandson of Jim Brown, when he was almost 3 years old. They live in Wind Lake, Wisconsin. Looks like Noah is picking up more than one cool hobby from his grandpa!

Model A Youth Restoration Award Recipient

Brooke Lindsay lives in Vancouver, WA, and is a member of the Volcano A's. She first

applied for and received an award from the Model A Youth Restoration Award (MAYRA) program in 2018. She was

then 14 years old and MAYRA's only female restorer. Brooke developed her love for the Model A through her grandfather, who gave her a 1929 pickup needing considerable restoration. Her father and two uncles are helping her with the restoration. She wrote in 2018, "I hope to have it all completed before I graduate high school."

At the beginning of the project in 2018, she saw her largest expenses as the wood kit for the cab, missing sheet metal pieces, and the wood for the bed. She has found far more uses for the funds she received from MAYRA.

Brooke received another award in 2020. After two years working on the Model A, Brooke recently wrote that she and her dad got the engine and transmission installed and drove it around the field with the cab and bed bolted in place. She said that she needed to work on the brakes before she could go on the road. "It was a lot of fun to be able to drive it," she said. After all, riding in the Model A is fun, but driving it is super fun.

In 2019, Brooke said that she learned that she could do anything a boy could do. In a recent update, Brooke said that she learned to bench test a starter motor, install and align the clutch, torque the head bolts in the correct pattern, and just how hard it is to install an engine and transmission. Brooke is learning to be patient.

Brooke, who is now 17 and starting her senior year in high school, hopes to be able to drive the Model A to school for her senior pictures and to take her grandmother for a ride.

MAYRA is a financial support program for youth ages 12 through 21 who want to learn and have fun working on a Model A that will one day become their own. For information, go to Modelarestorationaward.org.









More great Model A help from modelabasics.com:

What is a Condenser and How Does it Work?



A condenser is a part of the electrical system of the Model A. This small tube-like part is found as a component of the distributor. If you look at the bottom of the distributor, you will see the end of the condenser sticking out from the lower part of the distributor housing. It looks like such a small part, but

without it, your Model A will not run!

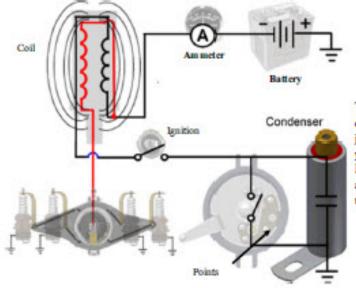




The condenser works in conjunction with the rest of the ignition system. Its basic function is to reduce the spark at the points at exactly the right time as they open and close. It does this by providing a place for the system to momentarily hold voltage when the points are open. The condenser absorbs

the energy temporarily and prevents arcing between the points each time they open. This minimizes burning and pitting on the points. The energy is then released to assist in the next cycle of the ignition firing system.





The electrical system of a Model A is a complex system of which a condenser is just one part required to work properly. If you want to learn more, go to ModeABasic.com. They have wonderful animated drawings and much more info then I can include here!

Men Working

By Melanie G. Whittington

How does the Model A man dress when he isn't a suit and tie or overall wearin' kinda guy?

There are plenty of choices to give your Model A excursion an era feel. A modern, long-sleeved button up dress shirt is a good start. Referencing the Fashion Guidelines look for solid colors, striped or figured designs in harmonizing or contrasting colors. Long sleeved button up shirts made of cotton, flannel, wool, or blends of these fabrics are common. A flannel shirt in plaid or solid colors would fit in perfectly.

OverAttired Vintage Fashion carries a variety of vintage clothing and are always adding to their inventory.

As you begin, a modern pair of trousers with or without cuffs, flat front, or a single pleat with belt loops would be appropriate. Look for a trouser with wide legs and a high waist. The most difficult to recreate is the button fly on a pair trousers. There are patterns available to make your own or see if a

local tailor is willing to take the pattern and make you a pair. Simon James Cathcart - SJC - (simonjamescathcart.com), is a high-quality modern brand making era appropriate men's clothing.

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1: National Bellas Hess Co. Inc., Autumn 1931, Winter 1931-32

Headgear for the everyday man was also diverse. Straw, sailor and boaters were worn during warmer weather with casual wear, according to the Fashion Guidelines. Caps are easier to find in modern men's shops and there are companies recreating them to have the correct look of the A era, TheWellDressedHead (etsy.com), is one example. A variety of patterns were used; tweed, checked, herringbone and plain. The Fashion Guidelines also list a variety of specialty caps including mechanics caps. The familiar blue striped engineer cap was also worn by mechanics.

To add to your look, a sleeveless or long-sleeved, V-neck sweater could be worn. A shawl collar long sleeve pull-over or button up sweater could be added. Bozeman Vintage carries a variety of vintage menswear for everyday dress. Hunting and outdoor jackets made of khaki or duck are very similar to what you can find today from Carhartt, Cabela's and other sporting goods stores. Long underwear or union suits are in all the era magazines, usually wool, cotton or a mix. Cotton union suits in red or white are still easy to get from a variety of stores like Tractor Supply, Vermont Old Country Store and Hanes.

Lucky for you, men's era shoes have not changed much from those you can find in modern stores. Low top, high top, cap toe and plain toed shoes and boots were available. Square and round toe shoes were seen in all four years of the A era. Cowboy boots and hunting or hiking boots are also options you can look into. These shoes and boots would have been leather with leather soles, with some having rubber heels Leggings and puttees could be worn for a hunting or hiking look. These could be leather, wool or canvas and would provide warmth and protection for the lower leg.

Take a look in your closet or at your local second-hand store. You may find a suitable outfit for your next ride in the Model A I hope this helps you put together an easy and comfortable outfit. We look forward to seeing you on tour and posting pics to the MAFCA social media pages: MAFCA - Model A Ford Club of America | Facebook and Model A Era Fashions - MAFCA | Facebook.



2: Montgomery Ward & Co., Spring and Summer 1928

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.**



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"A" Word From Our President

September 2021

Summer's Over?

Back in the day, we used to return to school after Labor Day in September. Now, however, kids are flowing back to their campuses before August is even half over. That means a couple things to those of us driving Model A's. There are young people on the streets in the morning and again in the afternoon. Any, we need to make sure our brakes are adjusted to permit a good stop when one of those little people decides to run out into the street in front of the traffic. Please be careful.

July's MAFCA National Tour is now over. It was a smashing success. With an amazing turnout, New Hampshire was treated to a few days of constant Model A parades into some of the state's visitor highlights. New friends were made and some existing friendships were strengthened during the week. I hope you were among those who thought to participate.

Next on our national agenda of MAFCA sponsored events is the National Awards Banquet in Fort Worth, Texas. From December 2nd to December 4th please join us for the annual presentation of your new Board of Directors, announcement of annual awards and chances to tour some of the great Texas countryside. Add to that the long-horn cattle you will be seeing along the way and your touring will be exciting to say the least. We hope you can join us for this special occasion.

Don't forget that MAFCA will be at Hershey for the October 7-9 annual Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) swap meet. Stop by our tent for one of the seminars led by Jimmy Taylor. You will be glad you did. It is always good to walk away with more information you can use down the road. And, you will have your pick of thousands of vendors for that special Model A part you are seeking for your restoration project.

I hope to see you along the Model A roads.

Bill Truesdell 2021 President

For Sale Items or Wanted

To place an "Ad" send your information to rrusunen@comcast.net, or call Bob Rusunen at 360-828-5317

Jim's Tech Tip

Working with Jack Stands

We frequently put our vehicles up on jack stands, to change the oil, grease the chassis, or adjust the brakes. I have a hard time seeing under the car, to see if I have the two jack stands on an axle set to the same height. I sometimes end up with the car leaning to one side or the other when I get one jack stand set to a different height from the other.

Here's what I've done to help my poor eyes: Use a paint pen and number every other ratchet tooth on each jack stand, so that you can quickly set the pair on an axle to the same height.

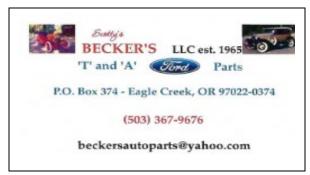


Holly has a nice collection of these paint pens in her craft stuff, so I borrowed a white one for a few minutes and added some numbers to the teeth. As you can see, the contrast of the white paint makes them easy to read from a distance. I now quickly get them set where I want them.

Until next time, Have a Model A Day! Jim



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