

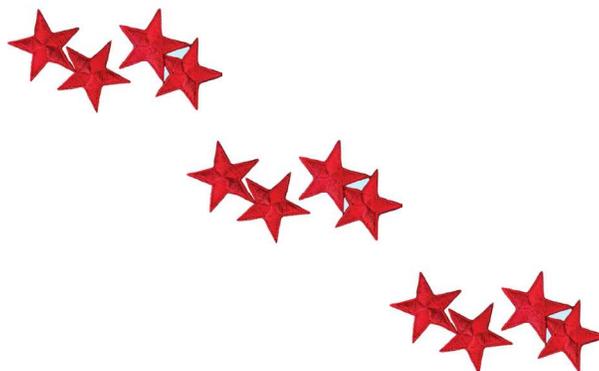


# The Rattlin' Rag

TREASURE VALLEY MODEL A  
FORD CLUB OF AMERICA

## IT'S ALL TOGETHER AGAIN & IT RUNS

**LOOKIE LOOKIE** - See that beautiful smile JoAnn is wearing. Rob Blout's Model A is up and running. He writes: "We have been married 37 years now, and only saw my car in pieces and the stories I would share about Model A adventures I have had. Now on our anniversary Wednesday (May 15) she finally got to go for a ride in a Model A, happy day! We Look forward to doing more tours now that we know she can ride along. What a sport she is."



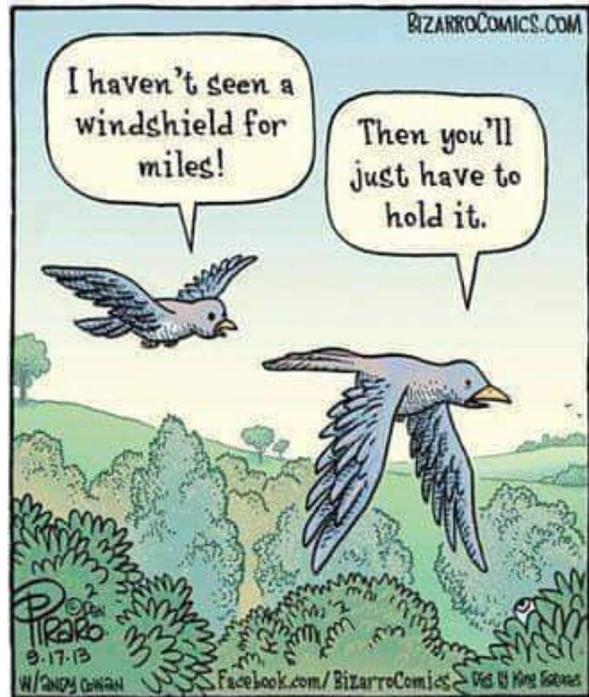
Do you have a story about your "A" that you'd like to share with the club? Send your picture(s) and brief story to Judi at [judiandfred@gmail.com](mailto:judiandfred@gmail.com) and just maybe you'll be featured in the next issue of The Rattlin' Rag.

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### TVMAC MEMBERS

All the news that's fit to print cannot be delivered if we don't have your correct information. Have you moved, discontinued your landline phone, have a new cell number and/or email address? PLEASE email your new information to Arlan Potts at [arlanpotts@msn.com](mailto:arlanpotts@msn.com) so that the club directory can be updated.



- 2019 TVMAC Officers**
- President - Chuck Nelson
  - Vice President - Rob Spofford
  - Secretary—Marilyn Nelson & Dee Borden
  - Treasurer - Arlan Potts
  - Membership - Arlan Potts
  - National Rep - Martha Borchers
  - Sunshine Committee - Joanie Calhoun
  - Newsletter - Judi Ornellas

Deadline for pictures, stories, flyers etc., in next month's Rattlin' Rag:  
**Monday, July 8, 2019**

Please email:  
 Judi Ornellas at:  
[judiandfred@gmail.com](mailto:judiandfred@gmail.com)



### Christmas Party

Christmas party details - Thursday, December 12 at 6 PM at Louie's Italian Restaurant on Fairview in Meridian. Price to be announced later.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

<b>July 2019</b>						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Local Events:

- **2nd & 4th Monday:** Hightower Garage: 6:00 pm—9:00 pm
- **Thursday., July 11, TVMAC monthly meeting** at **Great Wall, 10398 W. Overland Road in Boise** — dinner 5:30-7 pm meeting 7-8 pm

**ACTIVITIES**

- June 21 - Fast Food Fridays (TVMAC Event)**—6 p.m.—Freddy, 2864 E. State St., NE, Eagle
  - June 22 - Meridian Dairy Day Parade**— Parade in on **SATURDAY** this year and starts at 6 p.m. Lineup is at 5:15 p.m. in the Meridian Speedway. Enter into the Speedway from the southeast corner of the Speedway - The side away from the highway. We do not have a position number yet. Watch your email for our number.
  - June 28 - Fast Food Fridays (TVMAC Event)**—6 p.m.—Arctic Circle, 1625 W. Franklin Rd., Meridian
  - July 4<sup>th</sup>** - Boise Parade or Melba Parade or do your own thing. If you are doing Melba, don't forget lots and lots of candy!!! However, the Boise Parade does not allow you to toss candy from your car.
  - BOISE PARADE** — Parade begins at 11 a.m., be in line by 10 a.m. Our spot number will be provided by the end of June.
  - July 5 - Fast Food Fridays (TVMAC Event)**—6 p.m.—Wheelers, 215 Caldwell Blvd, Nampa
  - July 12 - Fast Food Fridays (TVMAC Event)**—6 p.m.—Dairy Queen, 107 E Water Tower, Meridian
  - July 19 - Fast Food Fridays (TVMAC Event)**—6 p.m.—Golden Wheel, 11100 W Fairview, Boise
  - July 26 - Fast Food Fridays (TVMAC Event)**—6 p.m.—Yogurts, 1560 N Locust Grove, Meridian
  - August 22-25 - Northwest Regional Meet** in Bellevue, WA - Elvin Hightower is the Wagon master. **Website is** <http://evergreenmdla.azurewebsites.net/NWRMeet>
  - August 31- Labor Day Tour** - McCall, ID
  - September 27-28 — 4 Banger 400**—information on route and hotel on pg. 7 of this issue of Rattlin' Rag
- Contacts!** Greg West [30Townsedan@gmail.com](mailto:30Townsedan@gmail.com) or [gj\\_west@msn.com](mailto:gj_west@msn.com) or (208) 880-1291

**PRINT THIS PAGE SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT ON TVMAC ACTIVITES**

## Meet the S.S. Jeremiah O'Brien

One of two surviving Liberty ships preserved in the United States, *Jeremiah O'Brien* is the last un-altered Liberty. The ship is a product of an emergency shipbuilding program of World War II that resulted in the construction of more than 2,700 Liberty ships. Designed as cheap and quickly built simple cargo steamers, the Liberty ships formed the backbone of a massive sealift of troops, arms, material, and ordnance to every theater of the war. *Jeremiah O'Brien* made wartime voyages between the east coast, Canada, and the United Kingdom, to South America, Australia, and the Philippines. From June until December 1944, *O'Brien* made 11 trips between the United Kingdom and Normandy in support of the D-Day invasion, including a trip from Belfast, Ireland to Normandy with troops from Patton's Fifth Division.

Laid up in the National Defense Reserve Fleet in Suisun Bay in California, *O'Brien* was set aside by the United States Maritime Administration in 1966 as the Liberty to be saved for future preservation. The ship was taken out of mothballs in 1979 and restored to operating condition. She is open to the public 359 days a year at Pier 45 in the heart of Fisherman's Wharf as a museum vessel, and makes memorial cruises monthly from March to October. She operates her triple expansion steam engines dockside the third weekend of November-February.

*SS Jeremiah O'Brien* is a National Historic Landmark and an American Society of Mechanical Engineers [Historic Engineering Landmark](#).

### 1994 she returned under steam to Normandy

In 1994 the *O'Brien*, in what was to be an epic eighth voyage, steamed through the *Golden Gate*, down the west coast, through the Panama Canal, and across the Atlantic to England and France, where the *O'Brien* and her crew (a remarkable collection of old salts whose average age was 70 and a few cadets from the California Maritime Academy), participated in the 50th Anniversary of Operation Overlord -- the Allied invasion at Normandy that turned the tide of World War II in Europe. Of the more than 5,000 ships that formed the original D-Day armada, the *O'Brien* was the only ship to return 50 years later (although smaller vessels from many countries also returned). She and her crew were reviewed by the Queen of England from the royal yacht *Britannia*, visited by the President of the United States, and honored on both sides of the English Channel on that historic occasion. Returning across the Atlantic, her first U.S. port of call was her birthplace, South Portland, Maine. Continuing what was ultimately a six-month, 18,000 mile journey, she called at many other U.S. cities before making her triumphant return through the *Golden Gate*. The *O'Brien* made the entire voyage with no significant repairs and arrived at each port ahead of schedule -- a tribute to the skill and dedication of the volunteer crew members who maintained and sailed her, and a testimony to her sturdy design and construction. <https://www.ssjeremiahobrien.org/pages/history-of-the-obrien>

#### S.S. Jeremiah O'Brien Stats

**Class:** EC2-S-C1 Liberty Ship

**Launched:** June 19, 1943

**At:** New England Shipbuilding Corporation, South Portland, Maine

**Length:** 441 feet, 7 inches

**Beam:** 57 feet

**Draft:** 27 feet, 9 inches

**Displacement:** 14,245 tons

**Gross:** 7,176 tons

**Net:** 4,380 tons

**Armament:** originally two 3-inch/50 caliber guns; eight 20mm anti-aircraft guns; presently one 3-inch/50 caliber gun; one 5-inch/38 caliber gun; eight 20mm anti-aircraft guns.

## NORMANDY, LAND OF LIBERTY

On 6 June 1944 and during the long summer that followed, men from all over the world came to fight in Normandy to defeat Nazism and re-establish freedom. Normandy will bear the scars of this moment in history for ever and every year we remember and pay tribute to the veterans from America, Britain, Canada, Belgium, Denmark, Holland, Norway, Poland and Australia, along with their brothers in arms, those many heroes who lost their lives here during that summer of 1944.

<http://en.normandie-tourisme.fr/calendar-of-events/anniversary-of-d-day-847-2.html>



*Jeremiah O'Brien* entering the English Channel, 1994 - Royal Navy Photo

<https://archive.hnsa.org/ships/jobrien.htm>

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The memory lives on! 6th June 2019 marks the start of the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy and with it, a momentous occasion to celebrate peace, liberty and reconciliation.

Each Liberty ship carried a crew of between 38 and 62 civilian merchant sailors, and 21 to 40 naval personnel to operate defensive guns and communications equipment. The Merchant Marine served in World War II as a Military Auxiliary. Of the nearly quarter million volunteer merchant mariners who served during World War II, over 9,000 died. Merchant sailors suffered a greater percentage of fatalities (3.9%) than any branch of the armed forces. \*\*\*

Are you a history buff? Check out [dday-overlord.com](http://dday-overlord.com) for more information on D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.



## TINY TIPS

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### OIL PUMP SPRING

Over the years I have seen altogether too many Model A engines with a bolt in the hole at the oil pump. These bolts were presumably installed not only to prevent oil loss but also to hold the oil pump in place - this is wrong! This hole has a 1/8" N.P.T. thread not a machine thread. The hole was originally fitted with a short 1/4" pipe plug with a screwdriver slot, much the same as the one supplied with some intake manifolds.

There is a 3/8" N.F. set screw and lock nut in the side of the head to lock the distributor in place. Don't confuse the two situations.

The oil pump is to be held in place with a spring attached to the pump or in early models with the spring attached to the pan. The only situation tolerating a 3/8" N.F. bolt in the side of the block would be to hold the oil pump in place when installing the pan.

The bolt must be removed before starting the engine and replaced with the proper pipe plug. Failure to do this can cause the oil pump body to break.

The 1/4" pipe hole was put there to test the pump or to install fittings for an accessory oil pressure gauge.

### Patent Cures



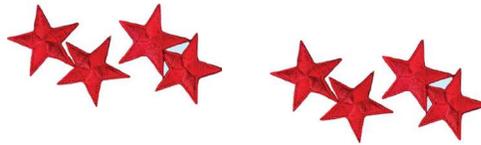
**Red E. Power**



### Check the speed limit.

*Not a normal speed limit!  
We saw this unique sign as  
we drove by the Las Vegas  
Speedway earlier this  
year.*

*Picture from Judi & Fred's travels.*



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### HELP FILL THE BASKETS!!!

**BRING** Items for the **NWRM raffle baskets** – The club is providing two gift baskets (male and female) to be raffled off at the Northwest Regional Meet (NWRM) held in Bellevue, WA, in August. If you have items to **donate** for those baskets, please bring to the meeting. Don Borchers is assembling the “male gift basket” and Marilyn Nelson is collecting items for the “female gift basket.” There is no theme for the baskets other than male and female.



### FROM MAFCA

These are NOT club shirts but they are Model A shirts. If interested, order directly on [MAFCA.com](http://MAFCA.com) or call 866-379-3619

### This is Silver City, ID

Here's an update from Bob Mather on the 4 Banger 400 scheduled for September. "I drove the first leg of the rout for the 4 Banger yesterday. We will be leaving the Winco lot at Highway 55 and State Street heading for Emmett via Highway 55 to Beacon Light. One change is that I thought taking Old Freeze Out would be a fun drive into Emmett. We'll then go on to Payette and back to Nyssa through Ontario. This leg is about 70 miles and all paved roads. We'll save the goat trails for Silver City. As of now we have 12 cars and 20 people signed up. There still is room in the hotel for anyone who may be thinking of attending the tour. Anyone interested should be sure to contact me at 208 891-786 or [bmather3003@gmail.com](mailto:bmather3003@gmail.com). Happy Trails, Bob"



**June Monthly Meeting**—we had a nice attendance but only a few brought their "A" out that evening. Do you know who they where?



### **OLD news is better than NO news**

This is Fast Food Friday back in May at Delsa's. What a delightful evening, good food, great ice cream and wonderful friends. Come on out and enjoy some good conversation with your food. (Fred says that he almost never discusses things with his food.)

Going to a "Fast Food Friday", please take a picture or two with your cell phone and email to Judi at [judiandfred@gmail.com](mailto:judiandfred@gmail.com)



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**#2**



Let us know where and/or how you spent the 4th of July celebrating the birthday of our great nation. Did you take your "A" for a ride in a parade? Maybe you drove some of your kids or grandkids to a picnic? However you celebrated on the 4th share it with your TVMAC friends by sending pictures and info on the event that day to Judi at [judiandfred@gmail.com](mailto:judiandfred@gmail.com)

The Treasure Valley A's is a Model A Ford automobile club located in the Boise area of Idaho. We are dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the Model A Fords from 1928 through 1931 by the Ford Motor Company. Membership is not limited to owners and is open to anyone interested in preserving the memory of our past and the great impact that Henry Ford made upon the world with his Model A.

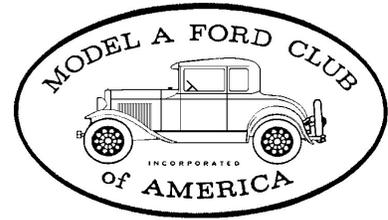
The Treasure Valley A's have had a long history in the city of trees. Many of the club's members have spent most of their lives here in the area. The club was formed around 1963 and its membership consisted of only eight couples and a few cars. Since then the club has grown to well over a hundred and thirty and is one of the most active antique car clubs in the state.

We would love to hear from you or even better, stop by our next event.

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