

**COMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**  
**LET'S GET READY TO GET OUR CARS ON THE ROAD!**

**Mark Your Calendars for Our Annual Emmett Tour**  
 Ron and Fran Carr will host our Spring Tour again this year, with a few COVID modifications. The date is Saturday, March 27, 2021. We will meet at 9:30 at the Eagle Christian Church parking lot, near the intersection of Highway 44 and Highway 16, to travel to Ron and Fran's home. The tour will begin at their home. They have planned a scenic route in the countryside around Emmett. In the past the tour ended at a restaurant for a no-host meal. This year we will return to their home for a catered lunch, which will cost about \$7.00 per person. Please bring your own chairs. The menu is "a surprise." This plan allows for COVID restrictions but lets us "Banter" with each other while social distancing.  
 (picture on the right courtesy Glen Clayton from another tour)



**THE TRADITION CONTINUES (RAIN OR SHINE) THE WESTERN IDAHO MODEL T CLUB IS HOSTING THE 26TH ANNUAL MELBA FUN RUN ON SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021.**  
 We will leave Kuna at 9:30 am for Celebration Park (Fly over in route). At 11:30 am we will leave Celebration Park for the Melba Senior Center. The Melba Fun Run is a major fund raiser for the Melba Senior Center. In 2019 we raised \$3,500— which was greatly appreciated! Due to COVID restrictions the Senior Center lunch menu may be modified. We will have more details about Registration and the Menu by April 1st, so watch the April Newsletter for details. At 1:00 pm the Auction of donated items, from supporters like us, will begin. Following the auction a drawing for a "Henry Golden Boy Lever Action 22-LR" will take place. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. This activity is by invitation only to specific clubs, including TVMAC, due to the limited space available at the Melba Senior Center. (Information provided by Don Borchers)

**TVMAC TO HOST A CAR SHOW TO BENEFIT THE BOOTH MARIAN PRITCHETT SCHOOL FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING TEENS**  
 The car show will be on May 8th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the new home of the Booth Young Parenting Program. Jeff Caldwell is spearheading this activity and is inviting several Car Clubs from the Treasure Valley to participate with us. More details to follow at our meeting and in the April Newsletter.



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**Meet Club Members: Glen and Wilda Clayton**



The Model A has been part of my life. It all started when I was 16 years old. We delivered a load of grit to Farmers Feed in Ontario, Oregon. On the way back to Idaho I spotted this little gray car on the side of the road with a sign, "For Sale, \$75.00". We stopped and looked at it, and I guess I fell in love with it.

We bought it and I drove it home to the mill in Spring Valley.

I drove that little car all over the country; the hills north of Eagle, south of Boise where Gowan Field is now, and many days by myself through the Owyhee's. One day, deep in the Owyhee's, after hitting a big bump I lost my coil wire. It was nowhere to be found, and not being fond of walking that far, I found a barbwire fence and cut the smooth wire out and made a coil wire that got me home. That was the first of many innovations I have done to get home!

I drove that car for three years, then started dating girls and needed a faster car because we lived 16 miles from town. I bought a 1939 Willies 4 door, and the Ford faded away into history. I could write volumes of my travels with the little Ford, but I was asked to make this short.

Up until this time I was going to be a bachelor and live in the mountains, which I love. But I met this cute little blonde and that changed everything! We were married during the Korean War while I was on furlough. We have been married for 67 years.

Fast forward and six children later, we have had many experiences in life. By today's standards we were poor, but with the help of the Lord we always had enough.

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**2020 TVMAC Officers**

- President:** Rob Spofford
- Vice President:** Wayne Brossard
- Secretary:** Lora Egan
- Treasurer:** Arlan Potts
- Membership:** Arlan Potts
- National Rep:** Martha Borchers
- Sunshine Committee:** Joanie Calhoun
- Newsletter:** JoAnn Blout

**Deadline for pictures, stories, flyers, current events, etc., in next month's Rattlin' Rag is: Monday, March 15, 2021**

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Wilda and Glen in era Costumes with one of their many Model A Cars. (left)



Glen and Wilda pictured with other TVMAC members in era appropriate costumes. They are the couple on the left.

CALENDAR OF UP COMING EVENTS:

April 2021						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 April Fools Day	2 Good Friday	3
4 Easter	5	6	7	8 TVMAC Meeting	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Tax Day	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

**Local Events:**

- **2nd & 4th Monday:** Hightower Shop: 6:00 pm—9:00 pm. This is your chance to get help and pointers regarding repair and maintenance of your Model A from very experienced members—Elvin and Glen.
- **Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 8, 2021 at Elvin & Elaine's Shop @ 6 pm for eating, meeting @ 7 pm. Thank you for so generously inviting us to your home for meetings.**

**Jim's Tech Tip**

by Jim Cannon

**When installing a radiator, Ford's Service Bulletins reminds you:**

**DO NOT DRAW RADIATOR BOLT NUTS DOWN TIGHTLY**

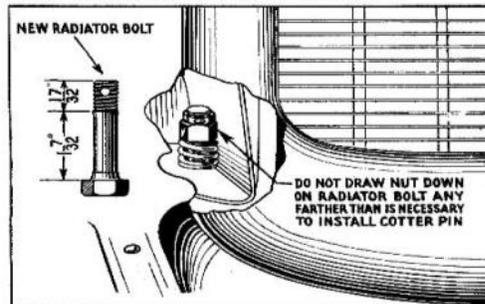


Fig. 764

When mounting a radiator do not draw the radiator bolt nuts down any farther than is necessary to lock the nut with the cotter key. If these nuts are drawn down tightly it compresses the radiator to frame bolt springs to such an extent that the flexible feature of the springs is defeated and damage to the radiator invariably results.

Recently the threaded end of the radiator bolt was reduced from 5/8" to 17/32" which makes it impossible to screw the nut down farther than the correct distance. See Fig. 764. However, as practically all cars are equipped with the former design bolts, constant care must be exercised when screwing down the radiator bolt nuts.

**Good advice. My Tech Tip is this:**

Before installing the radiator bolt, paint a thin white line across the end of the bolt to show the orientation of the drilled hole for the cotter pin. Later, when you are tightening the nut, it gives you a way to orient the drilled hole in the bolt "front to back" so that it is easy to slip the cotter key in and bend it over. Once the nut is on the bolt, it is hard to see the little hole and it can be very frustrating to put the cotter pin in.

I hope that helps get your radiator installed a bit faster and easier.

Have a Model A Day! Jim

## Getting to Know TVMAC Officers

### Treasurer and Membership Chair, Arlan (and Vicki) Potts

Our **Model A** journey started in the Spring/Summer of 1993. Vicki and I had been entertaining the idea of a vintage car for a while and I had been told that a car of that type would need its own garage. Since I had completed our new shop, the time was right. I spotted an ad in the Statesman for a '30 Model A Coupe. There were no pictures but I made an inquiry... The car was locally owned but was located in Murtaugh, Idaho. Upon arrival in Murtaugh we found it to be in an open shed, and the birds had been wintering in it quite nicely. After a second trip and some price negotiating, Vicki and I became the proud owners of a yellow **Coupe** with brown fenders—which cleaned up pretty good. (picture upper right)



We were content participating in "Dairy Days" and "4th of July" parades. Then we happened to be enjoying the cars on display at the '97 Boise River Festival, and there we met Bert and Winnie Colwell.

That was the beginning of our **Treasure Valley Model A Club** adventure. It turned out that Bert had been instrumental in helping his friend bring the Coupe to Boise and had assisted in its restoration. Our first Club meeting was at the home of Jack McDaniel in East Boise. That was when the Club was small enough to meet in couple's homes. Vicki and I were welcomed into a wonderful organization of the



friendliest people in the Treasure Valley. I had recently retired from US West after 30 years as a communications engineer. Keeping the Coupe in road worthy condition for the McCall Tours and various other Club activities was a welcome change. **In 1999** I became Vice President/Tour Chairman of our Club. **In 2000** I became President and they voted me in for two years. At that time the Club was planning the 2002 Western Regional Meet. This was my first large Model A Meet.

**In 2001** we decided that a larger car would be nice for longer tours and outings, something with some luggage space. This '30 sedan became available (see above) and it is Vicki's favorite. We have used it for multiple weddings, including two family weddings.

**In 2002** a friend of mine was going through a difficult time and needed to part with one of his toys. So I had to help him out, right??? This '23 **Model T** (left and above) is the best parade vehicle ever. The Model T's automatic transmission is the greatest thing for parades. This is when I became a member of the Western Idaho Model T Club, and I have been Treasurer there for 14 years.

**In 2011** Grandpa needed something in which to take the whole family to town, two married kids and two grandkids. That is when "The Little Blue Truck" came into the picture. There are children's books with that title. It was a Greenleaf vehicle which came from Ames, Iowa. (picture on the right)



**In 2017** the unexpected happened. I received a phone call from out of the blue that the vehicle of my dreams was available. I knew my friend, Ed Hildewein, had passed away, but I had no idea that his '31 Pickup would be available to me. My collection is now complete. I did have to part with my Coupe to make room in my shop for this new ride, but that is OK. **Little note**—Bert Colwell sold this pickup to Ed, in pieces and parts, in 1981 for \$650. (picture on the left)

Vicki and Arlan will celebrate 50 years of marriage in August. Vicki has

**More Fun Facts and Pictures from Arlan & Vicki Potts**

put up with Arlan's collecting for all those years!

Arlan worked for US West for 30 years. Vicki retired from pharmacy in 2014. She was a relief pharmacist all over the valley, while raising our two successful children, a son and a daughter. Vicki spent most of her career as a manager with St. Luke's, opening the pharmacy at St. Luke's West and later with Walgreens. Our children now have families of their own, each having two children.

**Vicki and I are blessed with four grandchildren.**

(Story and pictures provided by Arlan Potts.)



1930 Sedan



Arlan and grandchild in Model T



Dairy Days Parade in Little Blue Truck



1931 Pickup that completed Arlan's collection

*Bread is a lot like the sun.  
It rises in the Yeast  
And sets in the Waist!*

*Frog Parking Only  
All Others Will Be TOAD*



**2021 Annual TVMAC dues are now due. Dues are \$20 per family per year. Please give your money to Arlan Potts or mail your check to:**  
**Arlan Potts**  
**10921 Montana Ave.**  
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## Meet TVMAC Members: Glen and Wilda Clayton (cont.)

One day my beautiful wife said, "You will have a hobby." I told her I have a hobby, my mill and business. But she said, "That is not a hobby, so get one!" She had one—Quilting.

Not too long after that, while driving back after a fishing trip and passing through Donnelly, I spotted a Model AA in a field. When I told Wilda what I saw she immediately said, "Go buy it." So we did. We rebuilt the truck and painted it. Our first Tour with it was out of McCall heading to Burgdorf. Because the truck only went 25 miles per hour, by the time we got there the other folks were leaving. Wilda said that needed to change, so when we went on other runs we left 1/2 hour early so we could be at the destination with the rest of the group.

Wilda said we needed a faster car, and I found one in the Seattle area. We brought it home and rebuilt it. Wow was that fun to be with the others and not be way behind.

Well, I was hooked again! We joined the Treasure Valley Model A Club and have been very active, traveling with them on almost all of their runs. I have served mostly as Tour Chairman and "patch up mechanic" to keep the cars running. In the beginning many of the cars were badly in need of tune ups, and breakdowns were common. All the work was done alongside of the road as we were on the outings. Over the years we have gotten them running very well, so now little work is done on the road.

When I retired from our business and turned it over to our son Todd, he said the best thing we could do for our grandsons was to build a car for each one. That is what started me rebuilding the cars. So far I have rebuilt 19 cars and have 2 more to go for great grandsons, if my health holds out. (Pictures and story provided by Glen Clayton)



Glen and Wilda's family reunion gathered at their home to celebrate their 60th Wedding anniversary. Each family group with a Model A vehicle rebuilt for them by Glen. A very special legacy, indeed!



Four Generations of Claytons

Editor's Note: For many years Glen Clayton and Elvin Hightower have hosted Club members with their Model A's at Hightower's Shop every 2nd and 4th Monday evening to repair, rebuild, and learn how to keep their cars on the road. Glen has been our Master Mechanic, and knows most of our cars' inner workings better than he knows our faces. At our February meeting he announced his retirement from that position due to increasing health concerns. He turned that title over to Elvin, who accepted with the condition that Glen support him whenever he can.

Thank you Glen and Wilda for your years of activity and support of our Treasure Valley Model A Club.



Unique Woody & Matching Trailer

**LADY A'S CORNER** by JoAnn Blout



COVID 19 has played havoc with our lives!

The Lady A's miss lunches together, seeing movies in theatres, and just enjoying each others company.

**Hilarious Things My Mother Taught Me...**

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE . "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. My mother taught me RELIGION. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL . "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. My mother taught me LOGIC. " Because I said so, that's why."
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. My mother taught me IRONY "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
10. My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

The best thing about being over 50?



We did all our stupid stuff before the invention of the internet so there's no proof!

Looking for Submissions!

If anyone has a story, or recipe, or fashion idea, or something of interest to share with The Lady A's, please send it to me.

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A little girl was sitting next to her grandfather as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up and touch his wrinkled cheek. She would touch her own cheek after she touched his.

After a period of thinking, she asked, "Grandpa, did God make you?"

He looked at her and said, "Yes, sweetheart, He made me a long time ago."

She paused for a few seconds, then asked, "Grandpa, did God make me too?"

He replied, "Yes , indeed Pumpkin. God made you just a little while ago."

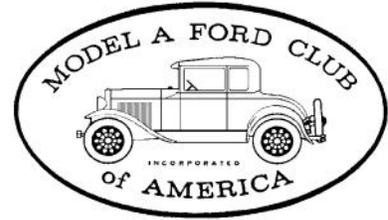
Feeling their respective faces again, she whispered to him, "God's getting better at it, isn't he."



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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