

2022 ANNUAL SPRING EMMETT TOUR



March 27, 2022 members of our Treasure Valley Model A Club gathered at Ron and Fran Carr's home for the annual Emmett Tour. Nineteen vintage cars and four modern cars participated. The weather was beautiful, cool in the morning but warming up to the 70's in the afternoon. We drove through Emmett neighborhoods, past farmland and onto a gravel road that went through ranch land. Horses and cows were intrigued with all the unusual traffic. We dropped down to the Payette River and headed back to Emmett past Blacks Creek reservoir. We stopped at Gem Island Sports Complex to stretch our legs and use the restroom facilities.

Back at the Carr's home, the cars parked in their backyard and folks got out their chairs and gathered to visit with each other.

Fran had tables on their back deck, providing hot dogs with all the fixings, potato salad, macaroni salad, and chips. Bottled water was also available, but most brought their own drinks. Everyone enjoyed the food and socializing.

Thank You Ron and Fran for another wonderfully planned spring tour in your community and Emmett Valley!



Upper left picture is cars lined up to leave. Middle and lower pictures are cars parked in the Carr's

Drone pictures by Jim Batt's grandson, Jaxton. Ground level pictures by JoAnn Blout.



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2020 TVMAC Officers

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- Newsletter: JoAnn Blout

Deadline for pictures, stories,
flyers, current events, etc., in
next month's Rattlin' Rag is:
Monday, May 12, 2022

Please email to
JoAnn Blout

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

MAY 2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6 Fast Food Friday	7 Melba Tour
8 Mothers Day	9 Open Garage	10	11	12 Club Meeting	13 Fast Food Friday	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Fast Food Friday	21 Parade America
22	23 Open Garage	24	25	26	27 Fast Food Friday	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31				

Local Events:

- **2nd & 4th Monday:** Hightower Garage: 6:00 pm—9:00 pm . Please contact Elvin to schedule a day and time.
- **Melba Tour: May 7, 2022** See Flyer on page 4
- **Next Club Meeting**
- **May 12, 2022 - LOCATION:** Bob's Restaurant and Lounge, 1411 Shilo Drive, Nampa, Idaho 83687 Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- **Fast Food Fridays: Meet @ 6:00 p.m.**
- **May 6 — Freddy, 2864 E State, Eagle**
- **May 13 — Delsa's, 723 W Ustick, Boise**
- **May 20 — Chick Fil A, 16800 N Marketplace Blvd, Nampa**
- **May 27 — Culver's, 3494 E Tecate Ln, Meridian**



Lady A's Self Defense Class postponed until June.

Photos by Lora Eggan and Judi Ornellas



MELBA FUN RUN INFORMATION FROM DON BORCHERS

This Tour has always been by invitation only to the following clubs and their family and friends. Boise Basin Corvair Cub, Gem State Early Ford V/8 Club, Horseless Carriage Club., Snake River A's, Treasure Valley Model A Club and Western Idaho Model T Club & Studebaker Club. There just isn't room for more Clubs.

We are maxed out at the Melba Senior Center for dinner. Thanks, Don Borchers



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"THE TRADITION CONTINUE'S" (RAIN OR SHINE)

**The 26th Annual Melba Fun Run
Saturday May 7th 2022**

**DRIVE SAFE
AND HAVE FUN!**

08:00-09:15 Registration ALBERTONS AT KUNA

\$5.00 REGISTRATION PER CAR.

You bring your coffee and we supply the donuts.



09:15 AM (SHARP) LEAVE KUNA FOR MELBA SENIOR CENTER

VIA: CELEBRATION PARK ON THE SNAKE RIVER

Fly over in rout. DEPART PARK AT 11:30 FOR MELBA.....

NOTE: NO PETS ARE ALLOWED IN THE MELBA SENIOR CENTER!!!!(PER IDAHO STATE HEALTH DEPT.)

12:00 P.M.-- At the Melba Senior Center for Lunch - \$5.00 per person.

Includes: Pulled Pork Sandwiches. Coleslaw ,Macaroni Salad & Brownies with ice cream.



1:00 PM: Auction & Raffle

Benefit Raffle & Auction for The Melba Senior Center:

We are asking everyone coming to the tour please donate a item to the Auction. All proceeds go to the Melba Senior Center.

We are working on a gun raffle?

Car trailers to be parked in the parking lot of First Interstate Bank next to Albertsons. Please DO NOT park them in Albertsons parking lot. Thanks

**Questions:
Check with Don Borchers
Cell 208-484-4193
E mail dlb136@msn.com**

DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM; (for 2021)

1. Albertsons Market Kuna: For the donuts and use of their parking lot.
2. S.W. Idaho Horseless Carriage Club. Auction Item.
3. Treasure Valley Model A Club \$150.00 for Food Expenses.
4. Western Idaho Model T Club \$200.00 for food.
5. Coach Amy's Creations. Item for the Auction. (208-949-9129)
6. Idaho Potato Commission: Large Spud Buddy for Raffle,+ Small Buddy7.
7. Janet (Borchers) Barrett: Basket of Home Made Bakery Items.
- 8.. Les Schwab Tire Ustick & Eagle Rd. Front End Alinement.
- 9 . Lithia Ford & Lincoln of Boise. \$250.00
- 10 Franz Bread Boise 15 Dozen Rolls & 2 Gift Baskets.
11. Paul Sinclair Service Meridian. \$35.00 of Ethanol Fee Gas.
12. Idaho Candy Co. Boise: Idaho Spud Candy Bars.
13. Albertsons at 6560 S. Federal Way \$25.00 Gift Car.
14. Teri Café Meridian Gift card for 2 meals.
15. AAA of Idaho Boise: 2- AAA road service policy's.
16. The Recycled Room 9115 W Chinden Blvd Boise 3 signs

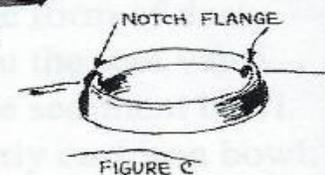
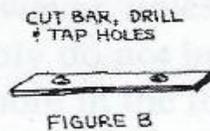
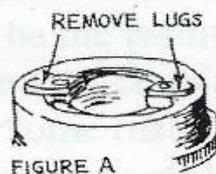
THANKS FOR BEING PART OF MELBA FUN RUN!

SECURING RADIATOR ORNAMENTS

If a quail or other permanent base, flip-top radiator ornament fits loosely or is chipped, it may come off too easily. This procedure will remedy the situation and make the ornament solid - removable only with an Allen wrench. My quail used to fit so loosely that I removed it whenever I left the Ford unattended. Remove the brass lugs on the bottom of your cap. These are usually held on with Allen head screws. See figure A.

Cut a piece of metal bar with the same width as the removed lugs. The bar should be about the same thickness as the lugs. The length of the bar should be as long as possible within the diameter of the radiator neck under the flange. Test the cut bar for fit. It should have about 3/16" play on the ends. Drill and tap the bar to accommodate the Allen head screws. See Figure B. Some of the material may have to be removed from the area of the lugs on the cap base. If so, file very carefully and remove only the necessary material for the bar to fit snugly. Notch the radiator neck flange with a small file (or a broken round file chucked in an electric drill) where the new bar will be when the cap is in place. File and fit until this notch is as deep as practical for your cap. See Figure C.

With the new locking bar loosely attached, put the cap on and tighten the Allen head screws. As the screws are tightened, the bar will be pulled up into the notches, holding the base firmly. The bar does cover part of the radiator opening, but it doesn't keep you from checking the coolant level nor does it interfere with the overflow tube.



Spring brings gardening, but beware of advice from others.

A friend suggested I put manure on my strawberries.

I'll never do that again . . .

I'm going back to putting whipped cream on them!

Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon,

"The Right Tool for the Job" - Part 1



I've been working with a new Model A mechanic lately, which reminded me of some basics on choosing the right tool for the job. Today we talk about choosing wrenches and sockets for use on nuts and bolts. The thing that determines your choice is how well you need to grip the hex, to allow you to apply the torque (twist) you need... and your access to the nut or bolt head.

<http://www.moparts.com/forums/showthread.php?p=10401>

Best Grip
(highest torque)



6-point socket and box end

Rusted and seized nuts and bolts need the torque from the wrenches at the top. And some good penetrating oil! Until next time,

Have a Model A Day! Jim



12-point socket and box end wrench



Flare-nut wrenches

Open-end wrench



Crescent wrench



Slip-joint pliers



Poor Grip
(can chew up the nut or bolt - don't use them)

THE BIGGEST JOKE ON MANKIND IS THAT COMPUTERS HAVE STARTED ASKING HUMANS TO PROVE THAT THEY ARE NOT A ROBOT!



LADY A's CORNER

EARLY REFRIGERATORS



As women living in the mid 20th Century into the early part of the 21st Century we take many appliances in our homes for granted. Personally, I have never lived in a home that did not have a vacuum cleaner, a washing machine (the first one was a wringer washer), a stove with an oven, or a refrigerator. The first refrigerator I remember, new in the early 1950's, stood about five feet tall and had a very small freezer compartment in the upper left corner of the inside, with a door that covered it. Of course it had to be emptied and defrosted periodically. Daily use continued until the mid 1980's. Believe it or not, until about 4 years ago, it

was in my mother's garage, and got plugged in for holidays to store extra food for family gatherings!

The original electric home refrigerator was engineered in 1915 by an American inventor, Alfred Mellows. He started the Guardian Frigerator Company in 1916, but was not a good businessman. He lost \$34,000 in two years and sold the company to W. C. Durant, president of General Motors. Durrant and his staff coined the band name Frigidair and made several improvements, including the biggest change, cooling the appliance with air instead of water. By 1929, Frigidaire produced its millionth unit and introduced the first model with adjustable temperature controls.

Until 1929, refrigerators with vapor compression systems caused several fatal accidents when toxic gasses leaked from the units. Researchers developed a less dangerous method of refrigeration, including the discovery of Freon, which became the standard for almost all domestic refrigerators.

The Great Depression, despite all the hardships of the American people, would see the meteoric ride of the refrigerator. At the beginning of 1930 about 8 percent of American households owned a refrigerator. By the end of the decade 44 percent of all homes owned this important appliance, and it was the most important symbol of the middle class. The refrigerator was tied to one of the most fundamental and unifying middle class events - the daily family meal. In providing for your family, that refrigerator became a point of pride.

The refrigerators of the 1930's were almost always in the color white, which people associated with cleanliness and proper hygiene. That white refrigerator was meant to signify that the woman of the house cared about the safety and health of her family. After all, the primary function of this appliance was preserving food for her family to safely consume. By buying a white refrigerator, the housewife showed her awareness of modern sanitary food preservation. Her ability to keep it white and clean represented the extent to which she met these standards.

Newspaper and magazine ads of the day touted the electric refrigerator as economical, after the initial investment, claiming that it operated at half the cost of Iceboxes. The one-piece, no seam porcelain interior with rounded corners was easy to clean. One model was advertised in 1933 for \$99.50 would cost about \$1,700 today when adjusted for inflation - not cheap, but within reach of a family that considered it a priority to feel a part of the rising middle class in America.

As noted in the introduction, refrigerators of early years seemed to last forever! Our modern refrigerators have life expectancy of only 10 to 18 years, with 14 years being the average. I wish we had kept Mom's 1950's vintage GE refrigerator. It was a great "back up" appliance.

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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