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THE RATTLIN' RAG

TREASURE VALLEY MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA

2022 NORTHWEST SPEEDSTER ENDURANCE EVENT

Treasure Valley Model A Club members Bob and Susan Mather participated in the 2022 Speedster event out of Kennewick, WA over Labor Day weekend.

They dropped their Speedster off on Friday, 9/2 and then attended the pre run events on 9/3, including car safety checks and a drive to a local vineyard, followed by a potluck dinner. Sunday morning started with a driver's meeting and the beginning of the 200 mile event. Seventeen cars participated in the main event with four additional cars taking the 100 mile route. There is always a shorter route, called the Lowlander event, for those who don't want to do the 200 mile run.

The Northwest Speedster Club hosts the Labor Day 200 Mile Endurance Run every year and the Mathers have attended several over the years. Unfortunately it does conflict with the McCall event. Bob reports it is always a good time and he enjoys the NWVS club members.

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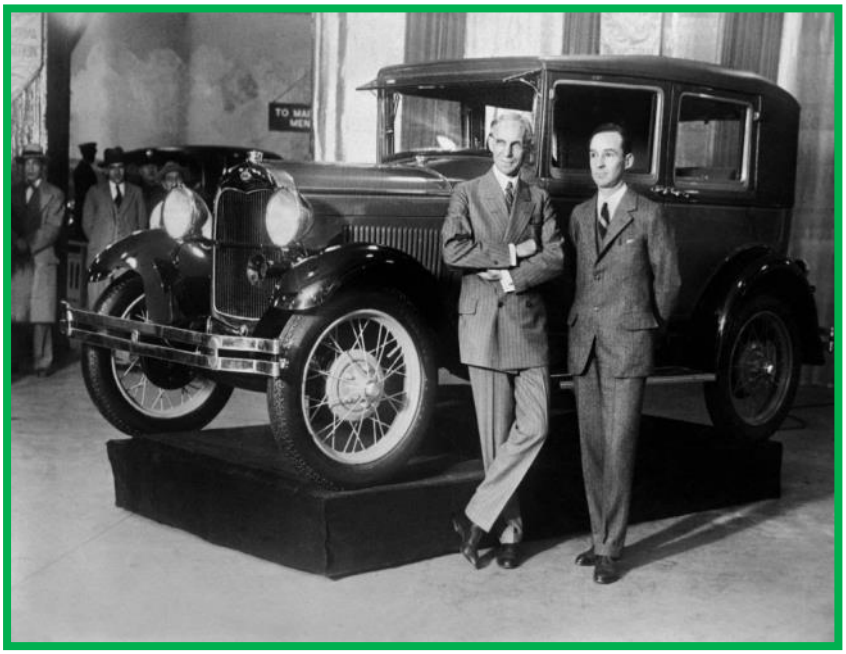

Henry and Edsel Ford pictured with a new Model A Ford.

Edsel wanted to develop more exciting cars than the Model T, and market conditions changed enough to allow him to develop the more fashionable Model A Ford in 1927.

2022 TVMAC Officers

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Lady A's: Elaine Hightower

Newsletter: JoAnn Blout

Deadline for pictures, stories, flyers, current events, etc., in next month's Rattlin' Rag is: Monday, November 14 , 2022
Please email to JoAnn Blout

NEW MEADOWS COUPLE KILLED

Many TVMAC members knew Rory and Sara Mehen, owners of Hartland Inn. For many years the Hartland Inn was the host hotel for the annual McCall Tour. The couple was always so welcoming to us and our "old cars".

Our sympathy goes out to the Mehen family and the New Meadows community. The Mehens will be missed.

Calendar of Events:

NOVEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 Lady A's Activity	5
6	7	8	9	10 Club Meeting	11	12
13	14 Open Garage	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28 Open Garage	29	30			

Local Events:

Open Garage:
2nd & 4th Monday: Hightower Garage: 6:00 pm—9:00 pm. Elvin will be UNAVAILABLE for the month of October. If you need access to the garage call Elaine for a time.

Next Club Meeting
November 10, 2022, Bob's Restaurant & Lounge, 1411 Shilo Drive, Nampa, Idaho 83687
Dinner at 6:00, Meeting at 7:00

Lady A's Activity:
Shopping and lunch - See Lady A's Page for more information

FAST FOOD FRIDAY PICTURES

Fast Food Friday at Chick Fil A

In Meridian on October 7th.

2022 Christmas Party

Mark your calendars: Our annual Christmas Party will be on December 8th at Bob's Restaurant and Lounge at 6:00 p.m. (our usual meeting day and time). We will enjoy a full dinner with your choice of turkey or ham, with salad, potatoes, vegetables and dessert. Cost will be $20 per person. We will hold our traditional gift exchange. If you wish to participate, bring a gift for a man if you are a man, or a gift for a lady if you are a lady. There is a maximum $10 limit per gift. We will also collect unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots.

Please give or mail Arlan Potts $20 per person for the cost of your dinner, and let him know if you want Ham or Turkey as your entrée preference.

10921 Montana Ave
Boise, ID 83713

MEET CLUB MEMBERS: SAM, AMY AND ETHAN STONE

Sam and Amy Stone joined TVMAC earlier this year. They are proud owners of a 1930 Model A Coupe that has been in Sam's family since 1972. Sam's father brought the car up from Texas and delivered it to him in May of this year.

Mike Stone, seen with his 1930 Model A Coupe (right), acquired the car in May of 1972 at a swap meet in Spokane, WA for $475. Research indicates the vehicle came from Montana. Over the years it was tinkered with and moved from place to place, but in a full restoration began in Magnolia, Texas.

At the 50 year ownership mark, Sam's dad decided to hand over the vehicle to the next generation to continue the family ownership for the next 50 years and beyond.

1930 Model A Coupe in primer during 2004 restoration. (left)

Sam and his father, Mike, at Sam and Amy's wedding in 2011. (right)

Model A Cars at Wendy's for Fast Food Friday on September 23rd

Pictures provided by Rob and Connie Spofford

Tiny Tip - Keeping Moisture Out of the Distributor

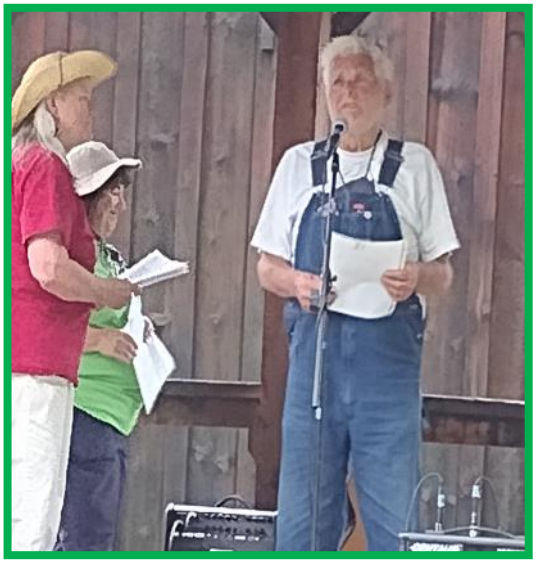
Have you ever driven your Model A in the rain, and have it "act up?" This is exactly what happened to me while on tour with the Western Carolina's Model A Club. First the car began to periodically "skip." Then it began to really run rough, until it just died! The cause - moisture in the distributor. Well, this is a common problem in cars without electronic ignitions. Usually, the humidity level in the atmosphere is something the hot engine "burns" off before coming in contact with our distributors. But, when it rains, there is just too much moisture in the atmosphere and the inside of the distributor cap will begin to "sweat." This in turn causes moisture droplets to fall onto the points, thus interrupting the flow of electricity between the ignition coil and the spark plugs. Generally, if you can get the distributor dry, you can go on your merry way. But how to solve the problem before it happens is the real question. Nobody wants to try to stand in a downpour over a hot engine and try to dry out their distributor!

WD-40 is the answer! It was developed in 1953 byNorm Larson, founder of the Rocket Chemical Company, in San Diego, CA. WD-40, from the abbreviation "Water Displacement, 40th formula," was originally designed to repel water and prevent corrosion. Another little "tool" to keep in your arsenal! If every 3-4 months you will open up your distributor and spray the underside of the cap and down into the distributor and the tops of the spark plugs and the plug "wires," a rain shower will never leave you sitting by the side of the road waiting on AAA!

-Happy Begg, Palmetto A's of South Carolina

Our GPS sometimes give us bad advise!

Fred Ornellas participated in the public reading of The Declaration of Independence on the 4th of July in Idaho City.



LADY A'S CORNER

On September 16th the Lady A's went bowling at Owyhee Bowling Alley, browsed through an antique shop and enjoyed lunch in Homedale.

LADY A'S TO GO SHOPPING AND HAVE LUNCH

On Friday, November 4th the Lady A's will meet to explore Heritage Reflections and then have lunch at Gramercy Park Pub & Grill.

Heritage Reflections specializes in Amish built solid wood furniture built in America. The showroom is a Holiday Wonderland, and has home décor and accessories. It is located at 3175 Copper Point Drive, Meridian.

Gramercy Park Pub & Grill features a variety of comfort foods including soup, sandwiches, pasta dishes and craft beers. It is located at 1626 Wells Ave, Meridian.

Meet at Elaine Hightower's at 10:30 a.m. to carpool or caravan or meet at Heritage Reflections at 11:00 a.m..

A woman and her child photographed in a typical 1930s kitchen in Ola, Idaho. Note the mom is wearing her "house dress", not casual sweats or jeans as we would. Also our modern kitchens are vary different from this kitchen. Do you prefer the simplicity of this kitchen without electric appliances (like blenders, slow-cookers, air friers, and a refrigerator) or are you happy you have access to the modern amenities we have today?

(photo from Idaho City historian Skip Myer)

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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