



THE RATTLIN RAG

TREASURE VALLEY MODEL A
FORD CLUB OF AMERICA

ANNUAL EMMETT TOUR 2023



Treasure Valley Model A Club's annual spring tour, hosted by Ron and Fran Carr from Emmett, was held March 25th. It was a typical early spring day with a chill in the air, clouds, occasional sunshine, and even snow squalls. Ron reports 38 members and 17 Model A's participated in the tour. The group gathered at their home at 10:00 for coffee, cider, biscuits, and doughnuts. As cars arrived it snowed, but by the time the tour started the snow quit. Ron passed out "mini" written directions in case anyone got lost. He was the leader with instructions for each car to watch the one behind them, in case someone had a problem and we needed to stop and wait. (Good touring rules.)

The tour was about 27 miles long and everyone seemed to enjoy it. The scenery was beautiful and we saw lots of animals and birds including sheep, cows, horses, and sand hill cranes. Near the end of the tour we stopped at the Emmett Sports Complex as a "potty break" and a chance for Fran and her cook, Gary, to head home to prepare the food. We feasted on hot dogs, chili, chips, and potato salad.



Due to the cold and occasional snow flurries, most ate in the house. We all visited for a couple of hours before the party began to break up.

A big thank you for those who put money in the "Tip Jar". Fran reports that her expenses were pretty much covered.



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EMMETT TOUR CONTINUED

We usually park all the cars in a circle in the back yard but because of the snow some were concerned about getting stuck or harming the grass.

We had a good time and want to thank everybody who weathered the storm with us.



Pictures by Lora and Judi
Story by Ron Carr



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Deadline for pictures, stories, flyers, current events, etc. in next month's The Rattlin' Rag is:
Monday, May 15, 2023
Please email to
JoAnn Blout

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

MAY 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5 FFF	6 Melba Tour
7	8	9	10	11 Club Meeting	12 FFF	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 FFF	20 Tour TBD
21	22	23	24	25	26 FFF	27
28	29	30	31			

ANNUAL MELBA TOUR

This annual tour to Melba supports the Melba Senior Center and is always a great lunch prepared for us by the Senior Center staff. Lunch is followed by an auction of donated items, so bring cash or checkbook to bid on the awesome items.

Lunch is \$10 per person and will be Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Coleslaw, Baked Beans and Dessert.

Meet at Kuna Albertsons between 8:30 and 9:15 a.m.. Depart the parking lot at 9:30 a.m. sharp. We will stop at Celebration Park to stretch our legs and use the restroom facilities. Then on to Melba and their Senior Center.

This activity is organized by Don and Jim Borchers and the Model T Club. Our club always has a great turnout to support them.

PROPOSED WATER PUMP SEMINAR

Elvin and Glen are organizing a water pump rebuilding seminar. You will need a water pump core, and the rebuild kit. Contact Elvin for details. Watch for an email with date, time, and other information.

SAVE THESE DATES

June 3rd: Jeff Caldwell is Tour Leader for Wilder Winery and Model A Collection Tour.

July 4th: Idaho City 4th of July Parade, Picnic, and Tour with Rob and JoAnn Blout as tour leaders.

Local Events:

Mechanics Garage:

Hightower's Garage: call Elvin to schedule the day and time to get expert help with your project.

Next Club Meeting

May 11, 2023, Bob's Restaurant & Lounge, 1411 Shilo Drive, Nampa, Idaho 83687 Dinner at 6:00 p.m., Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

April 29th Marsing Loop Tour

Note date change

Meet at Elvin's garage at 9:30 a.m. and leave at 10:00 a.m.. Bring a picnic lunch and chairs. (Craig McClintock is the tour leader)

May 6 Melba Tour - details this page



May 20 Tour TBD

Either to "Glory Hole" or "Indian Creek Waterfalls" Watch for email for more information. (Rob Blout tour leader)

Fast Food Fridays in May

May 5: Freddy's, 2864 E State St, Eagle

May 12: A & W, 677 S Main, Meridian

May 19: Chick Fil A, 16800 N Marketplace Blvd, Nampa

May 26: Culver's, 3494 Tecate Lane, Meridian

Meet at 6:00 p.m. for a meal or dessert and an opportunity to socialize with other Club members.

TVMAC PATCHES AND HATS

Arlan has large and small patches for you to purchase for your jackets or shirts.

He brought examples of hats with the logo patches for club members to view. We decided to have him order 10 of each example (black, red, red and white) for members to purchase at the next meeting. Each hat will cost \$16.

MORE EMMETT TOUR PICTURES



SPECIAL REQUEST FULFILLED



Arlan received a request from Neil Watts in Iowa, who is 90 years old, for someone to give his brother, Norman, a ride in a Model A for his 93rd birthday. On March 26th Lora, with her Model A and Gary in his Model T, fulfilled that request. The pictures immediately below are of Norman and Lora driving around Lake Lowell. The pictures on the bottom of the page are of Gary and Norman in the Model T. They also met Norman's wife, Clara, during their visit. Lora said they were delightful and it was an honor and a joy to meet them. Picture on the left is of the four of them in their home.



Jim's Tech Tip Identifying Your Carburetor

When ordering parts or looking up adjustment specs for your carburetor, it is important that you identify which one you have. Below are 4 of the most common carbs used on a Model A with the gasket sets they use, which gives you a feel for the shape of the casting and bowl. Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!* Jim

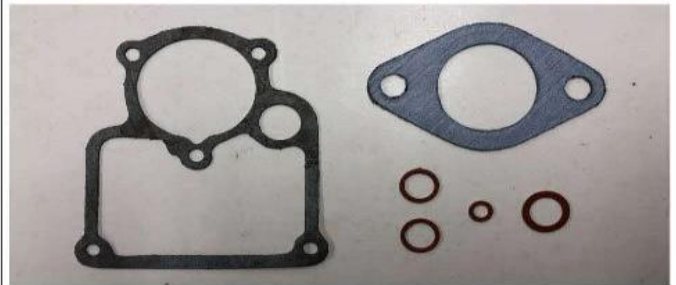
Zenith Model A



Tillotson Model A



Marvel Shebler Model A or B



Zenith Model B



TREASURE VALLEY MODEL A LADY A'S

**HAPPY SPRING!**

Stephanie is working on activities including tours to the Botanical Gardens, Birds of Prey, and a "Paint & Sip" fun opportunity.

Enjoy an article from MAFCA about 1928 fashion styles and color.

***Looking One's Loveliest in 1928****A Pictorial Summary of Model 'A' Fashions*

By Jill Barrett, Santa Clara Valley Chapter, California

It was in 1928 that Henry Ford's River Rouge Complex in Dearborn Michigan, an auto plant begun in 1917, was completed as the largest factory in the world. In 1928 the United States were still consumed by Prohibition and the Roaring 20's. Fats Domino, Lefty Frizzell, Maya Angelou, Rosemary Clooney, Elias James Corey, Dick York, Bob Crane, Jimmy Dean, Dick Van Patton, and Ralph Waite are some that have one thing in common. Only one was an American chemist Nobel Prize laureate but they all were born in 1928. And on that note, 1928 was the first year of our Model A era.



Anne Rittenhouse, fashion contributor for McCall's Magazine, wrote in 1928, "Not a knee was to be seen." She also wrote, there was a new trend of practicality. Every woman could wear the same dress at home, to work and to then to the store. One costume for the day was sufficient. Another trend for women's fashion in 1928 was the open season for all fabrics between two Januarys. Cedar chests were now used for interior furnishings.

In 1928, waistlines were right at the widest part of hipline. New belts livened up old frocks. Designers used simple straight lines. The hem line was straight with flares and pleats that allowed the skirt to open with the movement of a woman's knee brought on by new dance demands.

A vivacious evening and afternoon tea dress was preferred to a sedate one. A wider variety of colors were accepted. Women's clothes were now referred to as romantic and acquiescently Victorian similar to the feminine gowns in the late 1880's when Queen Victoria lived. There were no plain surfaces on a dress in 1928. Dresses had ruffles, full skirts, a flare below the knee and uneven hemlines. In 1928 there were flounces, jabots, pleating, decorative girdles, odd seams, flying scarfs, floating sleeves, raglan shoulders, and hip yokes that were features to attract attention and prove change from the last season.

Necklines were softened with lace using its old sway over the neck opening. The decorative neckline went hand-in-hand with the flowing, straight skirt. Coats in the summer were not only for comfort but often as a decoration. Coats were not meant to hide the dress but slyly reveal it. Well fitted shoulders were a necessity. The slim arm was as important as the slim ankle. Muscles were taboo. Stringy tendons were abhorred. Women went to great lengths to look just right.



Women's fabric colors in 1928 were bright and vivacious. Fabrics in garden colors let in brilliancy. With bright colors available, black and white, dark blue and mist gray were running mates. For more information about colors in the Model A era, check out *The Color of Fashions in Your Model A World* written by MAFCA member Peggy Gill. Her research and color descriptions will steer you in the right direction to recreate that perfect ensemble.

In young girls fashions, there was the allure of the new smocking which simplified fitting with straight under-arm seams. Another great trend was hand stitchery with effectively placed dainty flowerets made from French knots.



THE FRANK LEONARD MEMORIAL SPRING TOUR

SATURDAY MARCH 25, 2006

"Frank's Tour"

You say, "who's Frank Leonard?" Well, Frank was my beat friend here in Emmett. We met during Cruise Night and hit it off from the beginning. We had a 1929 Nash Four Door Sedan and Frank introduced us to Model A's. Pretty soon we were cruising around with the "Old Timer Club" and our Nash with its tip top speed of 35mph had some difficulties keeping up. Frank said "you have to get a Model A so I started looking and found a '29 Roadster in Midvale and he went with me to pick it up. Then I was hooked.

We had a wonderful 8 yr. relationship working on, talking about and driving our A's. He showed me this picture of his car when he proudly brought it home. He said that his daughters were quite embarrassed to have it sitting in their front yard and told him so. But after he restored it they both changed their minds and loved it. This "after" picture was taken in Surrey Canada at the first Northwest Regional meet that we attended with Frank & Jean.

We spent a lot of time together driving around Gem County and Emmett looking for Model A parts and spinning yarns about the good old days, he had a lot of stories to tell. On one occasion while Frank, Rex Labrie and I were headed for Hopkin's Junkyard we decided to organize a mini tour on some of these old roads winding through the Emmett farmlands. Everyone liked it so well that we decided to do it again and it came to be expected. We just called it the Emmett spring shakedown tour to get cars ready for the coming year.

After Frank passed away Rex and I decided to keep the tour going each year in memory of Frank and all of the good times that we had together telling lies and trying to impress each other. So here it is again.

Frank Leonard 8/30/1922-11/7/2003

Ron Carr



Before



After



Frank Leonard

NOW.. March 25 2023 at the Emmett Spring Tour again.

I wrote the letter above in 2006 for that year's tour, now let me add more about the Emmett tours. The Old Timer's Club faded away and Frank and I joined the new Treasure Valley Model A Club where most of our activities were car shows and parades. There were no tours so I give Frank Leonard credit for their beginnings. I think that he got the idea from the tours that the National and North Western Model A Ford Meets had. The sponsoring club would have a tour of their area to show their visitors from other cities or states some of their local interesting sites. His tours were designed to show Treasure Valley members the sites around Emmett.

When I first met him he worked for the Emmett School District maintaining and driving school busses. He therefore was very familiar with all of the rural roads around the valley and used that knowledge to prepare routes for his tours. He got Rex Labrie and I excited and we joined him in selecting routes which usually ended up at a restaurant for lunch.

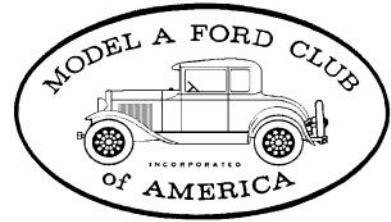
After Frank died in 2003 Rex and I along with my wife Lois planned and continued the tours and renamed 'The Emmett Frank Leonard Memorial Spring Tour' in his memory. After my wife Lois passed in 2010 Rex and I renamed the tour to 'The Frank & Lois Memorial Spring Tour'. After that year Rex retired from the Model A club and Fran stepped in to continue planning upcoming tours. And that is where we are today, and we thank everyone for attending and helping making them a success and the fun they are today.

Ron & Fran

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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