



THE RATTLE 'N' RAG

TREASURE VALLEY MODEL A
FORD CLUB OF AMERICA



Treasure Valley Model A Club members met December 14 at Bob's Restaurant and Lounge to celebrate our annual Christmas Party. Dinner was a choice of either Ham or Turkey with mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, green beans, green salad, roll, and choice of Cheesecake or Pumpkin Pie with toppings for dessert. No one left hungry!

We gathered unwrapped toys for "Toys for Tots", and we held a gift exchange.

Lora took pictures of us by the beautifully decorated Christmas Tree which will show up in the pages of this Newsletter.



Thank you to Lora Eggen for being our photographer!

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NOSTALGIC POTATO SACK VESTS GIVEN TO FOUR CLUB MEMBERS

Many years ago club members made vests from burlap sacks to wear to Model A Meets to identify themselves as Idahoans. They collected pins and patches from other clubs to decorate the vests. No two are alike. Elvin Hightower recently discovered them.

After dinner 4 names were drawn and these lucky winners each went home with a vest.



2023 TVMAC Officers

- President: Rob Spofford
- Vice President: Elvin Hightower
- Secretary: Lora Eggen
- Treasurer: Arlan Potts
- Membership: Arlan Potts
- National Rep: Jim Borchers
- Sunshine Committee: Joanie Calhoun
- Lady A's: Stephanie Stapleton
- Newsletter: JoAnn Blout

CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2024

- President: Chuck Nelson
- Vice President: Rob Spofford
- Secretary: Lora Eggen
- Treasurer/Membership: Arlan Potts
- National MAFCA Representative: Jim Borchers

Deadline for pictures, stories, flyers, current events, etc. in next month's The Rattlin' Rag is:
Monday,
January 15, 2024
 Please email to
 JoAnn Blout

Club annual dues for 2024 are now due. Pay \$20 per family to Arlan Potts at Club Meetings or mail to his home address.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

JANUARY 2024

	1 Happy New Year	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Club Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

NEW MEETING LOCATION

Our Club Meetings will be held in a new location beginning in January. Unfortunately, Bob's Restaurant in Nampa has closed. They were kind enough to host us for our Christmas Party, but that was the last time.

Joanie has arranged for us to go back to Great Wall Restaurant on January 11. Great Wall is located at 10398 W Overland Road in Boise (near Overland and Five Mile) and is a Chinese Buffet style restaurant with a wide variety of food. They have a room that is an adequate size to host us. We thank them for welcoming us back.

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:

NEW LOCATION

January 11, 2024 at Great Wall Restaurant, 10398 W Overland Rd, Dinner at 6:00 p.m., Meeting at 7:00

Tours 2024:

The Tours Committee is working on ideas for our outings in 2024.

Fast Food Fridays:

Will begin in May



More Christmas Party Pics

Christmas Party Pictures



MORE PICTURES



BOISE HOLIDAY PARADE

Four Treasure Valley Model A Club members participated in the Boise Holiday Parade on December 2, 2023. The weather was bitterly cold when the folks and their cars lined up for judging and parade preparation. It is always fun to join other Club members in a parade.





As the year comes to an end, I urge you to take care of yourselves and avoid accidents. Spare parts for old models, like many of us, are no longer in stock.

Stephanie, our Lady A's Coordinator, is out of commission for several weeks due to surgery on her knee. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Thank you Elaine for organizing the party, working with Bob's Restaurant on the menu, and making sure we had a comfortable venue to enjoy our time together.

Also thank you Elaine for creating the candles for our table setting that designated whether we were eating Turkey or Ham. Very cute and functional.

(Now we know where our toilet paper rolls went!)



I just read a book about marriage that says you should treat your wife like you treated her on your first date.

So tonight, after dinner, I am dropping her off at her parents' house.



I finally did it!

Bought a new pair of shoes with memory foam insoles. No more forgetting why I walked in the kitchen.

T'was the night before Christmas
and out in the garage
Santa was wondering
"Will I take a Ford, Chevy or Dodge?"

The toys were all wrapped
in bags on the floor
while the old gentleman's helpers
pulled open the door.

When he started the Chevy
he heard such a clatter
that he lifted the hood
to see what was the matter.

Away to the Dodge
he flew like a flash,
tore open the door
and off fell the dash.

When what to his wondering
eyes should appear
but the old Model A
way back in the rear.

He sprang to the A,
to his elves gave a cheer,
as he started her up
and slipped her in gear.

And placing the gifts
beside his seat
they loaded her up,
t'was no easy feat.

The purr of her engine
to his worried ears
was as music to angels
and ceased all his fears.

But I heard him exclaim
ere he drove out of sight.
"Merry Christmas to all
this Ford's my delight."

Unknown Author



ROB HARRIS'S HOLIDAY ADVENTURES WITH "LIZZY"

The past month has been busy, busy, busy! I started off driving Governor Little in the Veterans Day Parade. He's very smart and has a ton of knowledge and history of Idaho. When he was in Indiana he got to ride in a race car. The driver asked the Governor where he was from. When he said he was from Idaho, the driver said he was also from Idaho and started his racing career there! His name was Davey Hamilton. He still comes to Idaho to race in Meridian and at Firebird. The Governor told Davey that he now owns Firebird. What a coincidence!



The next parade was in Emmett on November 25. I spent hours decorating "Lizzy" with lights and animated Santa Claus, Snowmen, festive Dogs, the Grinch and more. I received 3rd place for Best Decorated Vehicle/Float.

The following Friday was Meridian's Night Light Parade. Miss Tracy and I had a quick drink and appetizer before lining up at the Meridian race track for the parade. The weather was cold but all participants enjoyed the frigid temperatures. There were a lot of happy faces and cheers through downtown Meridian. I only lost one animated Santa Claus on my way to line up in the parade.



The next morning I had to be in line for the Boise Holiday Parade for judging. Number 25 wasn't too bad, but the cold . . . Oh my, it was cold!

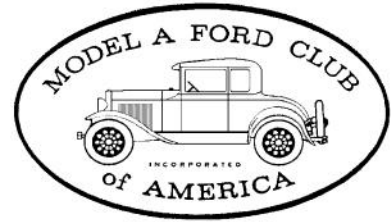
The Treasure Valley A's is a Model A Ford automobile club located in the Boise area of Idaho. We are dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the Model A Fords from 1928 through 1931 by the Ford Motor Company. Membership is not limited to owners and is open to anyone interested in preserving 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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