

**SAY GOODBYE TO 2022 AND HELLO TO 2023**

Looking back on this past year I think I can safely say we all experienced ups and downs, highs and lows, wonderful days and devastating times. We made it through those good and bad periods, which shows we are resilient.

Looking forward to 2023 I can almost guarantee we will continue to experience good days and bad days. That is the nature of life. What helps us get through these days are friends and family members who listen to and support us during stressful times. Our Model A Club friends help share our joys and burdens. A hug before our meeting, and handshake and pat on the back at the end of a meeting, a card of sympathy or get well wishes means a lot. Even a smile or wave across the room shows we care about each other. For all of these things I am grateful.

My wish for all of us for 2023 is that we continue to meet and share in each others lives. That we can spend time with each other on tours. That we can participate in plans and help prepare for the Regional Meet in September in beautiful Victoria, BC. That we can work on our cars to maintain them and repair them so travel in them is easy and enjoyable.

Take care of yourselves. Get adequate sleep and eat nutritious meals. Exercise and move your bodies as best you can. Keep your minds active by reading good books, watching uplifting media (movies and TV), and enjoy the words of wisdom and humor on page 6 of this newsletter.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JoAnn Blout, Editor



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Deadline for pictures, stories, flyers, current events, etc., in next month's Rattlin' Rag is:  
Monday, February 13, 2023  
 Please email to  
 JoAnn Blout

**2023 NORTHWEST REGIONAL MEET**

Jim Borchers, our Regional representative, reports we will have a Regional Meet this summer!

Location: Victoria, British Columbia (passports required)

Dates: September 18-22, 2023

September 18 - Check in

September 19 - Welcome Breakfast and Touring

September 20 - Touring and Hubley Races

September 21 - Grand Tour and Farewell Dinner

September 22 - Check out

Victoria is a real tourist destination so September allows us to avoid extra fees and congestion.

Registration form and more information will be coming.

The contract with the host hotel requires a minimum of 50 registrations. Room rates in Victoria seem really high, but when the exchange rate between the US and Canada is calculated, the room rates are a dollar more than the room rates we paid in Spokane, Washington.

Multiple Chapters (Clubs) will help with the planning and execution of this Regional Meet, so stay tuned for details.

**GET YOUR MODEL A'S TUNED UP & READY TO GO**

**They say 40 is the new  
 30. And 50 is the new  
 40.  
 But all I know is the  
 older I get, the more  
 9pm is the new  
 midnight.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**FEBRUARY 2023**

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

**Local Events:**  
**Mechanics Garage**  
 Hightower's Garage: Please call Elvin to schedule the day and time to get expert help with your project.  
**Next Club Meeting**  
 February 9, 2023, Bob's Restaurant & Lounge, 1411 Shilo Drive, Nampa, Idaho 83687 Dinner at 6:00 p.m., Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
**Polar Bear Run?**  
 Watch for details for the 2023 Polar Bear Run depending on weather in late January or February  
**LADY A'S**  
 Watch for "Painting" activity and CPR class.



**MECHANIC'S GARAGE**

Elvin Hightower's garage has, of necessity, changed from Monday night open garage on the 2nd and 4th Mondays to an "Everyday Mechanic's Garage". Please contact Elvin to discuss your "project". He is also willing to hold and schedule workshops to learn how to do various repairs or rebuilding of Model A parts or systems.

**2023 ANNUAL DUES**

Arlan Potts is accepting 2023 annual dues at this time. Dues are \$20 per family, and can be paid by check or cash.

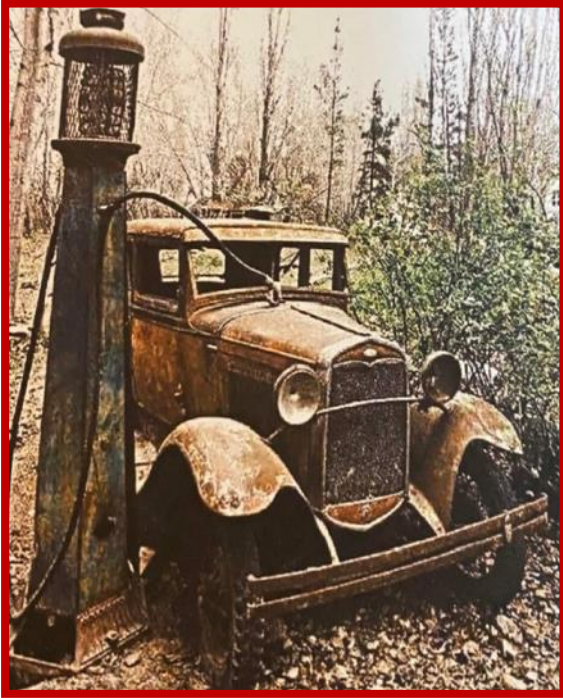
Arlan accepts payment at our monthly meetings or by mail to his home address. His address us on the last page of this newsletter.

**TVMAC PATCHES**

Our club purchased small and large patches for jackets or shirts with our Treasure Valley Model A Club logo on them. The patches are excellent quality and can be ironed or sewn on jackets or shirts that you purchase separately. By purchasing your own jacket or shirt you ensure you get the styles and sizes you want and need. Due to the popularity of the patches, a new order will be placed in the near future. Arlan has the patches with him at our monthly meetings.

MEN'S MODEL A ERA HATS





Need to restore this Model A and the gas pump! (left)



1930 Ford Model A  
Rural Mail Delivery Convertible

Fred Rogers in 1928 Sport Coupe he featured on his TV show "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood" (right)



YOUR RIGHT DAD..THE "A" REALLY ATTRACTS THE GUYS

WORKING IN HIGHTOWER'S GARAGE



Several TVMAC members met at Elvin's garage on a recent Monday evening to work on Shawn's car. Shawn is a new club member who also belongs to the Model T club. Jeff Stapleton's grandson, Riley, is learning how to work on Model A's.  
(Pictures and information provided by Chuck Nelson.)



Anyone who has free time and wants learn about repairing and rebuilding Model A's is invited to come to Elvin's garage. Elvin can tell you when a work party is scheduled and what they plan to work on during the session. Give him a call.

WORDS TO RELIEVE STRESS

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

We can learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.

Accept that some days you are the pigeon, and some days you are the statue.

### ADDING "WOW" TO YOUR MODEL A ERA FASHIONS

By Diann Eason, Model A Club of Colorado

Do you have an era dress, suit or sports outfit, but not sure how to complete it or what accessory would add that WOW factor? The MAFCA Fashion Guidelines, 2D-1 and 3D-1 describe the use of accessories, either worn or carried, that will compliment and complete your overall appearance. How do you decide which accessories to use?

Begin by reviewing literature documenting era fashions. MAFCA's website is a great place to start with references to books, articles, and DVDs. Also refer to The Restorer magazine for ideas and pictures for fashion.

Next, decide where or when the major garment would be worn. For example, a woman wearing a 1930 daytime dress for shopping would have accessories such as a purse with items like a handkerchief, compact with mirror, lipstick and coins. Jewelry worn in the daytime might include a simple pear necklace and earrings, to a perhaps a necklace made of celluloid or Bakelite. Eye glasses could also be considered an accessory. The proper use of these accessories makes your outfit go from okay to WOW!



Accessories for evening wear added "sparkle" to the ensemble. Women's jewelry was made of gold, crystal beads, pearls, rhinestones or precious gems.

Evening purses were made of beads, or rhinestones on satin fabric or soft leather to add elegance to the overall appearance.

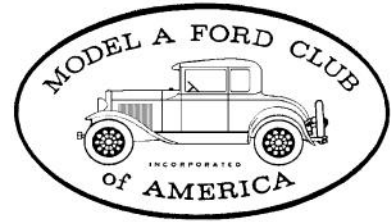
Accessories, whether small or large, add that WOW factor to your over all appearance.



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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