



THE RATTLIN RAG

TREASURE VALLEY MODEL A
FORD CLUB OF AMERICA

28th ANNUAL DON BORCHERS MELBA FUN RUN

For the 28th year the Don Borchers Melba Fun Run was held on May 6th. A total of 41 cars and drivers gathered at Albertsons in Kuna for registration and doughnuts. Thanks to Albertsons for the doughnuts and the use of their parking lot. Among the cars were 11 Model A's! The most of any group. There were also 7 Model T's! A new record for that group.

While it was raining in Boise, the weather in Kuna was a bit overcast and then gave way to the sun. The group left at 9:20 and headed south on Swan Falls Road.

We arrived at the mid point of the tour and stopped. With the sun shining, we were treated to 7 aircraft flying overhead. Thanks to Steve Strom from the Model T Club for arranging the fly over. That is no small effort and is very much appreciated by everyone!

(Story and pictures by Jim Borchers and Lora Eggen)



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More Melba Fun Run Pictures

Everyone made it to Celebration Park and had a great time catching up on the latest car news. Members of the Horseless Carriage Club, V-8 Club and Studabaker Club attended. The oldest car was a 1914 Model T Ford. We did have one breakdown between the Park and the Melba Senior Center. Time to find our Trouble Trophy!



2023 TVMAC Officers

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

Deadline for pictures, stories, flyers, current events, etc. in next month's The Rattlin' Rag is:
Monday, June 12, 2023
 Please email to
 JoAnn Blout

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

JUNE 2023

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



MAY 20TH TOUR & PARADE

Tour to Edna Creek up Highway 21: Meet at Albertsons Parking lot at the junction of Highway 21 and Federal Way ready to leave at 10:00 a.m.. We will drive up the highway for about 54 miles and plan to picnic about noon. Bring your own picnic and a dessert to share. If Edna Creek is still "snowed in" we will picnic at Whoop-Um-Up Park & Ski area. We should be back in Boise about 4:00 p.m. RSVP to Rob Blout, please.

Parade America will be in conjunction with the Model T Club. Line up begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Jack In The Box at Amity and 12th Ave. in Nampa. The parade begins at 11:00 a.m. and we are unit #29 listed as "Antique Cars".

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

June 8, 2023, Bob's Restaurant & Lounge, 1411 Shilo Drive, Nampa, Idaho 83687 Dinner at 6:00 p.m., Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

May 20 Tour to Woop-Um-Up

Tailgating in the parking lot. See details this page.

Fast Food Fridays in June

June 2: West Side Drive-In, 1113 Park Center Blvd, Boise

June 9: Arby's, 611 12th Ave Rd, Nampa

June 16: Big Bun, 5816 W Overland Rd, Boise

June 23: Fanci Freez, 1750 W McMillan Rd #100, Meridian

June 30: Dairy Queen, 11735 W State St, Star

Meet at 6:00 p.m. for a meal or dessert and an opportunity to socialize with other Club members. (Ladies — No cooking or Dishes to clean.)

FIRST FFF OF 2023

Only the Spoffords and Hightowers braved the rain and cold to attend the first Fast Food Friday of this season. Looking forward to more participation next Friday! Check last month's Newsletter online for May's locations.

Save These Dates

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

July 4th: Idaho City 4th of July Parade and Picnic with Rob Blout as tour leader.

August 19: Tour Destination To Be Determined.

More Melba Fun Run Pictures



At the Senior Center we enjoyed a lunch of pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, potato salad and brownies with ice cream.

Several participants brought items for auction. We had a blast auctioning items thanks to some very exciting action as we auctioned baskets of homemade cookies!

This event raised \$4200 for the Melba Senior Center!!!!!! THANK YOU to all the clubs who contributed as well as those who attended.

We look forward to seeing everyone next year!



MEET CLUB MEMBERS: ROGER AND JULIE WILLIAMS

Roger and Julie are quite literally “new members” having joined our club late last month!

Roger says he was looking for a new hobby. His aunt had a Model A when he was a child, and his mom sometimes borrowed it. He says the sound of that car just hung with him. He began to look for a Model A, particularly for a Tudor, but couldn't find one. He did find an ad for a coupe in Clarkston, WA, so he called and talked to the seller. He was interested enough that he and Julie drove over to check it out. They were interested with what they saw, drove it for about a mile, and decided they liked it. Roger knew it had “issues”, but he was looking for a new hobby, so... they bought it. They had to return to Idaho to get a trailer to tow it home, so it was back to Washington the next day to load it up - including the rumble seat - and take it home to Star.

Their car is a 1931 Standard Coupe and it's “issues” have turned into a project that he has worked on daily for 7 months! During this time Paul Shinn and his YouTube videos have been his mentor and teacher. Among other things Roger has installed seatbelts, rebuilt the water pump, worked on the head and head gasket, and now it has a leak in the radiator - so the radiator is in Ontario with “a guy” who is willing to look at it and hopefully will fix it - “when he has time in a few weeks”. Julie said their first “round the block” drive was on April 27th.

Roger and Julie were high school sweethearts, but went their separate ways after high school. Both married, each had 3 children, and then divorced. At their 30th class reunion Roger saw Julie across the room and just knew he had to talk to her. He asked her for a date but, due to her work schedule, it was 3 weeks before they could get together - and the rest is history. Roger says they will be married for 34 years this coming October. In addition to their 6 children, they have 34 Grand and Great-Grand Children. Roger is a retired contractor and Julie is a retired Registered Nurse.

Welcome to Treasure Valley Model A Club, Roger and Julie. Our members help each other with repairing and maintaining our cars. We look forward to you sharing your knowledge with us as we share our knowledge with you.



Coupe in Clarkson, Washington



At home in Star, Idaho



Julie and Roger with their Coupe

LAST PICTURES OF MELBA FUN RUN



Model T Club members Susan and Drew sent their pictures for our Newsletter Thank You!



As the Newsletter editor, I want to thank everyone who takes pictures at our club events and shares them. Your efforts help our newsletter stay fun, relevant, and colorful. THANK YOU! JoAnn Blout

TREASURE VALLEY MODEL A LADY A'S

PAINTING AND SIPPING WITH THE LADY A'S

On May 2nd 12 Lady A's gathered to "Paint N Sip" in Meridian. They were encouraged to bring a snack to share and BYOB (wine or beer okay) to drink while visiting with each other. Stephanie Stapleton, our Lady A's Chairwoman, organized the gathering and provided lemonade and iced tea plus cups, plates, and napkins for all.

Below are pictures of our budding artists, provided by Lora Eggan. As you can see, they were given a prompt on the screen to paint a cow. They all did a great job! I think they all had a good time, too.



MORE LADY A'S PICTURES

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BUDDING ARTISTS, ONE AND ALL !



SMOOTH RIDER TOUR INFORMATION

Jeff Caldwell wants our club members to know about the planning for a "2023 Smooth Rider" tour. This is a sister tour to the 2019 tour, so if you heard about that event this will be similar. This information is tentative as things are still in the planning stage.

September 28

Walla Walla, WA to Clarkston, WA through the wheat field of SW Washington. There will be about 12 miles of gravel road, but it is very easy and very scenic. There is an alternate route to Clarkston, where we will spend the first night. We will have lunch at the Pataha Flower Mill and dinner at Roosters (like the 2019 tour).

September 29

Clarkston touring through the Nez Perce Indian Reservation (lunch west of Cottonwood, ID in Kutterville, ID and the Kutterville Pub and Grub with possible museum tour or two). Then on to White Bird, ID for a stop at an antique store and the White Bird Canyon Battle site, then on to Grangeville, ID for the night with dinner at a Rib House.

September 30

Grangeville back to Clarkston, with a side trip to Pierce, ID for lunch at Miss Lily's Gold Rush Saloon, spending the night in Clarkston. Dinner at Roosters or another place if we choose.

October 1

The end of September is a few months away, but if this is something that you might want to do, let Jeff know so the planners can make necessary arrangements.

YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR THIS TOUR.

Prices may vary at each location

Clarkston: (2 Nights)

Holiday Inn Clarkston, River Tree Inn, Best Western Plus The Inn at Hells Canyon

Grangeville: (1Night)

Super 8 by Wyndom, Gateway Inn



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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