



THE RATTLE 'RAG

TREASURE VALLEY MODEL A
FORD CLUB OF AMERICA

CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATION

The Treasure Valley Model A Ford Club, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the City of Eagle celebrated the two hundred thirty sixth anniversary of the signing of the U. S. Constitution. Eagle Mayor Jason Pierce was in attendance as hundreds of people stopped by the view our Model A's and joined in the celebration.

Twenty Model A cars participated in the event. Every Model A was decorated with two flags and a display board providing information about the Constitutional Convention in 1787 and its delegates. There were Model A Coupes, Fordors, Tudors, Pickups Trucks, a Phaeton, a Station Wagon, a Roadster Pickup Truck, a Leatherback, a Town Sedan, and a Deluxe Delivery Truck all built by Henry Ford between 1928 and 1931.



Model A's lined both sides of the street with display boards in front of each vehicle.

Craig & Lynn McClintock with their Model A Deluxe Delivery Truck



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CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATION (CONTINUED)

Many people who attended said they were not aware that Ford built so many different types of Model A's. Others were amazed to see so many Model A vehicles in one place. Many parents enjoyed taking pictures of their children sitting in a Model A. This was a rare opportunity to see so many different types of Model A's at one time.



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,
November 13, 2023
 Please email to
 JoAnn Blout



Folks enjoyed the music provided by Hal Stead, his son Levi, and Tylor Jordan. Their song selections made the event special.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

NOVEMBER 2023

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

JIM BORCHER - NATIONAL / REGIONAL REP

September 20, 2023

The Northwest Region Hub Tour in Victoria B.C. was a success with 60 registrants and 30 cars attending.

During the Meet there was a Northwest Region Directors meeting. I attended via ZOOM.

It was great to be included in the discussions. There were a few notable items.

1. There were several new nominations for NW Region President and Vice President positions. The election will be at the April meeting in Portland, Oregon.
2. At this time there are no regional events planned for 2024 or 2025.
3. The region is suggesting that chapters share information on tours they do so maybe others from other chapters might attend. I thought maybe we could share information about the McCall Tour as something others might attend.
4. There was an interesting announcement for 2026. The Pendleton Chapter would like to host the NATIONAL Meet in late June of 2026. A motion was made to see if the Region would support them in their efforts, and the vote was unanimous to support them. In fact I seconded the motion. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our TVMAC to support the event and assist the Pendleton Chapter.

As more information comes from the Region I will have further reports.

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

November 9, 2023, Bob's Restaurant & Lounge, 1411 Shilo Drive, Nampa, Idaho 83687 Dinner at 6:00 p.m., Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Fast Food Fridays

October 6: Chick Fil A, 2012 N Eagle Road, Meridian

October 13: California Mexican Food, 10889 W Fairview Road, Boise

October 20: A&W, 145 E Maine Ave, Nampa

October 27: Dairy Queen, 107 E Water Tower, Meridian (Final FFF of the year)

FFF 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.)

Christmas Party: Save December 14th, at 6:00 pm, \$12 per person, same menu as last year. Stay tuned for more details.

The final Fast Food Fridays are this month. See you all next May!

Thanks for the pictures you all submitted.



MORE PICTURES FROM CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATION



The celebration concluded with a bell ringing ceremony at 2:00 p.m. led by our Town Crier, Fred Ornellas. Dressed in his tricorn hat and yelling "HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE, he walked onto Main Street reciting the Preamble to the U. S. Constitution. When he finished our bells rang loud for everyone in downtown Eagle to hear.

Autumn and Halloween Giggles

What do you call an annoying pumpkin that does stupid stuff?

A Jack-Ass-O-Lantern.

What happened to the man who didn't pay the exorcist?

His house was repossessed.

What do you get when you cross a Vampire and a Snowman?

Frostbite.

What do you call two witches living together?

Broom Mates.



Life is too short to worry about matching socks!



Puns for Educated Minds

- 1) A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
- 2) Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
- 3) The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
- 4) Two hats were hanging on a hat rack. One hat said to the other: "You stay here; I'll go on a head."
- 5) Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

SUPERSTITIONS AROUND (BLACK) CATS:

The most popular cat superstition is that you will have bad luck if a black car crosses your path. When Egyptians began worshipping the black cat Bast, Christians became convinced that black cats were demons in disguise. They believed if a demon crossed your path it created a barrier of evil, severing you from God and heaven.

Other cat superstitions are:

One white hair on a black car is good luck.

Black cats protect fishermen at sea.

Cats have nine lives.

If a cat sneezes three times someone will catch a cold.

Having a cat in a theater is good luck.

If you kill a black cat, you sacrifice your soul to the devil.



Anyone who thinks talk is cheap has never talked to a lawyer!

Jim's Tech Tips

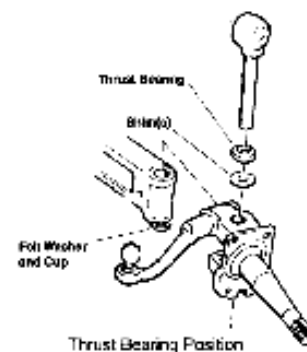
"Difficult Steering"

Many Model A owners find their car hard to steer when parking or maneuvering at low speed. After you confirm that there is oil in the steering gear box (not grease), the tires are all inflated to 35 psi, and everything on the front axle has been properly greased, you are left with the most likely cause: The spindle bolt (kingpin) "thrust bearings" are defective or they are not shimmed up properly to support the weight of the car. You can confirm this by using a floor jack to take some weight off of the front wheels, and then see if the steering effort is drastically reduced. If it is, the problem is the bearings.

To correct this, you need to remove everything from the spindles to get to the kingpins and remove them. See Les Andrews' Red Book, starting on page 1-209, for directions. The illustration below comes from later in that section.

Clean the thrust bearing and replace it if it does not turn smoothly or shows any signs of wear. Pack the bearing with grease before reinstalling.

When reassembling, you need to test fit the spindle with the kingpin fully locked in place with the locking pin. Temporarily leave the large felt seal and metal washer off of the bottom of the spindle for this. Start with the number of shims previously used, then add 1 shim at a time until very little or no vertical movement of the spindle is felt on the kingpin. It can take up to 4 shims to compensate for wear.



At some point, adding a shim may jam up the spindle, making it hard to turn on the kingpin. If it does, take that last shim out, reassemble, and confirm that the spindle again moves easily, as it should. Now reassemble the spindle on the axle with the felt seal and the cupped metal washer installed between the axle and the bottom part of the spindle (the metal cup touches the axle, the felt touches the spindle). The added thickness of the felt seal may temporarily make the spindle a bit stiff turning on the kingpin, but it will quickly flatten out and move smoothly when you drive.

Now reinstall everything that attaches to the spindle, install the brakes, maybe use this as an opportunity to clean and repack the wheel bearings, then install the drums and the wheels. Grease all of the fittings well. Go for a test drive, enjoy the easier steering, and *Have a Model A Day!*

Jim



Lady A's Activities

Stephanie reports no current activities are planned and she is asking for suggestions. Contact her directly.

Our CHRISTMAS PARTY is in the planning phase. It will be on our usual meeting date, December 14, and will be the same menu as last year - choice of turkey or ham with all the trimmings. Desserts will be purchased and served by the restaurant. Cost will be \$12 per person prepaid to Arlan. Watch for an email with all the details.

A Backward Interest in Design

By Lynda Davis, Dallas and Fort Worth Model A Clubs

In their 1928 winter magazine, the Fifth Avenue luxury department store B. Altman and Company describes evolving fashion trends as the "playful imagination of fashion [that] is constantly conceiving delightfully fanciful things, some of which live while others wither and die. How frivolous one can feel in billows of tulle and chiffon—in a youthful bouffant frock, . . . or, when dining and dancing in crowded spaces, how smart the sophisticate appears in an evening gown of more restraint—one that falls in straighter, softer lines and follows the body rather [definitively]." Altman's observation aptly reflects the evolution of style during the 1920-30 decade.



McCalls, October 1929. Illustration taken from *The Fashion Files*, p 70.



"Artificial silk bias-cut evening gown by Donguy of Paris, ca. 1930s"

The decade dawned with women's voting rights and freedoms (leading to shorter dress hems) and ended with the cataclysmic crash of a booming economy (in which hem length dropped along with stocks). B. Altman's statement marks the fashion-pendulum swing from the frilly garden party and elaborate and beaded flapper dresses (with hem lines reaching their height in 1927 to just below the knee), to the advancing trend towards more conservatively-styled, longer and sleeker gowns "of more restraint," what Altman called the "straightening out" feeling." These dresses were typically made from velvet, heavy silk, silk crepe de Chine, silk pongee, lace, and the new Rayon, and they hug the body in ways that Jean Harlow would later make famous.

Of course, bobbed hair and bared backs do provide nice landscapes for ladies to show off their jewelry. How often have we heard tales of our grandmothers or great grandmothers wearing their long necklaces backwards down their lovely backs.



As seen above, the front of the dresses were relatively plain but the backs were bare and decorated at the waistline. Necklaces worn backward drew attention to their backs. One possible reason to show off their backs was the current dance styles. When skirts were shorter in the early 1920's dances were full of movement, but the longer dresses limited movement so dances were slower, "cheek to cheek", and more "sophisticated" as they moved through the crowded ballrooms.



This article is based on a larger article found in MAFCA's "Quail" publication written by Linda Davis from Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas.

MAFCA CHAPTER COORDINATOR, WILL LANGFORD, ASKED THIS INFORMATION BE INCLUDED IN OUR NEWSLETTER



MAFCA ANNOUNCES 50 YEAR AWARD PROGRAM

Each year one of the privileges for the Chapter Coordinator for MAFCA is to recognize those chapters who have achieved certain milestones in their history for their years of continuous operation. This is done by awarding a certificate of achievement designating that milestone. These are then delivered to each chapter to display. We are proud to announce a new program to enhance this.

This year by unanimous vote the MAFCA Board of Directors and in an agreement with MAFFI and the Model "A" Ford Museum we approved to begin recognizing those chapters who have achieved the high honor of 50 years of continuous membership in the Model "A" Ford Club of America in a special way. For those chapters an inscribed brick will be placed on behalf of MAFCA at the Model "A" Museum by the Model "A" Ford Foundation or MAFFI. This permanent enshrinement of this accomplishment will be on display 365 days a year to celebrate this high honor.

We cannot however just begin this recognition in 2023. We must also look back to past award recipients as well as look at our current winners. To do so 94 bricks will be ordered this year that will include all prior 50 year Chapter Longevity Award winners. This begins with our first chapter, the Bakersfield, California Club, as well as including the 2023 and 2024 winners which will be placed in time for the 2024 Model "A" Days celebration. Each year after a brick will be placed in honor of those 50 year chapters reaching this milestone. Those recognized in this sidewalk of 50 year Chapter Longevity Winners is meant to demonstrate their special place in MAFCA's history and their significance in the success of MAFCA.



It is our hope that with this permanent recognition and placement of these bricks, those MAFCA members and others who visit the museum, will feel the same sense of pride and accomplishment in these recipient's as the Model A Ford Club of America does.

Will Langford
2023 Chapter Coordinator

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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