



THE RATTLE' RAG

TREASURE VALLEY MODEL A
FORD CLUB OF AMERICA



Presidents' Day

Officially Washington's Birthday, at the federal governmental level, is a holiday in the United States celebrated on the third Monday of February. Since 1879 it has been the federal holiday honoring Founding Father George Washington. The day is an official state holiday in most states with names including Washington's Birthday, President's Day, Presidents' Day (note the location of the apostrophe), and George Washington Day. George Washington was born February 22, 1732 and originally the holiday was celebrated on that date. In 1971 the federal holiday was shifted to the third Monday of February. (To make it a 3 day weekend)

Some states also recognize President Lincoln's birthday which occurs on February 12. Several states designate the holiday as "Presidents' Day", which would honor both Washington and Lincoln and possibly all former Presidents. Other states, including Idaho, designate the holiday as "President's Day", which would honor only Washington. A few states designate the holiday as Presidents Day, honoring all Presidents. Arizona is very specific naming their holiday "Lincoln/Washington Presidents' Day". (Pardon the English teacher in me and Wikipedia for this lesson in apostrophe placement.)

Observe President's Day on February 19 this year by eating a piece of Cherry Pie - based on the legend (probably untrue) of George Washington as a youth chopping down a cherry tree and being honest about that when questioned by his father.

Celebrating Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is just a few days away, and whether you love or hate it, there's no doubt it is one of the most widely celebrated holidays in America. The first known Valentine's Day Card was printed in 1849 in Worcester, Massachusetts. The first commercially printed Valentine was released in 1913. (continued of page 2)

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Deadline for pictures, stories, flyers, current events, etc. in next month's The Rattlin' Rag is:
Monday,
March 18, 2024
 Please email to
 JoAnn Blout

Valentine's Day (continued)

1920s: The 1920s was the era of Prohibition, jazz, and new customs (especially for women!) Most Valentine's Day dates were probably free of alcohol, but maybe included going dancing or ice skating. If the couple was more progressive they might enjoy dinner at a place that served trendy dishes like Oysters Rockefeller. If they went to see a moving picture it might be *The Kid* (1921) starring Charlie Chaplin. Just like now they likely would exchange cards and gifts.

1930s: The 1930s was the first time that men and women were going out for meals in each other's company as a *date* (just the two of them—how scandalous!). Before this, it was considered quite risqué' to go out one-on-one with someone of the opposite sex, so not only was it groundbreaking, but very romantic and much more of an event than it would be today. Couples would enjoy a meal with multiple courses and a wine pairing for each, followed by dessert and cocktails!

1940s: The United States was in the midst of World War II for the first half of the decade, so many couples were separated. This did not stop the celebrations. Women back home would have sent photos and cards to their sweethearts on the frontlines.

1950s: The end of the war and the emergence of new modern conveniences began to change the dating scene in the 1950s. Couples could swing through a drive-in theater to see romance films with Hollywood's biggest stars, like *Funny Face* (1957) starring Audrey Hepburn and Fred Astair. This iconic film was released on February 13th, so we can be certain it was a V-Day hit! Couples also may have headed to a dance, since the 1940s and 1950s were the height of swing dancing.

Today: We exchange cards, gifts of candy or flowers, and maybe go out to dinner. **Happy Valentine's Day!** (February Newsletter: Script "A" Region, MARC)

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

Arlan Potts

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

MARCH 2024

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Club Meeting	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Emmett Tour
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Easter						



Robert Harris received these two beautiful plaques from the Boise Holiday Parade for winning the “Small is Beautiful” award in both 2022 and 2023. These plaques go to Lakefront Bar and Grill in Cascade for sponsoring his car for those two years. Congratulations!

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:
 March 14, 2024 at Great Wall Restaurant, 10398 W Overland Rd, Dinner at 6:00 p.m., Meeting at 7:00
Save The Dates:
March 23, 2024 Ron and Fran have a committee preparing this tour of the Emmet Valley with their home as the base. Watch for details regarding social gatherings before and after the tour.
April 13, 2024 Tour being planned by Chuck and Marilyn Nelson.
Hubley race Watch for information about Races at Elvin’s Garage in March or April.
May 4, 2024 29th Annual Melba Fun Run. Watch for details.
July 22-23, 2024 4 Banger 400 to celebrate Bob Mather’s 80th Birthday with an overnight stay in Stanley. Watch for details.
May 31- June 7 2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION in Pendleton, Oregon. Our Club will be involved with several clubs in supporting the Blue Mountain A’s in Pendleton as they put on this National Convention.

WITHOUT FREEDOM OF SPEECH WE WOULD NOT KNOW WHO THE IDIOTS ARE

Budget (bud-jet) v. and n. to transfer an object from one location to another.
 Example “Pa was workin’ on the Model A and it fell on his foot. I tried to pull it off, but I couldn’t budget!”
 -Twin Cities Model A Club

Side Notes:

Elvin will be having surgery in the near future so he is working hard to finish the 4 project Model A’s in his garage, then will close the garage until he feels better. Stay tuned for his recovery date.

Hal recommends ModelAQuestions@gmail.com for help. They usually respond in 24 hours.

MY EXPERIENCE WITH MILLER TIRE PAINT

Editor's Note: This article is from Model A Restorers Club (MARC) Michigan's Script "A" Region Newsletter from January. They note this article is in response to a question that was asked at the Glen Falls Meet regarding how to obtain Miller Tire Paint.

Thanks to Greg Long for providing a summary of Miller Tire Paint.

Where to find Miller Tire Paint:

www.millertire.com/categories/tire-supplies/paint

This paint is a very effective way to protect and rejuvenate a rubber or rubberized surface. The paint is like a thin latex paint. It can be sprayed or brushed. It is water-based, and when dry is impervious to soap and water or other solvents. It literally seems to be a liquid black rubber..

On tires: I have used this paint to turn a white-wall tire to a black-wall. I used a small spray gun, and sprayed on two coats of the tire paint. It covered the white-wall very well. And most importantly: this tire is on a car that has been driven a lot, and the tire still looks like a "black-wall" after 5-6 years.

On black rubber running boards: The rubber running board mats crack and shrink, especially on the low areas between raised ribs. I have brushed on the Miller black Tire Paint with an artist's brush in the low, cracked areas. I applied multiple coats, in some areas 4 or 5 coats of the paint. I reapply only after the previous coat is dry, which is usually within a few hours, often less than an hour. The multiple coats soak in, fill and level the cracks. Years later they still appear to not have re-cracked.

On Panosote top material, or other vinyl or rubberized fabric top inserts: The rubberized surface gets thin from exposure to sun and weather, eventually developing cracks and leaking water through the material into the inside of the car.

Using Miller Tire Paint on a top material has a slight risk in that if it is applied too thick, or too "wet", it may soak through the cracks and fabric and stain the headliner material. To prevent this soaking through potential problem, I have used a brush, and dipping it into the tire paint, and then brushed most of the paint back into the can of paint, so the brush is very "dry". I then brush the paint onto the cracked and worn areas of the top, paying close attention to filling cracks and wetting exposed fabric, but not wet enough that the paint would soak through the top material.

A few hours later, a second application is made, again taking care to not saturate the top material causing it to soak through the fabric.

After I felt the top was water-tight again, I then sprayed a finish coat of the "Tire Paint" over the top.

While not a "miracle", it certainly does help preserve any rubberized surface.

Welcome New Members Delbert and Christy Lundquist

Del's 1929 Model A

My Great Grandpa bought "my" Model A in 1929. I remember that he would take me fishing with a boat tied on top. When he passed my mother got it, and passed it on to me. I drove it to school in 1967-1968 so I could play sports. We lived 15 miles out of town in Eastern Washington, north of Spokane in the town of Colville, Washington. This car allowed me to participate in after school activities.

I went into the service in 1969—1974 and the car went into storage. The Model A was in a shop for over 50 years.

My son-in-law and I went up to the old farm in Addy, Washington this past November and brought it down to Nampa to start restoring it. My 1929 Model A is now my project.

Del Lundquist

The picture on the right is of Del's great grandparents with some of their great grandchildren.

Del is the little boy wearing the white shirt on the left, sitting on his great grandfather's lap.



The picture on the left is of Del's 1929 Model A being loaded into a trailer for the trip to Nampa from the farm in Washington.

(Note Del's Interstate Batteries trailer. He is our Interstate Batteries guy.)

WHY IS 2024 A LEAP YEAR?

(From The Ft. Worth A's Newsletter, Chuck Nixon Editor)

Simply put, a **Leap Year** is a year with an extra day added—February 29—which is added nearly every four years to the calendar year.

WHY ARE LEAP YEARS NECESSARY?

Adding an extra day every four years keeps our calendar aligned with the astronomical seasons, since a year according to the Gregorian calendar (365 days) and a year according to the earth's orbit around the sun (approximately 365.25 days) are not the exact same length of time. Without this extra day, our calendar and the seasons would gradually get out of sync. Because of this extra day, a leap year has 366 days instead of 356 days. Additionally, a leap year does not end and begin on the same day of the week, the way a non-leap year does.

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF IT'S A LEAP YEAR?

Generally, a leap year happens every four years, which, thankfully, is a fairly easy pattern to remember. However, there's a little more to it than that.

Here are the rules of leap years:

- 1) A year may be a leap year if it is easily divisible by 4.
- 2) Years that are divisible by 100 (century years like 1900 and 2000) cannot be leap years unless they are divisible by 400. (For this reason years 1700, 1800, and 1900 were not leap years but 1600 and 2000 were.)

If a year satisfies both of the above rules, then it is a leap year.

WHY IS 2024 A LEAP YEAR?

2024 follows the rules of a leap year.

- 1) 2024 divided by 4 equals 506 with no remainder.
- 2) 2024 is not a century year so it does not need to be divisible by 100 or 400.

WHEN ARE THE NEXT LEAP YEARS?

2028 Tuesday, February 29

2032 Sunday, February 29

2036 Friday, February 29

By Catherine Boeckmann



SELF DEFENSE CLASS

Our Lady A's Self Defense Class is scheduled for Thursday, February 29 at 2:00 p.m. Please let Stephanie know if you plan to attend so we have a head count to give Lew Shaver. (208 800-8220)

The cost is \$20 for a 2 hour course. This is a very good deal.

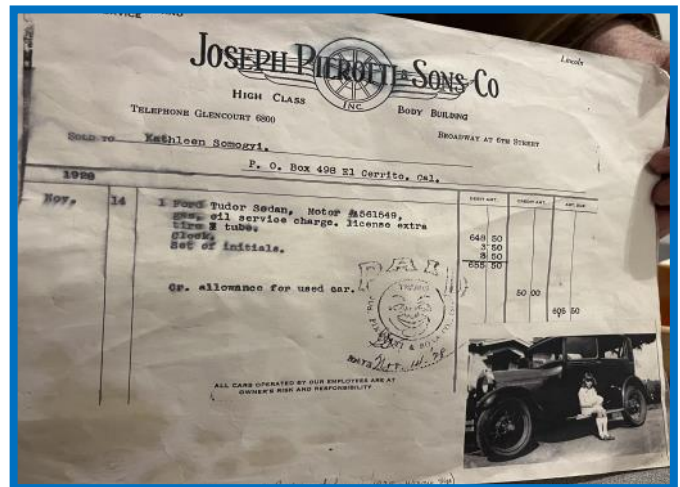
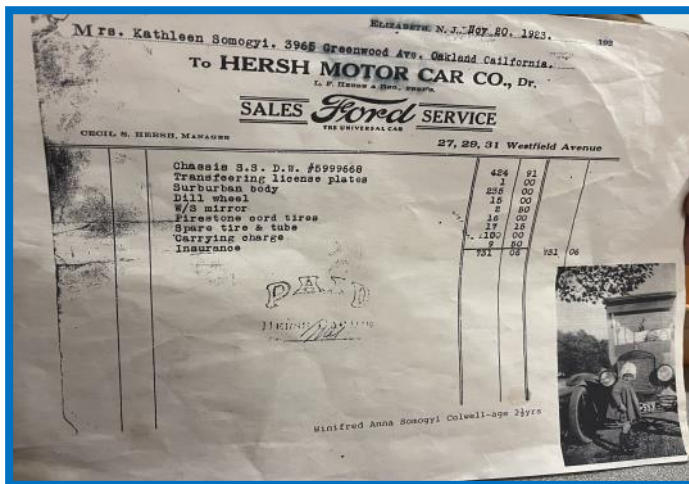
The address is 337 W Karcher Road (near the corner of Courtland and Karcher) Nampa, 83687.

WINNIE COLWELL

Winnie was a longtime member of our Treasure Valley Model A Club remembered by many current members for her enthusiastic support of Hubley Car Races and the booklets she wrote to support Era Fashions. Dave Anderson, a long time club member who we have missed seeing, brought the original Bills of Sale for Winnie's mom's 1923 Model T and 1928 Model A Ford Tudor. Note the pictures of Winnie with the cars at 2 1/2 years old and 8 years old.

Model T Bill of Sale below

Model A Bill of Sale below



Two things to make your day better:

- 1. Do Not watch the News.*
- 2. Stay off the bathroom scale.*

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.

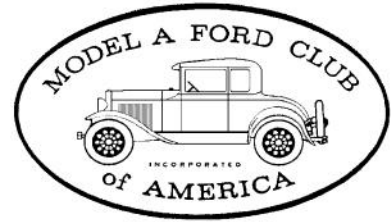
The Treasure Valley A's have had a long history in the city of trees. Many of the club's members have spent most of their lives here in the area. The club was formed around 1963 and its membership consisted of only eight couples and a few cars. Since then the club has grown to well over a hundred and 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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