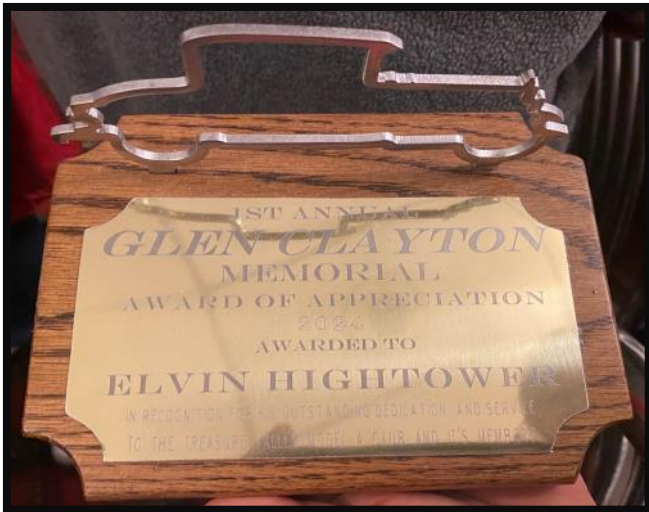




GLEN CLAYTON MEMORIAL AWARD



Our Treasure Valley Model A Club meeting on March 14, 2024 ended on a high note as Jeff Caldwell held a short discussion about what makes a club successful. His first point was meeting to socialize with people with similar interests. We are really good at this, especially if food is involved. His second point was meeting people who make a difference in others lives. He contends that our club meets both of these points and that make us successful.

Jeff then said how so very lucky this club has been to have two very dedicated souls to the success of our club and the Model A hobby. How many clubs have had two members living next to each other with big

shops filled with all kinds of tools and equipment, and both have had open door policies for any member that needed their help? What a physical school of learning we have enjoyed. If you are a new member that hasn't had the chance to experience this this, you have missed out. The endless giving, physical and informative help as well as an excellent place to work together on your Model A, or help others on theirs. We've held monthly meetings, Christmas parties, BBQs, teaching classes, a meeting place to begin and end tours, and socializing whenever two or more club members gather at their shops. Their consistent commitment of both men going on the tours, being prepared to help if a car breaks down, and lending security to members on the tour. They have been able to store club spare parts, club legacy materials, and the list goes on.

I say we have been very blessed to have these two men in our club, Glen Clayton and Elvin Hightower! In memory of Glen Clayton I am honored to present the "1st ANNUAL GLEN CLAYTON MEMORIAL AWARD OF APPRECIATION awarded to Elvin Hightower in recognition of his dedication and service to the Treasure Valley Model A Club and its members."

I want to thank Jeff Stapleton for designing and manufacturing this beautiful award.



Glen's son and grandson, Gary and Seth Clayton, attended our club meeting to watch the award presented to Elvin. We were very glad to have them with us.
Left: Jeff Caldwell preparing to give the award to Elvin Hightower.
Right: Elvin holding his Glen Clayton Memorial Award.



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Deadline for pictures, stories, flyers,
 current events, etc. in next month's
 The Rattlin' Rag is:

Monday,
April 15, 2024
 Please email to
 JoAnn Blout

EMMETT TOUR 2024

Carr's Address: 2731 Orchard Lane

Meet at Eagle Christian Church (Highway 44 just east of the intersection of Highways 44 and 16) - Road Construction may require we use another entrance into the parking lot - at 9:00 a.m. leaving at 9:30 a.m. to arrive at Carr's home at 10:00 a.m. Plan to leave on tour at 11:00 a.m. Doughnuts, coffee and juice will be available prior to the tour. Al and Dee Borden say the tour is mostly on sand and gravel roads. There will be a stop at the Emmett Sports Complex to use the restrooms prior to going to the Carr's home.

Return to Carr's home for lunch and visiting. Lunch will be catered by Okie Dokie Dogs with Hot Dogs starting at \$4 each with sides of chips, soda, and water also available for purchase.

Please bring your own chairs for sitting on the grass.

Directions from Boise: Highway 16, come downhill into the Emmett Valley. Take the first left turn onto Cherry Lane opposite the fruit stand BEFORE you reach the bottom of the hill. There is a left turn lane for Cherry Lane. Cross the canal, turn left onto Orchard Lane. Watch for the American flag at the first house on the right past the pasture.

Directions from the west/New Plymouth area: stay on Highway 16 past Albertsons to the next signal and turn right onto Substation Road. Continue on Substation for three blocks, and turn left onto Cherry Lane. Turn right at the second street, Orchard Lane, and look for the American Flag at the first house past the pasture.

Park in line ready to go. The driveway is wide enough for two cars wide, so park side by side and don't block the way for others.

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

Arlan Potts
10921 West Montana
Boise, ID 83713-5048

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

APRIL 2024

	1	2	3	4	5	6 Portland Swap Meet
7 Portland Swap Meet	8	9	10	11 Club Meeting	12	13 Firebird Swap Meet
14 Nelson Tour	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Hot Rod Happening	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

NELSON'S TOUR

April 14, Sunday, Tour will start at Legacy Fuel, South 12th Ave. (Highway 45 to Snake River) in Nampa at 1:00 p.m. We will go towards Nyssa, OR, on to Parma and south on Highway 95. We will end back where we started. Tour length will be about 3-4 hours, but there will be opportunities to leave the tour if you desire. Bring your own lunch or snacks for a mid afternoon break.

4 BANGER 400

July 22-23, 2024 beginning in either Boise or McCall, tour to Stanley (overnight) and ending either back in McCall or Boise. Bob Mather has more details for those interested.

Bob's 80th Birthday will be celebrated during the "4 Banger 400" and he especially invites anyone else turning 80 to join him! He advised us that anyone who is even considering attending should make reservations for a motel room in Stanley NOW for the night of July 22, 2024.

SMOOTH RIDER TOUR

May 31-June 2, 2024 Going between Walla Walla, WA to Clarkston, WA and back to Walla Walla. June 1 will be a road tour to North Central Idaho from Clarkston with a new chapter, The Palouse, Region A's - Or a boat trip up Hells Canyon to go antiquing in Lewiston-Clarkston and/or visit the Nez Pierce Culture Museum. Jeff Caldwell is contact for questions.

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 PLACE

April 11, 2024 at China Grand Buffet, 10498 Fairview Ave, Boise. Dinner at 6:00 p.m., Meeting at 7:00.

Save The Dates:

April 14, 2024 Tour being planned by Chuck and Marilyn Nelson.

April 21, 2024 Hot Rod Happening, at Nampa High School, \$20/Car.

May 4, 2024 29th Annual Melba Fun Run. Watch for details.

May 31-June 2, 2024 Smooth Rider Tour, traveling on mostly paved roads.

July 22-23, 2024 4 Banger 400 to celebrate Bob Mather's 80th Birthday with an overnight stay in Stanley. Reserve your motel room now for July 22.

Hubley race Watch for information about Races at Elvin's Garage, possibly later this summer.

September 8-13, 2024 Redmond, Oregon Hub Tour. See details page 4.

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.

NEW CLUB MEETING PLACE:

CHINA GRAND BUFFET

Near the corner of Fairview and Five Mile Road

Side Notes:

Elvin will be having surgery in May 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.

NWRG Hub Tour: Redmond, OR in "24"

The Northwest Regional Model A Group and the High Desert A's are hosting a Hub Tour in Redmond, Oregon from September 8 - September 13, 2024. This is not a meet, it's a non-sanctioned Hub tour.

Host Hotel: Sleep Inn & Suites, 1847 NW 6th St, Redmond, OR (541) 504-1500.

Other hotels in the area: Comfort Suites, Best Western Plus, and SCP Redmond, Hotel.

MAJOR EVENTS:

September 8: Registration 4:00—6:00 p.m. Check in to your hotel.

September 9: Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. Kick Off Meeting to find out about the events, meet old friends and make new acquaintances. Hub Tour booklet will have the schedule and all of the available tours listed.

September 10: Touring on your own. Restorers Class Evaluations starts at 9:00 a.m. Tailgate Swap Meet from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. NWRG Rep meet at 4:00 p.m. Hubley check in at 4:00 p.m. with racing at 7:30 P.M. Dinner on your own.

September 11: Grand tour around Central Oregon with a stop at Baldy's BBQ for lunch. Tour on your own after lunch.

September 12: More touring on your own. Farewell Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

September 13: Check out of your hotel and travel home.

MAJOR FORMS:

Request Registration and Waiver forms via Email:

Jim Borchers at jimborchers@gmail.com or

Jan Jackson, VP NWRG at janandmara@spectrum.net

Registration Deadline: July 19, 2024, price increases after this date.

Mail registration, waiver, and checks to

Linda Harding

4914 NW Springhill Drive

Albany, OR 97321

OTHER INFORMATION:

NAME TAGS: If you have lanyards from previous meet, please bring your favorites to the Registration table.

DRESS CODE: Causal throughout the tours, business casual or era fashion to the Farewell Dinner.

NO RAFFLE. TAILGATE SWAP MEET: Bring any Model A era items you want to sell - Model A pickup, car, or AA truck, Era Fashions and Collectors encouraged to participate.

HOSPITALITY: Join us in the breakfast area of the Sleep Inn for fresh baked cookies and beverages provided by the hotel.

ALL MODEL A'S ARE SURVIVORS

By Howard Eckstein

The Restorers Class, MAFCA's Quail Magazine

I can remember when Model As were knock-about cars. They weren't taken seriously. You could see them used as utility vehicles that had seen better days. During my high school years, there were three other Model As driven to the student parking lot each day besides mine. My dad bought my car for me in 1965 for \$350, which at the time was top dollar.

I made friends with guys my age who also had Model As. Most drove their cars hard, but their cars somehow withstood the abuse. I saw all kinds of modifications that were intended to personalize the cars and make them go faster, which they often didn't.

One of my friends was more serious about restoring his car, even back then. I always wanted my car to be as nice as his, but never achieved it at the time. Nevertheless, I tried my hand at bodywork and paint on my own car. It turned out pretty good considering my lack of experience.

I did all kinds of so-called repairs that sometimes made an improvement. Through it all, my car survived and proved to be a patient teacher.

It surprises me that after so many years, original Model A parts are rather easy to find. They are stored in boxes, stashed in garages, mixed in mounds of junk piled on rural properties and in random collections of other Model A owners; and of course, swap meets. A boon to the modern Model A owner is the network of parts houses and other club members. Reproduced parts today are generally superior to those available during my youth.

Now, nearly 60 years later, Model As are no longer seen as third tier, but antiques to be pampered. Restorers of all stripes take advantage of the availability of parts and published materials that endeavor to teach the novice how to repair and restore their cars.

The Restorers Class exists to help the average Model A owner enjoy his car while continuing to improve its originality and preserve it for upcoming generations. In that regards, things are about the same for the new Model A enthusiast today as they were for me all those years ago, only better.



JIMS TECH TIPS*"Preventing Problems with the Starter Switch Rod"*

The Starter Switch rod passes through the firewall and screws into the Starter Switch. You step on the head of the rod to start the car.

You will find that today's reproduction rods screw quite easily into and out of the switch. This can be nice when you are assembling things.

But I have found on more than just a few cars the engine vibration can cause the rod to unscrew itself and back out of the switch. You hit a bump and the rod drops down and makes contact with the post on the starter switch, where the battery cable connects. Yikes! That's a direct shot to ground, with a LOT of amps behind it.

So you want to make the rod a bit harder to turn when installing it in the switch. Add a small drop of blue thread lock to the rod before you screw it in, or gently tap the threads a little with a hammer to deform them and make them harder to screw in and out.

Another simple solution, if you are not doing a car for Find Point Judging (because it is not how the switch was originally done), is to add a 5/16 nut to the threader end of the rod before screwing it into the switch. When you have the rod where you want it (desired button height inside the car, etc.) use that nut as a jam nut and lock the rod to the switch. It will not back out while driving, but you can easily undo it when you need to take it apart.

Whichever approach you choose, you will have more trouble-free miles if you get ahead of this potential problem. Until next time...

Have a Model A Day!

Jim Cannon

**Happy
Easter!**

GIGGLES

Sometimes it takes me all day to get nothing done.

One minute you're young and fun. Next you're turning down the car stereo to see better!

Common sense is not a gift. It's a punishment because you have to deal with everyone who doesn't have it.



LADY A'S SELF DEFENSE CLASS A SUCCESS!

About 16 of our members met on February 29th (leap day) for a 2 hour hands-on lesson in self defense designed especially for women.

Below are pictures provided by Stephanie Stapleton.



Join the Lady A's on a Coffee Tour! Meet March 28 at 11:00 a.m. at Stewart's Coffee Roasting, 8600 Birch St., Nampa, ID 83687. Enjoy a tour of their facility and coffee tasting.

Watch for details about a future Firearms Training class for Lady A's.

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.

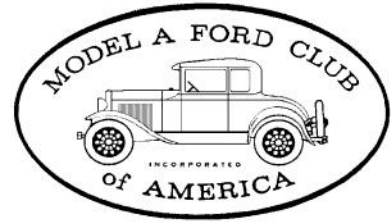
The Treasure Valley A's have had a long history in the city of trees. Many of the club's members have spent most of their lives here in the area. The club was formed around 1963 and its membership consisted of only eight couples and a few cars. Since then the club has grown to well over a hundred and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