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November 8, 8:30 a.m.
Veterans Day Parade followed by chili
feed at Archie and Teresa's home: 5071
Chris Street • West Richland

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"If it's a nice day, drive your A"



Bill and Carole White are next to the Yakima River near West Richland on a beautiful fall morning with their 1928 Model A Ford Pickup.



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Meeting Schedule

November: Archie & Teresa Coleman
December: Christmas Brunch

Calendar of Events

Veterans Day Parade Nov 8
Christmas Brunch Dec 13

November

Birthdays

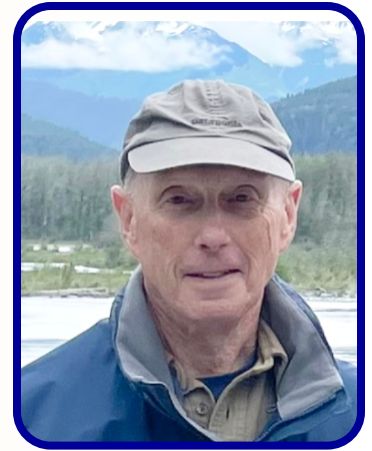
Teresa Coleman 7th

Thank You Veterans

As you gather around the Thanksgiving table with your family; think of the Veterans who gave it all for our freedom. Freedom isn't free, it's the sacrifice from our Veterans that keep us free.



Jan's Gems



It's like someone flipped a switch and poof...it's fall.

I had a wee bit of a problem with my Model A starter/switch when I was in Long Beach. We lined up for the Grand Tour and then no starter. I've been dinking around with the switches (I have a spare) and I called Berts, where I bought the starter, and he said, 'Just take out the starter, put it on the bench, hit it with some voltage from your battery charger, put it back in and it should work.' Which is exactly what happened. I think the switch I bought from Berts may have helped.

I'm currently engaged in taking calendar photos. I have nine in the can as I write this so I just need three more to make twelve. It's a good thing there aren't 20 months in a calendar year.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Veterans Day parade and after-parade Chili Feed at Archie and Teresa's place. One of my favorite customs of our club. Don't forget to bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

Until then, if it's a nice day, drive your A.

Jan Jackson

Ladies Lunch

The ladies lunch will not be held in November, December and January. Please put some thought into where you'd like to meet next year. Also, does the first Tuesday of every month work for you, does it not? Let Mary know at (509) 946-9850 or via email at mary.fraser222@gmail.com. After your input is received, Mary will share the comments with the ladies group. Thank you.

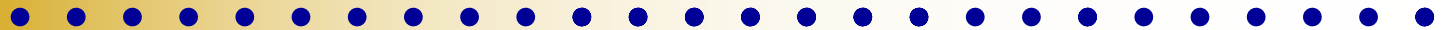
Veterans Day Parade

This year's Veterans Day parade will take place on Saturday, November 8th, in West Richland. Staging will be along Grosscup Road and parade organizers have asked that participants be in place no later than 8:30 a.m. The parade starts promptly at 9:30 a.m.



Following the parade there will be a short meeting and a chili feed at Archie & Teresa's home: 5071 Chris Street • West Richland. RSVPs are requested by November 6th.

Archie & Teresa will provide the chili. If your last name begins with A-I bring a dessert. If your last name begins with J-Z, bring a salad or side dish. We will also conduct our monthly meeting at this time. If you can't make the parade, you're welcome to come for chili and a meeting; we'd enjoy visiting with you again. Nominations for next year's officers will be open at this meeting.



What Causes That To Happen?

We think that our perfect Model A should be running smoothly and not rattle.

PROBLEM – CAR/TRUCK Tire Wear

Sometimes the tires wear unevenly or one tire will wear out pretty fast compared to the other tires. Since you are driving your car or truck you don't have sight of the tires and rims as you drive on a roadway.

NORMAL SETUP – Generally, all four tires are replaced around the same time. Swapping the tires around to get even wear is common since the front tires have a castor and camber versus the rear tires that are aligned to the tire footprint (i.e., vertically). In theory, the tires are round and balanced and the rims are straight. Did the last set of tires have one that was out-of-round? Did you recently hit a curb and bend a rim?

FIX – Hopefully when you are out driving in a tour the people following you are watching what your tires are doing. Are they wobbling, bouncing and/or running at an angle and not in alignment with the other tire either in front or behind them? When the rim gets bent, even slightly, it can cause the tire to run unevenly on the roadway and cause the tire tread to wear out in strange patterns. It is a good practice to look at the tires on the vehicle ahead of you and then tell them that they have a problem.

Submitted by Tom Eldhardt

Hat Rock Annual Model A Lunch

We didn't actually make it to Hat Rock because the park's restroom facilities were not available plus the weather was forecasted to be wet and breezy. So, we met at Harry and Barbara Buckwalter's home in Hermiston.

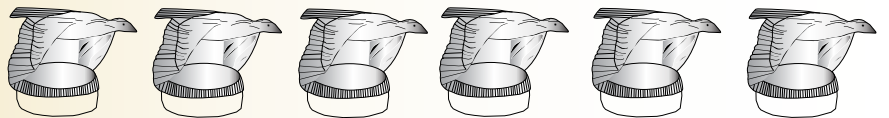
The annual trek to Hat Rock is for rekindling friendships with the Blue Mountain A's from Pendleton and the Walla Walla Sweet A's from Walla Walla; plus Roger and Kathy Green from the Volcano A's in Vancouver, WA.

The weather was, as predicted, a little wet and windy. We had lunch inside and Harry, Barbara and a host of other helpers prepared the meals and figured out the logistics and directions. I sat, as usual, at another table so I could converse with folks I don't know well, but most of our club grabbed the cozy living room and settled in for a scrumptious potluck with hamburgers, hot dogs and brats. Yumm.

Submitted by Jan Jackson



Editors note: The white pickup below belongs to Jack & Sherry Remillard of Pendleton. If you go on the Rough Rider Tours, you'll see this pickup fording rivers and climbing dirt roads...and it still keeps on chugging along.



Knowing Your Model A True or False

Each month we endeavor to ask a few questions to see if you are aware of the parts on your Model A and just maybe how they work. I hope you find this month's questions and answers both interesting and thought provoking.

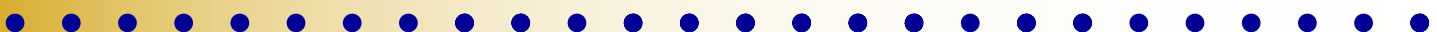
QUESTIONS

1. The newly designed blue colored FORD oval emblem was mounted on the radiator shells of all Model "A" cars and trucks made from 1928 - 1931. It replaced the stamped FORD name on the Model T radiator shells.
2. All window glass was made by Ford and Triplex glass companies from 1928-1931.
3. All horn flexible conduits were 1/2" in diameter.
4. Ford advertised that the original finish (paint) on the large panels on a vehicle had 65 – 75% the reflectiveness of a good mirror.
5. All Model A Ford passenger bodies had exterior pin striping applied by hand.

ANSWERS

1. False – Although the newly designed blue colored FORD oval emblem was mounted on the radiator shells of all Model "A" cars and trucks made from 1928 - 1930. The 1931 emblems had a black background.
2. False - Window glass was made by Ford and Triplex glass companies from SOP – May 1931, then two other companies helped provide glass materials: Libbey Owens Ford and Pittsburgh Plate Glass (PPG).
3. True – All horn flexible conduits were 1/2" in diameter. The size of the flex conduits for the headlights changed to 9/16" for the 1930-31 vehicles.
4. True – Ford advertised that the original finish (paint) on the large panels on a vehicle had 65 – 75% the reflectiveness of a good mirror.
5. True – All Model A Ford passenger bodies had exterior pin striping applied by hand. These painters were also the highest paid assembly line workers.

Submitted by Tom Eldhardt



Felt Bags to Make for Christmas Gifts (1928-1931)

The following article was written by Anne Neely-Beck, Era Fashions Committee Chair, Milledgeville, GA:.

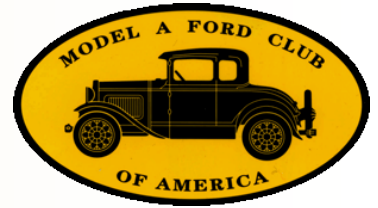
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(Article obtained from the MAFCA website)



MAFCA News

I recently returned from the MAFFI ribbon cutting ceremony for the Museum's new addition. I, and entire MAFCA board members, had a great time visiting with Model A'ers from around the world who were attending the grand opening and the MAFFI Model A Days events. The Gilmore Museum grounds were full of Model A's and it was a sight to behold. MAFCA's information tent was busy welcoming members and non-members alike sharing Model A stories and just making new acquaintances.



MAFCA continues to grow as we added a new chapter to our ranks: please welcome the "Speakeasy Model A Club of Savannah, GA." As I mentioned in my last report it only takes five like-minded Model A'ers to form a new chapter. Information on starting a new chapter can be found on the MAFCA website. A direct link to this page is: <https://mafca.com/starting-a-chapter/>

Chapters will soon be receiving their Renewal Form. Please fill out the form with your updated chapter directors information. This is important for our records so we can contact you if we have any questions.

And finally, many thanks to all the chapters that have submitted newsletters, now it is time to give these a final review for upcoming newsletter awards that will be announced in the Jan-Feb issue of The Restorer.

Until next time, Keep those wheels rolling

Doug Linden, MAFCA Chapter Coordinator

2026 MAFCA National Convention

I've been attending the 2026 National Convention planning meetings in Pendleton and we're well on our way to a fun week in Pendleton. I submitted the registration and schedule to our MAFCA liaison and it is on the MAFCA website. You can access the website by [clicking here](#). When you go to the photo gallery you'll see some familiar faces.

Remember, our club will be managing the registration table. All of our members will be needed, in some capacity, so make plans to attend the 2026 MAFCA National Convention in beautiful Pendleton, Oregon!

The Blue Mountain A's in Pendleton, Walla Walla Sweet A's and NWRG are also an integral part of the management team that will be orchestrating this event. More information will be added as it becomes available.

Submitted by Jan Jackson

<https://mafca.com/2026-national-convention-video/>



Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2025

The meeting was held at the home of Jan and Mara Jackson. Those attending were Rick and Janet Budzeck, Tom and Robin Eldhardt, Sharon Hauck, Jan and Mara Jackson, Mike and Linda Jzyk, William and Carol Valdez, and their daughter, Debbie, Bruce and Shelley Clark, Lloyd and Jessica Keith, Jim Savidge, and John Trumbo.

Treasurer Report: Bruce Clark gave the treasurer's report. He has been talking to the tax accountant about a mix up in our tax number.

Correspondence: Mara advised the group we are registered for the Veterans Day parade .

Sunshine Report: None.

Tours: Saturday we will tour to Hermiston with the Walla Walla and Pendleton clubs. John talked about having a spring tour of local gardens and also a progressive dinner.

Old Business: The Long Beach, Washington, tour was a great success. John was the reporter for the Long Beach tour and he will be writing an article about that for the Restorer. Jan won the Hubley race. John is also going to be writing another article about carburetors for the Restorer. Larry Campbell sold one of the two Model A's he has for sale. There is a website with a short video about the 2026 National Convention in Pendleton, Oregon. You can find the website in our September newsletter or [click here](#).

New Business: We are signed up for the Veterans Day Parade in West Richland on November 8th. We should arrive at 8:30 am. The Ladies Luncheon is being suspended until February 2026. Mary Fraser will be talking to ladies to see if there is a better day to meet. Jan talked about getting new club shirts for the 2027 Hub Tour so we would all have a shirt the same color.

Projects: Lloyd talked about his new project for a Model A speedster. Mike's car is running except for the lights and horn. Jan's starter problem seems to be fixed after some sage advice from Berts.

Announcements: Jan recognized those members celebrating birthdays and/or anniversaries. Thank you to Jan and Mara for hosting us.

Motion to Adjourn: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Eldhardt, Acting Secretary

The purpose of the club shall be to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for admirers of the Model A Ford, and to aid them in their efforts to restore and preserve the car in its original likeness. Membership in the Model A Ford Club of America is a requirement to joining the Columbia Basin Chapter. To join MAFCA, see the website at <https://www.mafca.com> and click on the "Join MAFCA" tab. The US yearly membership rate is \$50.00. Requirements for membership in the chapter shall not insist upon the actual possession of a Model A Ford, merely an interest in the objectives of the club and a desire to take an active part in club activities shall be the primary requirement for membership. (Excerpt from Columbia Basin Model A Club Bylaws dated February 2015.)

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