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The Group Ready for the Goat Tour



Our Fearless Leaders

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Model A Ford



Club of America



SALEM, OREGON

Model A



Restorers Club

Next General Meeting: Mission Mill, Dye Room, 1313 Mill Street SE, Salem
Thursday June 5th 2014 at 7:00 pm

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January	Hardy
February	Hardy
March	
April	
May	Schmidt
June	Garrison
July	Fleming
August	LeMaster
September	
October	Wasson
November	
December	

Board Meeting Hosts

January	16	Giesbrecht
February	20	No meeting
March	20	Averette
April	17	Schmidt
May	15	Wasson
June	19	Pizza Feed
July	17	LeMaster
August		Rowen (potluck)
September	18	Stites
October	16	Fleming
November	20	Ramsay
December		President's Breakfast

President's Comments:

LEW'S NEWS—

Well it's time for our annual Swap Meet fun. Be prepared to sign up for the various tasks that need to be handled to make it a success. Your help is vital for this once a year fund raiser. The Goat Tour was a great success as you will read in the following pages. The last breakfast was also well attended with over 15 members and 4 Model A's. Join us in June for our next outing and several tours. All for now.

Lew

Some material printed in this newsletter may have been borrowed from other publications. We wish to thank other clubs for sharing their newsletters with us. We are happy to share our articles and other information publication in their newsletters.

For information about the club, please contact Charlie Schmidt at (503) 263-6535

**Willamette Valley Chapter
Model A Ford Club of America
Board of Director's Meeting
May 15, 2014**

The Board of Director's meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President, Lew Garrison. Others in attendance were: Beauford Averette, Charlie Schmidt, Ray and Peggy Ramsay, Fred Lissner, Gary LeMaster, Blair and Tracy Wasson (hosts), Lee Hardy, Jim Rowen, Jim Brennan, Judy Garrison, Roland and Ginny Giesbrecht, Tim and Brenda Fleming,

The Board waived notice of time, place and purpose of the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read with two corrections.

The Treasurer reported that the books were up to date and in proper order. Gary LeMaster reported that the new bank account with Chase has been set up. The current account with the other bank will be closed when all checks clear. The Scholarship amount of \$1,200.00 for the Chemeketa Community College automotive student has been paid. The amount of \$1,000.00 will be sent to the Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum to help with the completion of their new building.

Model A Ford Problems Discussed. Lew Garrison is currently having his Model A Coupe painted.
Committee Reports: **TOURS:** May 10th Ray Ramsay lead the Goat Dairy tour. It will close soon. 34 members were on the tour. 10 Vintage cars made the trip. Tim Fleming is planning a June 22 tour to the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum. The Enduring A's have invited us to join them June 24 for a tour to clear lake. The trip will be between 75-80 miles from each club's location. The Multi club 4th of July picnic will be at Firefighters Park off of Cordon Road. The 2014 National meet will be in Puyallup, WA. July 14 -18. August 2nd is the Enduring A's annual picnic. It will be held at Adair Park. August 9-12 there will be a tour with the Model T Club for pre 32 cars. August 12, 13 are the dates of the Historic Silver Falls Day event. The program runs from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Location is the South Falls Lodge and surrounding day use area. A trip to the LeMay America's Car Museum in Tacoma is another possible tour this year. **Sunshine:** No report. **Program:** The program for the June general meeting will be about how we will run the Swap Meet this year and next. **Socials:** We will meet at 8:30 a.m. on June 9 for breakfast at Sybil's Omelet's on State Street. Drive your A. **NWRG:** No report. **Newsletter:** Lew Garrison is the editor for the June issue of the Connecting Rod. **Historian:** No Report. **Swap Meet:** We have Event Staff vests for Club members to wear at the Swap Meet this year. Charlie Schmidt will check with Dave Dyer at Chemeketa regarding getting the power back on when the lights go off in the morning.

We need to pass out slips for items to be sold in the Club Booth. Several at the meeting volunteered to bring ice chests. We need to make sure Safeway understands our food order so that we get what we order. We will have a sign-up sheet for duties at the Swap Meet at our June General meeting. **Old Business:** The Board voted to go ahead with efforts to pre sell spaces for the 2015 swap meet at this year's Meet. **New Business:** Brian Littlefield is the newest member of the Club. He has a 1930 Roadster and a 1931 Tudor Sedan. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Beauford Averette, Secretary

Dried Food Demo and Info

At the Goat Tour Carol Cody was telling Lew and Judy about the dried foods she had been introduced to. Reasonably priced and smaller containers so you do not have to use a whole gallon of something. Those interested need to contact Lew or Judy to give Carol an accurate count so there will be enough samples to try.



THE FAIR HAVEN FARM GOAT DAIRY TOUR

The tour started out at 11:00 am from the parking lot of the Salem, Ear Nose, Throat building on South River Road with 7 Model A's, 1 Graham and 4 modern cars. The first stop was the far side of the Independence Bridge to pick up Blair & Tracey who road with Ray & Peggy. The tour wound its way through Independence and then turned west and headed for Dallas. We crossed 99W and eventually entered Dallas and arrived at Murphy's Restaurant where we were joined by additional people. Fortunately, they had us set up in a back room but we had told them to plan on probably a maximum of 15! Instead, with the newcomers, we had 9 Model A's, 1 Graham, 4 modern cars and 34 people! After lunch, the tour members mounted up and we headed South through Dallas, past the Courthouse and followed 223 until we got to the Dairy. Fortunately, there was adequate parking after we shoehorned the cars in. We had an informal tour and were able to see the 5 goat kinds that were born on April 2. The birth of quintuplet's goats is a 1 in 10,000 birth event. Some visited the one-room goat museum while other sat outdoors on benches and chairs and enjoyed the sunshine. Others waited to order their goats milk ice cream cones for dessert. The club had four flavors to choose from, vanilla, chocolate, coffee and the ever-popular Marion berry. Some of the members left after the Dairy Tour. Others took the leisurely way home out Airlie Road and eventually back to the Independence Bridge. Ray and Peggy got an extra treat because Blair and Tracey are very knowledgeable about the crops and indentified rye grass, fescue, peppermint, sugar beets, peas, clover, wheat, meadow foam, filbert trees, blueberries, and wine grapes, just to name a few. Gary LeMaster achieved the "Iron Man Award" for riding back from the Dairy in the Morrison Rumble seat! After dropping Blair and Tracey off at the Independence Bridge, we arrived back at the starting point at approximately 4:15 pm. Thank you all so much for your enthusiasm and attendance on the tour. We were thrilled with the turn-out and can only hope it is the start of great things to come this year.

The Goat Tour was a great success. The owners are RETIRING!!

Ray & Peggy Ramsay

The Restoration of My Coupe, part 4

We left off last December with the rebuilding of the engine. I decided it was time to start reassembling the chassis. The front end was completely rebuilt and assembled and attached to the frame, supported with a couple of old wheels and some rear end axle housing I found at a local garage sale. Next the engine was installed with float-a-motor mounts along with the rebuilt transmission. I had some problems attaching the tower to the transmission, but after inspection and replacing some of the parts, it finally went on. Next I picked up the Mitchell overdrive in Colusa east of Williams on our way back from Phoenix (visiting the Stite's and Morrison's). Bill Cote (a member of the McKenzie A's and Ron Gilbreath's Son-in-Law) helped install the overdrive unit together with the rear end using the appropriate shims. It took about 4 hours to complete the task. Next I completed the rear end assembly by installing the rear hubs and brakes and another set of old wheels. Original rebuilt shock absorbers, which I acquired in eastern Oregon, were installed along with dog bone connectors (these are far easier to install and maintain than the original tube connectors). The brake cross shafts were installed with new brake rods generously supplied by Tom Morrison. The car had so little mileage on it that the clevis pins were replaced without being oversized. I installed "Flat Head Ted" brake adjusters on the rear wheels and floats on the front wheels (these modifications appear to make more sense than the original equipment) and then adjusted the brakes. Next the various engine attachments were installed along with the radiator and steering wheel.

Several member of the Club (the usual suspects) helped load the body for sandblasting at Jeff Lewis's shop in Keizer. After it was cleaned I applied POR15 to the entire interior and undercoated the bottom and primed the exterior (see picture below). Then Bill Cote took the body to his shop to do all the body work and painting. At this point the body work is complete; all the black parts are painted including the fenders and aprons. I wanted to paint the body black and burgundy but did not like the Ford 31 tint as it was too dark. So Bill found a lighter burgundy used on the 41 Ford. The body and parts are now painted as seen below and just needs to be rubbed out. I bought new running boards, floor boards and the interior upholstery is now in my shop. I used a supplier in Minnesota called Classtique Upholstery, this company furnished an excellent upholstery kit for my Slant Window and Dale's Sport Coupe.

Before the Portland Swap meet, I contracted a cold and could not help sell parts and the 1931 Slant Window we (Bill Cote and I) had for sale. But I did manage to get to the Coker booth to pick up new tires for both the Coupe and the Victoria I am also restoring. The tires I will be putting on the Coupe will be 16 inch, as I acquired 4 Kelsey Hayes wheels from Gene Byrnes. The fifth I acquired from EBay after much searching. Fortunately, the color of the wheel from EBay was exactly the red color of the wheels I got from Gene, but it was not powder coated. One of the wheels from Gene needed a little attention, so I fixed it and had this wheel and the one from EBay powder coated for \$30 a wheel at Les Swab dealership, this is the best price I have found!

Now before I place the body on the frame, I want to drive the chassis to make sure everything works and runs appropriately. I have special attachments for the dash and seating as shown below. Enough for now, hope to have it on the road soon!

Oh, we sold the 31 Slant Window to a local Model A'er who belongs to the Eugene Club.

Lew



The engine in the chassis



The usual suspects – body movers



Body after sandblasting



Chassis with overdrive and all parts



Chassis ready to drive



6 The final paint completed

Sayings of Old

Read on and you'll find out where so many old
Where did "**Piss Poor**" come from? saying originated from:

Interesting history, they used to use urine to tan animal skins, so families used to all pee in a pot. And then once it was full it was taken and sold to the tannery... If you had to do this to survive you were "**Piss Poor**". But worse than that were the really poor folk who couldn't even afford to buy a pot. They "**didn't have a pot to piss in**" and were the lowest of the low.

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500's

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May. And they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor, hence the custom today of carrying **a bouquet when getting married**.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children, last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it, hence the saying, "**Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!**"

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying, "**it's raining cats and dogs.**" There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house.

This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how **canopy beds came into existence**.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt, hence the saying, "**dirt poor.**" The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery In the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way, hence: **a thresh hold**.

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while, hence the rhyme: "**Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old.**"

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, "**bring home the bacon.**" They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "**chew the fat**". Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, **tomatoes were considered poisonous**.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the "*upper crust*".

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up, hence the custom; "*holding a wake*."

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (*the graveyard shift*) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be, "*saved by the bell*" or was "*considered a dead ringer*".

Now, whoever said history was boring!!! But aren't you glad we live in the Twenty -First century.

Breakfast in May, kicking tires and other things



Join us on June 9th at 8:30 am for another breakfast gathering. Its good fun and another reason to get out the Model A.

A request has been made for a car display at ForgetMeNot Elder Lane home at 215 Boone Road. See Jim Rowen for details.

Another request has been received for a vintage car to be provided for a marriage on October 11th, 2014 at the Langdon Farms Golf Club in Aurora. The bride and groom would like to be transported at the end of the reception to their hotel in north Wilsonville at approximately 10:30 pm. Additionally, they would pay for a hotel room for the driver for the night so he/she would not have to travel home until the next morning. If interested call 503-910-2570 or email cliebe2101@comcast.net.

42nd Salem Swap Meet

Chemeketa Community College

Sunday June 15, 2014

7:00 am to 3:00 pm

- *Vintage Auto and Related Collectibles*
- *Food and Beverage Stand*
- *No Vendor Space Reservations*
- *All Spaces Outside on Hard Surface*
- *Free Overnight Parking for Vendors on Saturday*
- *Free Admission and Free Parking for the General Public*
- *No Auxiliary Generators Permitted*
- *No Firearms or Firearm Sales Permitted*
- *Dogs Must Be Kept on a Leash*

Vendor Spaces – Approx. 9' x 20' - \$20 Each

Display Your Vintage Auto While Attending the Meet

Special Area for Car Sales

Food and Beverage Sales Limited to the Food Booth Only

For More Information

Dale Stites 503-363-8017

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CLOROX VERSUS PEROXIDE

Clorox vs. Peroxide: VERY interesting and inexpensive. This was written by Becky Ransey of Indiana

(a doctor's Wife), and I want to share it with you. She Was over recently for coffee and smelled the bleach I was Using to clean my toilet and counter tops. This is what she Told me. 'I would like to tell you of the benefits of That Plain little ole bottle of 3% peroxide you can get for Under \$1.00 at any drug store. What does bleach cost? My husband has been in the medical field for over 36 years, And most doctors don't tell you about peroxide. Have you Ever smelled bleach in a doctor's office? NO!!! Why? Because it smells, and it is not healthy! Ask the Nurses who work in the doctor's offices, and ask them if They use bleach at home. They are wiser and know better! Did you also know bleach was invented in the late 40's? It's chlorine, folks! And it was used to kill our Troops. Peroxide was invented during WWI in the 20's. It Was used to save and help cleanse the needs of our troops And hospitals. Please think about this:

1. Take one capful (the little white cap that comes with The bottle) and hold in your mouth for 10 minutes daily, Then spit it out. (I do it when I bathe.) No more canker Sores, and your teeth will be whiter without expensive Pastes. Use it instead of mouthwash.
2. Let your toothbrushes soak in a cup of peroxide to keep Them free of germs.
3. Clean your counters and table tops with peroxide to kill Germs and leave a fresh smell. Simply put a little on your Dishrag when you wipe, or spray it on the counters.
4. After rinsing off your wooden cutting board, pour Peroxide on it to kill salmonella and other bacteria.
5. I had fungus on my feet for years until I sprayed a 50/50 mixture of peroxide and water on them (especially the toes) every night and let dry.
6. Soak any infections or cuts in 3% peroxide for five to Ten minutes several times a day. My husband has seen Gangrene that would not heal with any medicine but was Healed by soaking in peroxide.
7. Fill a spray bottle with a 50/50 mixture of peroxide and Water and keep it in every bathroom to disinfect without Harming your septic system like bleach or most other Disinfectants will.
8. Tilt your head back and spray into nostrils with your 50/50 mixture whenever you have a cold, plugged sinus. It Will bubble and help to kill the bacteria. Hold for a few Minutes, and then blow your nose into a tissue.
9. If you have a terrible toothache and cannot get to a Dentist right away, put a capful of 3% peroxide into your Mouth and hold it for ten minutes several times a day. The Pain will lessen greatly.
10. And of course, if you like a natural look to your hair, Spray the 50/50 solution on your wet hair after a shower and Comb it through. You will not have the peroxide-burnt blonde Hair like the hair dye packages but more natural highlights If your hair is a light brown, reddish, or dirty blonde. It Also lightens gradually, so it's not a drastic change.
11. Put half a bottle of peroxide in your bath to help get Rid of boils, fungus, or other skin infections.
12. You can also add a cup of peroxide instead of bleach to A load of whites in your laundry to whiten them. If there is Blood on clothing, pour it directly on the soiled spot. Let it Sit for a minute, then rub it and rinse with cold water. Repeat if necessary.
13. I use peroxide to clean my mirrors. There is no Smearing, which is why I love it so much for this.

14. Another place it's great is in the bathroom, if someone Has been careless & has peed on the floor around the Toilet & it's begun to smell of urine. Just put some Peroxide in a spray bottle & spray. In the blink of any Eye all the smell will be gone & the bacteria Eliminated! I could go on and on. It Is a little brown bottle no home should be without! With prices of most necessities rising, I'm glad there's a way to save tons of money in such a simple, healthy manner! 'This information really woke me up. I hope you gain something from it, too.

Pass it on! Clorox vs peroxide VERY interesting and inexpensive.

Tour and Events Schedule

- Jun 5 Thu** General Meeting at Mission Mill, Thomas Kay Woolen Mill Bldg., Dye Room, at 7:00pm.
- Jun 9 Mon** Breakfast at Sybil's Omelettes, 2373 State St. Meet at 8:30am.
- Jun 14 Sat** **Swap Meet setup, meet at C.C.C. at 9:00am.**
- Jun 15 Sun** **SWAP MEET**
- Jun 19 Thu** Pizza Feed at Walery's Premium Pizza, 6:00-8:00pm; includes an abbreviated Board Meeting.
- Jun 22 Sun** NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum Tour. *Details to follow.*
- Jun 24 Tue** Clear Lake Picnic w/ Enduring, High Desert, & McKenzie A's. This is in the central Cascades, south of the Hwy. 20 /126 junction .Arrive at Noon, bring your own picnic, chips and drinks provided. Leader to be announced.
- Jul 4 Fri** Annual picnic at Firefighter's Park behind the Cordon Rd. Fire Station. Held with the Model T clubs and the HCCA group. Includes the July General Meeting.
- Jul 12 Sat** Historic Silver Falls Days Tour. *Details to follow.*
- Jul 14 Mon** Breakfast at Sybil's Omelettes, 2373 State St. Meet at 8:30am.
- Jul 14 Mon** MAFCA National Convention, Puyallup, WA.
-18 -Fri
- Jul 17 Thu** Board Meeting at the LeMaster's, at 7:30pm.
- Aug 2 Sat** Adair County Park Picnic w/ Enduring A's (this is 7 mi. north of Corvallis). Lunch at Noon, Hubley races afterward. Bring a side dish or dessert; chicken and drinks provided.
- Aug 7 Thu** General Meeting at Mission Mill, Thomas Kay Woolen Mill Bldg., Card Room, 3rd Floor, at 7:00pm.
- Aug 9-12** Oregon Tour, headquartered in So. Salem this year at the Phoenix Inn This is foe 1931, or older
Sat-Tue vehicles. Hosted by the Oregon Pioneer Regional Group of the Horseless Carriage Club.
- Aug 11 Mon** Breakfast at Sybil's Omelettes, 2373 State St. Meet at 8:30am.
- Aug 21 Thu** Board Meeting at 7:30pm at the Garrison's.

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Club Events and Tours

For an additional detailed list of Club Events and Tours see Page 11 within

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| Jun | 5 | Thur | General Meeting: 7:00 pm
Mission Mill, Dye Room |
| Jun | 7 | Sat | Dried Food Demo and Info Bill & Carol Cote's home in Corvallis. Lunch Love Love's Sunnyslope Shopping Center 11:15. Leave 12:30 for Corvallis |
| Jun | 14 | Sat | Swap Meet setup CCC at 9:00 am |
| Jun | 15 | Sun | SWAP MEET |
| Jun | 19 | Thur | Pizza Feed Walery's Pizza 6:00 pm |
| Jun | 22 | Sun | NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum
Afternoon tour. Time and meeting place to be announced later. |
| July 14-18 | Mon-Fri | National MAFCA Convention,
Puyallup, WA | |
| Aug | 3 | Thurs | General Meeting: 7:00 pm, Mission Mill
3 rd floor Card Room |
| Aug | 17 | Thurs | Board Meeting: 7:30 pm LeMaster, 1845
Lockhaven Drive NE, Keizer |