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Merry Christmas



1929 Open Cab Pickup - 76-A

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Front Page Photo

The 1929 Open Cab Pickup was rebuilt by Jack Dusenberry from parts of the late Bob Nees' Estate. The pickup is now on display at Chuck's Produce on Hwy 99 and 117th St in Vancouver, WA.



President's Note **November 21, 2013**

At the Veteran's Day Parade we had a great turnout of eleven cars, dry weather and just plain ole tire kicking and visiting. After the parade we toured over to Benny's and enjoyed a hot lunch with plenty of coffee. Waiting at the line up for the parade to start is always a little cool, however what a small donation this is compared to the time our Veterans have spent protecting our rights. Many thank you's to all the Veterans who have served.

Our December meeting on Monday the 9th at 6:00 PM at the Lane's Museum is always a lot of fun with everyone bringing their favorite potluck food dishes and wrapped gifts to be auctioned off for our club fundraiser, please call me for any questions and enjoy the holiday season.

Jerry

Trivia Knowledge Nugget
Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.

Articles and contributions are encouraged and may be used as space permits. The deadline for all articles is the 20th of the preceding month. The Volcano View is a monthly publication of the Volcano A's Chapter - MAFCA. E-mail all proposed articles to: rrusunen@comcast.net.

December Anniversaries

- 27 Art & Marlynne Pugsley
- 29 Frank & Arnita Mayer
- 31 Lance & Andrea Lehman

Birthdays

- 2 Janet Hickel
- 2 Scott Deane
- 9 Shirley Weast
- 10 Terri Pitts
- 12 Judy Pashon
- 18 Jim Kelly
- 19-Penny Haight
- 23 Bob Huset
- 27 Ron Hall
- 29 Marylan Kelly

Refreshments

December: Holiday
Potluck/Auction at the
Lane's Museum

2014 Calendars

Volcano A's 2014
Calendar (for \$10.00)
will be available at the
December Meeting and
Potluck Auction.

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Willey

Ford Factory Foto of the Month



1929 155-A

Town Sedan Murray

2014 Club

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website under calendar
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Community Service

Our food collection for
the Food Bank continues
with amazing results!!!
Tom Pagel, again, donated
food from his garden
totaling 137 pounds.
With this and Willey's 50
pounds of rice and the
rest of the club's total of
76 pounds, our months
total is 263 pounds,
bringing our year's total
to 2860 pounds!!!! If we
were to try really hard
and bring food to our
Christmas party in
December, we could
possibly reach 3000
pounds!!!! We only need
140 pounds!!!! I will bring
the food bucket to the
party!! Think about
bringing some food along
with your gifts and food
for dinner!! We can do
this!!! Thanks to all of
you and your hard work!!
Submitted by Sherry
Rusunen



Volcano A's General Membership Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm by President Jerry Lane.

TREASURER: Bill Peden gave the Treasurer report.

TOUR: Vice President Leroy Helyer announced the tour for December will be postponed to January due to busy schedules and the annual dinner auction.

The Veterans Day Parade was very nice, then lunch at Benny's.

MEMBER AT LARGE: Leonard Willey reported all is well.

WEBMASTER: Bob Rusunen is putting together the Volcano A's 2014 Calendar. Phone or email him if you weren't at the meeting and would like a calendar.

REFRESHMENTS: Dian Lane announced that Nancy Wooldridge will chair refreshments for next year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Sherry Rusunen reported that the donations for the Food Bank are great! On Wednesday, December 18th come help sort food at Fish from 9-12. All are welcome to come help - contact Sherry for details.

There was an article in the Reflector about the Club's visit to Mallard Landing Retirement Home.

SUNSHINE: Lynn Mattingley reported that Pat Dusenberry is recovering from a foot injury. Gene Thompson had cancer surgery. Ruby is doing fine. Larry Cox had hip surgery.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Dian Lane will submit articles to Restorer. Let her know if you have information.

LAVA LADIES: Dian said the women had a great time at Rocky's Pizza and they brought two 6-foot tables full of infant clothing and items for Babies in Need.

On Saturday, January 11th, the ladies meet at Red Robin, Cascade Station at 11:30 am to plan activities for 2014.

HISTORIAN: Linda Willey getting library in order for new historian, Terry Finley.

SEMINAR: Conducted by Lynn Sondenaa on how to use fuel additives, oil additives and cleaning solutions in the Model A. It was a very informative seminar enjoyed by all.

OLD BUSINESS: Minutes were accepted as printed.

NEW BUSINESS:

December 9th, Monday will be the annual Christmas Party Potluck Dinner Auction at Lane's Museum in LaCenter. There will be a short meeting at 6:00 pm, then dinner at 6:30pm followed by the auction for gifts. This auction is a fundraiser for the club and great fun. Bring a wrapped gift, label it for a man or woman, then the gifts are raffled off unopened. Ballots will be available and voted on at the dinner for the annual Hard Luck Award, Mr. & Mrs. Model A and Member of the Year. Please call Jerry or Dian if you have questions or need directions.

Jack Dusenberry presented Nominations:

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Librarian:	Terry Finley
Editor/Webmaster:	Bob Rusunen (appointed by President)

Nominations were voted on and all accepted.

RAFFLE: Leroy Heyler won the 50/50 raffle. Lynn Sondenaa won the door prize.

REFRESHMENTS: Were served by Lynn Mattingley, Pat Dusenberry and Roberta Emerick.

ADJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned by Jerry Lane.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Blick.

MAFCA Information

Hershey is over and while it was a lot of fun, it also rained and rained. We received 14" in a day and a half. I still enjoyed seeing many of you and hope you found some good deals on those parts you have been wanting.

We have a new email address for chapters, [ChapterCoordinator @ mafca.com](mailto:ChapterCoordinator@mafca.com). The old address was getting a lot of spam and becoming unmanageable. You may remember we changed service providers and unfortunately spam followed the old address. Anyway, Jill will be delighted to hear from you.

We talk a lot about attracting youth to our hobby. We have some wonderful resources from the coloring book http://www.mafca.com/pub_others.html; to the A-World <http://www.mafca.com/aworld.html>; youth scholarships; and youth restoration awards. The fact is not as many young people are interested in the Model A Ford. I think there are a number of reasons for this phenomenon. When I was a kid and turned 16, I was at the DMV that day to get my license, like almost everyone else. Today's young people often do not get their licenses until they are in the late teens or early 20's! Social networking has enabled them to be in contact with friends twenty four hours a day via computer, cell phone, or tablet. In my day, we needed a car to visit and talk with friends, today young people can visit virtually.

We all know the cost of restoring a Model A. It keeps going up and it is more difficult to find parts and needed services. As we purchase a "collector" car for higher prices, it makes them much more difficult for young people to afford. Very few young people can deal with a "basket case" and make it into a driving car. The garages of America are filled with disassembled Model A's. The vast majority of the wealth of this country is held by people over 50.

The Model A Ford is not a common car any more. In the 1950's and 60's, there were a lot of Model A's on the road, and we saw them in our youth. So today's youth relate better to muscle cars from the 70's and 80's. They simply have not been exposed to the Model A. Most of the new members to our hobby are adults in their 50's who want a collector car, and the Model A is much more affordable than other early automobiles. They are at a point in their lives where they are secure in their jobs, their children are adults, and they enjoy the disposable income to undertake a hobby like the Model A Ford.

So what can we do to attract youth so our hobby survives well into the future? One way is to involve our children and grandchildren whenever possible. There are many fun family tours hosted by local chapters suitable for young people. Show them your cars and how to operate them; tell them about your experiences with the car; teach them about the history of Ford and the Model A. Take them

to the Museum, to a regional meet, to a national meet to let them see and appreciate these cars. It needs to be a positive experience. Take them to a swap meet so they can see the enthusiasm and fun people have with this hobby.

Collectively we need to include youth in our activities. Make sure young people are welcome at chapter meetings; at meals and banquets. Figure out ways to involve them in Era Fashions; vehicle seminars; and judging. There have been some great ideas for including you, and we need to keep doing more. Policies and practices that exclude youth do not work in our favor.

Subscribe to the A-World and then read it with your grandchildren and children; download the coloring book and give them a box of crayons. My own grandson is only 3, but like to play with cars so I found a couple of Model As to include in his toy box. I have installed seat belts in my "A" and take them for rides where appropriate. We plan to apply for scholarships when they reach that point in their lives and if they are interested in a restoration or Era Fashions, we will help them out.

I expect as my grandchildren enter high school and go to college, their interest in the Model A will wane as they will be busy with education, employment, careers, and relationships. BUT my hope is they will remember the Model A fondly and when they reach a point in their lives where they can own one, they will. We need to plant the seeds early with an expectation of bearing fruit some years down the line. So I encourage you all to support our youth activities and involve young people in the hobby at every opportunity.

I hope to see you on the road.

[Alex Janke](#)

2013 MAFCA President

Information	Future Events
<p>The Model A Ford Club of America, Inc. (MAFCA) is a California non-profit corporation and a national historical society dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Model A Ford vehicles as manufactured from 1928 through 1931.</p> <p>MAFCA's members are dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of Ford vehicles of that era. MAFCA is the largest club in the world dedicated to one make of automobile. Volcano A members are urged to join the Model A Ford Club of America, Inc. Visit the MAFCA website for a membership application. Dues are \$40 yearly and include a subscription to <u>The Restorer</u>.</p>	<p>MAFCA National Awards Banquet December 4-8, 2013 - San Antonio, Texas Host: Alamo A's</p> <p>MAFCA National Tour March 9-13, 2014 - Texas Hill Country Host: Alamo A's</p> <p>MAFCA National Convention July 14-18, 2014 - Puyallup, Washington Host: Gallopin' Gerties of Tacoma</p>

Technical Notes

Winter Starter Maintenance

By Lynn Sondenaa

Model A starters do not require a lot of maintenance, but at least once a year the contacts should be cleaned and lubricated with dielectric grease. Figure 1 shows the starter contact button (A-11102) and the starter switch contact with its button (A-11450). The two contact buttons are made from copper and have a tendency to pit and corrode.

Disconnect the battery; then disconnect the battery cable to the starter switch and any other wires that connect to the starter switch. Remove the starter switch and you are now ready to clean. If the starter button is pitted, file it smooth using a single cut mill bastard file (Fig.2). This picture also shows emery paper, Scotch-Brite and dielectric grease. Use either emery paper or Scotch-Brite to clean the copper surfaces so they are bright (Fig.3). The next step is to coat the copper surfaces with dielectric grease (Fig.4). This grease promotes electrical contact and helps to eliminate corrosion. The last step is to clean and coat the copper terminal and nut on the starter switch (Fig.5) and reassemble everything.

Note if your Model A uses a fiber gasket (A-11450) between the starter housing and starter switch check its condition for wear. These were correct for 1928 to early 1930 Model A's, but they can be used on all years. It is a good idea to use them because they help prevent shorts.



Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3



Fig 4



Fig 5

Model A ERA Clothing Fashions



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Source: Phillip Lenssen at vintageadbrowser.com

Early Ford Advertisement



Fort Vancouver Veterans Day Parade Tour

The Volcano A's had 11 Model A's in the Veterans Day Parade at Fort Vancouver, WA. Club members participating in the parade were: Jack Dusenberry, Lynn & Marilyn Elvestrom, Ron & Jane Hall, Bob & Carma Huset, Don & Dolores LaBarre, Jerry & Dian Lane, Jack & Lynn Mattingley, Steve Pargeter, Eddy & Teri Pitts, Bob & Sherry Rusunen, Gary Swartz, Leonard & Linda Willey, Tim Woodman.



To see more pictures visit the Touring tab on our website at www.volcanoas.net

Peden's 1928 Tudor Sedan Restoration

Bill Peden's 1928 Tudor Sedan restoration project during the year is now completed and the Model A is ready to hit the road.



Who was Harold Hicks?

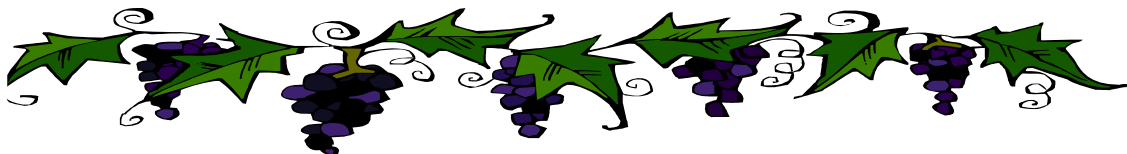
Harold Hicks was an engineer hired by Henry Ford in 1919. He worked in aircraft engineering and in tractor engineering, primarily on engines, as Ford was trying to enter these businesses. He gained valuable experience working on Ford's experimental X-8 engine project (later abandoned) and on the joint venture all metal Ford/Stout 3-AT Tri-motor aircraft project which ended abruptly when a fire in the factory destroyed the prototype. That catastrophe led to the exit of Stout and the development of the successful metal Ford Tri-motor aircraft in which Harold played a major role. Several of these Tri-motors are still being exhibited and flown today at air shows.

In 1927, because of his engine knowledge, Harold was called over to the Model A development project when the prototype engine produced only 22 horsepower instead of the anticipated 40 horsepower wanted by Ford. He redesigned the intake and exhaust manifolds and increased the ports in the block and the area around the valves to improve the breathing ability of the engine. He then redesigned the exhaust and muffler assembly to reduce restrictions. He also worked with Zenith to design an efficient carburetor that would satisfy Henry's mandate about a single assembly bolt as well as meet the engine performance requirements. When the engine with Harold's various design improvements was tested it easily met Ford's requirements. Harold was also somewhat responsible for the Model A's being equipped with safety glass windshields.

While helping run performance and fuel economy tests for the Model A the test vehicle was in a severe crash with another vehicle and Harold was thrown partially through the plate glass windshield and received major cuts and injuries. When Henry Ford and his son Edsel viewed the wreckage and learned of Harold's injuries they decided all of the new cars would be equipped with safety glass windshields.

Although Harold helped Ford achieve great success on many projects beyond the Tri-motor and Model A he never achieved great career success at Ford. It has been said Henry was somewhat jealous of his talents which exceeded his own in many areas. Apparently instead of praising and thanking Harold for his good work Henry resented it, withholding raises and promotions, and never bringing him into the inner circle at Ford. In spite of this we can all be thankful for Harold's talents which made the Model A Ford one of the quickest accelerating cars and one of the fastest four cylinder cars on the road at the time of its introduction to the public. We are still enjoying that performance today, eighty some years later, although it now seems very slow in relation to our newer cars.

(This article was compiled from information on several internet websites and found in the Palmetto A's of South Carolina newsletter. Submitted by Dick Fraser)



For Sale / Wanted Items

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For Sale Items

One used repro 30-31 steering wheel, good condition, small 1/8" chip out of the underside near the hub, glued back in, and can't be seen when the wheel is installed, otherwise very nice, no cracks. \$90.

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Ray Horton 503-333-5766

For Sale

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Tom Pagel 360-573-3318 or Pagel4332@comcast.net

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