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Car of the Month – 1930 Standard Coupe – John Firth

Recently I came across a 1930 Standard Coupe for sale on the MAFCA website. The seller was a long-time Model A'er that I met while I served on the MAFCA board of directors. He had purchased the original unrestored car a few years ago from the family of the original owner and drove it home.

Before medical issues put an end to his plans, he was in the process of restoring it. He had sealed the gas tank, boiled and flushed the radiator, bought new running board mats and trim, and glass for all windows. Because I knew and trusted him, I said I would buy the car sight unseen based on the details he provided. My plan was to put it back together, get it running and pass it along to someone else to take it the rest of the way to get it back on the road. I am the third owner.

When Nancy and I drove down to central California with the trailer, we found the car to be mostly as expected. It is a trunk model and was assembled in San Francisco. The fenders were all off the car and were painted black. The body was in reasonably good shape but had about three different primers on it. It did not run.

The first thing I did was get it sandblasted. Then I etch primed it to seal the body from rust. Most parts needed to reassemble it were included, some original, some repo, some restored. While the body was off, I put the chassis back together and then bolted down the body. After two weeks of working on it every day, I got it running and it sounds great! It's ready for the next chapter.



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From the President's Desk – Bill Hallows

President's Letter: October 2017

The summer has passed and the fall is upon us. The Model A touring season begins to slow. That doesn't slow down all that is required to prepare for the upcoming winter months. The fall has always been a fun time in our family. Harvesting crops on the farm or in the garden depending upon the location of the eighteen locations Mary and I have lived in the last forty years.

The last nineteen years here in Southern Oregon can be appreciated for providing the experience of four distinct seasons. This month there were meadows to be mowed, wood to be split and stacked, fruit and vegetables to be picked prepared and stored. And of course the machines to be maintained.

Someone mentioned at one of our club meeting that if it was a machine "the one thing that you could count on is that it will break" (definition: make or become inoperative). It seems on the old ranch, homesteaded in 1894, the time has arrived for many of the working parts to break. So too the 87 year old 1930 Model A coupe.

This summer on the return trip from the Northwest regional meet in Coos Bay, the coupe blew a head gasket. This has widely been discussed and a repair quickly accomplished. That did not seem to cure all that ails the coupe as it sputtered and coughed its way into the August meeting, after at least 25 to 30 miles of uneventful and successful test run miles. Thanks to Todd Calvert for the tow to his house while I got the trailer to get the coupe back home. Thanks also to Art Peary and John Firth who came to my rescue several times as I sought to troubleshoot the mysterious cause of the sputtering engine. I have to admit that I was fully frustrated and considering having myself committed for having gotten mixed up with these machines in the first place.

In response to "it will break". It can be fixed, repaired and made operable. Just before removing the engine to see if a sticking valve may be the problem, a call to "DJ" Jordan, thank you DJ, advised that because the engine ran smoothly at idle and sputtered on acceleration a different cause may be suspect. Well the cause (which may also have caused the gasket to blow) was found and the ninety mile round trip to Eagle Point for the tri-club meet was without incident. Come to the October 14th regular business meeting at the Grange to find out; "what the heck was wrong with this machine?"

Drive your Model A.

Bill

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The October Tour

Dave Williams called Galice Resort and they confirmed they will be open on October 14th and are expecting us. Their last day for the season will be the 15th so we made it just in time.

Once again we will be able to park the A's in front as we have done in the past. Hope the weather cooperates.

Jim's Tech Tip for September

by Jim Cannon
2017 MAFCA Technical Director



Instrument Panel Light Too Bright?

I have always found the instrument panel light on my Model A to be too bright (and too hot! Ouch!). I would turn mine on for a few seconds, and then turn it right back off. Here is a simple fix: put a 12-volt, 3 candlepower tail light bulb in your 6 volt Model A instrument panel. That would be a #67 bulb, available at any auto parts store. Instead of being so bright, it will glow a nice, soft orange color because it's operating at half of the voltage it was designed for. Once your eyes get used to the dark, it gives all the light you need to see the instruments. You will gladly leave it on for the entire night drive.

PS - the bulb number to do this on a car that has been converted to 12 volts is a #623 bulb. Harder to find, usually special order.



SUNSHINE

Nothing new to report (whew!)

Please call Pam Green at 541-471-9214 if you know of someone in the club who could benefit from our thoughts and prayers to get through illness or adversity.

We will respect the need for privacy. Our desire is to help without being intrusive.

2017 REFRESHMENTS



OctoberMike & Debbie McKey
NovemberLynn MacDougall

Birthdays

Michelle Calvert	10-03
Wanda Babcock	10-04
Bob James	10-05
Laurie James	10-06
Barbara Hughes	10-07
Herb Waud	10-08
Bob Wall	10-09
Adeline Addison	10-21
Ed Addison	10-22
Pam Green	10-23



Anniversaries

Paul & Betty Jones	10-04-60
Art & Grace Peary	10-07-61
Mel & Joyce Taormino	10-10-65
John & Nancy Firth	10-17-87
Ted & Elizabeth Aguirre	10-24-2014



Best Wishes Everyone

We have 1 (ONE) Henry's Lady License plate left.

Get yours before it's gone!



Henry's Lady General Business Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2017

President Bill Hallows called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM, welcomed everyone to the meeting and then introduced guests. Tom Rogers' guest, John Crawford, and Carter Rose from Golden. He thanked Mike and Linda Whitmore for their article in Rogue Ramblings this month.

Announcements:

- Registration is now open for the 2018 MAFCA National Meet in Reno. Links to registration information can be found on henryslady.org and mafca.org.
- September 16th is International Model A Day and we will be touring over to Eagle Point to the Doss Ranch for the Tri-Chapter Car Games and potluck. Our club is hosting "Stop on a Dime". We will leave Applebee's parking lot at 9:30. Bring chairs, a dish to share.
- Bill announced Henry's Lady will make the customary \$25 donation to the Model A Ford Foundation (MAFFI) in remembrance of Bob Kightlinger who passed away recently.
- 2018 Henry's Lady dues are due, only \$15. Forms are in this month's newsletter. Please renew as soon as you can and before the end of the year. You should have received your MAFCA dues renewal information last month and they need to be in before the end of the year to avoid delays in receiving your January/February Restorer.
- The mail bag included info on swap meets coming up: Grants Pass Fairgrounds tomorrow, Medford Expo 9/30 and 10/1, Albany 11/19/2017.
- We also received an acknowledgment and thanks for the donation we made to the Southern Oregon Historical Society for the 1946 Ford fire engine refurbishment.

Pam Green and Bill MacDougall made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting as published in the September newsletter. Motion passed.

Gene Amaral gave the treasurer's report. Rick Black and Ted Aguirre made and seconded a motion to approve the report. Motion passed.

Sunshine:

Pam Green reported that Jerry Schulte is recovering from extensive surgery at Marilyn's in Medford. Bill Hallows and John Firth visited Paul Jones at Countryside Village recently. The club was invited to bring our cars for a visit and stay for lunch.

Bill acknowledged September birthdays and anniversaries.

Old Business:

Bill Hallows passed the Hard Luck Trophy on to John Firth for his breakdown on the way back from Coos Bay in June.

As discussed last month, Bill announced that on the last Tuesday in September we will start meeting at a local restaurant for lunch. This will serve to share our cars with the public and provide opportunities for casual social interaction between members. This month it will be Tuesday, September 26 at McDonald's on Allen Creek Road (near Albertsons). You can have lunch, a snack or just a cup of coffee. No commitment needed, just come if you can and enjoy the visit. Nancy Firth will send out an email reminder.

Bill reminded everyone that we have an election coming up. The ballot will be in the November newsletter and we will vote at the November meeting. Installation of officers will be in January at the New Year's lunch. We don't have any candidates yet for secretary so let Bill, John Firth, or Chuck Green know if you are interested.

New Business: None

Tours and Activities:

October 14 – Annual Fall Tour to Galice Resort for lunch. Dave Williams reported that this tour is up in the air right now because the Galice Resort may close earlier than usual for the season due to smoke. He will check with them and information will be in the October newsletter.

Editor: Rick Black would like to step down as editor so let him know if you are interested. He also announced that there will be an open house to showcase the 1946 Ford fire engine at 3263 Biddle Road. Work is progressing and they hope to have it up and running by the end of the year.

Tech Talk:

Bob Fleischman has a couple of boxes of old Restorers, a rebuilt carb, distributor, starter and alternator and some tools. He will be at the swap meet tomorrow space F7. Mike Wing needs a muffler exhaust clamp. Rick Black will give him one tomorrow at space J6 at the swap meet.

50/50: \$43 was collected, \$22 went to Chuck Green and \$21 went to the Club.

Attendance: 29 members were present today.

Mike McKey and Roger Huffman made and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Firth, Co-Secretary



Classifieds:

FOR SALE: Model A and T parts, including engine head and suspension parts.
Contact Carter Rose, 541-866-2407 oct17

WANTED: Need Engine stand with wheels, I have Model A adapter.
Call Joe Davis 650-279-6609 – jdavis@amuffler.com jul17



Here is a photo of a 1929 coupe at the Laws Railroad Museum near Bishop, Calif. that they hauled in off the desert.

Mostly complete but it has been sitting out for a long time.

Dave Williams.



Facts(?) From the TV Show Jeopardy

1. A rat can last longer without water than a camel.
2. Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks or it will digest itself.
3. The dot over the letter "i" is called a tittle.
4. A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continuously from the bottom of the glass to the top.
5. A female ferret will die if it goes into heat and cannot find a mate.
6. A duck's quack doesn't echo. No one knows why.
7. A 2" X 4" Stud is really 1-1/2" by 3-1/2".
8. During the chariot scene in 'Ben Hur,' a small red car can be seen in the distance (and Heston's wearing a watch).
9. On average, 12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents daily! (That explains a few mysteries... .)
10. Donald Duck comics were banned from Finland because he doesn't wear pants.
11. Because metal was scarce, the Oscars given out during World War II were made of wood.
12. The number of possible ways of playing the first four moves per side in a game of chess is 318,979,564,000.
13. There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with orange, purple and silver.
14. The name 'Wendy' was made up for the book Peter Pan. There was never a recorded 'Wendy' before.
15. The very first bomb dropped by the Allies on Berlin in World War II killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo.
16. If one places a tiny amount of liquor on a scorpion, it will instantly go mad and sting itself to death. (Who was the sadist who discovered this??)
17. Bruce Lee was so fast that they actually had to s-l-o-w film down so you could see his moves. That's the opposite of the norm.
18. The first CD pressed in the US was Bruce Springsteen's 'Born in the USA.'
19. The original name for butterfly was flutterby. (and that is a more accurate description)
20. The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.
21. The first product Motorola started to develop was a record player for automobiles. At that time, the most known player on the market was Victrola, so they called themselves Motorola.
22. Roses may be red, but violets are indeed violet.
23. By raising your legs slowly and lying on your back, you cannot sink into quicksand.
24. Celery has negative calories. It takes more calories to eat a piece of celery than the celery has in it to begin with.
25. Charlie Chaplin once won third prize in a Charlie Chaplin look-alike contest. (???)
26. Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying.
27. Sherlock Holmes NEVER said, "Elementary, my dear Watson."
28. An old law in Bellingham, Washington, made it illegal for a woman to take more than three steps backwards while dancing!
29. The glue on Israeli postage is certified kosher.
30. The Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from public libraries.
31. Astronauts are not allowed to eat beans before they go into space because passing wind in a spacesuit damages them.
32. Bats always turn left when exiting a cave!

SEE....NOW WASN'T THAT CALMING AND NICE FOR A CHANGE?

Thanks to Mary O'Cain for passing this on.

