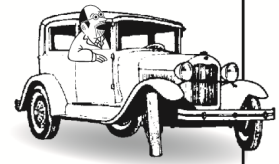


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Upcoming Club Events:

- This months meeting is February 6th. At Chiquilla's on Ash St 5:30 for dinner
- Next meeting: March 5th. At Chiquilla's on Ash St 5:30 for dinner
- Coffee Group- Tuesday Coffee varies with Thursdays at Don Gibbard's. Both meet at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted.
- Third Wednesday Lunch Tour Cruz Chinese Buffet



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1928 Ford Model A Landaulette Coachwork in the Style of Judkins Engine no. A3903133

Starting with the Model T, Ford did offer formal town car body styles in limited numbers. These were very expensive Fords and were intended to be chauffeur driven urban vehicles. A number of Model As were

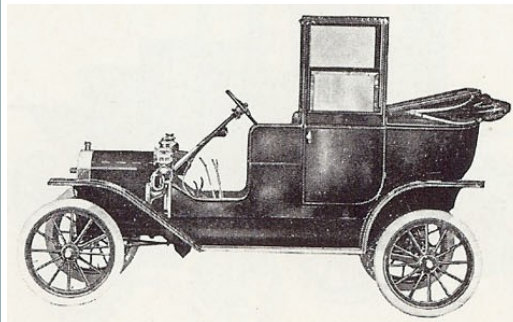
also equipped as town cars and are some of the rarest of all Fords in this period. The clientele was limited, but there was a market for a more affordable chauffeur driven car based on the highly reliable Ford car.



Built in the style of the famous 1927 Lincoln with Judkins Coaching Brougham coachwork, this well executed Model A is not likely to be seen outside of this collection. Done with a high degree of coachbuilding skill it is a complex body that was not built by an amateur. It is a representation of what a customer could have commissioned a coachbuilder to execute on a Ford if they so desired. It is built on a standard 1928 Ford chassis incorporating the original hood and cowl into the coachwork.

Two of these Fords are in a private collection in the Netherlands. They were built by the same coach company most likely in Europe. The interiors are very similar between the black and yellow and the black and red car, but the body styling is slightly different.

The yellow body has a enclosed passen-



ger compartment with fixed windows on the sides and back. The red one is a convertible much like the early Model T Landaulet models.

Both cars appear to built from the

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MAFCA 2024 National Model A Convention

June 23 to June 29, 2024
Ruidoso, New Mexico
Hosts: Southwest Model A's

Registration Forms ([click here](#))
 Hotel Information ([click here](#))



SMOOTH RIDER TOUR 2024 (update)

A Smooth Rider Tour 2024 is almost complete. It will be May 31 thru June 2, 2024 and will begin in Walla Walla with a tour of Rich Allen's Gas Pump Collection. From there we will head cross country along the base of the Blue Mountains to Pomeroy and lunch at the Pataha Flower Mill. After lunch we will drive the mountain roads to Clarkston where we will spend the night. Dinner is at Roosters Waterfront Restaurant for those who wish to eat as a group. Please indicate if you will be eating with us and how many so we can make reservations.

The Tour will consist of touring from Walla Walla to Clarkston, WA on May 31. On June 1, there will be a jet boat tour up Hells Canyon on the Snake River OR you may wish to go on an alternate road tour if the jet boat ride does not suit you.

If you would like to be involved on the jet boat trip, **YOU MUST REGISTER EARLY WITH THE JET BOAT COMPANY TO GET A SEAT ON ONE OF THE 4 BOATS AS THEY DO FILL UP EARLY!**

Reservation can be made with [Beamers](#), or by calling 509-758-4800

For those of you who do not wish to do a boat tour, we are planning a tour with the Palouse Regional A's to Elk River for lunch???

This tour is still under the planning stages at this time.

When we get back from the Road Tour, we will go to Wayne Wood's place, 6467 Cougar Ridge Dr., Lewiston ID, for a BBQ. This will cost \$10.00 per person.

On June 2, we will return to Walla Walla. Still under planning stage. I know the end of May 2024 and the first of June 2024 is a few months away...But If this is something that you might want to do, let me know so we can make the necessary planning and arrangements.

Please pass this information along to others that might be interested in the tour so I can get them on this email list.

For more specific information on this tour, please contact Steve Plucker at 509-749-2211 or at pif@bmi.net

2024 Calendar Dates as of 1/2/2024

Meeting

January 2
 February 6
 March 5
 April 2
 May 7
 June 4
 July 2
 August 6
 September 3
 October 1
 November 5
 December 3

3rd Wednesday Lunch Location

January 17 Roger's College Place
 February 21 Cruz Chinese Buffet 628 W Main
 March 20 Tate's Umapine OR
 April 17
 May 15
 June 19
 July 17
 August 21
 September 18
 October 16
 November 20
 December 19

Other events:

Portland Swap Meet April 5,6,7 2024
 Eastern WA Ag Museum - Pomeroy April 13 and 14 ???
 Walla Walla University Alumni Car Show April 28, 2024
 Dust off the Cobwebs tour - Longbranch Cafe Weston OR
 Tri Cities Swap Meet May 4, 2024
 Walla Walla Spring Fling @ Kiwanis Park College Place
 Waitsburg Show May 17 - 18, 2024
 Smooth Rider Tour Walla Walla to Clarkston May 31 - June 2, 2024
 Pendleton Old Iron Show June 7-9, 2024
 Dayton Show June 14 - 15, 2024
 4th of July events July 4, 2024
 Prescott Car Show August 21, 2024
 Joseph OR Car Show August 24, 2024
 Walla Walla Fair Parade August 30, 2024
 Wheeling Walla Walla Show September 6 - 7, 2024
 Fort Walla Walla Museum Truck Show September 21, 2024 ???
 Northwest Regional Group - Redmond OR September 9 - 12, 2024
 Veterans Day Parade November 11, 2024

MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 2, 2024

Meeting called to order President Bill Geurts.

New members and visitors: President Bill Geurts introduced Russell Young. Russell reported that he was on the tour to Bar M Ranch and the cars that he owns.

Officers Present: President Bill Geurts Vice President Dave Wirth Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Kopf

Board Members Present: Nonda Gibbard Dave Baughman Steve Plucker Jeannie Plucker - Past President. Board Members Absent: Ron Johnson

Minutes: Motion by Don Gibbard to accept the December 5, 2023 minutes Second Don Weaver Motion passed.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Debbi Bethel to accept the treasurer's report Second Don Weaver Motion passed.

Sunshine: Val Weaver reported nothing to report and no cards mailed.

Post Office Box: Nonda Gibbard moved to pay the Post Office Box for the year 2024 in the amount of \$226.00. Discussion was held on a Post Office Box at Post Annex the small box is \$144.00 a year. Also discussed was having the mail go to a home, it was done before the Post Office box but the mail did not always make it to the meeting if that member was not at the meeting. A change of address would need to be completed each time the address changed. Nonda Gibbard amended her motion to pay the Post Office for 6 months \$113.00 and to check out the sizes of the boxes at Post Annex compared to the Post Office box. Second Don Weaver. Motion passed.

MAFCA Annual insurance payment: Discussion was held Officers and Board members should be members of MAFCA - the form that is sent in requires membership numbers for Officers and Board members. Some clubs require members to be members of MAFCA, we do not have the requirement. If you are at a club function this would be secondary liability insurance. Motion by Debbi Bethel to pay \$75.00 membership to MAFCA. Second Don Gibbard Motion passed.

Third Wednesday Lunches at 11:30 am

January 17, Roger's Bakery - College Place
February 21, Cruz Chinese Buffet - 628 W Main
March 20, Tate's - Umapine

Club Magnetic Signs: Discussion was held on the club magnetic signs for the car, Bender Signs has the club design. If you need signs for your car see President Bill Geurts.

National and Regional Information: Don Gibbard reported MAFCA National Meet Pendleton OR in 2026. Northwest Regional Group hub tour September 9 - 12, 2024 Redmond OR. The Redmond swap meet is the weekend before.

Smooth Rider Tour - Steve Plucker reported Walla Walla to Clarkston May 31 - June 2, 2024.

Shop Updates: Steve Plucker, Don Gibbard and Daylan Gibbard reported what is happening in their shops.

Raffle: Don and Nonda Gibbard \$24.00.

Motion to adjourn passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Kopf - Secretary

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Birthday Greetings to the Following members:

Ernie Johnson	Feb. 3
John Fazio	Feb 5
Dave Sandberg	Feb. 6
Rod Tillett	Feb 16
James Beard	Feb. 19
Kathy Kopf	Feb 25
Barbara Beard	Feb. 28

Happy Anniversary!

If you have not paid your Dues for 2024, please submit them to the Walla Walla Sweet A's, PO Box 1353, Walla Walla, WA 99362 or give your payment to Kath Kopf at our next meeting.

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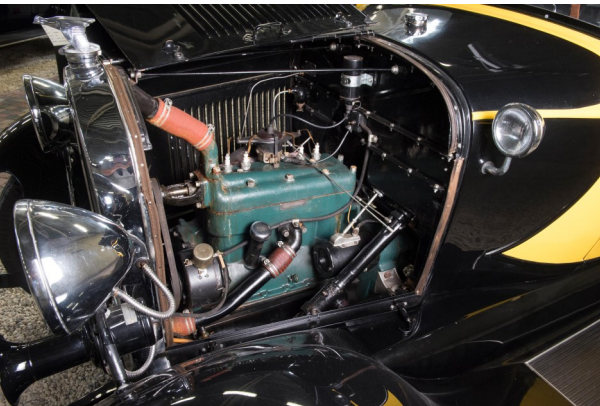
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Nonda Gibbard	509 525-9497
Ron Johnson	509 520-9168
Steve Plucker	509 749-2211

Sunshine - Val Weaver

Landaulette *continued*

front cowl of a Briggs sedan but widened for a roomier ride. They each have a 7-tooth steering column with the red steering wheel. Both have the early lug nuts and the early style hub caps. One has a powerhouse generator and the other has a later model generator. They also have the pistol grip park brake handle in front of the shifter.

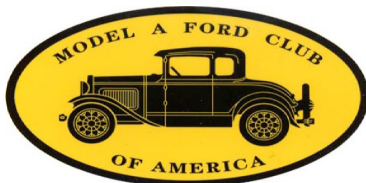


A third example of this car exists but it is clearly a reproduction attempt. The body lines are missing, the doors are attached with residential door hinges and the front doors are backwards from the original production models. It may have been recreated from remnants of an original coach and it looks good but definitely not built by the original coachworks. Much of this looks like a stretch sedan and little is known about it.



These are all good examples of rare

custom built coaches on the Model A frame which will only be seen in museums.



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