

The Radiator

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President's Notes

Well gang, we had great weather at our Swap and Show. Thanks to those gracious weather gods for being so kind to us. The weather is the single thing that is not in our control. We benefited from those blue skies by having our best turn-out at both the walk-in gate and with the largest number of vehicles to show. We had 119 vehicles and had 84 back in 2019. Thank you everyone who helped to make our 2022 event a success.

I mentioned at April's General Membership Meeting that I had restarted a discussion with the Linn Benton Community College. I shared on the screen, some talking points I was planning to have with the powers that be. The heading of "proposal" on the screen has led to misinterpretation by a few. I wish to confirm that I was only having discussions with the college. "I'm just looking at options here."

We are not leaving the Fairgrounds any time soon. The Fairgrounds will allow us to lock in the current pricing with a three-year deposit. After considerable review of our financing abilities, the CHAC Board of Directors believes that we can cough-up the money.

By placing a deposit (albeit considerable) we lock in the price for the next three years.

The college by the way has yet to respond to my talking points (proposal). Because of the need to make timely decisions for planning the 2023 Swap and Show, we are moving ahead with the Fairgrounds.

At the May Board of Directors Meeting we decided to increase the fees for both the Swap and Show spaces. Thirty dollars (for a 10x20 footprint) and \$20.00 to



show a vehicle in the "Dust 'em Off ". That's up from \$20 and \$10 respectively.

We have additionally decided to levy a Name Tag fee to any new member joining the CHAC. The past policy of the club outlaying thirty dollars for two badges in response to a ten dollar commitment did not

make fiscal sense. This new policy does not affect any current members, only new folks. Membership application forms and the web site will receive updates shortly.

Now, let's look forward to getting out with our vehicles! I believe those weather gods will again be kind to us.

All the spots are taken at the LBCC Dyno Days dynamometer, but we can still watch the pulls and visit the facility on May 20-21. Prestige Senior Living is having a "Sock Hop" celebration on the 21st. DJ Freeman is heading up the CHAC display, along with running this May's general meeting for me. (Patty and I will be in Washington State, celebrating our anniversary.) I hope to see a whole bunch of you at our first 2022 *Corvallis Cars and Coffee* event on Saturday, June 4th.

I ask that club members consider displaying at the Corvallis Manor on June 11th. We are showin' our stuff for the residents there just in time to make some guys father's day. Space is limited to about 15 cars so let me know if you are joining me. Lunch will be provided. Like the Popeye cartoon figure "Wimpy", I too enjoy a good hamburger.

—Pete Rocco

My first Model A Ford

I still own and drive my first Model A, a 1929 Tudor. But let me begin at the beginning.



Martin at Tulip Festival Last Year

I was born on October 20, 1948, exactly 21 years after Henry Ford stamped engine #1 for the new improved Ford, the Model A. I was a Ford guy from day one and came home in a bright red 1947 Ford panel truck according to my Dad. Not long after I was born, my Dad bought a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond in my name. None of this mattered to me until 1959.

My Dad & Mom dated in a 1928 Tudor and Dad had found a '29 for sale in 1959. He decided my \$100 bond would be wisely spent to help buy this car. So, at age eleven, I was financially broke and had become a silent partner in a car I wasn't old enough to drive. The car was in white primer, had good tires and ran just fine for a 30-year-old car with 91,000 miles on it. He didn't drive it much but just enjoyed having it and played in it with friends from time to time. We moved 18 miles to a new place in North Albany in 1961 and this was when I got my first memorable ride in the car. Dad had a friend along for a ride and showed him how the car would hit 65 miles per hour! I was witnessing my future while holding on to the back of the driver's seat like kids used to do.

The car found a new home in the barn, waiting for Dad to retire in 1978. When that time finally came and with more time to play, he evicted the mice and got the car running and driving again. I inherited the car in 1984 after Dad died and my wife and I finished the body work and did a driveway paint job.

The national meet for the Model A Ford Club of America was in Portland in 1984. Our car was still in red primer, but we drove it to the meet. We were the only car there that was not in paint of some color but we were there among 500 others. This was a totally new & incredible experience and everywhere we

turned, there were more Model A's. And it was the start of many miles of traveling to more regional and national meets where we have met so many new friends. In the years since 1984, we have only missed one year not leaving home in our Tudor for at least a week.



Covered Bridge Tour

There have been more Model A's in our lives but this 1929 Tudor holds a special place in the family. My wife drives the car and my daughter Jennifer won a youth driving award, the Mike Mears Trophy, at a Northwest Regional Meet. A fourth generation is growing up with this car in their lives.



Linda Harding

A big part of the Model A hobby is sharing experiences with others. The old car hobby has taken us places we would never had experienced and we have met people from all over the world in our travels with the Model A.

—Martin Harding

Wayne Thompson

My earliest memory of Wayne Thompson brings me back to one of my first outings with the Corvallis Historic Auto Club. DJ Freeman had organized a "Covered Bridge Tour" for the club in July of 2019.



Covered Bridge Tour

A bunch of us drove from Albany to the Hoffman Bridge, then to the Gilkey, the Shimanek and Hanna bridges. We ended up at the Larwood Bridge and picnicked together by the water. I took this shot of Burke and Wayne's hot rod in Scio while on that excursion.



Burke and Wayne's Hot Rod

My last memory of Wayne is more recent. Wayne agreed to have lunch with me and DJ about two months ago. We met at Wayne's favorite Mexican Restaurant in Corvallis. The three of us knew it might probably be our last luncheon together but didn't mention it. We were glad that we could share some very valuable time together and enjoyed our meals. I was even happier to have Wayne offer a tour of his "out buildings" after our lunch. We got to see his latest acquisition, a Henry J hot rod, and his library of books and magazines going back more than a lifetime.

It was a grand effort on Wayne's part to find the energy to show us around. We talked about his collections for a bit, but his strength was fading.

Wayne died last week. He did not want a funeral, or for us to have a service, or celebration of life. Instead, let's remember him in our own personal way.

—Pete Rocco



We Will Miss You, Wayne



Wayne and Burke at Club Picnic



Wayne's Henry

What's Happening

May

- 21: West Hill Assisted Living Car show and popcorn, 2pm–4pm.
- 21: 28th Annual Rhody Days Show 'n' Shine in Florence OR. 9am–3pm \$25 at the gate.
- 23: CHAC CLUB MEETING, 7pm.
- 29: Queens Car Show 10am @ River Park in Lebanon. \$25.00.
- 30: Hub City Muscle Cars & Classic 2022 Mary's Peak Cruise. Gather at 10am, departing from the Albany LBCC (Linn-Benton Community College) campus at 10:30–10:45.
- 30: Philomath Block Party and Concert. 11am– 5 PM: Car Show (13th between Applegate and Main St.)

June

- 3-4: Function 4 Junction Friday Night Cruise and Saturday Car Show. Junction City OR \$25.
- 04: Cars & Coffee, 8am–10am, Corvallis Historic Auto Club Corvallis OR.



- 04: Lebanon Strawberry Festival, Grand Parade at 11am.
- 04: All Ford Show @ Washington County Fairgrounds. Details to come—visit [website](#).
- 11: Corvallis Manor BBQ and Car show, 11am–2pm.
- 17: Brookston's Father's Day Car Show 5881 Woodside St. Salem 12pm.

- 18: Becken Ridge Vineyard Car Show & 70's Concert \$20 starts at 1pm Contact Jim Turner 541-610-8584.
- 18: Roll the Dice Car Show at Spirit Mtn. Casino in Grande Ronde 7am gate opens \$15.00.
- 19: Fathers Day Car Show at Hope Church in Albany OR 2pm Free event.
- 23-26: Kruse of Klamath Multi Day Multi Location event Visit [website](#) for more info.
- 25: Sweet Home Sweet Rides Car Show 7am \$25 reg. Visit [website](#) for more info.
- 25: Salute to Veterans Car Show 9:30–3pm \$25 @ Washington Co. Fairgrounds in Hillsboro.
- 27: CHAC CLUB MEETING, 7pm.

Editor's Note

This issue has a new team of editors (D. J. and Cynthia Freeman). We are taking over from Jim and Lin Knoke. We want to thank Jim and Lin for the years of work putting out our club newsletter. As I understand it, they are now looking forward to more free time to travel. THANK YOU!

The new team will continue to make this newsletter about the Corvallis Historic Auto Club and things of interest to the club. We would like to add a section similar to "Letters to the Editor" with contribution from the club members. You have our email address (dj38plymouth@aol.com) so, if there is anything you want to bring to the attention of the club, or suggestions for club activities, things that could improve by addition or removal, send us an email. We don't have to put your name to the suggestion if you want it to be anonymous.

Each month we want to feature a club member's car and info about their car. This month is Martin and Linda Harding's 1929 Model A.

So, let us know how we are doing so far. See you at the next meeting.

—D. J. & Cynthia

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