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Based on questions we have received and interest in seat belts in your Model A, I decided to re-run an article published in a previous Echoes. We hope to have a seat-belt seminar this winter. Mike

Does your Model A have seat belts?

If you don't have seat belts in your Model A, I strongly suggest you invest the time and money to install some. The cost is minimal and it shouldn't take more than a day. It just might be the best investment you ever make.



If you plan to have your car judged and are concerned about being authentic, never fear! The Model A Judging Standards and Restoration Guidelines allow the installation of seat belts with no reduction in points.

I contacted the Washington State Patrol to get their input on the Washington State law regarding seat belts in vintage cars. I asked specifically about my 1929 Model A and about young children riding in a Model A. I received the following response and I quote: "Revised Code of Washington 46.37.510 requires seat belts in vehicles manufactured or assembled after January 1, 1965. So on the issue of having to have seat belts in your 1929 Model A Ford, you are exempt."

The answer to my question about young children was somewhat interesting and I quote. "Children under 16 must be in a restraint system when riding in any vehicle. If there are seat belts in a vehicle (other than the drivers) then a child under 16 must be in it prior

an adult." If you plan to take your kids or grandkids on a Sunday outing, you obviously need to have seat belts.

The following information is based on my own personal experience in installing seat belts in our 1929 Coupe. For additional information, I suggest you talk to others in the club and read an excellent article published in the May/June, 1993 issue of the Restorer.



The most critical part of the installation is the attachment of the belts to the floor and/or frame. I found something that worked fairly well. The only downside is you have to drill holes through the floor pan.

I installed one piece of angle steel (approximately 31" long) on top of the floor pan under the seat and positioned as far back as possible towards the seat riser. I placed the other two angles (approximately 33" in length) in such a position to form a channel under the floor pan, extending outward to the frame on either side. The channel is located on the lower side of the upper flange of the frame. The two angles that make up the channel can be tapered to match the slight taper of the frame. I suggest an angle thickness minimum of .25 inch and flange width of 1.5 inches.



(Continued on page 6 Seat belts)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

George Sage

Every Wednesday at 12 Noon
Lunch at the 125th Street Grill
Call Dave Severson for details, 206-365-0649

TOURS AND EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2009

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| Oct 26
Monday | Board meeting 6pm
Redmond Pancake House
(therefore no board meeting prior to
the general meeting) |
| Nov 12
Thursday | General Meeting and Election of
Officers
Westminster Chapel, Bellevue
Fireplace Room
Social Hr 7pm
Meeting starts at 7:30pm |
| Nov 7-8 | Olympic Vintage Swap Meet
Bremerton WA
360-638-5404 |
| Nov 14 | Albany Indoor Swap Meet
541-926-3972 |
| Dec 12
Saturday | Annual Holiday Banquet and
Installation of Officers
Cocktails beginning at 5:00pm,
Dinner at 6:30
Coast Bellevue Hotel
625 116th Ave NE, Bellevue
\$20 per person
Ila Sage 425-868-1729 |

“May the good things of life be yours in abundance, in this season of Thanksgiving and all year long”

Happy Thanksgiving to every one, I hope that we all stop and think about all the blessings that we have.

This next year will be full of some wonderful new ideas with lots to do. We will have election of new officers at this meeting, and will be electing 3 people to serve on the board, be thinking about being one of the 3.

The holiday dinner will be Dec.12th, music by Jerry Kelly, installation of the new officers, white elephant gift exchange, and remember food for the food bank, for those who are in need.

We will not have a board meeting before the general meeting on Nov.12th.

CLASSIFIED ADS

There is no charge for classified ads. Give to, call, send, or email to the editor, Mike Kelley, 253-630-2629, termikal@comcast.net, 14615 SE 222nd St, Kent, WA 98042. Ads will automatically run in the Echoes for two months. Please notify the editor if you want to cancel the second month. A + at the end of an ad means that this ad is from another club newsletter, national magazine, or another source, and will run only once.

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Patty: 1-206-225-4082
Nick: 1-206-910-0458



For Sale: Six (6) Jim Beam Model A Decanters. \$100 each. For more information call Mike Boedecker 206-491-3981

Wanted: CAR FOR WEDDING
My name is Pete Smiley, Beaverton, Oregon, and my son is getting married in downtown Seattle on June 12, 2010. Since I own two A's, speedster and a Sport Coupe, which won't work I thought I would ask your club if anyone would be interested in supplying a 4 door sedan. I will pay for expenses, food and etc. for anyone who would be interested. Use of the car would a max of 2 hours for a ride around the block, they are getting married by Quest Field, and then for the typical wedding photos. The wedding is at 5pm. I belong to the Beaver Chapter here in Portland and would appreciate it if you would ask at your next meeting etc. Thank you **Pete Smiley 503-591-1110**

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For additional information on the 2010 Million Mile Challenge, see page 11 in volume 54 issue 4 November/December 2009 of The Restorer .

More on this later.

MAFCA

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MAFCA dues are \$40 per year. Dues for new members may be paid at any time. Dues paid between November 1 and December 31 is valid for the remainder of the year paid plus the following year. With your check, send in you name, spouse's name, and complete address. An optional extra \$10 with dues includes a club pin, decal, badge, windshield card, and a back issue of the *Restorer* magazine. If you use MasterCard or Visa, include the expiration date and your signature. Membership includes a subscription to the *Restorer* magazine.

Evergreen A's Board Meeting Minutes October 8, 2009

President Merlin Cavender at the Westminster Chapel called meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

Present: Officers: President, Merlin Cavender, Ila Sage, Treasurer, Board Members: Dirk Heuser, Larry Grant, Guests: Lee Thomas, Delmar and Linda Linden, Sharon Wright, George Sage

September Minutes were approved as printed in the Echoes.

Treasurer's Report was deferred to the general meeting. Ila passed out copies to all. Ila noted that we had a Certificate of Deposit mature on October 5, 2009 and it was renewed for 18 months at 2.25% APR.

Lee Thomas said he is printing up new membership applications.

Elections: Merlin announced that we do not have anyone running for President. Larry Grant said he would run for President if he gets support for activities from the members. He will make a proposal at the general meeting. Vice-president: Mike Kelley, Secretary: Terri Kelley (even though she has held the office for 2 years), Treasurer: Ila Sage.

Merlin read an email from Pat and Bob Watson. They are offering to have a Club Picnic at their home on Warm Beach in August 2010. This was warmly received by the Board. It has been 10 years since the Club went to the Watson's for a picnic.

Dirk Heuser reported on the members Survey that he mailed out and has tabulated. Most people were satisfied with the Meeting day and place. Many would like more seminars.

Ila talked about the Holiday Party on Sat., Dec 12. Ila proposed that we lower the cost to the members. Because we have a projected excess of \$2700 for 2009, by lowering the cost we could acknowledge those who have participated in the club activities, especially the Swap Meet which is our biggest money raiser. The

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See our Calendar of Events page or call on of our officers to check where and when our next meeting will be held.

Anyone with a sincere interest in the Model A Ford is most welcome. If you are interested in joining, you first must be a member of the Model A Ford Club of America, 250 S Cypress St, La Habra, CA 90631-5586. You will receive six beautiful magazines per year called *The Restorer*. To join the Evergreen Chapter, the cost depends on what part of the year you join. The yearly dues are \$30.00. To receive a membership application, ask for one at the monthly meeting or send for one to the above address.

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Coast Hotel has offered to allow us to order from the luncheon menu, which is less costly and is the same menu as the dinner except for 2 oz. less of the entrée. The Board agreed to a cost of \$20 to the members. The Board voted on the menu, it will be a choice of: London broil, Parmesan Chicken, or Broiled Salmon, with Raspberry Ripple for desert. The Board would like to have Jerry and Bill play before dinner and they would like to pay them their standard fee plus dinner. The Board would like to have the same time schedule as last year. Which is: 5:00 p.m. for Cash Bar and Music; 6:30 p.m. for dinner and 8:00 p.m. for Program. The Board would like a white elephant gift exchange and to collect food for the Food bank. The Board thinks we should mail invitations and include a return envelope.

We have \$250 budgeted for charity for 2009. Merlin asked that we come up with ideas for the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Ila Sage, Secretary ProTem

**Evergreen A's General Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2009**

President Merlin Cavender at the Westminster Chapel called meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Merlin led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance. New members: Delmar and Linda Linden were introduced.

September Minutes were approved as printed in the Echoes.

Merlin announced that Dale Magden, long time member, turned 80 today. There was an open house for him. It was suggested that the Club send him a Birthday card from the Club.

Merlin said we are still looking for an editor for the Echoes.

Lee Thomas, co-chair of the Mystery Tour in September reported on the event. It was a good time and a lot of good reaction from the participants. There was a good lunch at the Kelley Kafé. We had a 2-hour tour of the LeMay Museum at Marymount. We liked our tour guide, Michael. The tour had 18 cars including 1 modern iron. Chuck Nordstrom told about his friend, Don Bowers, joining us at Chuck's encouragement and Don's clutch broke down. George Sage told about Dirk Heuser and his car problems on the way home after lunch. Merlin told about his water pump problem. It was a successful tour according to all.

No Rust Bucket tour planned for October by Walt Rust.

Merlin will be picking up the MAFFI car – so we can get going on that project.

Candidates for office for 2010:

President: Larry Grant

V-President: Mike Kelley

Secretary: Terri Kelley

Treasurer: Ila Sage

Larry Grant talked about his running for President; he wants a club that is active. He is suggesting a Pizza meeting in November, 4 tours in 2010 and 4 seminars in 2010, if these things can happen Larry will be happy to lead us. The above officers were nominated and will be presented to the membership. Lee Thomas will send out the ballots for election at the November meeting.

Merlin said in one newsletter from the Tailgate out of Walla Walla there was an interesting article about loosening bolts.

Treasurer's Report was approved.

Ila reported on the Holiday Party on Sat., Dec.12. The Board has approved lowering the cost to the members because the Hotel is giving us a better deal and we wish to have more participation. And we would like to honor those who have worked on the Swap Meet. The menu will be:

London Broil: Marinated and grilled Flank Steak with a Mushroom Sauce, served with Swedish Potatoes and fresh seasonal Vegetables.

Chicken Parmesan: Grilled boneless Chicken Breast, breaded with Flour, Egg, Herbs and Parmesan Cheese, served with Italian Tomato Basil Cream Sauce, pasta and fresh seasonal Vegetables.

Broiled Salmon: Fillet topped with Lemon-Herb butter or Lemon Caper Sauce, served with Rice Pilaf and fresh seasonal Vegetables.

Dessert: Raspberry Ripple: Chocolate Cake flavored with Raspberry Syrup, topped with layers of raspberry and chocolate mousse with finely chopped raspberry pieces; covered in raspberry glaze and wrapped with decorative genoise.

All meals include tossed green salad, rolls and butter, freshly brewed Starbuck's Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee, Assorted Tazo Teas and Dessert.

Ila asked for a show of hands as to who is planning to attend and a good amount of those present indicated they would be at the Holiday Party.

George Sage, in the absence of Dick Morris, Program Chairman, introduced George and Janet Kaitis to give a program on preparing for Model A travel. Janet began by passing around a picture of the 1972 National MAFCA meet in Seattle. It was identified as on Rainier Ave. and noted all of the telephone and electric lines defacing the picture. Janet told about their 2 trips to NewZeland and their trips to Colorado and other Model A trips, which they have enjoyed. George gave some safety tips including use of cell phones, which have caused fires while pumping gas and talking on cell phone. He told of their Model A trip to Denmark in 1990. George gave a list of tools and spare parts he suggested we carry when touring.

Merlin said, "thank you to Larry and Jan Grant for providing the refreshments and for being greeters tonight"

Split the Pot was won by Dirk Heuser - \$8. \$8 to the club treasury.

Door Prizes provided by Walt Rust: Myrtle wood Vase to Ila Sage; Myrtle wood toast tongs to George Kaitis. Thank you.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Ila Sage, Secretary Pro Tem

Seat belts (continued from page 1)

I attached the three angles together with (4) machine bolts. Washers can be used to fill the gap between the lower side of the floor pan and the angles. I suggest using 1/2" machine bolts. I positioned the bolts to coincide with the attachment points for the seat belts. I welded a 3" diameter washer on each side of the vertical flange of the angle on top. This allowed for attachment of the seatbelt bracket and reinforced the attachment to the angle. If you use a 2" flange angle steel, you won't have to use the reinforcing washers.

You can buy top quality seat belts from most auto-parts stores in a wide range of colors for about \$30 a pair. They come in a wide variety of colors, styles and various lengths. To determine the minimum length requirements of the seat belt, I suggest you mock-up your seat belt installation. I used string and duck-tape to temporarily attach the string to the floor plan at the approximate fastener locations.

This suggested seat belt installation works for a limited number of Model A body styles and years. What works for you is a function of your imagination. Again, the critical part is how the belts attach to the car. I hope this gives you some ideas.

I've since installed seat belts in my '29 pickup. I use a 1/8"x1.5"x36" steel strap under the floor plan. After drilling the holes for the seat belt bolts, I welded the nuts to the strap.



The best price I have found on seat belts is at AutoZone. Pilot seat belts are \$15.99 + tax for 1 pair. You will need 2 pairs; more if you install in back seat and rumble seat.

HEAR YE', HEAR YE'

It's time for the Evergreen A's to Party!! Our Holiday Party will be Saturday, December 12th. The invitations are in the mail so be sure to return your reservation ASAP. It will be a very fun evening of celebration and a thank you to Merlin and the outgoing officers for 2009. And a big welcome to the incoming officers for 2010.

We will gather at:

BELLEVUE COAST HOTEL
625 116TH Avenue NE
Bellevue WA 98004
425-455-9444

Shari and her staff have taken good care of us in the past and this year should be more of the same. Here is the schedule:

5:00 p.m. Cash Bar and Music by Jerry and Bill
6:30 p.m. Dinner
8:00 p.m. Program

Bring a Non-perishable Food for the Food Bank
Bring a White Elephant Gift for the Gift Exchange

Menu: Your Choice

London Broil: Marinated and grilled Flank Steak with a Mushroom Sauce and served with Swedish potatoes and fresh seasonal Vegetables

Chicken Parmesan: Grilled Boneless Chicken Breast, breaded with Flour, Egg, Herbs and Parmesan Cheese, served with Italian Tomato Cream Sauce, Pasta and seasonal Vegetables

Broiled Northwest Salmon: Salmon Fillet topped with Lemon-Herb Butter and served with Rice Pilaf and fresh seasonal Vegetables

Included: Salad, Starbucks Regular & Decaffeinated Coffee, assorted Tazo Teas

Dessert: Raspberry Ripple: Chocolate Cake flavored with Raspberry Syrup, topped with layers of Raspberry and chocolate mousse with finely chopped Raspberry pieces, covered in Raspberry Glaze and wrapped with decorative genoise.

We want everyone to be able to enjoy this wonderful Holiday Dinner Party and entertainment so we have set the price at \$20 – the club will pick up the difference! Join us for an evening of visiting with old friends and making new friends in the Model A Hobby.

Please have the registration form back to Ila by December 9, 2009, that is the day we need to have the final count in to the Hotel.

Ila Sage, Chairperson and Evergreen A's Board

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General Meeting

DATE: November 12th, 2009

TIME: 7:00 PM Social Hour, 7:30 Meeting

LOCATION: Westminster Chapel, Bellevue

Dick and Terry Morris will share the African Safari experiences they encountered when staying at 4 different tent camps for 3 days at each camp. Also the sharing of the visit for 4 nights at Cape Town South Africa. Questions will be welcomed about this African itinerary and experiences that we had.