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"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

- Henry Ford



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- Monthly
- 2nd Tuesday September - June
- 7pm
- United Methodist Church
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Horseheads, NY



THE DRIVE FROM BEND OREGON TO EUGENE MAY 1928



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S GARAGE

How nice it is that we're now feeling the cold and snow of winter '15 – '16 and not basking in the 60 degree weather we had in December. Right? My view on this time of year is that March 21st and spring isn't but a mere two months away so it's time to be optimistic and to get those shut-in winter projects going full bore before the daffodils come up. Agreed?



Bring any "A" coils you have to the next meeting; we're going to run tests on them to see if they're any good. I have several hanging out on shelves in my garage and I'd like to know which ones I should toss and which ones I should keep.

I'm excited about the **Homer Memorial Tour** we're planning for some time in May or June this year. We'll be headed down to the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum [<http://lumbermuseum.org/>] with an overnight (in Wellsboro, PA?) and stops at other visitor's sites. Note in Bev's minutes who's doing what to gather information as we plan the details of this weekend event; if you have thoughts on where to go and what to do please come to the next meeting in February and share your information or alternatively send me or Beverly an email. This tour is not far from the Elmira area so those of you who live in that part of our Club's 'map' will have a relatively short distance to drive to the beautiful Northern Tier of Pennsylvania. I'm told that PA Rte. 6 is a beautiful drive.

We'll have a "For Sale/Wanted" section in the Newsletter from this point forward; send our Editor your for sale or wanted needs for inclusion in the Newsletter.

All for now, Jim



Minutes of the January 12, 2016 Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Morris at 7PM with 13 members present. New member Steve Organ was welcomed.

- Motion to approve Secretary's report by Don, second by Larry. Motion carried.
- Treasurer reported the Club's balance. Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Tom, second by Steve. Motion carried.
- Mark received email from MAFFI asking if he wished to continue as the club liaison, Mark will continue in this position.
- A spring tour to the PA Lumberman's Museum was discussed. Possibly as an overnight trip to Wellsboro to see other attractions in the area. Don will obtain information regarding Tioga Central RR, Bev will get information about the museum, Jim will get information about other areas of interest, and Carole will look into accommodations.
- Discussion about the MARC tour in September. Tabled until later date. Also, the flea market at the Moravia show was discussed.
- Tom is looking for doors for a '30 coupe. Do not need to be perfect. Also, Gary Ford has a friend that is selling a '29 Town Sedan. Information will be posted in the newsletter.
- Thank you to Karren for the delicious refreshments. Don will provide refreshments for February.
- 50/50 raffle won by Bev.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 by Tom, second by Don. Motion carried.

Bev Harding, Secretary

Upcoming Events

2016

- The MARC 2016 National Tour will be held in Newburgh, NY from September 19 to September 22. Save the date! More information to follow when MARC sends it out.
 - MAFCA Calendar for 2016-17 can be found here: <http://www.mafca.com/calendar.html>
 - Hopefully your Editor will have a calendar of local events in next month's Newsletter.
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Oct. 1930: Construction on Pico Boulevard, looking west from Figueroa Street, jams traffic.

When this photo was published in the Oct. 26, 1930, Los Angeles Times, the caption added:

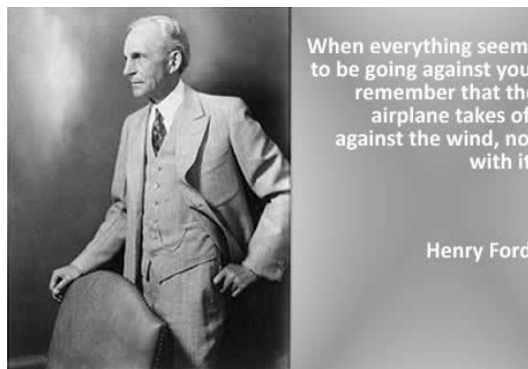
Do You Enjoy Jam? If so—here's your chance. Our photographer happened in the vicinity of Figueroa and Pico last week and snapped a few "shots" of the nifty mess that the contractors have made of traffic at that busy corner....

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Did you know ...

... these 10 little known facts about Henry Ford?

1. When he a young man, Ford repaired watches for his friends and family—and he made his own tools to do it. He used a filed shingle nail as a screwdriver and a corset stay as tweezers.
2. Ford became Chief Engineer of the Edison Illuminating Company's main plant in 1893, and was on-call 24 hours a day to keep Detroit's electricity running. He left the position 6 years later—with Edison's encouragement to work on his plans for a gasoline automobile.
3. In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson convinced Ford to run for a seat on the Senate as a Democrat. Ford obliged, sending a letter to the President saying, "If they want to elect me let them do so, but I won't make a penny's investment." He didn't spend a cent campaigning and still only lost by 4500 votes.
4. Long before Colonial Williamsburg, Ford tried to turn Sudbury, Massachusetts' Wayside Inn—where Longfellow penned Tales of a Wayside Inn—into a living museum of American history. He purchased the Inn, and 3000 surrounding acres, in 1923, and built eight buildings on it including a working grist mill.
5. In 1926, Henry Ford bought the Redstone School House in Sterling, Massachusetts. Ford claimed the school house was the one mentioned in nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb," and moved the building to his property in Sudbury.
6. Ford backed up his claims that the school house was the real deal by publishing a book: The Story of Mary and Her Little Lamb and Ford Ideals. Ford converted the building, which was being used for storage, back into a proper school: Classes were taught at the Redstone School House until 1951.
7. During a 1928 interview with the Detroit Times' George Sylvester Viereck, Ford expanded on his religious thoughts, owing his strokes of brilliance to a "Master Mind": "Somewhere is a Master Mind sending brain wave messages to us. There is a Great Spirit. I never did anything by my own volition. I was pushed by invisible forces within and without me."
- 8 Using wood scraps from his plants, Ford found he could make charcoal briquettes. When Ford's brother-in-law E.G. Kingsford brokered the site selection for Ford's charcoal manufacturing plant, Ford named the company Kingsford Charcoal in his honor.
9. During World War I, Ford tried his hand in the aviation business and started the Ford Airplane Company. The U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission recognized Ford as a pioneer of aviation in 2002, but the Ford Airplane Division shut down in 1933 due to lackluster sales.
10. In Aldous Huxley's dystopian society of Brave New World, the world dates its years as Annum Fordum, or "Year of Our Ford." Huxley's characters also use Henry's name as "Our Ford" instead of "Our Lord."



Technical Tip:

Brake Adjustment Board

The first drawing at the right represents Peter Crosby's clever device to facilitate brake adjustments.*

But once its length is determined for one Model A, it's unlikely to fit other body styles. The end without steps rests against the front of the driver's seat.

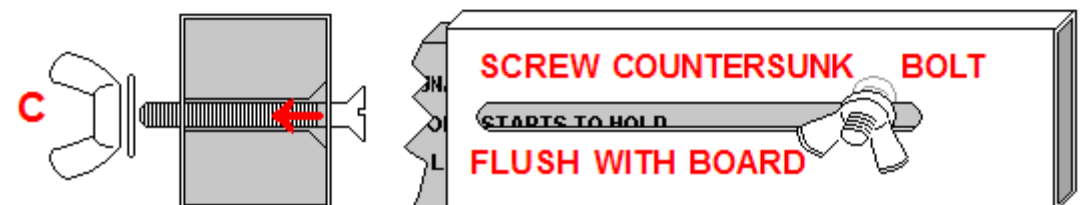
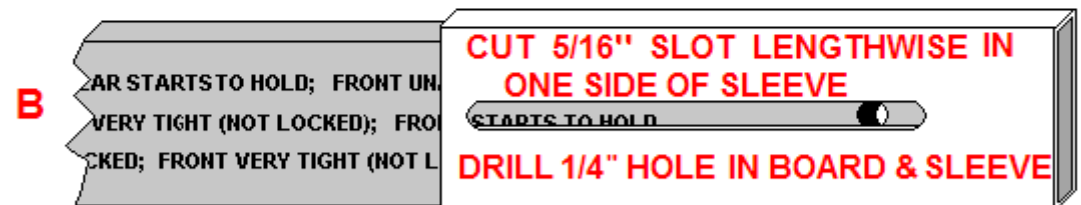
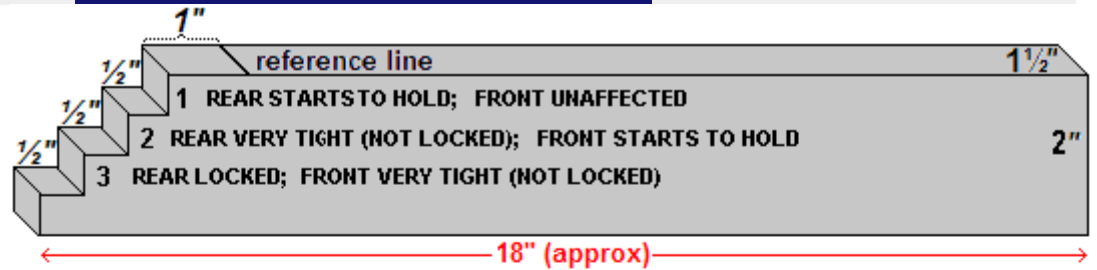
To have one adjustment board usable with most if not all body styles, a simple adjustable extension can be constructed to properly position the board against the seat front:

A. Construct a snug 8" long plywood or metal "sleeve" with little or no wobble.

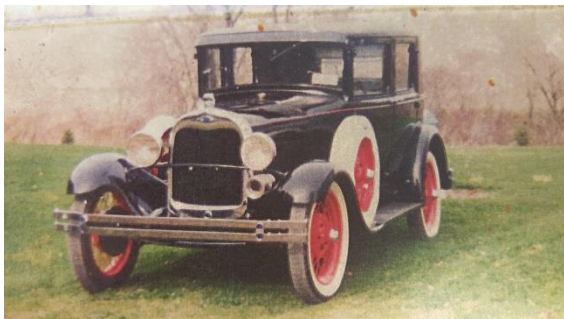
B. Cut 5/16" slot lengthwise in one side of sleeve & drill 1/4" hole through board & sleeve.

C. On the sleeve side opposite to the slot, widen the drilled hole enough to pass the head of a 1/4" countersunk bolt. Screw in the 1/4" bolt flush with the adjustment board. Add a washer & a wing nut.

* **MODEL A FORD
MECHANICS HANDBOOK**
; Les Andrews;
1998 Cottage Hill
Publishing; pg. 2-2
Footnote: Peter Crosby
Huntington VT



For Sale/Wanted:



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