

*State of Jefferson Antique Car Club
and
Model J Club Southern Oregon*

July 2023

Highlights of the 2023 Oregon Tour

On Wednesday July 5th the Firths, Calverts, Waldrons, Huffmans, Mahans, Pattersons and McKeys headed north towards The Dalles, Oregon for the “2023 Oregon Tour.” We represented the Southern Oregon Model T Club and the Henry’s Lady Model A Club. Some of us went all the way to The Dalles while the McKeys went to their daughter’s home in Scappoose, Oregon to pick up their granddaughter. All of us then reunited in The Dalles on Thursday about noon. Those of us who stayed in RVs were parked in the local Eagles/Elks Lodge RV parking area and the others were staying at the Cousin’s Inn just 1/2 block away.

Thursday’s afternoon tour was to the “Neon Sign Museum” in downtown The Dalles. What a great collection of signs from throughout the history of neon lighting for advertisements, etc. The owner had quite a history collection of the neon sign lights and along with some real historic advertisement lighting. It was quite interesting and great break-in little tour prior to dinner. Dinner that afternoon was at the Eagles/Elks Lodge where we were served a very good Asian dinner. After dinner it was back to our rooms and RVs and sit-

ting around in the parking lots kicking tires and getting to know each other or getting reacquainted with old friends from past Oregon Tours.



Friday morning it was driver’s meeting at 9:15 and we left around 9:30 for the Wasco-Sherman County tour of 118 miles of up and down touring and stopping in a few little towns like Tygh Valley and Grass Valley. Both of these towns had the most unique little market/mercantile stores where we had our breaks as it was starting to get hot. For lunch we relaxed and cooled off at the White River Falls State Park where we were served lunch fixings and could just sit back and relax in the shade. After lunch we were given the choice, because of the heat, to go back to the motel the way we came with one of the tour leaders or continuing East towards the small town of Grass Valley on the original tour route for the day. It was about a 50-50

split. Those of us who headed to Grass Valley had an interesting ride up a kind of steep county road to get on top of the hills, but once we got there it was nice and flat traveling to Grass Valley for an afternoon stop for ice cream and cool drinks. From Grass Valley it was onward back to The Dalles and an interesting drive on I-84 for a few miles. We were glad to get off the highway and turn into The Dalles. The Waldrons had a flat tire a few miles out of Grass Valley so the Firths and Calverts stayed back with them to help fix the tire. They went out to Biggs Junction and crossed the Columbia River into Washington and came back on the two-lane state highway to The Dalles and crossed back over. That evening it was dinner on your own.



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As a member of this organization and owner of a Model T, we strongly encourage that those members belong to MTFCA so that we meet the requirements to satisfy the free liability insurance that the MTFCA offers each chapter.

Our usual meeting is the 4th Saturday of the month and is held during the local tour on that day. New membership is invited and guests are welcome at meetings/tours.

For more information call Mike McKey at 541-944-6491 or Dave Williams at 541-479-7580.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- July 15--Dulce Costelow
15--Karen Light
25--Mary Ann Huffman
- August 11--Jose Ramos
14--Bill Wilkins
25--Mike Stitt



Anniversaries

- August 29--Jeremy & Dulce Costelow

DOWN THE ROAD



Hi Gang,

July has been a hot, busy month. At this writing, the Oregon Tour is wrapping up. From reports I have received so far, it has turned out well.

Tomorrow I will be going down to So Cal to see my family and attend the 67th annual Long Beach Model T Club swap meet. Hopefully, I can sell some of the extra Model T parts that I had planned on taking to the April swap meet in Tulare which became lake Tulare.

On Saturday the 29th we will resume our normal tour schedule. Mike has set up a tour through Evans Creek and Sams Valley with a lunch stop at the Triple Tree Restaurant in the Rainey's 4 Corners area.

Don't forget our Old Car Lunch get together on the second and fourth Fridays at Patti's Kitchen in Gold Hill.

Other events taking place this month are the Fabulous Fifties Car Show on Saturday, 7/22, and a swap meet on Sunday the 23rd--both at the Josephine County Fairgrounds in Grants Pass.

Keep Cool and enjoy the Summer events.

SOJACC President,

PREZ SEZ

The big report this month was the "Oregon Tour" which was based out of The Dalles, Oregon. We had a good time, as you can read in the article and see the pictures located in the "Ping." Six antique cars and fifteen people attended from the area that were from the Model T Club and Henry's Lady Model A Club. We are supposed to maybe host next year's tour, but that needs to be discussed this fall.

Not much else is going on to report as it is turning out to be a hot summer early on. The club participated in the Eagle Point 4th of July Parade. The club entered four cars. The Goodnoughs had their newly acquired 1923 T Touring in the parade and it did very well. We had a good



time and it was not too hot by the time we left. Thank you Jerrod, Heather and Glen.

The only car repair or restoring going on is the Goodnoughs putting together a couple of cars from the parts collection they bought. Dave Williams has put a chassis together which he is selling that would make a good project as a

speedster or something.

The local tour July 29th for this month is to Sams Valley with lunch at the Triple Tree Restaurant. Southern Medford members meet at the Phoenix Museum at 8:00 and leave at 8:15. We will travel through Medford and take Old Highway 99 to Rogue River. All those in the North Valley area meet us along the way, in Gold Hill as

we pass through or in Rogue River. We will meet the Grants Pass members in Rogue River between 9:00 and 9:30 am at the **Ray's parking lot**. We will leave there sometime shortly after 9:30 for Weimer for a short stop and then head to the Sams Valley area where we will end up at Rainey's Corner for lunch at the Triple Tree Restaurant about 11:30. Any questions, you can call me at 541-944-6491 or Dave Williams at 541-479-7580 or 541-441-5888. Hope to see you on the tour.

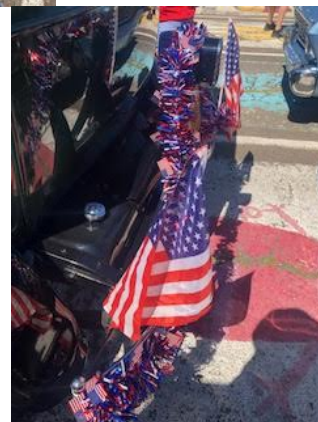
That's all for this month.

See you "Down the Road T'ing,"

Mike McKay,

MTCSO President

Eagle Point 4th of July Parade --- Photos by Debbie McKey



Coming Events

SOJACC & SOMTC Events

- July 29--Tour to Sams Valley with lunch at the Triple Tree Restaurant. See details elsewhere in "Ping."
- Aug. 27--Eagle Point, Or; 3rd Annual Car Show, Eagle Point Golf Club

Other Events of Interest

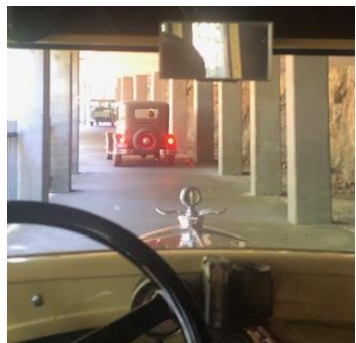
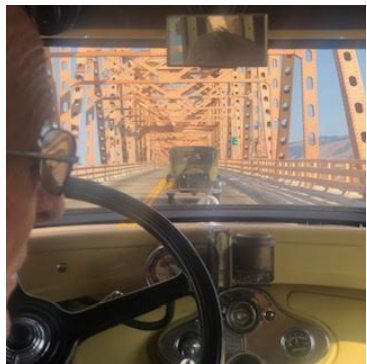
- August 3-6--Sutter Creek, CA; NCRG 75th Anniversary Tour
- Sept. 25-30--St. George & Bryce Canyon, UT; Nickel Era Tour
- Oct. 2-6--Hershey, PA; Hershey Swap Meet
11-15--Cayucos, CA; Ryan Rumble

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Saturday the tour broke up into two groups, those wanting to tour the Mosier Tunnel and go early to the Western Antique Airplane and Auto Museum (WAAAM). The other group just went to the WAAAM. For those of us who did both activities it was meet at 8:00 and leave at 8:15. John Firth led this tour in which we toured to the East edge of The Dalles, crossed the Columbia River and headed west on the state highway to the Hood River Bridge crossing. Once arriving in Hood River it was up to the WAAAM. The Museum is three big buildings about 200 feet by 200 feet full of restored airplanes, cars and all kinds of other antiques. They were giving rides on some of the antique cars for people. What a fantastic Museum! At noon those of us who were signed up for the Mosier Tunnel Tour gathered and headed out East of Hood River and got to drive a 3 mile closed section (now only open to bicycles and pedestrians) of the old Highway 30 that went through a couple of tunnels or should I say they called it the "Twin Tunnels" as they are right next to each other. Then we came out of the closed section and into the town of Mosier. From there we traveled up to a Columbia Gorge overlook on Highway 30 and then on back to The Dalles to rest for the afternoon.

Dinner Saturday evening was a banquet at the Cousin's Restaurant where they served us with prime-rib or a ham dinner with all the fixings. Joanne Blain, Master

of Ceremonies, thanked all the leaders of the tour and handed out thank-you presents. At the end, Mike McKey was requested to stand up and give a little talk as to the possibility of a tour next year. He said if one takes place it will be his and Debbie's last one and the fate of future ones will be in the cards.



A little after 10:00 we started touring the Fort area of the remaining houses still standing. It is a really nice museum with a tremendous amount of artifacts. One thing I found out was that the "Oregon Trail" actually ended in The Dalles and if you wanted to go on to Oregon City you had to go south to Tygh Valley and catch the "Barrow Trail." The museum has all kinds of artifacts from the early settlers in the only original house left standing because of fires. There are other buildings that house quite a few wagons, buggies and very early autos. It is a very nice museum and worth your time if you are ever in the area to see. Then it was back to the motel and RV area to load up and head for home. This marks the 28th "Oregon Tour." There were about 28 cars and over 50 people. The cars were a mixture of Model T's, A's and Horseless Carriages. I want to thank the Willamette T and A Clubs for putting on a very excellent tour in a part of Oregon that most of us do not get to see. Maybe we will see you again for one more next year somewhere.

By Mike McKey with photos by Debbie McKey.

Sunday's tour we all gathered at 9:15 and left at 9:30 for the Fort Dalles Museum Tour. Since we were too early to tour the Museum we went up to the top in the south end of The Dalles to a park which is also an overlook into the Columbia Gorge to kill some time. What a view!



For the Ladies

Why Do Salads Taste So Much Better at Restaurants?

By Emily Monaco

The salad that first conquered my heart was called, oddly, the Garbage Anything but, it was a salad of monumental proportions: chopped iceberg and veggies seasoned with olives, red onion, and a non-negligible amount of crumbled blue cheese. Combined with the secret vinaigrette, it truly sang.

After ordering the salad an unknown but embarrassing number of times one summer, I realized I should put my own kitchen skills to the test and make it at home to save some money. But despite being a seasoned home cook, I ended up with a ho-hum salad. And I'm sure I'm not the only one who's experienced this.

It's no secret that many salads on restaurant menus taste delicious because of their caloric load. But there's more to making salads than piling on deep-fried croutons and boatloads of cheese. We asked three chefs why restaurant salads taste way better than our homemade takes, and what

we can do about it.

1. Restaurants use really good ingredients.

Your ingredients can decide whether your salad turns out average or extraordinary, Jamie Simpson, executive chef liaison at The Chef's Garden, told Allrecipes, "Restaurant-quality salads start with restaurant-quality ingredients," he said.

In most restaurants, cooks have to prepare and precook vegetables in advance and then keep them in the fridge, compromising freshness, Chef Chris Edwards of Le Saint-Sebastien in Paris told All recipes. As a home cook, you can shop for just a handful of fresh, in-season ingredients that you'll use right away, which actually gives you an edge over those in professional kitchens.

It's even a good idea to wait until the last minute to wash delicate ingredients like lettuce, Chef Fanny Herpin of LeCamondo in Paris told Allrecipes, "The cold water keeps it nice and crisp and allows it to reveal itself in all of its freshness," she said.

2. Restaurants toss salads in their biggest

bowls.

In college, I had a summer job at a small, family-run Italian restaurant, where I first witnessed a staple move of restaurant kitchens. Whenever an order for one of our meal salads came in, a prep cook first tossed all of the ingredients in a metal bowl twice the size of the salad. He used his (gloved) hand to make sure that all of the ingredients were well-combined before transferring the salad to the serving plate and garnishing it.

If you use a mixing bowl and transfer the salad to another dish after, you'll have a little more cleanup, but never again will you have naked greens at the bottom of the bowl while all of the dressing stays on top.

3. Restaurants salt their salads.

In the restaurant I worked in, I also noticed that cooks seasoned every element with a pinch of salt--even the lettuce. This resulted in every bit tasting vibrant and flavorful.

"Season your salad just like you would anything else," Simpson said. "Salt is a big difference between salads at home and salads in a restau-

rant." This doesn't mean you have to make your salads salty! Just hold back some salt when seasoning your dressing.

4. Restaurants make salad dressing from scratch.

Sure, bottled dressing is easy. But homemade dressing can also be easy--a vinaigrette just takes pouring everything into an empty jar and shaking it until combined--and about 10 times more delicious.

Herpin, for example, makes a simple vinaigrette with sherry vinegar, rapeseed oil, pepper, salt, dried herbes de Provence, and stone-ground Burgundy mustard which, she notes, "makes all the difference." Edwards also believes in the power of mustard in a vinaigrette, recommending "a heavy load" of it.

5. Restaurants understand balance.

Chefs balance flavors and textures in salads with a mix of cooked and raw ingredients, proteins, grains, veggies, fruits, and dressing, Herpin said. Think about all of these components (as well as color!) to make the perfect bowl.

In the Kitchen with Debbie McKey

Tomato Feta Appetizer

Recipe:

16 oz. container of cottage cheese (we used good culture)
1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
2 tbsp. olive oil

2 cups quartered baby tomatoes
1/4 cup chopped parsley
1/4 cup chopped basil
3 tbsp. olive oil
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper

Instructions:

In a food processor, combine the cottage cheese, feta cheese, and olive oil. Blend until smooth. In a separate bowl, mix the quartered baby tomatoes, chopped parsley, chopped basil, olive oil, salt, and

pepper. Let the mixture marinate for 15 minutes. To serve, spoon the blended cottage cheese onto a plate and top with the marinated tomato mixture.

For the Gents

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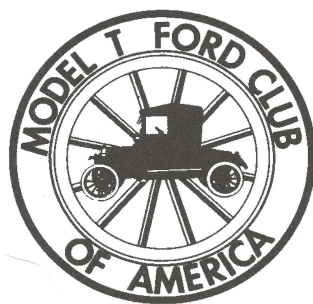
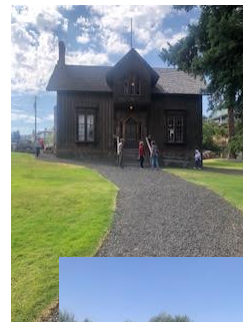
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Those in the Grants Pass area will meet and leave the Applebee's lot on Agness St. at 8:30 am to join the others in Rogue River.

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