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SCHEDULED EVENTS

- BLUE RIBBON CAR JUDGING
- FASHION JUDGING, MODELING & DISPLAY
- RESTORERS CLASS EVALUATION
- FIVE GUIDED TOURS + SELF GUIDED TOURS
- NINE SEMINARS
- GYMKHANA (CAR GAMES)
- HUBLEY RACES
- FASHION BOUTIQUE
- COWBOY BREAKFAST
- RAFFLE ROOM
- HOSPITALITY ROOM
- PARTS VENDOR
- REPAIR TENT



An Interview with the Chairman

Let's talk Tours

Editor's note: I interviewed Jack Remillard, Chairman of the 2026 National Convention, and here's the transcribed information.

Editor: Jack, I know there are five tours scheduled. Where are we going and what are we going to see?

Jack: The first tour will be Monday where we'll head north to the Walla Walla River and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla ?Imtwaha Fish Hatchery. When we're done at the hatchery we'll keep heading north to see a very large collection of antique gas pumps.

Editor: What are we going to see at the hatchery?

Jack: The hatchery is pretty new and includes an adult holding pond and spawn building for Chinook salmon. They're producing about 500,000 salmon each year and their goal is to bring back the salmon to this river.

Editor: How about the gas pumps?

Jack: Rich Allen has been collecting for several decades, you'll be amazed at the number of pumps he's restored. We'll have lunch and then take a different scenic route back to Pendleton through the rolling wheat fields.

Editor: The second tour is on Wednesday?

Jack: Yes, to one of my favorite places, Meacham. We'll climb up Cabbage Hill gaining about 1150' in elevation into the Blue Mountains. When we get to the top we'll be at 4192' above sea level. We'll park at Emigrant State Park to let the engines and ourselves cool off a bit, enjoy a catered lunch and then we'll see the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. After we drive through Meacham we'll take a quick brake check and then it's all downhill back to Pendleton.

Editor: And the Grand Tour is on Thursday?

Jack: It's going to be about 150 total miles where we'll see everything from wheat fields to national forests. We could also run into some snow at the higher elevations so bring a sweater even if you think you won't need one. We'll be breaking into two groups and converging at different times on the small town of Heppner for lunch.



Editor: Friday is a very unique tour called the Rough Rider Tour. Tell us a little about who should go on this tour.

Jack: If you like the outdoors and like to drive your Model A on gravel and dirt roads this tour is for you! Rough roads, wet roads, gravel roads, steep roads, narrow roads, and no roads! This ain't no sissy tour, in fact it might scratch your paint! We'll travel in the foothills and timber of the Blue Mountains just south of Pendleton. We'll go through some beautiful country! We'll stop for a great BBQ Rough Rider lunch at Scott and Bonnie Sager's cabin and then head back to Pendleton.

Editor: The last tour is on Saturday and just for AA trucks?

Jack: How many tours have you seen designed for AA trucks traveling at 30 MPH? If you have one, bring it to Pendleton and we'll travel from the Convention Center down the Umatilla River, climb a short hill, cross over I-84, then out through the wheat fields to a ranch where we will BBQ up some steaks, sit around and tell each other lies for awhile, and enjoy the day!

Editor: How about the self-guided tours?

Jack: One tour you won't want to miss is the famous Pendleton Woolen Mills. They've been making woolen fabrics and woven blankets here since 1909. Model A's don't have heaters, but you can purchase one of these blankets and keep warm all winter.

Another must visit place is our Pendleton Underground tour. You'll climb down below town and see the shadier side of Pendleton. Many Chinese workers came out west to help build the railroads and you'll see plenty of evidence that they tunneled under the city and made their own culture.

There will be an abundance of self-guided tours for the more adventurous Model A folks. You can't get lost, there will be driving instructions and you'll have a lot of fun exploring Pendleton and the surrounding areas.

Editor: Where do we find the Pendleton Whiskey Distillery?

Jack: You can drive all over Pendleton, but it's actually distilled by our friends in Canada and bottled in Hood River, Oregon which is 150 miles west of Pendleton along the Columbia River. But, you can find it in most of the bars in Pendleton...and I can say first hand that it's a mighty fine whiskey.



The above photo shows the classy place we'll be having lunch with the AA Truck folks.



Jack Remillard, Chairman of the 2026 MAFCA National Convention.