

SCRG Tour to the MAFCA 2026 Pendleton Convention.

On Tuesday, May 26th a 1928 Two Door Sedan and a 1931 Four Door Sedan left the San Diego area on a six day trip to Pendleton Oregon for the 2026 MAFCA Convention. The Tudor was driven by Paul Winchester and assisted by his wife Patty, the Fordor was driven by David Frazee. We both had CB radios because cell phone coverage is spotty in some places and a CB radio is legal to use while driving, and you don't need to dial a number, just pick up the hand set, push the button and talk.



and began traveling on the US 395.

We traveled North on Interstate 15 and 215 to Devore where we got off the freeway for a few miles by traveling north on a segment of old route 66, before getting back on the 15 near Cleghorn Rd. Then, on to Hesperia where we left the 15

The US 395 took us to Lone Pine where we stayed at a Best Western for the night. Today was about 309 miles.



Wednesday, May 27th, after breakfast at the Motel we visited the Museum of Western Film History just down the street from the Motel. It was very interesting, and many films were shot nearby for the rustic old west look of the area. The Museum Curator liked our cars and filmed us as we were leaving.



Next stop was Bishop for lunch at Eric Schat's Bakery. Driving north the clouds became darker and it was cooler. After a stop in Lee Vining to top off the gas,



David lead the way north with a planned stop at his family cabin near Tom's place. The cabin is still there, David suggested we go on up the mountain past Tom's Place to see a fellow Model A owner and Palomar Club member that has a Lodge called Rock Creek Lakes Resort at about 9700' elevation, there was still some snow on the ground and it was cold, he was not there, but after a short visit with the owners son in-law we headed back down the



mountain and on north toward our destination of Topaz Lake.



On the way to Topaz we encountered rain, then snow. The snow stuck to the windshield causing us to need to stop and clear it off. A few more miles up the road we stopped at the Topaz Lake Best Western for the night, dinner was at the Topaz Lake Lodge Casino and Restaurant. Today was about 210 miles.



Thursday, May 28th Our intended route up CA 89 through Lake Tahoe did not work out as planned. The



road was closed due to the spring snow storm. We went on around through Reno to Portola for lunch and looked at the train cars at their Museum. Then drove on through light rain to Chester where we



stayed for the night. It was sad to see many miles of burned forest from the large fires over the past several years. About this time Patty discovered that she left her rain jacket and heavy coat at the Best Western in Lake Topaz. After a phone call with the manager she was able to have them shipped home, but now Patty has no rain jacket

or heavy coat. Today was about 215 miles.



Friday, May 29th Lassen National Park was open so we went there after leaving Chester. Lassen had plenty of snow on the ground but the road was clear. We stopped at the south entrance gift shop where Patty got a warm sweater to replace the jacket that was left behind. After driving through the park, we stopped at the Loomis Museum at the north entrance and got a snack at the Camp Ground Store. After leaving Lassen David began to hear an unusual sound from the engine, but we kept going as there was not a good place to stop and rebuild the engine along the road. By the time we got to the town of Bieber the noise was severe, so David stopped at a general store that had U-Haul Trucks. Soon David's car was on a dolly behind a U-Haul truck heading toward Lake View Oregon, our destination for the night. Several Model A's from the Santa Clara and other clubs were also at the Motel, but by the time we got there they were turned in for the night. David arrived a few minutes behind us in the U-Haul. Today was about 210 miles.



Saturday, May 30th, Most of the other Model A's were up ready to go before we were. David was ok traveling by himself so Patty and I headed off without him several minutes behind the other Model A's. They did say to stop for lunch at Burns. I thought I drove fairly fast, but we did not see the other Model



A's again until as we were driving through Burns we saw them all parked in a lot near a Bar and Grill. Patty and I stopped there for lunch too. The others had a full table so Patty and I said HI to them, but sat nearby at a separate table. The bartender saw Patty and I there alone and came over to take our drink order and also food order. We

got our food before the larger group got all their orders in, and we were done eating before they got their food. We said goodbye and headed to the Burns Museum, which is very nice, and filled with items from the local population, and then Patty found a Quilt Shop... Soon we were back on the 395 going north to John Day for the last



night on the road to Pendleton. John Day is a nice little town, several nice restaurants and a Dairy Queen. Today was about 203 miles.

Sunday, May 31st, Patty saw a Church in town and wanted to go there before we headed on to Pendleton. The congregation were very nice and invited us after the services for coffee and donuts, but by now we were way behind everyone else and wanted to get on the road.



Driving from John Day to Pendleton is a very scenic drive. Many miles of forests and rivers along the way. We stopped at Ukiah, a small ranching and farming town with a food truck near the park where we had lunch. The closer to Pendleton we got the more Model A's we saw on the road. Today was about 120 miles.

Then on to Pendleton to check in for the Convention.

