

Depression Era Ford Model A As Once Again Contributing to the Fight Against Hunger

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As was done in the 1930s, Ford Model A cars and their original owners were no strangers to the effects of economic depression and hunger. For those fortunate to be able to drive them in the day, these cars provided the means to help people look for work or move to areas of the country where better opportunities were thought to exist. Hunger and famine, shanty towns, dustbowl refugees, etc. were well documented during this period.

Now, nearly 90 years later, we are faced with many similar problems related to economic disparity and hunger, all greatly magnified by our Covid pandemic. Food insecurity has once again arisen for a great number of Americans, and a group of Model A enthusiasts have returned in their depression era vehicles to help bring needed food relief. On November 27, 2020, a hardy bunch of members of the Evergreen Chapter (The Evergreen As) of the Model A Ford Club of America, drove 7 vintage cars to the Kent, Washington food distribution warehouse of NW Harvest (www.northwestharvest.org), a statewide charity well known for providing food relief to state residents experiencing food insecurity.



The Evergreen As trip to this warehouse was largely symbolic and intended to highlight the monetary donation made by the club to NW Harvest. The attached photos and video link illustrate the camaraderie of club members willing to support others. The Evergreen As donation will be used by NW Harvest to purchase badly needed food supplies to those in need. Moreover, a portion of these funds are used to purchase locally grown food that also helps support the economic interests of local farmers.

The Evergreen As donated club funds that would have been spent on hosting a club holiday dinner party for members. Members decided to reallocate these funds to NW Harvest instead, with some members electing to add personal donations to the club check that was delivered to NW Harvest.

Following a Zoom conference call on December 1, 2020 with staff from NW Harvest and their local affiliated sponsor King 5 TV (www.king5.com) to voice their appreciation, the Evergreen As expressed interest in continuing to donate to NW Harvest even after the Covid virus pandemic has ended. This partnership provides essential food resources to those in need and furnishes another reason for our club members to celebrate our cars, serve the community, and “drive with purpose”.



Imagine the Police Response to Seeing
This Many Masked Drivers in the 1930s!



The Evergreen As Bring
Along a “Friend” to NW
Harvest