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Such a beautiful time of the year! Enjoy. Take a ride!



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This is the newsletter of the Gra-Neva A's (Grass Valley/Nevada City) Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA.) Feel free to use information here, with credit.

Club members may place a business card size advertisement in this paper for a small fee; contact the Treasurer.

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Club meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at Penny's Diner in the Brunswick Basin, Fowler Center near SaveMart, Grass Valley at 7:00 p.m. We welcome all guests. If you are interested in a membership in MAFCA; write to MAFCA, 250 S. Cypress, La Habra, CA 90631

Also join us for an informal get-together at the Penny's Diner, Wednesday mornings about 7:00 a.m.

Items for the newsletter can be Emailed to:
sassygolddust@yahoo.com

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for past Newsletters

President's Message

Well, Spring is officially here. Are your Model A's out of the garage, oiled and greased up? The Pierce's and Sandy and I are working feverishly to find just the right destination for our Mystery Tour. So many good spots to choose from.

We are happy to welcome 2 new families to our club: We have John Hollenbeck and his daughter, Christina Brodie, with a 1930 4 door Briggs. John, in his 90's is legally blind, so Christina is their driver. And then we have Buzz and Janet Elliott who own a 1931 Roadster, bought on E-Bay. They joined the club even before receiving it. What enthusiasm!

Kay Harms is over a bout of pneumonia, Sharon's knee is coming right along, due to some intensive rehab. I bought Joe Machinski's Slant window sedan and warm weather seems to have arrived (Model A weather)! Life is good.

Are you ladies practicing driving those wonderful A's?

Bob



Sunshine Report

All is well, everyone is recouping. This is a good thing!

If anyone has information re: a club member who is ill, or needs congratulating, etc. contact Jackie Osborne @ 273-7571.

General Meeting Minutes - March 28th, 2013
Model A Ford Club of America: Gra-Neva A's Chapter

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Ambrose at 7:04 p.m. at Penny's Diner.

Membership: Sandy Hundemer introduced guests/new members: Buzz and Janet Elliott; they own a 1931 DeLux roadster. Christina Brodie and her father, John Hollenbeck; they own a 1930 Town Sedan. All four joined the club this evening. Welcome to the Gra-Neva A's!

Sheriff: Steve Straw collected \$2.50.

Secretary: There was one correction to the February minutes. The April meeting will be held on April 25th not on April 28th as was printed. The correction was approved.

Vice-President: Steve Turnsk announced that a sum of money was donated to the club by Carl Ambrose, who sold various items and donated those proceeds to the club. Thank you, Carl.

Treasurer: Kay Harms gave her report and printed copies of the February and March reports.

Attendance raffle: Ted Baerresen won \$30. It pays to attend the meetings.

Editor: Sharon Pierce announced that she will mail the remaining 2013 rosters that have not been picked up by members. Sharon is still working on how to go about getting sponsors for the club... Norm Westmore has given some good suggestions. More to come on this issue.

Also, the NCRG (Northern California Regional Group) asked for a club donation for their raffle. After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded that our club make a donation not to exceed \$50. Jackie Osborne and Kay Harms will be in charge of the donation gift.

Tours: Ted Baerresen gave several dates of upcoming tours and events.

April 6th Saturday – Carl Ambrose will lead a tour to the Folsom Powerhouse (1869). Admission to the powerhouse is \$4 per person. Meet at K-Mart at 10:00.

April 13 – Saturday. Ladies learn to drive your Model A – NC Fairgrounds – Gate 4 10:00 a.m.

April 26 – Friday. Tour to Eventful Acres in Oregon House. Phil Drees and Bill Mitchell will lead. Sounds like a fun day. See details on Page 8.

May 3,4, & 5 – Hill Climb. If you have any questions about this event, call Steve Straw.

May 12 – Mother's Day brunch will be at the Elks Club in Nevada City this year.

May 18th – Penn Valley Rodeo parade. Phil Drees is putting this together. Get your cars ready for this one.

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June 15th – Saturday - Walking tour of the town of Alleghany. \$10 per person. Ted Baerresen will lead. Meet K-Mart at 9:00 a.m.

July 3rd or 4th – Fourth of July parade in Dutch Flat. Jackie Osborne will lead.

July – Three Wednesdays. Nevada City Summer Nights. Sharon Pierce will get applications. Dates to be announced.

Sept. 20, 21 & 22 – Mystery Tour. More on that later. Save the dates!

Sept . 27-30 - Hangtown A's. Apple Hill

Sept. 28 – International Model A Day. Drive your Model A for all the world to see!

Oct. 12th Saturday - Ladies Driving Tour and Progressive dinner

Gots and Wants: Steve Turnsk wants a 28/29 hood. Carl Ambrose has a 2004 Chrysler Crossfire for sale.

Raffle: 50/50 won by Steve Straw.

ACCC: Bill Toensing announced that the ACCC Conference will be held on Friday & Saturday, April 5 & 6. Cost of \$25 per person, includes lunch for both days. Will be at the California Auto Museum (once known as the Towe Museum) in Sacramento.

Sunshine: Jackie Osborne sent a Sympathy card to Theodore and Dorothy Johnson. Dorothy's mother, Lucinda passed away in February. A get-well card was sent to Joan Toensing who is recovering from knee surgery.

Technical: The Tech guy, Ron Pierce is busy putting syncro-transmissions together for other people.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

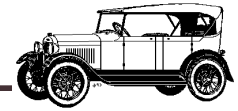
Submitted by Louise Baerresen for:

Karen Mitchell, Secretary

Attendees: Ted and Louise Baerresen, Carl Ambrose, Phil Drees, Steve and Vicky Straw, Sharon and Ron Pierce, Buzz and Janet Elliott (new members), Sandy Hundemer and Bob Ambrose, Charles Crow, Rick Gerdl, Marty Clampitt, Bobbie Whiting, Tom and Jackie Osborne, Brandon and Michelle Moen (Kay Harm's grandchildren), Kay Harms, Steve Turnsk, Bill Toensing, Christina Brodie and John Hollenbeck (new members).



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Bold & underlined print dates show official club events.
Italic print dates show events of general interest

April Meeting: Thursday the 25th @ Penny's Diner

May Meeting: Thursday the 23rd @ Penny's Diner

June Meeting: Thursday the 27th @ Penny's Diner

For "upcoming" Club Tours, see the Minutes for this meeting. Pages 3 & 4.

Upcoming Swap Meets/Shows:

April 21st - Sunday - Sacramento @ the Sleep Train Arena/Arco.

April 27th - Grass Valley Downtown Car Show

April 28th - Sunday - hosted by the Horseless Carriage Club - American River College, Sacramento

June 9th - Sunday - Auburn Swap meet at the Gold Country Fairgrounds

June 23rd - Swap Meet @ Cal State Univ. Sacramento

August 4th - Sunday - Sacramento @ the Sleep Train Arena/Arco

August 18th - Sunday - Chico at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds.



EDITOR'S NOTES:

March was a busy month for getting new members! Three different families have enrolled. This is exciting for everyone. Welcome to you all.

To the new members, please come and join us on our tours. You won't be able to do all of them, and that's okay. Do what you can, when you can. See how easy it is to "lead" one. Really!

See you at the next meeting this month.

Sharon



Tech Talk

by Ron Pierce



Get your requests in! What do you want to know??



I'm sure you have a question for Ron, just submit to the Editor at:

sassygolddust@yahoo.com and he'll be glad to answer at the next meeting.



GOTS AND WANTS

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Association of California Car Clubs

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Auburn, CA 95603
Individual memberships—\$25
Questions: 885-7600

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Vicky Straw
- 20 Estelle Burns
- 26 Steve Halverson
- 27 Dale White



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| 12 Tom & Jackie Osborne | 53 yrs |
| 13 Marty & Myra Clampitt | 63 yrs |
| 28 Ron & Sharon Pierce | 6 yrs |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO YOU ALL!!

Thanks to Myra Clampitt for birthday and anniversary updates.

Our newest members to add to your Roster:

Gary and Janet Spencer Email Address: jngspencer@att.net
17028 Lawrence Way
Grass Valley CA 95949
530-477-5570 Cell# 510-502-9329
1930 Phaeton

Christine Brodie & John Hollenbeck Email: thebrodies@att.net
PO Box 513
Cedar Ridge CA 95924
John: 530-273-0362 Christina: 263-8007
1930 - 4D Briggs

Buzz and Janet (Jan) Elliott
12988 Boreham Lane
Nevada City CA 95959
Home: 530-273-5829 Buzz Cell: 310-809-2437
Jan Cell: 310-809-2438
Emails: buzz.elliott@gmail.com, jvelliott88@gmail.com
1930 Roadster

Please put in your Rosters, and don't forget to include if there's a phone tree being done.

Thanks!

REFRESHMENTS

Coffee will be supplied by Penny's Diner for \$2.00 per cup with FREE refills.

Meeting Refreshments will be brought in by individual members, alphabetically by last name each month. Any questions or can't make it to the meeting, please contact Bob Ambrose or Steve Turnsk.

April Meeting: Gerry Holzapple

May Meeting: Larry Hubbard

June Meeting: Theodore Johnson





picture taken by Steve Turnsk

Fruit Jar Pickers tour 3/24/13 - article written by Steve Turnsk.

Singing “Hallelujah” was the spiritual highlight for everyone who participated in the Rough and Ready tour led by Ted Baerresen. “Dead Skunk in the Middle of the Road” was a fitting end to the 20 or so songs that we sang with the Fruitjar Pickers at the quaint Rough and Ready Grange.

There were a dozen musicians who were just as passionate with playing their music as we are with driving our Model As. Five Model As (with a 6th roadster pickup straggler) pattered down to R & R on that lovely spring morning, with new members John, Christina, and Emma being among the tourists driving their glistening blue Fordor sedan. We ended the tour with lunch at LIN Q restaurant. Boy is it great to live on this planet!

Sharon, Please forward this to the Club members and also print it in the newsletter.

On Friday, April 26th, the Club will have a tour to Eventful Acres in Oregon House, Ca. which is in Brown's Valley. There we will see about 50 to 60 tractors all of which run and have been restored. When we arrive, we will get on a wagon pulled by a tractor around the Eventful Acres property. We will view several buildings and, of course, the tractors. After the tour, those who want to will have an opportunity to drive a crawler, which is a tractor with tracks. Those who want even more, for an additional cost, will be able to drive other tractors and play some tractor games to demonstrate your tractor driving skills.

After visiting Eventful Acres, we will go over to St. Francis Lake and have a pizza lunch. The restaurant is in a mockup of an old western town and sits on the shore of Lake St. Francis. The lunch will include side dishes and drinks.

If that is not enough, we will then go to the Lucero Winery for a free wine tasting. This is a small family owned and operated vineyard and winery. We will tour both the vineyard and winery.

Next we will go to a small church in the area will have an opportunity to photo our cars in front of the historical site. From there, we will head home.

The members who wish to attend will meet at Kmart at 8:00am. The tour will leave at 8:30am. We will be led by Bill Mitchell who promises some very interesting roads to our destination. The cost for the tractor tour is \$20.00 per person. The money will be collected at Kmart. The cost of the lunch will be \$11.00 per person. This includes the tax and tip. The cost of the tractor lesson and drive is \$40.00 per person. Watching the tractor drivers is free and the laughs are included.

If you would like to know more about the places we will be seeing, they can be seen on the internet. U-tube has videos of the tractor games at Eventful Acres.

The event will be cancelled, with a phone call, if there is bad weather.

Come one, come all and do something you probably haven't done before. For more information, contact Phil Drees.