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Koi Pond & Exotic Birds



**Ceronix
Tour
March 7th
Auburn**



President's Message for March 2016

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:

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Check our Website at:
Granevaas.com
for past newsletters

Dear Fellow Members,

Pennies at Penny's! That is what you missed if you did not make it to the meeting last Thursday. A big thanks to Steve Straw for an exciting penny presentation.

It is now officially springtime which brings in perfect weather for touring the old car. Fun tours coming up are the Ananda tulip tour (changed to Monday April 11) and the overnight tour to the Seven Roses Ranch area on April 24/25. I am filling out my application for the Summer Nights in Nevada City in July.

Do your oil changes, clean your battery connections, adjust your brakes, inspect your tires, and lets go touring!!!!

Respectfully your President,

Steve

PS: Almost forgot the Hill Climb on April 23rd in Auburn!!



Sunshine Report

Contact Janet Spencer at 477-5570 and let her know if she needs to send a card to anyone.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

April Meeting - 4/28 at Penny's Diner in Grass Valley
May Meeting - 5/26 at Penny's Diner in Grass Valley
June Meeting - 6/23 at Penny's Diner in Grass Valley

UPCOMING Tours:

April 11th (DATE CHANGE)- Ananda Flowers, Monday. See minutes/contact Buzz Elliott - Email went out.

April 23rd - Auburn Hill climb - 10AM- 3PM @ airport
Contact Steve Straw (see minutes)

April 24 & 25th - 11 Roses Ranch in Clear Lake - contact Kay Harms for details. See minutes in this newsletter.

May 7th - Mother's Day Brunch, Saturday - Leaving Kmart at 9:30am - contact Jan and Buzz for details

May 23rd - 11AM Ladies Only Luncheon - RSVP to Kay Harms Please. (details in the minutes)

October 14-16th , MYSTERY TOUR!!! (Friday to Sunday) Save the dates!!!!

Upcoming Swap Meets/Shows

April 16 - Sleep Train Arena - Sacramento

April 24 - American River College (Horseless Carriage Club) Sacramento

June 5 - Gold Country Fairgrounds - Auburn

June 12 - Sac State Univ.(Chevy Club) Sacramento

Tech Talk



by Ron Pierce

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



If you have any technical questions
submit to me @:
sharonpierce1945@gmail.com

EDITOR'S NOTES:

Dear friends,

I miss you guys too!!! We will be back pretty soon. Ron just is unable to be in groups/crowds until his numbers get higher. Very low immune system right now. We are there in "spirit".

Seems like things are humming right along. Thank you for the kind and thoughtful cards I received re the loss of my Mother. 30 days from her 100th! Thank you very much to the ones who attended her funeral also. Means a lot to me.

Be sure and read the Minutes, full of good stuff!

Your Editor/
Publisher

Sharon



PS: Regarding pre-meeting dinner:

For April we will be going to (TBD) restaurant at 5:30 the night of the meeting. Maybe check in with Jan Elliott if you are coming for a little pre-meeting social time and a good dinner.



Model A Ford Club of America: Gra-Neva A's Chapter Board Meeting Minutes – March 24, 2016

Call to order: President Steve Turnsk, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm at Penny's Diner on March 24, 2016.

Membership: There were no new members or guest. There are still a few unclaimed rosters. Please contact Christy Turnsk if you don't have yours.

Sheriff: Sheriff Steve Straw collected \$3 from 6 six members not wearing name badges.

Secretary: There are no additions or corrections to the minutes as printed in the Gra-Neva Gram and they were approved.

Treasurer: Treasurer Jan Elliott gave a report about income & expenses & the health of the checking account. There were no unusual expenses to report. The report was accepted.

Vice-President Report: Nothing to report except that the weather has been good, so drive those A's!

Editor: Sharon Pierce was absent.

Tours: Buzz Elliott:

Upcoming tours include:

April 11th, Ananda Flower Garden. (Date changed from the 9th.) Meet at Kmart at 8:30am. It's about a 1 hour drive and opens at 10am. Cost is \$5 per person and will take about 1 ½ hours after which lunch at Peterson's Corner will be enjoyed. Please contact Buzz if you didn't put your name on the signup sheet & will be going. If the weather is bad, it will be postponed a week to the 16th.

April 19th, Centennial Reservoir: postponed until further notice

April 23rd, Hill Climb at Auburn Airport: Saturday only Inspections starting at 8:30 am and hill climbs from 10-3. \$10 admission. Open to 1934 and earlier 4 cylinder autos. Must have seat belts & a helmet. If you are unable to find your seatbelts and helmet, there will be another hill climb in September. A food catering truck ("roach coach", if you will) will be onsite for the ravenous.

April 24th, 11 Roses Ranch in Clear Lake (and it's an overnigher), hosted by the Harms. Sunday 10:30 am in Yuba City for lunch, to Granzella's for ice cream; a nice drive around the lake to Nice and the Robinson Rancheria. You must make your reservations by April 1 to get the \$75 (tax included) price. After that, fork over \$89 plus tax! You can have dinner there or elsewhere. (But you would miss out on some tasty prime rib for \$9.95, for example.) After breakfast: a 9:45 departure to the late 1880's cattle ranch via Lucerne. There will be 5 miles of paved road and 5 or 6 miles of gravel road to the Ranch. There, you'll enjoy more food and wine (Lake County) then an hour and a half mule wagon ride to enjoy the wild flowers. There is room for 10 couples in the wagon. After that, a lovely chuck wagon lunch will be served. Cost on the Ranch experience is \$50 (payable to them, directly) You'll be back in your cars by 3 and home by 7pm.

May 7th, Mother's Day Brunch: Saturday, so it doesn't interfere with breakfast in bed on Sunday. Jan & Buzz will lead the tour to High Hand Nursery in Loomis (3750 Taylor Road). Leaving Kmart at 9:30 to arrive for 10:30 brunch. The planned route is the old highway 40 through Loomis. You can preview the menu at urbanspoon.com.

Mark your calendar: October 14-16th Mystery Tour.

Other fun events:

May 23rd, Ladies Only Luncheon: Monday at Harms' Farm. Okay, girls, this is the dress-up event of the year, although you won't be shunned if you don't have authentic 1930's attire. Do what you can. Perhaps a lovely hat? Kay is dusting off the china and shining up the crystal. She's invited a few friends to entertain us with examples and information about their favorite pastimes: brilliant cut crystal, quilting and vintage compacts. Please arrange to arrive at 11am. Cost \$7. You may bring a female guest, but please RSVP with Kay as the guest list will be limited to 20.

Sunshine Report: No report was given.

Technical, Ron Pierce: In Ron's absence, Steve Turnsk spoke about the danger of worn rear axle keys and showed a pair to illustrate just what they look like when they need to be changed. The hub and axle wear and gouge each other causing more movement which can eventually break the axle shaft, thus ending the good time you were having. So, when checking the brakes (which you do often, right?) check/change those axle keys! Keys are cheap & readily available. It's good to keep a used one on board for emergencies. Don't grease them for installation. Also...keep those axle nuts tight (to something like 80 lbs torque!).

Technical (continued):

In case you missed it, Les Andrews had an article in the March/April 2013 Restorer about electric ignition conversions. He favored them for better wear & mileage. One thing to be careful of with having an electric ignition is they can't handle a low voltage situation, such as during jumpstarting.

Gots & Wants: Presume Gerry Holzapple still has a lightened flywheel and balanced pressure plate he'd sell for \$300. Gerald has 5-19" wheels to sell: \$150 (although he admitted he'd probably take \$100) No information on their exact condition.

Aaron Johnson is looking for 21" wheels "good & true".

Ryck Johnson needs rear fenders for his '28 Phaeton

Steve Halverson also needs fenders for his '26 Model T

Show & Tell: Steve Straw showed his heirloom penny collection dating back to the 1850's. Thanksgiving in his childhood was a big festive occasion with the whole family coming from all over, who all brought pennies. The collection currently has \$380 in pennies with values ranging from 1 cent to \$400-\$500 dollars! He explained that the number of coins minted in a given year and its condition are what determine value. Color is important, with a red-copper being the most desirable. The worst possible thing anyone can do is polish the coin, which drops the value by at least half.

Coin swap meets are much cleaner than auto swap meets. The biggest meet is in Sacramento March 25-26th.

Early pennies were "stamped" by using a steel die on a hand-turned screw press. The first was 1787. At first colonies issued their own money or used another country's, such as France. It was a big deal when America had a unified currency around 1783. 1/2 cent and 3 cent coins were also made, but are very rare.

The 1943 steel cent, also known as a steel war penny or steelie, was a variety of the U.S. one-cent coin which was struck in steel due to wartime shortages of copper. The drawback was that it wore out the die more quickly.

2009 was when the alloy was changed substantially and the words "In God we trust" was removed.

For mint sets the sheets are polished highly before being struck a few times with new dies to make the image very sharp.

Error coins may have been double struck or had a mismatch in front and back dies (because the die was often reused with minor changes, like the date). Some people collect only error coins, although they don't have a significant increase in value due to mistakes.

Good news: the pennies in your pocket are worth exactly one cent. Collectors only deal in uncirculated coins.

Next month: Arrowheads!

ACCC: Bill Mitchell. The Association of California Car Clubs (ACCC) is a volunteer organization with regional representatives who represent the interests of individual members and member clubs across the state. The 30th Annual ACCC Spring Legislative Conference is scheduled for Wednesday & Thursday April 27 & 28, 2016 at the California Auto Museum. Bill will keep his "ear to the ground" and report as needed.

Old Business: Still need a chairperson for birthdays & anniversaries.

New Business: Steve Halverson knows of a '31 coupe that needs paint, windows & upholstery. It's here in town, but part of an estate of a family in Redding. I'm unclear on whether they are looking for the work to be done or if the car is for sale.

Attendance Drawing: Kristy Turnsk was, once again, called upon to draw the winning name. Jennifer Johnson happened to be in attendance and won the \$10 prize.

Raffle: The \$40 prize of this month's raffle was won by Vice President Bob Ambrose.

Attendees: Christina Brodie, Kristi & Steve Turnsk, Norman Plise, Vicky & Steve Straw, Steve Halverson, Dennis Westcot, Buzz & Jan Elliott, Barry Sudderth, Vern & Kay Harms, Kelly Stevenson, Bill Mitchell, Adler Johnson (with parents Aaron & Jenn Johnson), Jerry & Sharlene Dorville, Weldon Travis, Patrick Tobin, Bob & Bobbie Whiting, & Ryck & Linda Johnson.

In attendance were two model A's and in a shameful act of defiance, one VW.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm, moved, seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Brodie, Secretary

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April BIRTHDAYS



4/1 Vicki Straw

4/27 Dale White

4/1 Buzz Elliott

4/19 Phil Lawrence

4/26 Steve Halverson

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April ANNIVERSARIES



4/13 Marty & Myra
Clampitt

31 years

4/28 Ron & Sharon
Pierce

9 years

REFRESHMENTS

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

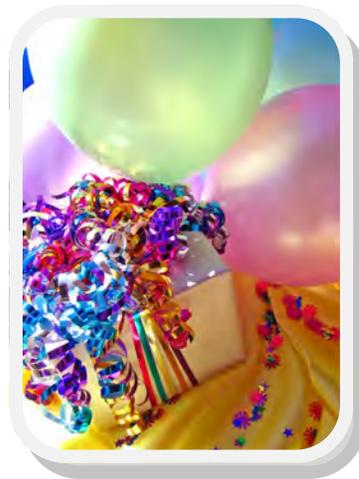
Meeting refreshments** will be brought in by individual members, alphabetically by last name each month. Any questions or can’t make it to the meeting, please contact Steve Turnsk or Bob Ambrose.

APRIL 28TH – Ryck Johnson

MAY 26TH – Phil Lawrence

JUNE 23RD – Bill Mitchell

** If you are unable to attend, please find someone else to bring them. Thank You!



Thanks to Myra Clampitt for birthday and anniversary updates.



Gary Spencer, Steve Straw, Jan and Buzz Elliott, Vern Harms, Ted Baerresen, ? And Kristi and Steve Turnsk.

Pictures by Janet Spencer and Jan Elliott



Janet Spencer, Buzz Elliott, Vern Harms, Ted Baerresen, Steve Straw, Kristi & Steve Turnsk and Gary Spencer.

Ceronix tour, March 7th.

We had 9 Graneva A's members, all in modern cars, brave the stormy weather for a tour to Ceronix, the last US manufacturer of video monitors. Besides the interesting shop tour we enjoyed the gardens with a large Koi pond and exotic birds from around the world. Then we headed off to Black Bear Diner for a great lunch.

Gary & Janet Spencer



Pagoda



The warehouse and operations.



Exotic Birds

Pictures by Janet Spencer and Jan Elliott

**Eleven Roses Ranch Tour
April 24 - 25, 2016**

This tour is an overnighiter. Lodging is at Robinson Rancheria Casino Hotel in Nice, California (ClearLake). Cost is \$75.00 for a king bed non-smoking room. You must make your own reservations at the hotel. A block of rooms has been reserved for our club until 4/1/2016. 800-270-0757 or 707-262-3700.

On Monday morning, April 25th, we will travel to Eleven Roses Ranch for late morning appetizers, take a tour on a Percheron mule drawn wagon to see the spring wildflowers and then return to have a chuckwagon style BBQ with dutch oven cobbler for dessert. Cost for the Eleven Roses Ranch tour is \$50.00 per person. Payment for this tour should be made to Vern Harms.

We will return to Grass Valley by approximately 7:00 PM on Monday.

Call Vern @ 272-4683 and we will send you detailed information.

Please join us for a great spring tour.

**Gra-Neva Model A Ford Club
Ladies Only!! Luncheon *Cost per person # 7⁰⁰***

**May 23, 2016 @ 11:00 AM
(Meet at Kmart at 10:30 AM to car-pool to Harms Farm.)**

Harms Farm – 18133 Little Mustang Ct – Grass Valley, California

This luncheon is for the ladies of our club and will include tablecloths, cloth napkins, china, crystal and flowers. A delicious lunch will be served.

After dessert, I have asked three friends to briefly share their amazing talent or collections with us. One is a master quilter – another collects Brilliant cut glass – and the third friend has a special collection of vintage ladies compacts.

**For more information and/or to sign up for luncheon,
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Before I came along, they had never sold tackle in the US market. I am the sole licensed distributor for the US, and I have wholesale sales in 26 states right now.

Thank you, Kelly Stevenson at 530-477-8797

Renewed 1/1/16

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