

# *GRA-NEVA GRAM*

*GRASS VALLEY/NEVADA CITY CALIFORNIA*

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On the road home from Chico in the rain

## GRA-NEVA GRAM

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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President	Larry Hubbard	432-3629
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Tours	Bob Ambrose	346-7736
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Club meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at Banner Grange, 2629 McCourtney Road, Grass Valley at 7:00 p.m. We welcome all guests. Membership in MAFCA is not required for club membership but is required to be a Board Member.

Write 250 S. Cypress, La Habra, CA 90631.

Join us for an informal get-together at the Penny's Diner in The Fowler Center, near SaveMart each Wednesday about 7:00 a.m.

Items for the newsletter can be Emailed to: [dgems@aol.com](mailto:dgems@aol.com)

## President's Message

This years Mystery Tour started out with 16 cars and 26 people and great weather. Model A's love cool weather. By the time we arrived in Chico (surprise) it was showing signs of rain. We had a great tour at Vintage Hot Rod and Design and headed to Sierra Nevada Brewing Company for a Tour and Lunch. Great tour and equally wonderful lunch. After lunch we headed to our motel in a mild sprinkle. Later we went on a tour of the Chico Area and ended up at Dinner in a light rain. The next morning we woke up to a definite rain storm. We had a tour of a Casino planned for the trip on the way home but decided to cancel because of the weather. Driving a Model A in a driving rain storm with wind bursts of 30 mph is not recommended. Everyone made it home safely but damp. I want to thank Aaron and Bill for escorting our cars home and a great job of organizing the Mystery Tour. This was quite an experience.

At the Pot Luck we will be electing new officers. Nominated Officers are shown on the Calendar of events.

Dues are due. Send Bill your check.

Contact Ardy if you have any changes to the Roster.

Larry Hubbard



## Sunshine Report

Sandy Hundemer's mother passed away on October 30th. Our thoughts are with Dandy, Bob and family.

If anyone has information re: a club member who is ill, or needs congratulating, etc. contact me. Louise Baerresen [tbaer@fothill.net](mailto:tbaer@fothill.net) or 274-2965

[www.granevaas.com](http://www.granevaas.com)

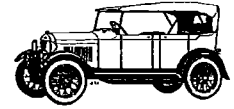
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Bold & underlined print dates show official club events.

**November 20, 2010, Saturday**

Election of Officers.  
Pot Luck Dinner.  
1 PM to 6 PM  
A-D Dessert  
E-K Salad/Appetizers  
L-W Main Dish

**December 7, 2010**

Christmas Banquet at Trolley Junction.  
6PM for Drinks  
7PM for Dinner

**December 17, 2010**

Christmas Lights Tour

**January 29th and 30th, 2011**

Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Turlock CA.  
Modesto Area A's 45th Annual SWAP MEET.

**May 27- May 29, 2011**

2011 NCRG ROUNDUP, Vallejo, CA.

**YOUR DUES ARE DUE'**

Please send Bill Gleason a check for \$30.00 for the yearly membership dues. Unlike other things in our lives, our Club dues will remain at #30.00 per family.

**NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB OFFICERS:**

President : Aaron Johnson  
Vice President : Kay Harms  
Treasurer : Bill Gleason  
Secretary: Sharon Pierce  
Editor: Larry Hubbard  
Membership: Sandy Hundermer  
Tours: Bob Ambrose

**ROSTER**

Contact Ardy Tobin with any changes for the Roster:  
ardyt@comcast.net

**New Tillotson Carburetor Book**

By Bob Whiting

I've just read about the book "Repairing and Restoring Tillotson Carburetors" in the Fall issue of The Model A Times. I called the author, David Hatch, and we discussed his new book at length, since I have been restoring a few Tillotsons for a couple of years.

The book covers identification of the different models of Tillotson carburetors, what to look for when selecting a carburetor to rebuild, how to disassemble it, how to fix most problems, the correct method of Cleaning out all air and fuel passages, and proper Reassembly to get a good runner.

This book is good news for the do-it-yourselfer, especially if you're tired of taking the Zenith carburetor off the motor again and again to change jets and adjust the float level. Until, maybe, the motor will continue to run when you stop for a red light.

My experience with Tillotson indicates improved uphill power compared to the Zenith. David told me that this is primarily due to the Tillotson's shallower Fuel bowl that reduces "fuel slosh". Which can starve flow to the main jet.

The cost of the book is \$ 20.00, plus \$5.00 packaging and postage. David will rebuild your Tillotson (Models X, S, or blank) for \$200.00, plus a rebuildable core (core can be warped, he will mill to correct). He also recommends a micro filter for the fuel line bowl at a cost of \$5.00 as an added feature to keep fuel passages clear.

His address is:

David Hatch  
5590 Looking Glass Road  
Roseburg, Oregon 97471  
Phone: (541) 672-8462



**General Meeting Minutes-October 28, 2010**  
**Model A Ford Club of America: Gra-Neva A's Chapter**

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by President Larry Hubbard at 7:10 p.m. at the Banner Grange on October 28, 2010.

**Membership:** There were no new members or guests.

**Secretary:** Carl Ambrose moved to approve the minutes as printed in the Gra-Neva Gram. The motion was seconded by Aaron Johnson. Motion passed.

**Treasurer** Bill Gleason reported that the club is still solvent. The club purchased the gift certificates that are being used as raffle prizes tonight. The club also paid for the lunch on Saturday of the Mystery Tour. At this point we have about \$2500 in our two bank accounts.

**Vice President** Aaron Johnson reported that there were still some 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirts. He also said that it may be possible to order some hooded sweatshirts at about \$27-\$30 each.

**President** Larry Hubbard discussed a fundraiser for the Model A Museum in Michigan. He said that our November potluck would be on Nov. 20 at 1:00 p.m. at the Banner Grange. Members with last names beginning with A-D should bring a dessert, D-K should bring a salad or appetizer, and L-W should bring a main dish. President Larry said that everyone needs to pay their \$30 dues by Jan. 1 if they want their name in the roster.

**Tours:** Tour Chairman Bob Ambrose asked Aaron Johnson to talk about the Mystery Tour. Aaron presented umbrellas to the four families that drove their Model A's in the very rainy weather. Bob then discussed future tours and activities. More information about these tours is located in the newsletter.

**Christmas party:** Bill Gleason said that the Christmas party would be at Trolley Junction on Tuesday, December 7. The cost will be \$28 per person.

**Million Mile Challenge:** Ted Baerresen reported that MAFCA not only achieved, but exceeded their one million mile goal. He passed out million mile decals to those that participated.

**ACCC:** Bill Toensing said that ACCC encourages everyone to get the Defender newsletter by email. Go to [pa5008@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pa5008@sbcglobal.net) to sign up for the Defender online. The ACCC website can be found at [accdefender.org](http://accdefender.org).

**Technical:** Ron Pierce will try each month to answer questions that he receives from members. This month he spoke about timing and overheating. Please email Ron with your questions. Bob Whiting shared information about Tillotson carburetors.

**Raffle:** Kim encouraged everyone to buy raffle tickets tonight. She has purchased several gift certificates for the raffle. Great raffle!

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Mitchell, Secretary

**Attendees:**

Bill & Karen Mitchell, Ted & Louise Baerresen, Sharon & Ron Pierce, Denia & Larry Hubbard, Gerry & Bridgette Holzapple, Ginny & Bill Gleason, Sandy Hundemer & Bob Ambrose, Kevin Fraser, Steve Turnsk, Robert Agnew, Vince Seck, Rick & Kim Gerdl, Bill Toensing, Steve & Vicky Straw, Alan Johnson, Marty Clampitt, Carl Ambrose, Tom Osborne, Kay Harms, Bob & Bobbie Whiting, Jerry & Sharlene Dorville, Aaron Johnson

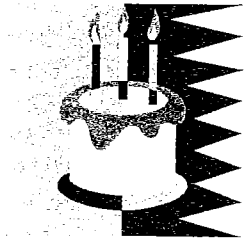
# GOTS AND WANTS

**FOR SALE:** 1931 Model A Deluxe Coupe Borg-Warner overdrive, trunk and cover. Asking \$10,500. Contact Vince Seck:: (530) 273-4574

**FOR SALE:** 1930 Model A Sports Coupe Radio, 12V system, rebuilt brakes, heater, halogen headlights rebuilt front end, new roof, 1936 trans, Pinto engine, rumble seat. \$ 15,995 Call Denis (530) 273-8151

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Elmer Fairbanks
- 3 Rick Gerdl
- 4 Bob Ambrose
- 10 Jerry Dorville
- 12 Bruce Strum
- 12 Mary Prowense
- 15 Karen Mitchell
- 18 Crystal Dickey
- 30 Norm Westmore



## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Day	Years
5	Ray and Wilma Hren 57
6	Bob and Kirsten Agnew 4
16	Jim and Maxine Musick 43
18	Pat and Ardy Tobin 46

### Did You Know:

The Model A Service Bulletins (Sept. 29) state "that grease should not be used in the steering gear as in a short time the grease is forced from between the worm and sector and as a result these parts become dry and cause excessively hadr steering". They further stste :Most steering gear troubles can be directly traced to the use of improper lubricant:, A number of people are currently using grease in place of 600 weight gear lubricant. Today's price for a new set of gears is \$170.00.

The MAFCA Million mile challenge results are in. The official counting ended on October first. The total miles driven by MAFCA members was 1,606,508. Congratulations to all who participat-ed. MAFCA provided us with window decals for participants. If you participated and have not yet

# REFRESHMENTS

Refreshment Hosts Please vacuum afterward

November 20	= Potluck Dinner
December 7	= Christmas Dinner

### NOTICE:

If you cannot honor the dates above as given, please contact **Aaron Johnson** at 477-5856. **Substitutes will be assigned.**

Our new Grange location does not include trash pickup, therefore, hosts must be responsible for disposal.

It is also the responsibility of the refreshment hosts at each meeting to pass on the supply box to the hosts for the following month. The hosts for the following month should attend the meeting to receive the box, or make arrangements to do so.

**QUESTIONS? CALL V.P. Aaron Johnson 477-5856**

ROBERT DAWES #341937  
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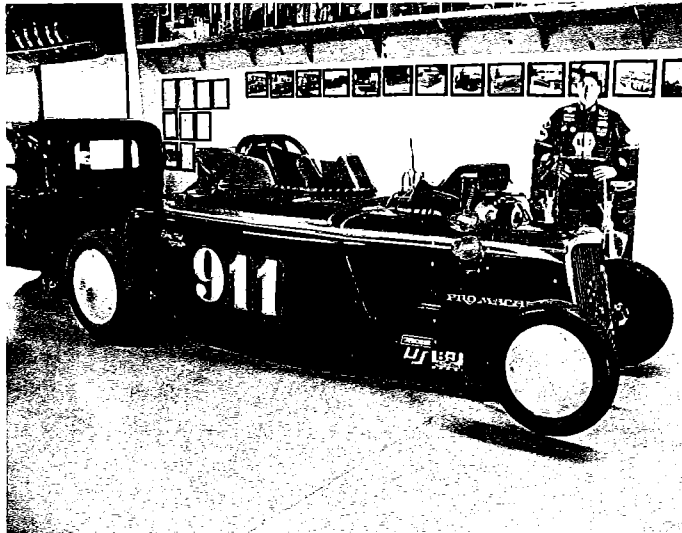
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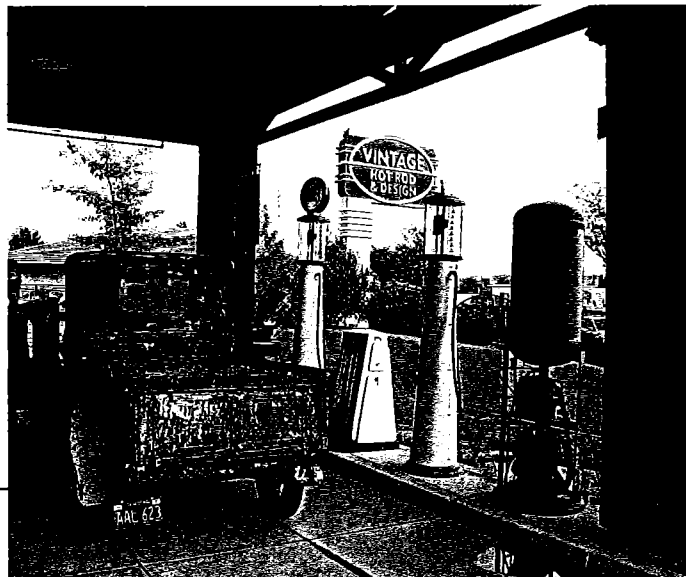
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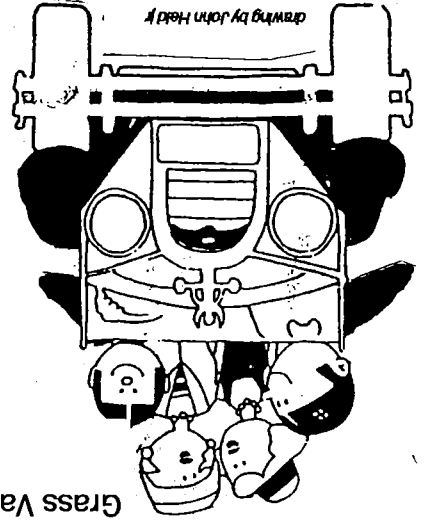


Vintage Hot Rod  
And Design





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### Next Months Project

