



# GRA-NEVA GRAM

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GraNeva A's Model A Ford Club of America

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## SPRING IS HERE LETS GO FOR A DRIVE



This is the newsletter of the Gra-Neva A's, the 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 newsletter for a small fee; contact the Treasurer.

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### GRA-NEVA GRAM

Club meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. We welcome all guests.

**Check our Newsletter for location.**

If you are interested in membership in MAFCA, write to MAFCA, 250 S. Cypress, La Habra, CA 90631 or go to <https://www.mafca.com/membership.html>.

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# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

FOR MAY/JUNE 2023

Dear Club,

We need to talk, I mean have a real discussion... go get your readers and put 'em on. Get a pen and paper if you need to and take notes. Ok, ready? Let's go. We are a car club. We own cars, enjoy cars, work on cars, talk cars, now we need to drive cars. The Ford Model A may be the easiest most reliable car ever built. I can take any car in my fleet and drive it with little to no concern. As a club, in numbers, folks need to be less concerned about breakdowns and the unknown. We all have towing through AAA or insurance, we have members on tour with spare parts, and we have a ton of shared knowledge. There is no excuse, no rational reason to be afraid to get out and drive, especially on a tour. I have car buddies that will drive Model T's 500+ miles without a concern. And a Model T can genuinely be a handful. You won't know what you didn't see if you don't get out there. If you're super concerned pull a member aside and talk about keeping tabs on each other. We have never left a member behind, that I recall, or will admit.

As an example, I pulled out the Salt Truck from it's winter slumber. It was last run in October 2022. The battery was dead, the fuel was low, the carb was dirty, and the starter switch had gone bad. Less than one hour later it was running and driving. I then took it on Saturday April 29th to the Simply Country Ranch Truck Show in Rough and Ready. Adler and I staged the truck, and then walked around and ate for the next 4 hours. At the end of the day we were named the show's overall winner and best In the Rusty category. For the overall win we claimed the top prize of \$1000. For best Rusty we got a handful of gift cards and other swag. The

show provided delicious endless food, drinks, and desserts. It was an incredible day. A day we wouldn't have enjoyed if we were too concerned to get out there. Note I motored to the show and home at between 50 and 55 mph. Some folks were shocked that the truck was driven to the show. I was shocked that I saw rigs get towed in.... So get out there, get over your fears, join a tour or create your own. The road is waiting.

Godspeed,  
AJ



# The Salt Truck

A.J. Johnson

Overall Winner and Best In the Rusty Category.  
Simply Country Ranch Truck Show in Rough and Ready  
April 29, 2023





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

*May 13: Grills & Grilles. 11AM - 4PM Western Gateway Park. Car Show - Motorcycles - Rib Cook-off. Entry form to show car.*

*May 20: Penn Valley Rodeo Parade. 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Need to complete entry form. Parade starts at 2:00 pm. Staging is at 1:00 pm at Gateway Park.*

**May 21:** Tour to Oroville Dam State Park, Brunch Feather Falls Casino using the back roads. Then to Collins Lake for ice cream. Meet at 9:00, in parking lot by JC Penneys and Dollar Store.

**May 25:** Monthly meeting at Sierra Star Winery. Meeting starts at 7 PM. Bring picnic dinner at 6 PM.

**June 4:** Rough and Ready Secession Day from 7 am – 3 pm. Weldon Travis tour leader. There is a parade and Chili Cook-off.

**June 22:** Monthly meeting at Sierra Star Winery. Meeting starts at 7 PM. Bring picnic dinner at 6 PM.

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\* *Cars and Coffee - every Saturday at Target (Kmart) GV from 8-10 AM*

\* *Also at Mel's in Auburn on Wednesdays from 6-9 pm. And you get your **dinner discounted**. Outdoor and indoor seating. It's fun!!*

## Technical Assistance

Got a question or need some help...call Steve Turnsk.

Looking for a part...call Steve.  
530-274-7079 [saturnsk@yahoo.com](mailto:saturnsk@yahoo.com)

Springtime reminder: Lube your car before the summer driving season.



## EDITOR'S NOTES

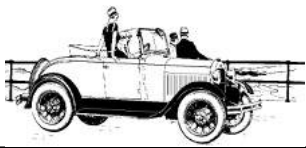
Spring is bursting out all over with numerous car events all over the area. There is more going on than we can squeeze into the calendar on this page, so we have a full dedicated events page later in the newsletter. In addition this month we report that the locally famous Salt Truck and our Club President won Best in Show and first place in the Rust Class at a Rough & Ready Truck show. Who would have guessed? We also have a little bit of interesting Ford Motor Co. history, a story about a high school Model A Club, a personal description of my introduction to driving a Model T, pictures from the "Use the Old Gas Tour" in early April, and a few other odds and ends for fun.

It's also getting close to time to say good bye to our previous editor and good friend Sharon Pierce. She will be moving to Texas in the next month or two to be closer to family. So as part of a sendoff, we're reprinting the 2007 GraNeva Gram article that introduced Ron & Sharon to the club. The rest is history.

This is your newsletter. Send us your stories to share.

Enjoy,  
Bill





# Member's Page

## Magnetic Small Parts Holder



## Happy Birthday



### May

- 5/8 Myra Clampitt
- 5/14 Ron Bianchini
- 5/16 Cathy Corliss
- 5/30 Vern Harms
- 5/30 Sharon Pierce
- 5/31 Dennis Westcot

### June

- 6/10 Kelly Stevenson
- 6/16 Ted Baerresen
- 6/16 Calvin Campbell
- 6/23 Bob Whiting
- 6/27 Linda Johnson



*Sharon Says...*



If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.

## Anniversary Celebrations



### May

- 5/8 Ted & Louise Baerresen
- 5/21 Gary & Janet Spencer

### June

- 6/13 Vern & Kay Harms
- 6/25 Phil & Anne Starr

# Sunshine

WINNERS IN  
**WELLNESSES**





# RON'S TECH TIP PAGE



This month's tip from Calvin Campbell provides an option to try if you have a dead battery. It's worth a try and might save you some money. Be sure to observe safety cautions working with an acid battery.

## The Dead Battery

You go out to start your Model A and find it has a dead battery. How did this happen and can I recharge this battery. You now have options, the battery must first be tested to see if it can accept a charge. Attach your battery charger and see if the battery is accepting a charge. If it is recharging let it charge to a full capacity and you are ready to go. If it will not take a charge you need to understand why it is not taking a charge and what to do next.

## The Discharged Battery

It is discharged because the acid in the battery is not chemically reacting to allow current to flow between the individual cells, this is happening because the acid has sulfated onto the cells and built a crust on them that will not let the current flow between them, so for starters that sulfated crust must be removed to facilitate the flow of current. The solution is to remove the battery from the car, and then drop it on a concrete floor in a flat drop manner about 3 times from a height of 6 inches; the crust on the cells will drop to the bottom of the battery case. Now current can flow freely between the cells and the battery will accept a charge. Charge the battery to a full charge and put it back in the car. If it will not take a charge buy a new battery. (Procedure may not be applicable to Optima batteries.)

Now the question is how long will the battery retain its charge, or will it leave me stranded somewhere. I have had these type batteries make another 4 years of service, which is really surprising since most battery warranties are 4 years or less, it is almost like having a new battery.

## History on Lead acid Batteries

Lead acid batteries back in the early days actually had removable caps that allowed you to fill the battery with water which was necessary as the acid in the battery gave up its charge. Then new technology came out with sealed batteries that you could not add water to, but also did not lose the water in performing service and were suppose to last longer. Some did others did not, but it did remove the maintenance operation of adding water. Today all of our batteries come as sealed batteries and we no longer add water but the battery still sulfates over time.

To extend the life of a battery you have some options, drive the car more, or put a battery tender on it to keep it charged when the car is not in use.



# GRAN EVA'S MEMBER PROFILE

By Bruce Sturm



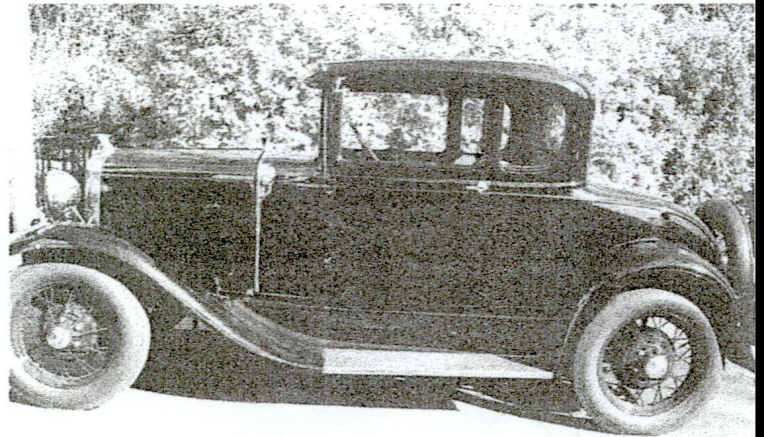
Ron and Sharon Pierce

Gran Eva is like many of you—her memory has as many holes in it as Bonnie and Clyde's sedan. But she thinks Ron Pierce may be one of few club members who've owned the same Model A since his teens! Ron bought his '31 Fordor sedan at the age of 19, and it was his second "A." The first was a coupe which got him to and from Buchser High in Santa Clara, starting in his junior year. That coupe is gone now, but the Fordor, almost completely vintage, is ready to roll on any tour. And Ron's been buying, selling, tinkering with and restoring old cars ever since those high school days. Most of them are "A's" but if you visit his home, be prepared for a "Cook's Tour" of a pretty extensive collection of Fords from the Depression all the way through the Fabulous Fifties and Sixties!

Ron and Sharon met courtesy of our local Matchmaker, Ray Hugenberger, and were married one year ago this April. It's a wonder that it took Ray to get them together. Ron worked for Lockheed in Sunnyvale, as a machinist and tool inspector from age 19 until his retirement in 2005; also moonlighting as a

mechanic at a car dealership for over 23 years. Sharon went to Mountain View high school, and her dad was a co-worker of Ron's at Lockheed. While their paths weren't crossing, Ron and his first wife raised two children, who have now given him four grandkids. And Sharon and her first husband raised a son and daughter; during much of that time Sharon worked for the various companies throughout Silicon Valley and Santa Cruz area. She retired after four years working for the Grass Valley Group in Nevada City. Sharon has three grandchildren.

Most of you have seen the beautifully restored Standard Coupe "Blackie" shown here. There's an interesting story behind this coupe: Ron bought it in 2000 after it had spent many years serving on a farm. It had not been licensed for the 50 years. When he started it up, a mouse nest blew out the exhaust pipe! When he took off the head, he found another mouse nest—or bits of it—in one of the cylinders.



(aka The Mouse Mobile)

Another coupe is now under restoration, and Ron runs around schlepping parts for it in his recently-acquired '33 Model "B" pick-up. The coupe is down to bare metal now, so it shouldn't be too long before it joins the rest of the Pierce fleet on our country roads!

# Use Up The Old Gas Tour First Tour of the Season after Long Cold Winter

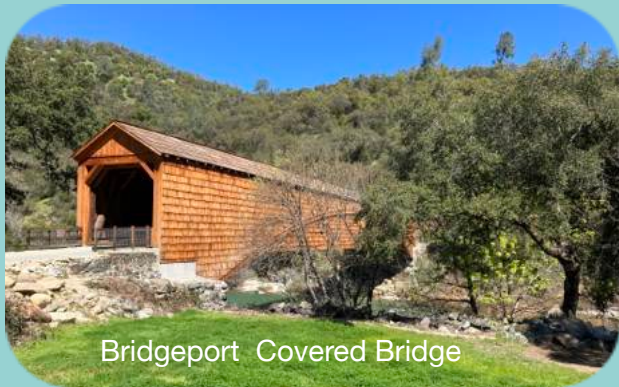
Calvin Campbell



This tour left SPD Market and went to the Yuba River off Hwy 20. Then off to the Bridgeport Covered Bridge and then to Northridge for Lunch. Great day to be on the road with good weather and good friends.

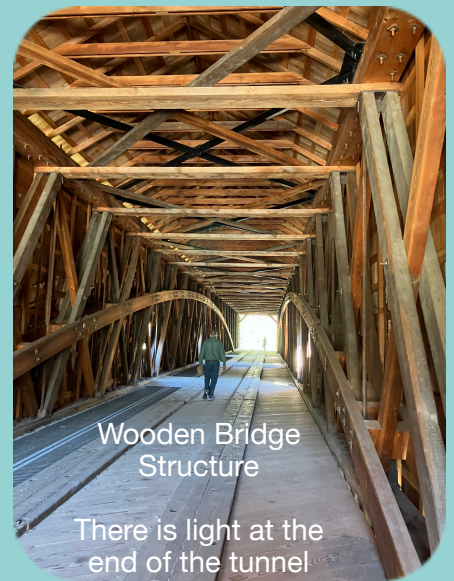


Yuba River Overlook



Bridgeport Covered Bridge

Participants (Above at Hwy 49 Yuba River overlook): Bill & Avon Steen, Bob Ambrose, Steve & Kristi Turnsk, Gary & Janet Spencer, Vern & Kay Harms (Vern not in photo), and Calvin & Virginia Campbell.



Wooden Bridge Structure

There is light at the end of the tunnel

Bottom Right:  
Lunchtime at Northridge



Steve & Kristi Turnsk with Virginia Campbell





# GRA-NEVA GRAM EDITOR BILL YANKO LEARNS TO DRIVE A MODEL T.

**INSTRUCTOR: JIM LUCKINBILL**

**JIM:** Driving a Model T Ford is simple, Bill. You just have to remember the names of the controls. You can drive a manual transmission, right?

**BILL:** No problem, Jim—I learned how to drive on a stick. So okay, where's the stick?

**JIM:** Well, there IS no stick. You put your left foot to the floor and you're in first.

**BILL:** With my left foot.

**JIM:** Right.

**BILL:** No, you said "left."

**JIM:** That's right: left.

**BILL:** Well, which IS it?

**JIM:** Which is what?

**BILL:** Which is first?

**JIM:** Your left foot.

**BILL:** My LEFT foot.

**JIM:** Right.

**BILL:** Right?

**JIM:** No, left.

**BILL:** Left.

**JIM:** Right. And when you lift your foot, you're in second.

**BILL:** So, there's no stick?

**JIM:** No stick.

**BILL:** Okay, what about the clutch?

**JIM:** The clutch is the pedal on the left.

**BILL:** Good, at least THAT'S normal.

**JIM:** The gear-shift is the clutch.

**BILL:** What? Let me understand this; the gear-shift is the CLUTCH?

**JIM:** Except for reverse.

**BILL:** And where's THAT?

**JIM:** Middle pedal.

**BILL:** So the brake is really reverse.

**JIM:** I guess you could say that.

**BILL:** I just DID say that!

**JIM:** Right.

**BILL:** WHAT'S right?



**JIM:** Right is the brake.

**BILL:** But shouldn't that be the gas pedal?

**JIM:** Well, that pedal actually makes the car stop.

**BILL:** WHAT? You say the gas pedal makes it STOP? Well, if the gas pedal makes it stop, then what's that pedal in the middle?

**JIM:** Reverse. Oh, and to put it in neutral, you pull the lever back to the middle.

**BILL:** Okay—Well, at least that's normal—WAIT A MINUTE, JIM! I thought you said there WAS no stick!

**JIM:** Well, the stick is the brake.

**BILL:** Hold it! You just said the brake was the gas pedal!—Then where's the gas pedal?

**JIM:** That's the lever on the right side of the steering column.

**BILL:** Oh! The gear shift!

**JIM:** You shift gears with the left pedal.

**BILL:** Yeah, the left pedal is the clutch.

**JIM:** Right.

**BILL:** What?—But you said the right pedal is the brake.

**JIM:** Right.

**BILL:** Okay!

**JIM:** And when you want to shift into high, you push the big lever on the floor all the way forward.

**BILL:** But you said that was the brake, Jim.

And with that explanation Bill & Jim headed off through some narrow curvy streets in Nevada City. What could possibly go wrong?

Adapted from Bob Cairo, Model T Club of America with inspiration from, who else but Abbott & Costello.

## Ford English School

Included with the email reminder message for our last meeting was a set of postcards from a Ford Assembly plant circa 1916-17. One of them was labelled "Ford English School on Factory Lawn". That piqued my interest. So below is a little bit of the rest of the story.

Established in 1914, the Ford English School taught the company's immigrant workers more than just how to speak English. It taught them about American culture and history and instilled the importance of such virtues as thriftiness, cleanliness, good manners, and timeliness. Pictured below are a classroom at the Ford English School (top) and the school's graduating class emerging from the "Melting Pot" (bottom), a symbol of their having put aside their ethnic identity and become good Americans, on July 4, 1917. Between the photographs is an excerpt from "Factory Facts About Ford" (1915) that describes the English School and includes a typical lesson.

When the work of the Advisors was started, a serious problem presented itself. It was found that a large percentage of the employees in the factory could not speak the English Language, which necessitated the employment of a large number of interpreters to work with the Advisors.

It had been ascertained that it is almost essential that a workman have a knowledge of English, from a "Safety-First" standpoint, so that he be able to understand the explanations of safety devices in the factory, as well

as to thoroughly understand the requirements of his work. This knowledge also helps to make better citizens, and protect them against the many pitfalls which lurk in the path of the unwary foreigner.

To remedy these conditions the Ford English School was organized. That the men appreciate what is being done for them is clearly shown by the number of letters received from employees, which are sent without solicitation, and express, in good English, the sincere obligation they feel toward the work, which is enabling them to enjoy the advantages and comforts previously unknown to them. After careful investigation into the methods of teaching, the cumulative, dramatic system was adopted. This plan is very similar to the well-known Berlitz system, the early lessons of which are particularly adapted to home study, and teaching in the Ford shops. Following is given the first lesson under this plan:



## ENGLISH FOR FORD MEN-LESSON NO.1 Going to the Public Library

1. I *finish* my supper at 6 o'clock P. M.
2. I *get* up from the table.
3. I *look out* doors.
4. It *is* raining.
5. I *go into* the cloak room.
6. I *get* my overcoat, rubbers and umbrella.
7. I *clean* my overcoat with a hand broom.
8. I *put* the rubbers on my feet.
9. I *put* my overcoat on.
10. I *button* my overcoat tightly about my neck.
11. I *brush* my hat.
12. I *put* on my gloves.
13. I *take* my umbrella.
14. I *open* the door.
15. I say "Goodnight" to my family. 16. I go to the Public Library.

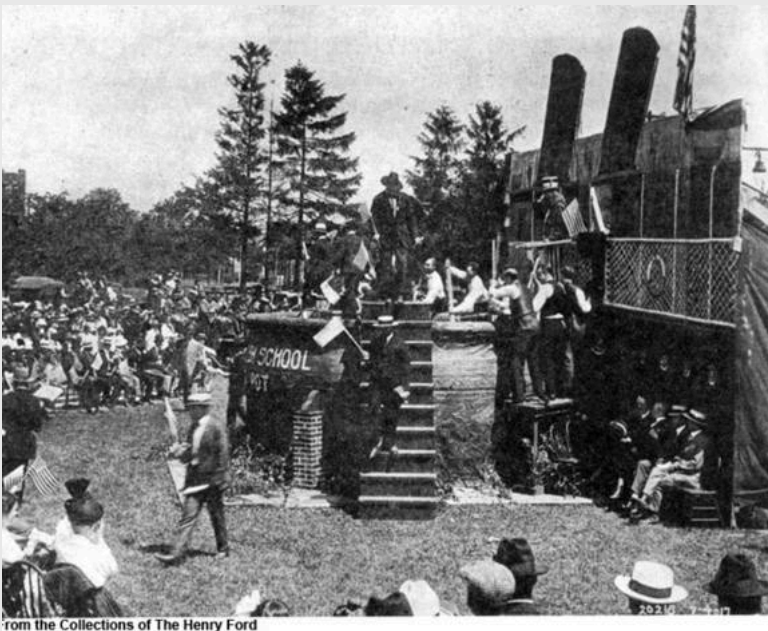
Fact -- There are many good books in the Public Library.

In using these lessons the teacher reads the verbs, having the class repeat them after him until they are fixed in their minds. After this the teacher reads the sentence, the class repeating it after him. So that the thought to be conveyed can be clearly understood, in reading this sentence the teacher goes through the motions of the thought conveyed, or has the object

referred to in his hands. As an example, in the seventh sentence of this lesson the teacher will have a hand broom in his hand, and goes through the action of using it. This pantomime interpretation of the lessons thoroughly instills in the student's mind the practical illustrations of the verb, or name of the article in the lesson.

When the school was organized there was a single instructor, and only a score or so of students. Today there

are more than 150 instructors, and over 2,500 students. The instructors are all employees in the factory, composed of foremen, machine operators, clerks, and plain workmen, who voluntarily give their time to this commendable work.



Many types come before the instructors. There is the type which has a good education in his native tongue, but knows no English; and the type that has a fair education in the mother-tongue, and knows a few disconnected English words, usually slang. Then there is the group which possesses little, if any, education, either native or English. The first and second classes progress rather rapidly, some of the men being able to read, write and speak English with a fair degree of correctness at the end of three months, though the average time for completing the course is six months. One class, set aside by itself, is very slow, completing but ten lessons in ten months.

### And The Winner Is!

By Wilbert Smith Ph.D. Technical Advisor

Pasadena High School Model A Club's (PHSMAFC) third car raffle was a success. Our winner, Richard Alexander, Lompoc California, was elated stating, "This is the first time I have ever won anything. I am surprised at how beautiful the car turned out."

Richard has been a strong supporter of the high school club since its inception in 2016. PHSMAFC is proud to be the only high school club operating on a high school campus. Our students grades nine through twelve, experience historical operation and restoration, including engine, transmission, auto body repair and paint, upholstery, and general assembly.

The club is one of the most popular after school programs. It meets weekly and is funded one hundred percent by generous donations and its car raffle whose entries are primarily purchased by MAFCA clubs and members. The club is directed and advised by a very capable volunteer staff.



*Congratulations to Richard Alexander, Lompoc CA., who won a newly restored 1929 Model A Murray Sedan.*



*Fall 2022 Model A Club grade nine through twelve.*

The club's community partners include Pasadena Community College's Automotive Technology Department, Safelite Auto Glass, Sardo's Upholstery, Caliber Collision, and Fix Auto, each company residing in the local Pasadena community.

"This is fun", says club president Amy Castillo who also says, "the joy of being in the Model A club is getting together with fellow students to learn about the Model A. I hope to own my own Model A someday." The club is starting its fourth Model A restoration and has begun offering raffle entries for its 1930 maroon and black coupe. More details to follow as we get closer to our mid-year, 2023 drawing.



*Our students in action.*

## **We continue to need your support**

We are not funded by the local school district and rely solely on donations and the proceeds from our raffle. For each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) contributed, the donor receives one raffle entry. Odds of winning are fabulous, given we limit the number of entries sold. We encourage those who can purchase multiple tickets to kindly do so. We express our sincere gratitude for each of our supporters.

Please address your tax-deductible donation to: PHSM AFC, 1968 Lake Ave, Suite 101, Altadena Ca. 91001. Kindly include a stamped, self-addressed envelope along with your phone number and email address. Your entry will be return mailed to you. Clear printing is appreciated.



*Auto body restoration*



*Engine rebuild*



*Delivery*



*Paint booth*

We also accept credit and debit cards by calling 626-390-7322. Winners need not be present. We also encourage any tax-deductible Model A vehicle donation in reasonable restorable condition.

We are available at [phsmafca@gmail.com](mailto:phsmafca@gmail.com) to request an email version of this document.

*December 2022*

# MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT



Gra-Neva A's meetings under the stars at Sierra Starr winery to resume in May. Phil & Anne Starr have graciously invited us back to hold our summer meetings on the patio at the winery, 11179 Gibson Drive, Grass Valley, CA 95945. Bring your Model A, or other vintage vehicle, and bring picnic dinner. Option to purchase glass or two of wine. Picnic starts at 6 PM and meeting at 7 PM.



From Ryck Johnson: What years were the first Model A's and Model B's manufactured? What is the Model A speed record? Answers last page.

Find Auto Brand Names on Right in Word Square Below. How Many Can You find?


## WORD SEARCH

Defunct American Auto Makers #2

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**Penn Valley Rodeo Parade!**

Saturday, May 20, 2023  
 Presented by the Penn Valley Area Chamber of Commerce

**Staging:**

- 1:00 pm at Western Gateway Park (18560 Penn Valley Drive, Penn Valley, CA 95946)
- Parade Starts Promptly at 2:00 pm - Rain or Shine -
- Please COMPLETE and RETURN the Entry Form ASAP
- Due to arrangement of the Parade line-up we CANNOT ACCEPT ENTRIES ON PARADE DAY!



**GRILLS-N-GRILLES**

BENEFITTING SCHOOL PANTRIES AND FOOD ACCESS SATURDAY

**MAY 13, 2023**  
**11AM-4PM**


WESTERN GATEWAY PARK, PV

**BACKYARD BBQ**  
**CLASSIC CARS & MOTORCYCLES**  
**LIVE MUSIC: GREASE, GRIT AND GRIME**  
**FOOD TRUCKS AND MORE**

**BBQ TEAMS, CARS, MOTORCYCLES AND VENDORS SIGN UP AT UWNC.ORG**



**EVENT IS FREE TO PUBLIC**  
 FOR MORE INFORMATION: CALL 530-274-8111 OR ADMIN@UWNC.ORG

**The Great Republic of Rough and Ready**  
*Secession Days Chili Cook-off*

June 4, 2023 7AM - 3PM

**Making Model A's Cool Again**



**2023 Sonora A's/Modesto A's/SCVC A's/  
 NCRG Mini-Roundup Registration**  
**May 26-28, 2023**

**48th ANNUAL MOTHER LODE MODEL T CLUB**

## SWAP MEET

**Sunday**  
**June 4, 2023**  
**Gold Country Fairgrounds**  
**Auburn, Calif.**

**Vendor Gate Opens 6 AM** - All Spaces 15x25 - \$30.00 ea.  
**Buyer Gate Opens at 6 AM** - Buyer entry \$5.00.  
**Vendor setup after 3 pm**, or when the field is finished, Saturday, June 3.  
 All spaces first come basis. No Space reservations needed.

**Vintage & Classic Cars, Parts and Memorabilia only.**  
**\*\*All vendors must vacate by 3 pm Sunday, June 4.\*\***

Alcoholic beverages, Firearms, Food Sales & Open Fires not allowed.  
 Proceeds will benefit local charities.

Food Booth on site provided by local food vendors.

Contacts: Gary 916-599-0059 or John 916-202-5842

More Info- Updates: <https://www.motherlodemodelt.com>

Directions: I-80 Eastbound, exit Maple St., follow signs to fairgrounds. I-80 Westbound, exit Nevada St., cross over freeway & follow signs to fairgrounds.

Enter at 200 Fairgate Rd. from Auburn Folsom Rd., Spaces on the Ball Field.



**ROAMIN ANGELS**  
 Cruisin' the Pines

## CAR SHOW

September 9, 2023 • 9am-4pm  
 400 Providence Mine Road, Nevada City  
 In partnership with CLASSIC CAR WEST NEVADA CITY

- Great new location
- All paved parking
- Easy access
- Lots of shade under the pines - Sorry no entrant pop-ups allowed
- Music
- Food vendors
- Beer and Wine Vendor
- Commercial Vendors
- Artisan Arts and Craft Vendors
- Art Show
- Pinstripers and Pinstripping Events
- Gravity Drags
- Law Enforcement Exhibits
- Much more!

Plus



2nd Annual Local Boy and Girl Scouts Event

**Recycled Roadsters**

You be the Judge! Check out these wild, wonderful recycled and repurposed creations made by kids from kindergarten to high school!

**Come and Enjoy the Show!**  
 Park First then go to registration  
 Gate open Saturday at 7am

Show Hours for the public: 9am to 4pm  
 \$5 General Admission  
 Kids 12 and Under Free with paid adult  
 Active and Reserve Military Free

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Gra-Neva Model A Club**  
**Trailblazers Craft Pizza**  
**April 27, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Vice President, Bill Mitchell. He said President Aaron Johnson was unable to attend this evening.

**REPORTS: VICE-PRESIDENT:** Bill Mitchell had no report

**SECRETARY:** Sandy Yanko asked if there were any corrections to the the minutes from the Mach meeting. The only comment was about the comment Aaron had made about hearing there is no ethanol in Premium gasoline in California. Bill Mitchell indicated this apparently is not true. Gary Spencer and Kay Harms made motion to accept the minutes as written. They were approved.

**TREASURER:** Jan Elliott was absent but sent message that there is no Treasurer's report since there has been no activity.

**EDITOR:** Bill Yanko asked members to give him information for articles in the newsletter. He noted that he had received the MAFCA Membership Roster and it belongs to the Club so anyone can borrow it. It will be very helpful on tours away from home to find others who can help with Model A's. Bill Mitchell suggested this roster might be kept by the Tour Chairman. The editor will first develop a list of MAFCA members who are local and might join GraNeva A's, then he will offer the roster to the Tour Chairman.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Gary Spencer said no new members have joined this month.

**PUBLICITY:** Donna Lichti has sent publicity to the Restorer Magazine.

**TOUR CHAIRMAN:** Vern Harms talked about a recent tour and upcoming plans.  
April 10 – Use up old gas tour. Attendees: Campbells, Turnsks, Straws, Harmses, Spencers and Ambrose. They had a great tour on backroads and viewed abundant wildflowers.  
May 20 - Penn Valley Rodeo Parade. 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Need to complete entry form. Parade starts at 2:00 pm. Staging is at 1:00 pm at Gateway Park.  
May 21 – Tour to Oroville Dam State Park, Brunch Feather Falls Casino using the back roads. Then to Collins Lake for ice cream. Meet at 9:00, in parking lot by JC Penneys and Dollar Store.  
June 4 - Rough and Ready Secession Day from 7 am – 3 pm. Weldon Travis tour leader. There is a parade and Chili Cook-off.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

April 29 - 30 Sacramento Autorama

May 6 - - - - Spring Hill Climb in Auburn. 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. If 3-4 members come together in their individual cars, he can give a discount to the admission price. (Steve Straw)

June 4 - - - - - Mother Lode Model T Club Swap Meet at Gold Country Fairgrounds, Auburn (Steve Straw)

May 6 – Downtown Grass Valley Car Show

Huge Collection Restorer Magazines for sale \$100 from Bruce Davis past member.



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**TECHNICAL:** Steve Straw told us that he has been helping go through our deceased member, Jerry Dorville's car parts with his family and former Club member, Phil Lauren. There will be many things for club members to buy when they finish. He announced now that there are 11 grease guns that members could have. They have found Model T parts, Model A parts.

Steve Turnsk said is good to grease your car every season.

Steve Straw and Vern Harms stated they have specialized tools that they are willing to loan to Club members for work on their cars. They discussed writing up a list of tools they have for members.

Sheriff: Steve Straw collected \$2.00 from members not wearing badges and gave it to Kay Harms to deposit.

**ATTENDANCE AWARD:** The award is worth \$40 tonight. Lindsey Johnson was drawn but not in attendance. The award will be \$50 next month.

**50-50 RAFFLE:** Roy Lebeck won \$50.

**ADJOURNMENT** Bill Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Yanko, Secretary

**ATTENDEES:** Sandy & Bill Yanko, Steve & Vicky Straw, Vern & Kay Harms, Bill & Avon Steen, Gary & Janet Spencer, Doug Giles, Weldon Travis, Kelly Stevenson, Bob & Bobbie Whiting, Jim Luckinbill, Marty Clampitt, Roy Lebeck, Calvin & Virginia Campbell, Wayne & Tish Buti, Don & Donna Lichti, Bill Mitchell, Denise Hugenberger, Steve & Kristi Turnsk, Phil Starr.

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**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT**  
**Gra-Neva Model A Club**  
**Trailblazers Craft Pizza**  
**March 23, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Aaron Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and welcomed everyone back since we had to cancel our February meeting due to snowy weather.

**REPORTS:**

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Bill Mitchell had no report

**SECRETARY:** Sandy had no report and Aaron asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the January meeting. There were none. Vern made a motion to accept, Sharon seconded and the minutes were approved as written.

**TREASURER:** In Jan Elliott's absence, Aaron read the Treasurer's report of January 1 – February 23. The Checking account balance is \$2,345.87, Attendance award is \$40 and Petty Cash is \$85.80.

**EDITOR:** Bill Yanko reported that he did not want to be responsible for starting any rumors. 😊 He confessed to an error in the recent Newsletter regarding a trip taken by the Ryck Johnson's and Campbells, mistakenly writing that Ryck and Virginia Johnson were together. He received a note from Linda Johnson, who is in Mexico with Ryck, letting him know that to the best of her knowledge Virginia is still with Calvin.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Gary Spencer handed out new rosters and asked that everyone check them to be sure their information is correct. Aaron asked everyone to take a photo of the roster with their phone so they would have it with them when we are on tours.

**PUBLICITY:** Donna Lichti had no report.

**SUNSHINE:** Jennifer asked if anyone knew of someone who needed to receive a card.

**TOUR CHAIRMAN:** Vern gave dates for Swap Meets: Woodland – April 22, Sacramento Auto-Rama at Cal Expo – April 29 & 30, Auburn Swap Meet for Model T's & A's– June 4, Reno Baldwin Swap Meet.  
Tours: Clear Lake Club's Spring Opener Roundup Tour, May 5-7, cost \$500 announced by Gary.  
Sonora Roundup – May 26, 27, 28  
Use up the Old Gas Tour – April 10. Meet Target parking lot, go backroads to Northridge, Penn Valley.  
Phil Starr – Idea going Hwy 160 to Sacramento Ferry. Foster Big Horn??  
Mystery Tour – May 20 weekend. Chico, single overnight, Thunderbird Hotel \$120/night. Shubert's Ice Cream, Table Mountain, Gridley, Bidwell Park.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Sharon asked about the Downtown Grass Valley car show. She would like to take her Mustang to show and possibly sell. Tish Buti said the plans were up in the air so far due to the downtown construction. Steve Straw announced the upcoming Auburn Spring Hill Climb May 6, and the Auburn Swap Meet, June 4.



**OLD BUSINESS:** Aaron said he has learned there is no ethanol in Premium gasoline in California. We should be using this in our old cars.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**TECHNICAL:** Phil Star asked about necessity of rebuilding an engine that had low compression but was running good. He indicated pistons looked good. He wanted opinions and advice. Discussion followed.

There was also discussion about developing a group buying program to get a discount on parts or lower shipping costs. No specific decision was made. It was mentioned that sometimes putting parts in shopping list, but not buying immediately, may result in discount offer from supplier. Snyder's was mentioned as good vender to deal with.

**Sheriff:** Steve Straw collected \$5.00 from members not wearing their club badge.

**ATTENDANCE AWARD:** Tonight's award will be \$30. Kay drew Virginia Stevenson's name who was not present. The award will be \$40 next month.

**50-50 RAFFLE:** Denise Hugenberger won \$50.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Vern, seconded by Steve Straw to adjourn. Aaron adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Yanko, Secretary

**ATTENDEES:** Debra Bamber, Roman Kvapil, Sandy&Bill Yanko, Weldon Travis, Sharon Pierce, Joseph Stinson, Denise Hugenberger, Janet&Gary Spencer, Vern&Kay Harms, Bill&Avon Steen, Bob Ambrose, Steve&Vicky Straw, Wayne&Tish Buti, Doug Giles, Kristi&Steve Turnsk, Calvin&Virginia Campbell, Ron&Lois Bianchini, Don&Donna Lichti, Aaron&Jennifer Johnson, Phil Starr, Bill Mitchell, Steve Halverson.



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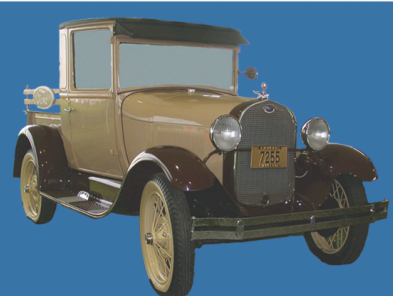
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