

# GRA-NEVA GRAM

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GraNeva A's Model A Ford Club of America

AUGUST 2021

**When the Model "A" first came out**

HOW PROUDLY YOU DEMONSTRATED THE EXCEPTIONALLY FINE RIDING QUALITIES

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## President's Message for AUGUST 2021

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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## GRA-NEVA GRAM

Club meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month - At ( at 7:00 p.m. We welcome all guests. Check our Newsletter for location.

If you are interested in a membership in MAFCA; write to MAFCA, 250 S. Cypress, La Habra, CA 90631

Items for the newsletter can be emailed to:  
sharonpierce1945@gmail.com

Check our Website at:  
Granevaas.com  
for past newsletters

Well, here we go again. Will 2020 ever end? Hopefully we're not headed into another few months of shut downs. We' haven't even had our 60th anniversary yet, and I really don't want to celebrate it on our 62nd year.

So, let's all settle in for the last 4 months of this rollercoaster year and see how we do. We have a September meeting in the park, an October Celebration (that may include an abbreviated meeting), a Souper Saturday to look forward to in November and with any luck a great Christmas celebration in December.

So long story short, we'll get through this, we will see light at the end of the tunnel. We will drive cool old cars, eat good food, and enjoy good company. Don't fret, we've got this. See you all out on the road. Don't hibernate just yet, you A's are begging to be driven.

Godspeed,

AJ



## Sunshine Report

I think all is well, except for our usual smoke and Covid. Please stay in, or wear your masks... both for Covid and smoke!



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

## 2021 Gra-Neva A's Meetings: (4thThursday)

**September 23rd**, Thursday at 7:00PM - Meet at Mautino Park in Grass Valley on Alta Street.

**October 28th**, Thursday at 7:00PM - Meet at Mautino Park in Grass Valley on Alta Street.

**November/December** - Information coming soon!

### UPCOMING Model A Tours & Dinners for 2021

**September 4th - Saturday**, Going Away Party for Ted and Louise Baerresen - @ Nevada Co Airport Picnic Grounds. Read the Minutes on Pgs 5&6, Meeting at Kmart parking lot at 3:30. please read the Minutes for what to bring, etc !

**October 16th** - 60+ Years GraNeva A's Reunion - Commodore Park in Lake Wildwood. Begins at 2PM til approx. 7:30PM. Please get back to Steve Straw as to whether you can come! ASAP!! 530-432-9132 (straw0966@gmail.com) More to come, stay tuned!!

**December 18th** - Holiday Party at the Willo, more to follow. Please mark your calendars!!!

### Upcoming Shows/Swap Meets 2021

**September 18th** - Fall Hill Climb - presented by Norcal FAST near the Auburn Airport. Again please check out Minutes from this Newsletter. Questions: Steve Straw.

**September 25th** - Classic Car & Parts Swap Meet, Yolo County Fairgrounds. "In Rust We Trust"

**October 3rd** - *LWW Car Show in Commodore Park - more from Bill Yanko soon.*

**Turlock Swap Meets** - 11/7/21

Stanislaus Co Fairgrounds - for info 209-578-4797

**If you need any Technical advice,  
please contact Ron Pierce at  
530-470-8930.**

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- ◆ Cars & Coffee - **every** Saturday at Kmart GV from 8-10AM
- ◆ Also at Mel's in Auburn on Wednesdays from 6-9 pm. And you get your **dinner discounted**. Outdoor seating. It's fun!! (probably indoors now too)

## EDITOR'S NOTES:

Hello to all my friends~

Check out pages 7 and 8 for the write-up of our newest members: Don & Donna Lichti.

Our September meeting will still be in the park as usual. Please attend the "Going Away" Party for the Baerresens. It will be a real good time!

Be sure to mark your calendars for our big 60+ Reunion on October 16th. There's a flyer on page 10. Arrive around 2'ish, dinner is at 4:30 and all is over ~7:30. Guest are \$15 a person. Cut off for letting Steve Straw know if you are coming is 10/1/2021.

Hopefully I'll see you all at the Going Away Party!!

Your Editor,

*Sharon Pierce*



PS September Meeting is Mautino Park in Grass Valley like last month. Chairs required!!



# HAVES AND WANTS

## WANTS:

Old Model A Parts. The Older the better. Call AJ if you've got some? 530-575-2813

**HAVES: To sell - Ted Baerresen 530-274-2965 Real Soon!!!!**

# September - October BIRTHDAYS



9/7 Irene Travis  
9/11 Kristi Turnsk

10/5 Roy Lebeck  
10/17 Virginia Campbell  
10/19 Jim Luckinbill  
10/21 Tim Walker  
10/24 Irene Travis



ON HOLD TIL  
FURTHER NOTICE

## REFRESHMENTS

Meeting refreshments (ie cookies, pies, etc.) will be brought in by individual members, alphabetically by last name each month. (stay tuned)

Any questions re refreshments or can't make it to the meeting, please contact Aaron Johnson and/or Bill Mitchell.

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We will discuss at our meeting next, hopefully.

Maybe bring your own?



# September - October ANNIVERSARIES



9/6 Don & Donna  
Lichti  
9/10 Steve & Vicky  
Straw  
9/10 Bill & Karen  
Mitchell  
9/13 John & Caroline  
Burnside  
9/19 Theodore & Dorothy  
Johnson

10/19 Steve & Kristi  
Turnsk

*THANKS TO JENNIFER JOHNSON  
FOR BIRTHDAY &  
ANNIVERSARY INFORMATION*



**GRA-NEVA MODEL A CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

JULY 22, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-President Bill Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Mautino Park In Grass Valley

**REPORTS:**

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Bill reported that although he looks at the ACCC website frequently there is rarely new information posted. He is going to try a different method of getting information of what they are doing for car clubs.

**SECRETARY:** Sandy had no report. The club was asked to approve the minutes from 7/22/21 and they were approved.

**TREASURER:** In Jan Elliot's absence, Sandy Yanko read the Treasurer's Report. As of 8/24/21 our checking account balance is \$4,452.64, Mystery Tour Fund is \$404.75, Holiday Dinner Fund is \$223.04, Attendance Award is \$80 and Sheriff Collections is \$49.80.

**EDITOR:** Sharon Pierce had nothing to report.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Kristi Turnsk was absent.

**PUBLICITY:** No report

**SUNSHINE:** Bill Mitchell reported that Jennifer Johnson had nothing to report.

**TECHNICAL:** Ron Pierce had no report. **Steve Turnsk** reported on rebuilding brakes for the Model A. He noted you need to be aware that the part you get to rebuild can be oversized and you need to do a lot of fitting with it before you get it just right. **Vern Harms** discussed a way to save tires when a Model A is stored. Overfilling tires and putting a metal or plastic barriers under the tires so no moisture can be absorbed from the concrete.

**TOUR CHAIRMAN:** Vern Harms

**Babbitt Pouring and Finishing Demonstration** for Aug. 14 had been cancelled

**Miner's Picnic:** Cancelled for Aug. 28.

**Sept. 4 – A Going Away Picnic** will be held for long time members, **Ted and Louise Baerresen**. It will be held at the Nevada County Airport Picnic Grounds. Everyone is to bring their choice of meat to grill, a side dish to share and their own drinks. The Club will provide water, dessert and Vern and Buzz will be the grill masters. Everyone should bring their own table service: plates, utensils, cups, napkins. We will meet at K-Mart parking lot at 3:30 and drive together to the airport.

**Sept. 18 – The Fall Hill Climb** in Auburn presented by NorCal FAST near the Auburn Airport. Racer's fee \$50, Spectators \$10. If anyone wants to create a group of 10 who come together the spectator fee would be \$5. Flyer with map will be included in the next Newsletter. Maria's breakfast burritos available in the morning.

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (continued)

**Oct. 16 – The 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Gra-Neva Model A Club.** Commodore Park Pavilion in Lake Wildwood. 12 noon to 8 pm. A BBQ meal of pulled pork or chicken breast with three salads. Bring your own drinks, table service, napkins. Water and dessert provided by the Club. Free for members, \$15 for guests. Hubley car races will be ongoing throughout the day. **Notify Steve Straw to sign up by Oct. 1.**

**Oct. 3 – Lake Wildwood Car Show.** Bill Yanko announced that this may be going forward but he is waiting to hear from the sponsors regarding how they will handle new County Public Health mandates.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**First Prize in 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade:** Phil Drees brought the first prize blue ribbon to show members. He received an ovation for organizing the day and for offering his home for after parade activities. He will be the keeper of the blue ribbon.

**Constitution Day Parade:** Cancelled in Nevada City this year.

### OLD BUSINESS:

### NEW BUSINESS:

**New Meeting Venue:** The Club still needs to find a regular venue for meetings. Steve Turnsk said he spoke to Dottie who had worked at the **Elks Lodge** in Nevada City. She said we might be able to return to Thursdays there. Other venues mentioned were **Trailblazer Pizza** at Alta Sierra or **Tuscany Gardens** on Sutton in Grass Valley. Both have private rooms we might be able to use. We need to pursue this before fall.

**Club Anniversary:** Bill Mitchell talked about the history of our Club and pointed out we are one of the oldest Model A clubs in the country. We were chartered in 1960 and he brought the framed charter. He wants to display this at the Anniversary Picnic.

### ATTENDANCE AWARD

Karen Bansemer would have won \$30 but she was absent. Next month the prize will be \$40.

**50-50 RAFFLE:** Bob Ambrose won!

**Gots and Wants:** Ted Baerresen says he has a complete collection of the “Collectable Automobile Magazine” he would like to give away. He also has magnetic signs and a box of collected Model A “stuff”.

**ADJOURNMENT** – It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Bill Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Yanko, Secretary

**ATTENDEES:** Sandy & Bill Yanko, Bob Ambrose, Gary & Janet Spencer, Steve & Vicky Straw, Roy Lebec, Ted & Louise Baerresen, Kay & Vern Harms, Phil Drees, Ron Stucky, Steve Halverson, Dennis Westcot, Sharon & Ron Pierce, Bill Mitchell, Steve Turnsk, Jim Luckenbill.



Don Luchti's project for this year and beyond. 1931 Roadster Deluxe.



*Gra-Neva Gram*



## MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS: Don and Donna Lichti

We bought our 1931 Roadster Deluxe about 3 months ago. It was what some would call a "barn find." We are the second owners. It needs a total restoration from the frame up and is not drivable at the moment. Vern Harms told Don about it and was told to call Don Claydon who was representing the owner. Ron Pierce had also looked at the car first. It is now in our garage in various stages of parts off.

We moved to Grass Valley about 23 years ago. Don retired from the San Diego Naval Station a couple of years later. He stayed retired for a few years and then began building cabinets and remodeling bathrooms and kitchens. Donna was a preschool and elementary teacher. When Don began making cabinets, she helped him with the design and as customer/cabinet maker translator. She also was a professional holder of the long end when using the table saw and eyeballing the level on installations and did quality control.

We have two daughters who live in Long Beach. One is married and they have our three wonderful teenage grandchildren. They are also the reason we make nearly a dozen trips south each year. She is an elementary teacher and her husband travels around the world building playgrounds in impoverished neighborhoods. The other daughter is single and a nurse. She has traveled to many countries as a medical missionary. She now is stateside working as an ombudsman for clinical trials.

We love traveling, hiking (Donna more than Don), fishing (Don more than Donna) and exploring new sights.







Vice President  
Bill Mitchell  
presiding for AJ  
Johnson - Pres-  
ident.

Good job Bill !!

## AUGUST 26TH - CLUB MEETING AT MAUTINO PARK IN GRASS VALLEY





# Gra-Neva Model A Ford Club



## 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARTY

**OCTOBER 16, 2021 2:00- 7:30**

@ the Pavilion in Lake Wildwood - Penn Valley

**MENU:** pulled pork or chicken breast, 3 side salads, rolls, soft drinks/water-utensils/plates provided

2:00pm- Hubley racing begins, runs all day long

4:30pm- Dinner is served

5:30pm- Hubley GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP racing

7:30pm- Trophy Ceremony

Gra-Neva member families **FREE**- guests \$15 each  
B.Y.O.B., bring chairs If you want a Hubley front row seat  
(picnic tables with benches provided)

**RSVP - Steve Straw BEFORE October 1, 2021**  
**530-432-9132 or straws0966@gmail .com**

**DIRECTIONS:** from Hwy 49 in Grass Valley- go west on Hwy 20 7.6 miles- turn right/north @ Pleasant Valley Rd (second stop light)- proceed north through the stop sign/ main gate of Lake Wildwood, past the LWW damn and turn right/east into Lake Wildwood 2.9 miles- get into left lane @ the guard shack and tell them you are with the Gra-Neva Model A Club and your name- proceed in about 0.2 miles, the Pavilion/ parking is on the right.



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