

# GRA-NEVA GRAM

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## Lake Oroville Dam Tour - March 28th 2017



## President's Message for March 2017

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 Elks Lodge in Grass Valley on Highway 20 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](http://Granevaas.com)  
for past newsletters



## Sunshine Report

Steve Straw informed me earlier this month that Lois Jennings passed away. Her husband is Don Jennings and they were active in our club along time ago. Prayers to Don. Speedy recovery to Myra Clampitt who broke her ankle.

Please let Janet Spencer know how everyone is doing 477-5570.

Dear Fellow Members,

Three weeks ago Kristi and I adopted 5 little chicks. We got them for a buck apiece at the Ridge Feed store. They are living in a big dog crate in our house with a 45 watt lamp in order to keep them warm until they get their feathers. We each check in on them about a dozen times a day, and automatically count them. They cannot go anywhere, but still we count them. One, two, three, four, five!

We also count our dog...one. I count the time, I check my bank account balance (that's counting), count the level in the gravity water tank to the house whenever I wash my hands in the outside sink (where the gauge is located). I count the workers in restaurants as well as the customers and cars parked (to prepare myself for the amount of time it will take to eat). When I was port engineer during a shipyard period I counted the number of people working on each job, during each shift, during each day, and each crane pick for each job. As chief engineer I counted barrels of fuel, tons of water, and minutes per day (time zones). I also count my Model A's, the batteries that it takes to keep them running, and gallons of gas in the fuel tanks that are topped off. Everyone counts their PG&E meter!

Most of the stuff I count can be directly related to a dollar amount, which has a self energizing motivation: to keep my job, not bounce my bank account, or limit my hobbies. One thing I have noticed is that it is very difficult to keep count of something that has no tangible value. Like for instance: how many pounds of air pressure that is in my tires. Everyone in our club has many tires sitting on our properties, and who gets enthusiastic about fetching an air gauge, bending down low to the ground, unscrewing the valve cap, and checking the air pressures? If the tire is low, the real chore begins! Is it that air is so cheap and that we take it for granted? In visiting Jamaica a couple of times, I observed that the kids there will steal air from rental cars using jumper hoses for their bicycle tires. They know the value of air!

I am encouraging all of us to check the air pressure in our tires; make it a habit! My take on the old adage, "don't count your chickens before they hatch" is a strong warning; that once we start counting (anything, even air), we will never stop!

Respectfully, Steve

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

**April 27** - Elks Lodge in Nevada City @ 7PM  
**May 25** - Elks Lodge in Nevada City @ 7PM  
**June 22** - Elks Lodge in Nevada City @ 7PM

## UPCOMING Tours:

April 19th, Wednesday - Mel's Drive In in Auburn, 3-5PM  
Graffiti Night - 20% off dinner when you bring you're A's.

April 24th - Monday Cemetery Tour, Lead by Janet Spencer and Bobbie Whiting - More details to follow.

May 5-7th - Spring Opener in Quincy. Contact Gary Spencer for details and read the email that went out.

May 19th - Ron Bledsoe's Miner's Village in Chicago Park. Kmart @9:30, leave at 9:45AM Sharp! Steve Straw leading.

June 17 and 18th - Allegany Tour. Ted Baerresen to lead.

## **Upcoming Swap Meets/Shows 2017**

April 23rd Sunday - Swap Meet, presented by Horseless Carriage Club @ American River College.

April 29th Saturday - Sacramento Swap Meet - Location: Cal Expo

April 30th - Sunday Swap Meet, American River College 5am-Noon

June 4th Sunday, Auburn - Mother Lode Swap Meet

Gold Country Fairgrounds 5am to 3pm.

Cars & Coffee - Saturdays at Kmart GV from 8-10AM

Wings & Wheels - Second Saturday of the month at the Auburn Airport.

Every Wednesday 3-5PM at Mel's Diner in Auburn. Graffiti Night, bring you're A's and get 20% off on dinner.

## EDITOR'S NOTES:

Dear friends:

Well the newsletter is a bit late this month due to a tour that was Tuesday (3/28) and I wanted to have pictures for this edition.

It was a great tour and check out the tours mentioned on the left side of this page. Also some cool swap meets that Vern Harms told me about. Support your club!

Your Editor &  
Publisher

*Sharon Pierce*



## Tech Talk



by Ron Pierce



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

## HAVES AND WANTS

*Check out the Minutes.*

## April BIRTHDAYS



4/1 Vicki Straw  
4/1 Buzz Elliott  
4/19 Phil Lawrence  
4/27 Dale White

## April ANNIVERSARIES



4/13 Marty & Myra  
Clampitt  
4/28 Ron & Sharon  
Pierce

## REFRESHMENTS

Coffee will be supplied by the Elks Lodge for \$1.00 per cup w/free re-fills.

Meeting refreshments\*\*\* will be brought in by individual members, alphabetically by last name each month.

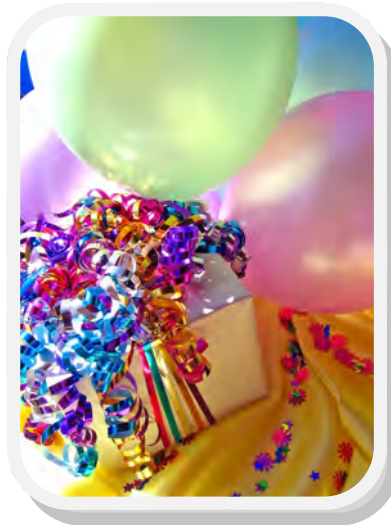
Any questions or can't make it to the meeting, please contact Steve Turnsk or Bob Ambrose.

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April - Barry Sudderth

May - Pat Tobin

June - Weldon Travis



*Thanks to Janet Spencer for birthday and anniversary information.*

**Call to order:** President Steve Turnsk, called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm at the Nevada City Elk's Lodge on March 23, 2017.

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

**Sheriff:** Sheriff Steve Straw was absent, therefore everyone remembered their nametag.

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

**Treasurer:** Treasurer Jan Elliott gave short, but riveting, report. Account is "doing good".

**Vice-President Report:** Nothing to report other than "the sun is shining".

**Editor:** Sharon Pierce. Articles are always welcomed. Just email to Sharon.

**Tours:** Steve Halverson

Steve is asking for volunteers to do tours in July, August, September, and October. It doesn't have to be elaborate or expensive...Just an excuse to get together and have a good time.

Upcoming tours include:

April 24<sup>th</sup>, Monday: Cemetery Tour. Meet 11:15 at Kmart. Lunch at Maya's Mexican. Go to Dennis Casella's office in Nevada City (Dennis knows everything about cemeteries) for a short presentation then to Pinegrove Cemetery.

May 5-7<sup>th</sup>, Spring Opener Tour. Must sign up by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Gary reports: We will be leading a tour to Quincy for the Spring Opener this year, May 5-7. Usually they hold this at Clear Lake but this year it will be in Quincy. We booked a room at the Lariat Lodge for May 5 & 6, phone #530-283-1000. Published price for the Lariat Lodge in Quincy of \$63 is for a single person/queen bed. If there is a couple with a queen bed, the price raises to \$71, or \$74 for a king bed. Still, not too bad. We have stayed in a couple of Quincy's motels before and this one was the best that we were at, but still not a four star! So please don't expect too much with the lodging. We suggest that you reserve soon because they may book up. Also you will need to send in the application for the event sometime before March 31st. That fee is \$82 per person and includes one dinner, one lunch and one breakfast. Sharon Pierce forwarded an email to you with the attached application. Any questions, call Gary & Janet Spencer, 530-477-5570.

## **Tours, continued.....**

Since the NCRG would like clubs to provide a gift for the raffle, the suggestion was made to make up a basket with a few things from local vendors/artisans. A motion was made and carried to use \$50 of club funds for this. Kay Harms volunteered to put it together. Christina Brodie will donate a bottle stopper.

May 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Northern Calif. Regional Group Hub Tour Hosted by Lodi Tokay A's. We don't have specific plans regarding this tour since we're involved with the Spring Opener, but in case anyone would like to participate... This year's hub is centered in Lodi and runs 5 days which includes a welcome party the first day and 4 days traveling to the four points on the compass for tours and fun at Ione Castle and Sanders Aeronautical, Grand Island Mansion, Hillmar Cheese Factory and Ironstone Vineyards. All-inclusive events for 2 people is \$484, or choose individual events. For more information call Chairman Gary Floyd, 209-969-1799.

June...any other ideas for tours?

June 17<sup>th</sup>, Allegany Tour. Ted will lead. Bring a lunch. Allegany has some neat historical tours since the town hasn't changed much in 150 years. More information will follow.

June 18<sup>th</sup> Father's Day Tour. Hilltop Commons has asked if we would bring our old cars (A's or T's) for their Father's Day festivities.

July 4<sup>th</sup>, Dutch Flat Parade Tour. There is a lunch about \$8. "Biggest water fight you've seen in your life", Says Janet Spencer.

September 24-29<sup>th</sup>, Marin Tour. Driving up Highway 1.

### **Interesting Things You Might Like:**

The annual Hill Climb in Auburn is coming up April 29<sup>th</sup>. Here's the flyer: <http://www.hotforhotfours.com/documents/auburnspring2017.pdf>

Every Saturday is Cars & Coffee in the Kmart parking lot. All cars are welcome and you won't see a more eclectic mix anywhere: Rat rods to Bentleys. No RSVP; just show up and stay as long as you like.

Auburn Airport has a similar thing, Wings & Wheels on the second Saturday through the summer.

**Sunshine Report:** Call from Sharon Pierce, Myra fell and broke her ankle. Please call! Steve Halverson attests to the joy of being contacted. Also, Dale White is in the hospital for gall stones and gall bladder removal.

**Technical:** Question: how to keep the door glass felts in place? There are hooks at the top and bottom, but glue helps. Gary used silicone to great effect.

**Gots & Wants:**

AJ asked if anybody had any speedster stuff (A or T). His wife wasn't present so he could ask for more (anyone selling a Tudor A?) Oops...I probably shouldn't have said that. Good thing I only used initials.

Dennis Westcot is looking for a "Scooter/engine stand". (The suggestion was made that a guy at the Turlock Meet is likely to have one.)

Steve Halverson has 4-19" tires, possibly Sears. They're old but still new. \$200

Vern Harms still has some nice, antique furniture.

Ted Baerrensen is selling a Model A transmission. Call for details.

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".

Steve Halverson needs fenders for his '26 Model T  
(Please let it be known to me if I should remove any information.)

**Show & Tell:** Christina Brodie, Secretary shared her wood-turned bottle stoppers. She's still a rank novice but everyone ohh'd and awe'd appreciatively: much to her delight.

**ACCC:** Bill Mitchell Recommendation: Drop these suckers like a hot potato. He's done everything: still no contact. Seems to be an ineffective group. Legislative conference is not even listed on the site. The observation was made that the group doesn't seem to be very concerned with our era of cars. Bills they list as "following" have nothing to do with cars. Also...the Smog bill has been effectively killed. A motion was made to discontinue "membership" and was carried. He will continue to monitor, and report changes.

**Old Business:** Information was received about the MAFCA show next year in Sparks. The NCRG would like our club to help with sign-ins and parking. If you provide your email to them, they will contact you directly and the organization will be through them.

Kristi Turnsk (Membership Chair), and I are still working on putting together a “New Member Packet” to show at next meeting.

Informational club cards were available at the meeting for members to hand out to interested people. Contact me, Christina, if you need some.

The question was raised, “Why aren’t we listed in the Club News section in *The Union*? We’ll check with Denia Hubbard (Publicity). There are similar things in other publications, like *The Restorer*. Jan Elliott volunteered to follow up with Denia.

**New Business:**

**Raffle:** Jan Elliott got \$35!

**Attendance Drawing:** Adler drew Jan Elliott’s name but she had him draw another: Bob Ambrose is \$20 to the good.

**Attendees:** Christina Brodie, Gary & Janet Spencer, Bob & Bobbie Whiting, Steve Halverson, Jerry & Sharlene Dorville, Phillip Lawrence, Ted and Louise Barrensen, Kelly Stevenson, Buzz and Jan Elliott, Norman Plise, Dennis Westcot, Bill Mitchell, Aaron and Adler Johnson, Phil Drees, Bob Bickelmann and Sandi Schilling, Steve & Kristi Turnsk, Vern & Kay Harms, and Bob Ambrose.

One “A” was in attendance. Way to go, Bob Ambrose!

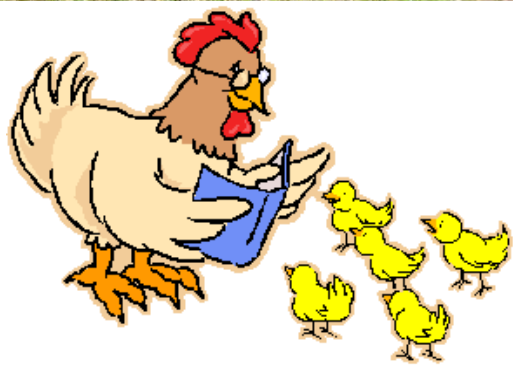
Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm, moved, seconded and carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christina Brodie, Secretary





Steve's AA Express truck that helps him in his building projects.



Steve and Kristi's five little chicks. They all have names, ask Kristi.



Steve's building a chicken coop for the chicks!



## *Lake Oroville Dam and Feather River Casino Tour*

*March 28, 2017*

The tour was led by Bob Ambrose. It started out at Kmart with donuts for all. We left at about 9:15 am. Bob took us on almost all backroads. It was delightful! Everything was so green and pretty.

We got to the Feather River Casino and Lodge about 12:15pm. We went into the Casino Brewery and had a great lunch. There were about 18 people in total. We had six Model A's and I believe 2 or 3 modern cars. We had a bit of a wait for the food, but it was worth it! Chris the server was great!!

We left there and went to the Lake Oroville Museum and Lockout Tower; 48 steps to the top of the tower. What a view of the dam! Got some good photos.

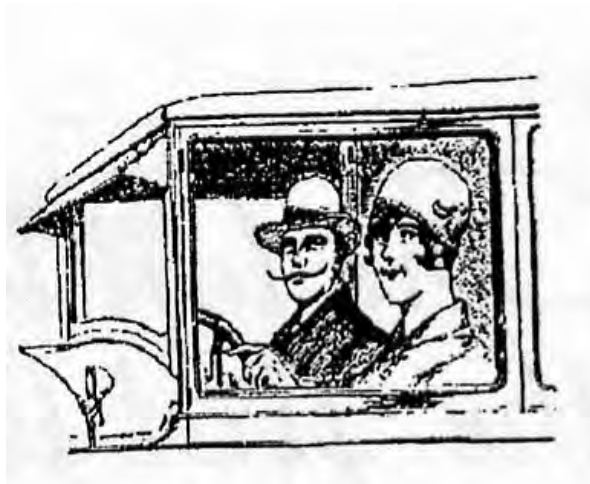
We proceeded home taking all backroads, except for Hi-way 20. Ron and I left the pack at that time.

Thank you Bob Ambrose for all the preparations! Couldn't have asked for a prettier day and a great way to start of the year for tours!!

People attended:

Bob Ambrose & Linda, Steve & Kristi Turnsk, Ron & Sharon Pierce, Kay & Vern Harms, Paul Bevelhymer & Shirley, Steve & Vicki Straw, Buzz & Jan Elliott, Gary & Janet Spencer, John Burnside, and Steve Halverson.

Submitted by: Sharon Pierce





First stop for our Oroville Dam Tour.

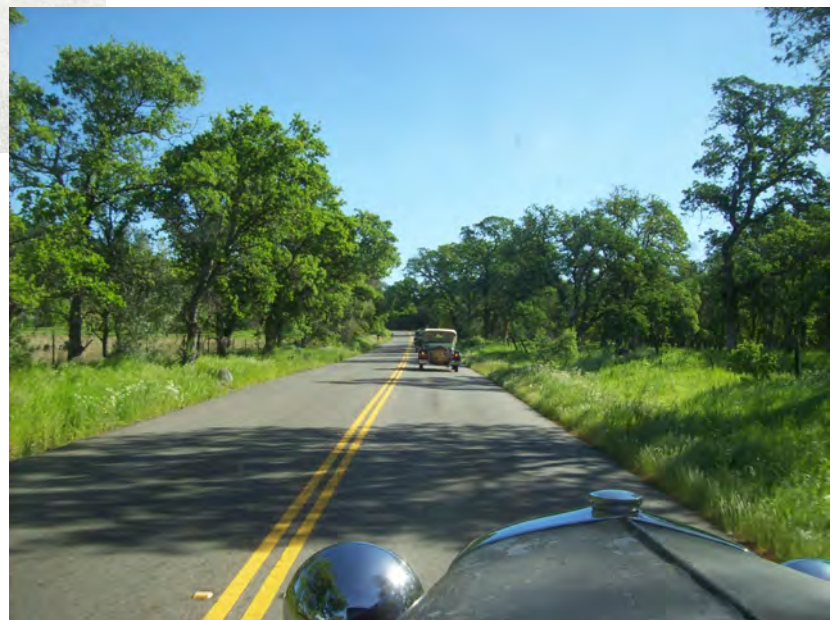


Steve Straw, Kay and Vern Harms, Vicki Straw and Steve Halverson.



Scrambling to get back on the road after stopping for potty break and coffee.

On the road again!



# Sierra Buttes



Gorgeous greenery all around us. Beautiful Day!



Feather River Casino and Brewery. Great Lunch!





After lunch we left to visit Oroville Dam Museum and take pictures.

Inside the Museum, great displays and videos on how the dam was made.





Beautiful Oroville Dam





These are pictures I pulled off the internet.





## Spillway Damage - February 2017

Pictures taken off  
the internet.







Gary and Janet  
Spencer  
1930 Phaeton

Buzz & Jan Elliott's  
1931 Roadster  
Vern & Kay Harms  
1931 Victoria



Ron and Sharon's  
"Greenie"  
1931 S/W Town sedan

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Krippled Fishing Lures, USA, was started in 1992 to distribute the Krippled Fishing Lures line of Salmon tackle in the US. Krippled Fishing Lures is a Canadian manufacturer of Salmon tackle that started production in 1964.

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 for your second year!! Kelly Stevenson at 530-477-8797

Renewed 1/1/17

**If you know of someone who wants to Advertise in our Newsletter monthly, have them contact me, Sharon Pierce at 530-470-8930.**