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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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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.

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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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for past newsletters**

## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023**

Dear Club,

It's been a crazy start to the new year. More rain than we've seen in a long time. It certainly has impacted my winter old car driving, as well as my winter old car fixing. Adler and I did manage to get our Model T out a few times for fun trips around the neighborhood. I look forward to a great 2023 with many tours and fun activities in the works. We are ready to hold our January meeting on 1/26/2023 at Trailblazers. Meet for food at 6pm and the meeting kicks off at 7pm. If the weather is mild try to bring your old car. I'm sure it makes those in our community smile when they see these old cars lined up at our meeting. So I hope that you all have power, that you're dry, and that you're ready for the new year.

Godspeed,

AJ





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

Due to our winter weather, we do not have much for the schedule. If you have any suggestions for Tours or Activities, contact Vern Harms or Ryck Johnson.

Watch email for possible pop-up short tour if weather provides an opportunity. A lunch somewhere might work.

**January 26:** Monthly meeting at Trailblazers Pizza in Alta Sierra. Meeting starts at 7PM. Arrive around 6 PM to have dinner before meeting.

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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

This spot has been empty for over a year since we lost Ron Pierce. Everyone in the club who knew Ron benefitted from his knowledge and willingness to help. The time has come to pass the torch to our new Technical Advisor, Steve Turnsk. Steve knew Ron well, learned from him, and will carry on the tradition. Contact Steve at 530-274-7079 with questions.



## EDITOR'S NOTES

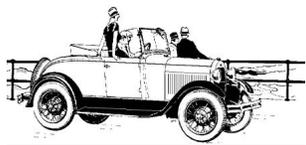
Welcome to a new year and a new front page banner. You noticed, didn't you? I thought it would be nice to consolidate the banner used on the club website with the newsletter banner. The shape of the banner is symbolic of the Sierra foothills. Now you know the secret. In addition to a new front page look, we are introducing a new periodic feature called Blast from the Past. Sharon Pierce is helping with this project. She will go back in time through her collection of newsletters and share what the club was doing around the same time as the current newsletter in some earlier year. It will just be a short little trip down memory lane, and maybe suggest some activities to revisit again as we get more new members. We will be experimenting with the format. Your feedback is always appreciated.

Wasn't that a great Xmas dinner this year? We had a good turnout and had the opportunity to get to know some of our newer members a little better.

Here's to a Happy and Healthy 2023 🍷🍷

Enjoy,  
*Bill Yanko*





# Member's Page

## HAVES & WANTS

No requests have been submitted. If you have any parts or other Model A related items you want to sell or give away, or are looking for something, send your request to [byanko@mac.com](mailto:byanko@mac.com) for listing here.



*Sharon Says...*



When you see something beautiful in someone, tell them. It may take you a second to say it, but for them, it could last a lifetime.

## Sunshine

We do not have any specific reports to share here, but with all the viruses running rampant in the community, some of our members have surely been afflicted. Here's some wishes for sunshine and brighter days coming your way.

## Happy Birthday



### January

- 1/3 Danielle Alfaro
- 1/3 Jennifer Johnson
- 1/4 Debbie Luckinbill
- 1/9 Gary Spencer
- 1/20 Bobbie Whiting
- 1/24 Louise Baerresen
- 1/24 Virginia Stevenson

### February

- 2/3 Barbara White
- 2/5 Karen Bansemer
- 2/10 Tish Buti
- 2/14 Welden Travis
- 2/16 Jan Elliott
- 2/22 Dorothy Johnson
- 2/24 Steve Turnsk
- 2/26 Steve Straw

## Anniversary Celebrations



### January

- 1/24 Weldon & Irene Travis
- 1/27 Bill & Sandy Yanko

### February

- 2/27 Tim & Sally Walker





# RON'S TECH TIP PAGE

This month's tip comes from Tom Endy and was discovered in the January 2023 issue of the Tailgater Model A Restorer's Club newsletter.

## TINY TIP: A Hidden Electrical Fault By Tom Endy

Reproduction Model A Ford firewall terminal blocks have been made in Hong Kong for at least 30 years and each has a potential hidden electrical fault that can cause a fire. The word Hong Kong is stamped on them. The back side of the terminal block seen on the right attaches directly to the fire wall with four screws. The originals were made with the two terminal studs molded in, while the reproductions have two screws threaded into them from the back that form the studs, and are retained by a nut on each. The two screws can easily back out and touch the fire wall. Both studs (screws) always have battery power on them, so there would be a direct electrical short circuit that is totally obscured. It is prudent to do some modification to the Hong Kong terminal blocks before installing them. First, apply a little Loctite to the threads of the two screws where they screw into the nut at front and securely tighten. Next fill the hole behind each screw head with JB Weld. This will prevent the screw from backing out and shorting to the fire wall. JB Weld is non-conductive. The terminal block seen below in the photo has had this done to it.





# FROM THE PAST

## Sharon Pierce

### 2012 Xmas Party at Apple Alley



Left: (Clockwise) Bobbie Whiting, Carl Ambrose with guest, Sharlene & Jerry Dorville, Bob Whiting.

Right: Sandy Hundemer, Bob Ambrose, Ginny & Steve Gleason, Steve Turnsk, Ron Pierce, Kristi Owens (Turnsk), Sharon Pierce.



Left: Proud Grand parents - Bill & Karen Mitchell with Adler Johnson.

Right: (Clockwise) Larry & Denia Hubbard, Ted & Louise Baerresen, Joan & Bill Toensing.



### First Club Meeting of 2012 was January 26, 7 PM at Penny's Diner



2012 Tour Directors  
Bill Mitchell & Steve Turnsk

### President's Letter- January 2012

I am honored to serve as president of Gra-Neva A's as we enter our fifty-second year. Louise and I have been members for just eight years and I still feel like a newcomer but, have enjoyed every minute. It will be hard to fill the shoes of Aaron Johnson, but I will give it my best shot. We finished the year with a great Christmas light tour and Christmas dinner at Apple Alley Restaurant with the installation of new officers.

Some of our members like to restore their cars and there are some beauties. Some of us like to collect parts and see what they can make of them and some like to take tours both long and short. Others are interested in Model "A" history. My favorite pas-time is driving our car on short and long tours. Louise has been my co-driver and we have covered a number of miles together. I encourage all our members to drive their cars and develop the confidence that their "A" will make the trip wherever it may take them. I also read anything historical that I can get my hands on. The Lincoln Highway is one of my favorites. Last but not least, I encourage everyone to consider accepting the roll of an officer and also to lead a tour to that special place you have discovered. Kay Harms said it best, "It's your club". Ted Baerresen



# Souper Saturday Annual Gra-Neva Soup Kitchen - November 19, 2022



Left: Ron & Lois Bianchini attending their first Gra-Neva A's event with their 1934 V-8 Phaeton.

Right: President AJ Johnson with family Jennifer & Adler, & Wayne Buti photo-bombing the family picture.



Right (clockwise) Don & Donna Lichti, Bobbie & Bob Whiting, Buzz & Jan Elliott, Sandy & Bill Yanko



Left: Kay Harms

Right below (clockwise) Steve Turnsk, Joseph Stinson, Denise Hugenberger, Gary Spencer, Virginia Campbell.



Right bottom: Linda & Ryck Johnson, Debbie & Jim Luckinbill, Kristi Turnsk.

Souper Saturday, 2022 was another great success. Sorry we didn't capture good pictures of everyone attending. Gourmet soup masterpieces were prepared by Kristi Turnsk, Minestrone; Virginia Campbell, Italian Tortellini; Spencers, Cabbage Soup; and Kay Harms, Black Bean Pumpkin soup. Other members brought breads, salads, and deserts. You can see all the happy faces. And the winner of our first annual best smile at Souper Saturday contest was Kay Harms. Check out the winning smile above, Runners up were Debbie Luckinbill and Virginia Campbell.





# 2022 Christmas Party at the Willo



Adler Johnson befriends the Campbell's grandson

Below: Buzz Elliott & Gary Spencer chat with mystery member while buck checks out Sandy Yanko.



The group congregates to chat close to bar for some reason.



Right: Phil & Anne Starr attend their first Gra-Neva A's Xmas Party. Anne takes home a prize! We appreciated Phil & Anne hosting our summer meetings at Sierra Starr Winery.



Below right: Passing of the torch. Sharon Pierce presents Ron's model tow truck to Steve Turnsk.

Installation of Board: Aaron Johnson, President; Jan Elliott, Treasurer; Sandy Yanko, Secretary; Bill Yanko, Editor; Gary Spencer, Membership; Vern Harms & Ryck Johnson, Tours. Bill Mitchell, VP, was not present.



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# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Gra-Neva Model A Club  
November 19, 2022 and December 17, 2022**

**November 19 – Souper Saturday  
Calvary Bible Church**

The GraNeva A's Club met at 12:00 pm for their annual Souper Saturday lunch.

President Aaron Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.  
The minutes from the October were approved as written.

Aaron asked the nominating committee to announce the 2023 Slate of Officers. Calvin Campbell read the names: Aaron Johnson, President; Bill Mitchell, Vice President; Jan Elliott, Treasurer; Sandy Yanko, Secretary; Gary Spencer, Membership; Bill Yanko, Editor; Vern Harms, Tour Co-Chair; Ryck Johnson, Tour Co-Chair. The Slate of Officers was approved unanimously.

Calvin also announced the appointed service chairpersons: Bill Mitchell, ACCC & Historian; Jennifer Johnson, Birthdays/Anniversaries & Sunshine; Donna Lichti, Publicity; Steve Straw, Sheriff; Bill Yanko, Webmaster; Steve Turnsk, Technical.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50.

**December 17, 2023  
The Willo Steakhouse**

The Club met for Christmas Dinner at the Willo at 5:00 pm.  
President Johnson called for a short meeting to install the newly elected board members. He read the oath of office for the board members which they all accepted. The Club welcomed the new officers for 2023.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Yanko, Secretary

OK, what's wrong wit  
youse guys? Cough up your dues, or  
I'll have to come back to town again. Send  
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# Future Regional Events



## Mother Lode Model T Club

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### 48th Annual Mother Lode Model T Club Swap Meet

**Save the Date: Sunday, June 4, 2023**

Vendor Gate Opens 6 AM – All Spaces 15x25 - \$30.00 ea.  
Buyer Gate Opens 6 AM -- Buyer entry \$5.00.  
Vendor Setup Saturday June 3, 3 PM  
No buying or selling allowed on Saturday.

All spaces first come basis. No space reservations.  
Vintage & Classic Cars, Parts and Memorabilia only.  
Alcoholic beverages, firearm, food sales & open fires not allowed.

All Vendors must vacate by 3 pm, Sunday, June 4.  
Onsite food provided by local food vendors.

Gold Country Fairgrounds, 200 Fairgate Rd., Auburn, Ca  
Directions: I-80 East bound, exit Maple St. Follow signs to Fairgrounds.  
I-80 West bound, exit Nevada Street, Cross over freeway, Follow signs.  
Enter From Auburn-Folsom Road, Left at Fairgate Rd.

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

Profits from our swap meet will benefit local charities

## The New Burtz Engine



# Seminar



**Saturday, February 18th, 2023**  
**9am-12 noon**  
**Presented By:**  
**Tim McMaster of**  
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## Antique Autos in History Park 2023



The 23rd annual Antique Autos in History Park ...a living history day ... is presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San José, will take place on **Saturday**, September 9, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This event fills History Park (Kelley Park, 693 Phelan Ave., San José, CA) with period-correct pre-1946 vehicles, fire equipment, bicycles and motorcycles. In addition to many antique vehicles, there will be participation by the Early Day Gas and Tractor Association, displays of Early Crafts and Antique Collectibles, a Dixieland Band, Singers, Dancers, Barbershop Quartet, Blacksmith Shop Demos, Trolley Rides, History San José Open Houses, and Kids Activities. Bring the family for a day of viewing, entertainment and fun. Admission to the event is: Adults \$ 10, Seniors \$ 8 Children (6 – 12) & HSJ Members \$ 5, Participants & Children Under 6 Free. For more information, contact Peder Jorgensen at [pederjorgensen51@gmail.com](mailto:pederjorgensen51@gmail.com) or 408-358-3398 or Allan Greenberg at [allangreenb01@gmail.com](mailto:allangreenb01@gmail.com) or 408-997-0879.

## Northern California Regional Group Model A Ford Club of America

The Sonora A's and Modesto A's are teaming up to host a mini roundup on Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday/Sunday May 27-28. It will be held at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds in Sonora. There is plenty of parking and RV and trailer sites available as well. Details about the specific events at the mini roundup will be shared as the planning continues.

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