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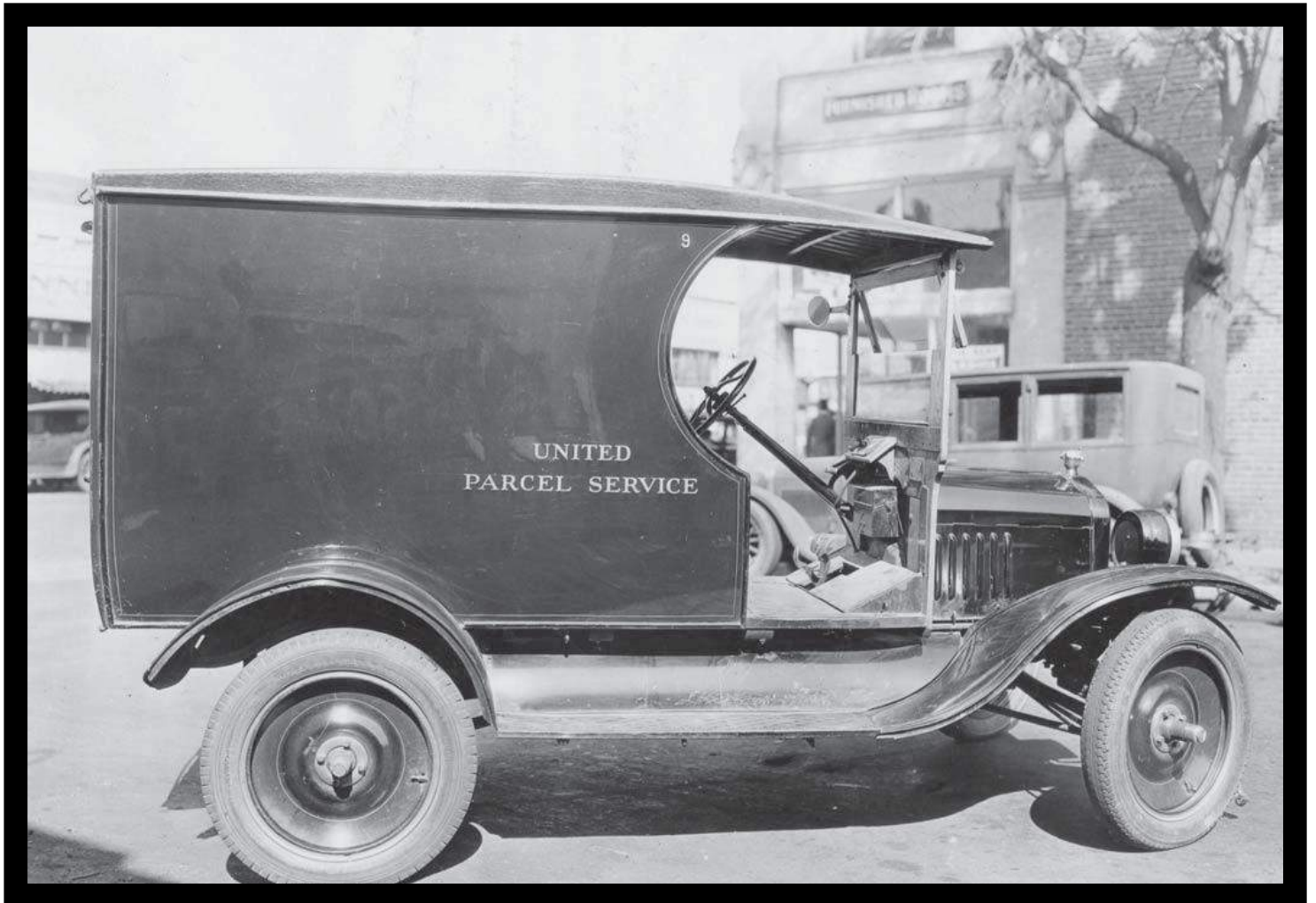
ISSUE 1

GraNeva A's Model A Ford Club of America

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## 1921 MODEL T UPS DELIVERY TRUCK

**UPS Transitioned to Model A Trucks During the Model A Production Years**



**Did you know UPS trucks were originally painted brown to help hide dirt?**



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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for past newsletters

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

FOR JANUARY - APRIL 2026

Club,

Greetings, I hope all are well and that everyone's car is ready for tours. It's been chaos around here, but the Johnson's are ready to hit the road. Who all saw the article in the Union? Who has finally liked us on Facebook? Who is committed to getting the word out on our club? If we don't keep pushing, then how will we get new members. Paul Shinn says Model A interest is going up, and that we all need to reach out to local media etc. to get more people in the hobby. So get some business cards, buy some swag, talk to people in parking lots, tell them to like us on Facebook and let's get moving. See you on the road.

Godspeed,  
AJ

Cover: UPS started in 1907 as a bike messenger service in Seattle. It was started by two teenagers with \$100 and a bicycle in an office in a basement below a saloon. It used bicycles and foot messengers to deliver messages, telegrams and packages. The company expanded to motorcycles by 1913, and eventually to trucks in order to carry larger packages. It started to expand across the country and moved its headquarters to New York City in 1930. What goes around, comes around. Recently UPS was experimenting with delivering in New York City using electric bikes.





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

**04/23/26**: Monthly Meeting Trailblazers Pizza Alta Sierra. Meeting 7 PM. Arrive 6 PM for dinner before meeting..

**04/25/26**: Smartsville Pioneer Day. Gary Spencer is leading this tour.) Meet 9 AM Target parking lot. Gary sent an email with details.

*04/25/26 Grass Valley Car Show. Downtown Grass Valley 10 AM to 4 PM.*

*05/02/26: Chicago Park School Car Show and Plant sale. \$5 registration at the gate (cars arrive at 8am) event is 9-12. See p. 11.*

*5/22-24/26 The Sonora A's hosting a mini roundup. See Poster & link p. 12*

*4/3131/26 is the Mother Lode Model T swap meet in Auburn (Gold Country Fairgrounds). See Poster p. 12.*

**04/28/26**: Monthly Meeting. Location to be Announced

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

## Technical Assistance



**Got a question?**

**Need some help?**

**Call or email**

**Steve Turnsk**

**530-277-1922**

**saturnsk@yahoo.com**



## EDITOR'S NOTES

I must apologize for the missing newsletters the last few months. As we've all experienced, life sometimes takes unexpected turns that alter our priorities. Some members may not know about the injury that left my wife incapacitated for a period of time, and the necessity for me to assume the role of primary caregiver. I'm happy to report that Sandy is well on the road to recovery now and life is returning to normal. But we have a long list of delayed and postponed things to catch up on. I dated this newsletter to be the first quarter of 2026, but in reality we'll be covering the last part of 2025 up to present. Thank you for your patience and support the last few months.

I also have some news to share about our club's communications team. Shania Pacheco and husband Eddie moved to Susanville, leaving the Assistant Editor slot vacant. The good news is that Kristy Turnsk has volunteered to take on that job. I'm sure we'll all enjoy seeing the "Kristy's Corner" heart and warmth reflected in some of our event and tour reports. I'm also happy to report that Steve Plante has assumed responsibility for keeping up the Club's Facebook page and helping to promote club activities. This may help introduce our club to a younger audience and share information about the club and enjoyment of the antique car hobby. Check out the page at: <https://www.facebook.com/granevaas/>. Let Steve know if you have any suggestions.

Hopefully I'll be getting things back on track now. Our web site is next on the list. Then I just need to get my car running again so we can "let the good times roll" again!

Enjoy,  
Bill





# Member's Page

To all those whose Birthday and Anniversary we missed during the newsletter downtime, we hope you had a good time on your special day.

## HAVES & WANTS

No Requests



*Sharon Says...*



Hello everyone. Well I moved again to a Senior living Facility in Spring, Tx. I made the move mid March. I'm still adjusting but it's OK. I miss you guys.

Love and hugs  (See more p. 9)



We extend our well wishes and prayers to all members who faced challenges the past few months. Our colorful sun rays above are headed your way.

We are happy to report that Janet Spencer and Sandy Yanko are both making good progress recovering from their injuries.

## Happy Birthday



### April

- 4/1 Buzz Elliott
- 4/15 Kristin Plante
- 4/19 Dan Wagner
- 4/20 Randy Webb

### May

- 5/8 Myra Clampitt
- 5/8 Doug Giles
- 5/14 Ron Bianchini
- 5/29 Janet Webb
- 5/30 Vern Harms
- 5/30 Sharon Pierce

## Anniversary Celebrations



### April

- 4/13 Marty & Myra Clampitt
- 4/14 Ryck & Linda Johnson
- 4/14 Ron & Lois Bianchini

### May

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



# RON'S TECH TIP



This tip from Jim Cannon at MAFCA is really a simple idea, but could prevent an accident while working on engine. I like simple things! Since the newsletter was absent for a few months, we're going to throw in another tip to help make up. Guess it's a BOGO tip this month. This tip (next page) was submitted by Vern Harms and comes from a 2005 issue of *Model A Times*. Its good information to have if you need to repair springs.

## Jim's Tech Tip

### Working Around Your Car's Battery

Whenever working on the electrical parts of your car, it is a good idea to de-energize everything to prevent an accidental short circuit. For example, one of the horn wires is "hot" all the time, so any time you do anything with the horn cover, it's a good idea to disconnect the battery. The same is true of the brake light switch and the wires inside the instrument panel in the car.

If you have a fuse on the yellow wire that comes off of the starter switch, just removing the fuse will do the trick. Or if you have a battery cut-off switch on the car, that will kill the power to everything.

But in many cases you need to disconnect the ground strap from the battery in order to make sure everything is without power. Perhaps you need to remove the starter cable, or the battery itself. **Whenever you remove cables from the battery posts, it is a really good idea to cover the battery post with something to prevent accidental contact between it and the other battery post.**

For example, if you dropped a wrench or other metal tool while working around or above the battery, it could land on top of the battery touching both posts. This will short out the battery, which can be a really big problem, resulting in a fire or perhaps the battery exploding acid all over.

When you buy a new battery for most cars today, they are sold with one or two small plastic caps over the battery posts. I see them in red and black plastic. If you go to your local auto parts store, the people there may even give you a few of these caps, if you ask.



I keep several of them in my box of battery-related tools and things, to put over the posts of any battery I am working around. It is easy to do and only takes a minute.

Take a minute to be safe. Enjoy! *And Have a Model A Day!* Jim

## RECONDITION LEAF SPRINGS with EZ-SLIDE

After 70 + years of use, the Model A leaf 4 springs are usually found to be inoperative. The leaves become rusted together and the ends of each



leaf begin to wear into the top of the leaf below it. This wear forms a pocket that the end of each leaf sits in, locking each leaf in place and preventing any appreciable movement. When the car rides over a bump in the road, the impact forces the axle in an upward motion. This should cause the spring leaves to compress, as the body weight pushes down against the spring. Each leaf should be able to move two to

four inches against its lower leaf. When the leaves are locked together from rust or worn pockets, allowing no movement, there is no softening of the ride and the Model A begins to ride like a “buck- board”, stiff and hard. The old wagons got their name “buckboard” because when you hit a bump it would buck you right out of your seat. Don’t let that happen to your Model A. Remove the spring and recondition it to allow it to move and dampen the bumps in the road. After cleaning and grinding out all worn pockets, we have found an excellent product to coat each leaf with, top and bottom. It’s a graphite based coating that dries like paint. After assembly the entire spring can be painted black. No rust will set in and the spring will always have correct movement for a smooth ride. Refer to the Model A Ford Mechanics Hand- book, Vol 1, for detailed information to remove, repair, and replace the Model A leaf springs. Initially, a product called SLIP-PLATE, distributed by John Deere company, was recommended for leaf spring coating. This product can not be obtained in some states due to it’s contents of lacquer base. EZ-Slide is essentially the same product as SLIP-PLATE and can be purchased at most tractor supply houses.

### Ask for:

EZ-SLIDE RB-9512 Dry Film Lubricant  
Graphite Based Coating

Made By:  
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Lincoln, NB 68501  
(402) 476-6558

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# SOUPER SATURDAY 11/22/2025

**THE PARTY'S OVER**



We had another enjoyable Souper Saturday soup luncheon hosted this year by the Spencers at New Covenant Baptist Church on Squirrel Creek Road in Grass Valley. It was a lovely country setting with a great community room for the event. Thanks to the Soup Chefs, Deb Bamber, Virginia Campbell, Donna Lichti, Kristi Turnsk, & Sandy Yanko, we had a wonderful selection of soups complemented by bread, salads and an abundance of desserts. After the bowls and plates were empty, a brief meeting was held and the nominees for the 2026 Board positions were announced.



This years soup judges were: Debra Bamber, Wayne & Tish Buti, Calvin & Virginia Campbell, Buzz & Jan Elliott, Doug Giles, Vern & Kay Harms, Denise Hugenberger, AJ & Jennifer & Adler Johnson, Ryck & Linda Johnson, Don & Donna Lichti, Jim & Debbie Luckinbill, Bill & Karen Mitchell, Steve & Kristin Plante & family, Gary & Janet Spencer, Phil Starr, Bill & Avon Steen, Steve & Kristi Turnsk, Dan Wagner, and Bill & Sandy Yanko. Unfortunately the judges couldn't decide. It was a hung jury. Maybe next year....

**It was a bright sunny day**



**A.J .conducts brief meeting**



# CHRISTMAS PARTY 2025 HOSTED by WAYNE & TISH BUTI

KRISTI TURNSK  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Christmas season has come and gone, and we, yes, had our annual GraNeva A's Club party that is also our December meeting. I think we reflected the Christmas Spirit "to the max"! The club members glittered and glowed all evening. We began with a glass of wine, (or soda) and then sat around chatting and admiring all of Wayne and



Tish Buti's decorations. My goodness, every surface was covered in red, green, and tinsel. Snowmen, snow-ladies, and Santa Clauses peeked around every possible corner. (Yes, I used one the darling guest towels in the bathroom. They are often near restroom sinks at celebrations, so I assume they needn't stay dry!) Many thanks to the Buti family for opening their beautiful home to the whole club!!(I need to mention that our Janet Spencer had an unfortunate event when she tripped and fractured her ankle. No, it wasn't the wine I am sure.)



The food was well prepared and delicious! We even got to eat off of gorgeous Christmas dishes that some of the club members brought for us to borrow that evening. I

believe Emily's Catering created the successful "spread". We got to sing Christmas Carols! That was my favorite part, and whoever thought of singing gets a big thumbs up. (Due to a recent cold, I sounded like a strangling frog.

No one noticed I trust) Big thanks to Kay Harms for piano accompaniment...She did a grrreeaat job!!



We opened presents and there was laughter all around. How many people came that night...maybe forty or forty-five? We also "swore in" our new officers and conducted the club meeting with our usual efficiency; thank you Aaron Johnson! Everyone seemed full and happy going home that night; we just radiated Christmas Cheer. Gratitude to all who helped to make it merry!!

## Christmas Party Cont'd.

**The Christmas Party Revelers:** Debra Bamber and Roman Kvapil, Wayne and Tish Buti, Calvin Campbell, Vern and Kay Harms, Buzz and Jan Elliott, Denise Hugenberger, Aaron, Jennifer and Adler Johnson, Linda Johnson, Steve and Kristin Plante, Gary and Janet Spencer, Bill and Avon Steen, Phil and Anne Starr, Steve Straw, Steve and Kristi Turnsk, Dan Wagner, Randy and Janet Webb, Alex Eckerling and mom, brother and sister.

**A special thanks to the Buti's for hosting the 2025 Christmas Party !**



### Editor's Note: A Bit of Club History

Holidays are often a time to reflect, and as I was preparing this newsletter, I realized some of our newer club members may not know the background of a couple regular items in the newsletter, specifically *Ron's Tech Tip* and *Sharon Says*... Ron and Sharon Pierce were long time active members of the Gra-Neva A's. Ron was truly a Master Model A mechanic who was always there to help a member with a car problem. He was the club "Tech Advisor" for years. Ron passed away in October 2021. Sharon Pierce, Ron's wife, was the Editor of the Gra-Neva Gram newsletter, also for many years. I had assumed responsibility for the the club website a few months prior to Ron's passing. Sharon asked if I would temporarily do the newsletter for a while, a request I couldn't say no to. As things go, temporary turned out to be a little longer than anticipated. But Sharon did continue to make contributions to the newsletter. I then decided to add a "Tech Tip" column to the newsletter and called it *Ron's Tech Tip* to honor Ron's contributions to the club. Sharon eventually moved to Texas to be closer to family. She continues to send the newsletter little notes that we named "Sharon Says". So now you have the rest of the story... This month she let us know she moved to a senior housing complex, To see more about her new home, click here: [THE LANDINGS..](#)

### Steve's Music Culture

OK, you all know Steve Turnsk is our current club Tech Support advisor for questions about your Model A. But Steve is more than just a gear head. We've been trying to get Steve to contribute to the Gra-Neva Gram Tech Tip page for some time. Well, I finally got an email from Steve with the Subject line "Steve's Music Culture". The message started with "Here is my contribution to the newsletter". So if you want to hear Steve's #1 pick from his top10 song list for music to play while you are working on your Model A, just click on the picture below. (Hang in there...the video is a little slow to start.)



# The Ice Cream Tour

March 22, 2026

Kristi Turnsk

Assistant Editor

Hey, for those of you who missed out on the short but delightful Ice Cream Tour, it was fun! There is something special about early spring Model A tours, because winter is kind of over, and there is an air of relief among us. The breeze is mild and sweet, and everything is so so green!



Steve Plante stands on bumper and establishes himself as leader of the pack



He promised there's ice cream at the end of this road!




How come we had to drive 40 miles to get to the other side of the shopping center?

My hubby, Steve 3, thought he counted eight dead skunks on the road that day, and one poor mystery animal. We culminated the fun at Baskin Robbins. What's not to love? Don't miss the next Ice Cream drive, fellow goody lovers!

# Shows & Activities

**39TH ANNUAL**  
**GRASS VALLEY DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION**  
**GET YOUR HOT ROD ON!**  
**GRASS VALLEY CAR SHOW**

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**APRIL 25TH, 2026 • IF IT'S COOL IT COUNTS • 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**Limited to 250 [downtowngrassvalley.com](http://downtowngrassvalley.com) Register Online**

Yep! "If it's cool....it **COUNTS** !"

**CHICAGO PARK SCHOOL ANNUAL**  
**CAR SHOW**  
*and Plant Sale*



Join us for the Chicago Park Car Show & Plant Sale, benefiting the Chicago Park School Farm! Enjoy a showcase of classic and unique cars while browsing a variety of plants for sale. To reserve a spot at the show please send us an email with your name and the year, make and model of each car that you will be entering. Don't miss this free fun community event supporting hands-on learning for our students!

15725 Mount Olive Road, Grass Valley, CA 95945

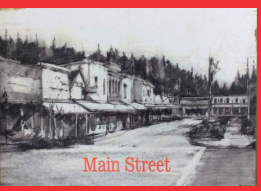
For more information and to register your vehicle  
 pta@chicagoparkschool.org  
 530-346-2153

**MAY 2ND**  
**8AM TO NOON**  
**CARS ARRIVE AT 8AM**

**\$5 REGISTRATION AT GATE**

**COLFAX ART WALKS** and  
**COLFAX LIONS CRUISE NIGHTS**  
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 Sam Newton (530) 346-2944 or Tim Luckinbill (530) 272-7131

**FRIDAY NIGHT**  
**Cruise-In**  
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# Shows & Activities



**Humpty Dumpty Cruise Night 4 - 7 PM**  
2nd Thursday of Each Month

**51st ANNUAL MOTHER LODGE MODEL T CLUB**  
Vintage & Classic Cars & Parts

## SWAP MEET

**Sunday**  
**May 31, 2026**

**Gold Country Fairgrounds**  
**Auburn, Calif.**

**Vendor Gate Open 6 AM** – All Spaces 15x25 - \$35.00 ea.  
**Buyer Gate Opens at 6 AM** – Buyer entry \$5.00.  
**Vendor setup -Saturday, May 30, 3:00 pm**, or when the field is finished.  
All spaces first come basis. Space reservations not available.  
**\*\*All vendors must vacate by 2 pm Sunday, May 31.\*\***

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


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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 Auburn-Folsom Rd. *I-80 Westbound*, exit Nevada St., cross over freeway & follow signs to Auburn Folsom Rd.  
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Gra-Neva Gram



# GRA-NEVA MODEL A CLUB

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 26, 2026

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order @ 7:00 pm by President Aaron Johnson (AJ). New member/guest Paul, Nancy and Vincent Chiabotti.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Tish Buti's eagle eyes noticed a minor fix regarding the year of the Chiabotti's Ford. The year should have been "1956", not "196". Thanks Tish! Motion to approve the minutes. 1<sup>st</sup> Vern Harms, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Luckinbill. Minutes approved.

AJ gave an update on his father who had been hospitalized at the VA. His father is doing much better especially after advocating for him during this illness. Seven meds have now been deleted leaving only meds for cholesterol and blood pressure. Nice job AJ!

### **REPORTS:**

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Calvin Campbell said, "If you here noise in your brakes, it needs adjustment." Calvin let this go too long, thought it sounded like a U joint. Steve Turnsk came over and asked, "How long ago did you adjust the brakes?" Answer, "I haven't." AJ stated, "Brakes weren't adjusted since Henry Ford." LOL 😂 FYI- A box end wrench is the tool to use to adjust breaks.

Follow up on Calvin's Model A rebuild- The Model A is in the parking lot and all welcome to hear the new engine after the meeting.

**SECRETARY:** Thank you, Tish, for noticing a needed correction. Will do!

**TREASURER:** Jan Elliott absent.

**NEWS EDITOR:** Bill Yanko was enthusiastic to share that Sandy is doing much better, has his roommate back 🥰 and getting his life back. The club no longer has an Assistant Editor, Shania Pacheco, as she has moved to Susanville, CA. Kristi Turnsk agreed to take on the position. Motion was made for Kristi to be the new Assistant Editor and ALL Agreed!

**MEMBERSHIP:** Gary Spencer introduced and welcomed new members Paul, Nancy and Vincent Chiabotti.

**SUNSHINE:** Jennifer Johnson absent.

## TECHNICAL:

- Steve Turnsk shared that a mouse ate through compressor filled with oil for cooling. The little critters like the oil.
- Steve Turnsk also shared that using lemon and salt to clean the reflector on your headlights does a good job. AJ suggested Tequila 🥳😄 Gary Spencer mentioned Twinkle Silver Cream is easier to use and gentle.
- Steve Plante mentioned the importance of checking lug nuts.
- Calvin Campbell mentioned using charcoal lighter fluid on the egg crate grill to remove rust, can then be easily rubbed off.

## TOUR CHAIRMEN: Ryck Johnson & Steve Plante

Steve Plante shared that it's his 1-year anniversary since being introduced to the club. Congratulations! 🎉 In addition, Steve also shared the following: Last Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, there were 12 Model A's on the Ice Cream Sundae, Sunday Tour. Steve is also working with the Union Newspaper to do an article about the club.

**Cars & Coffee @ Humpty Dumpty-** Starts on April 9<sup>th</sup>, then the 2nd Thursday of the month from 4-7pm.

**April 18<sup>th</sup> Grass Valley Museum & Cultural Center-** Jim Luckinbill shared that dresses will be showcased from the 1860's, 1870's, 1880's, 1890's, 1900's & 1930's. Hours: 10:30am – 3:30pm.

**April 25- Grass Valley Car Show (Downtown)** 10:00am – 2:00pm

**April 25- Smartsville Pioneer Day** 9-3pm. Gary Spencer volunteered to lead. Meet 9:00 am @ Target Parking Lot.

**Reno Model A Group-** Wants to know if anyone in our club wants to caravan up to the MAFCA Convntion May 31 – June 7, 2026

**MAFCA CONVENTION-** May 31 – June 7, 2026

**May-** Potential Early May Dutch Flat Tour

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>- Chicago Park School Car Show,** 9:00 am – Noon.

**May 31<sup>st</sup>- Mother Load Model T Club Swap Meet**

**June 14<sup>th</sup> (Flag Day) Steam Off @ Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum-** After tour all invited to Jim & Debbie Luckinbill's house for hot dogs @ 12:00pm. Attire: patriotic hats, shirts, decorate your car.

### Additional Information:

Preference for tours is either Saturday or Sunday.

Steve Plante is trying to utilize Facebook (FB) to reach out to more people.

GraNeva A's has a FB page that members are encouraged to check out.

Members are also encouraged to step up and lead a tour or share ideas. Kristi Turnsk asked about Rough & Ready Chili Cook Off (Succession Day)?

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Jerry Holecapple passed away. Bob and Bobbie Whiting no longer members as downsizing and moved to Eskaton. ACCC is going for its third try to smog exempt cars 1981 and below.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ATTENDANCE AWARD:** Weldon Travis, not present.

**SHERIFF:** None

**GOTS & WANTS:** None

**50/50 RAFFLE:** Tish Buti, pocketing \$40.00!

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn was made by Vern Harms and seconded by Calvin Campbell. Meeting adjourned @ 7:52 pm

**ATTENDEES:** Wayne & Tish Buti, Calvin & Virginia Campbell, Paul Chiabotti, Doug Giles, Vern & Kay Harms, Denise Hugenberger, Aaron Johnson, Ryck Johnson, Jim Luckinbill, Vincent & Nancy Martinez, Bill Mitchell, Jim Mullin, Steve Plante, Gary & Janet Spencer, Bill & Avon Steen, Steve Straw, Steve & Kristi Turnsk, Dan Wagner, Bill & Sandy Yanko, Roman Kvapil & Debra Bamber.

Best regards, Debra Bamber, Secretary

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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 26, 2026

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order @ 6:57pm by Vice President Calvin Campbell who stood in for President Aaron Johnson (AJ) whose father was in the hospital.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes. 1<sup>st</sup> Steven Plante, 2<sup>nd</sup> Calvin Campbell. Minutes approved.

### **REPORTS:**

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Calvin Campbell shared a story about having a meal at Humpty Dumpty's with Virginia in which he drove his Model A Truck. A gentleman approached him and asked about his Model A and gave Calvin a business card. Calvin was asked if he had one and he did not. This led to a new conversation regarding business cards.

Steve Plante shared an example of a GraNeva business card he had made up. Several club members indicated their interest in having some made. For more details, please refer to Steve's email dated March 2, 2026 @ 9:10am

Follow up on Calvin's Model A rebuild, the engine started up!

**SECRETARY:** No report, see minutes from last meeting.

**TREASURER:** Jan Elliott absent.

**NEWS EDITOR:** Bill Yanko absent.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Gary Spencer introduced and welcomed new member Paul Chiabotti and son. Paul has the following classic cars:

1929 Truck

1931 Victoria Pick Up Truck

1931 Roadster

196 Ford

**SUNSHINE:** Jennifer Johnson absent. VP Calvin mentioned Get Well cards need to be sent to AJ's dad and Sandy Yanko. Debra Bamber volunteered to send cards.

**TECHNICAL:** None

**TOUR CHAIRMEN:** Ryck Johnson & Steve Plante

**February-** February tour by train to Reno to see a show is a NO Go due to weather

**ALL TOURS TO BEGIN @ TARGET**

**WEEKEND TOURS-** Planning on doing a lot of weekend tours

**Table Mountain Oroville Tour-** Potential tour around wild flower time.

**April 9<sup>th</sup> Big Boy Train-** With multiple stops.

**Oroville-** Old Depot; 2181 High St. Arrives 2:00pm; Departs 2:30pm

**Marysville-** 7<sup>th</sup> St Crossing. Arrives 3:30pm; Departs 3:45pm

**Lincoln-** 7<sup>th</sup> St Crossing. Arrives 4:30pm; Departs 4:45pm

**April 10<sup>th</sup> Big Boy Train**

**Roseville-** 375 Atlantic St. Public Display 1:00pm – 5:00pm

**April 11<sup>th</sup> Big Boy Train**

**Roseville-** 375 Atlantic St. Public Display 9:00am – 3:00pm

**April 12<sup>th</sup> Big Boy Train**

**Colfax-** Amtrak Depot 99 Railroad St. Arrive 12:00pm; Depart 12:45pm

**Potential Progressive Tour-** Going from house to house enjoying different meals such as hors d'oeuvres, entrée, dessert, etc.

**Old Coloma Theater-** Potential for late July, early August

**Poker Run Tour-** Potential

**No Upcoming Tours Currently**

**Clay Factory Tour-** Potential

**March 1<sup>st</sup> Nevada City Chinese New Years Parade** – Robinson Plaza on Commercial St. Starts @ 12:00pm

**April 18<sup>th</sup> Grass Valley Museum & Cultural Center-** Jim Luckinbill shared that dresses will be showcased from the 1860's, 1870's, 1880's, 1890's, 1900's & 1930's. Hours: 10:30am – 3:30pm.

**June 14<sup>th</sup> (Flag Day) Steam Off @ Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum-** After tour all invited to Jim & Debbie Luckinbill's house for hot dogs @ 12:00pm. Attire: patriotic hats, shirts, decorate your car.

**April 25-** Car Show in Grass Valley (Downtown)

**May 22-24 Northern California Regional Group (NCRG)-** trying to get a group together.

**May 30<sup>th</sup>- Tulsa Cruz Club** doing a Route 66 Tour

**MAFCA CONVENTION-** May 31 – June 7, 2026

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: None**

**OLD BUSINESS:** GraNeva A Hat. Check out the clubs Facebook page for more information.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ATTENDANCE AWARD:** Calvin Campbell \$20.

**SHERIFF:** None

**GOTS & WANTS:** None

**50/50 RAFFLE:** Roman Kvapil, pocketing \$50.00!

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn was made by Wayne Buti and seconded by Calvin Campbell. Meeting adjourned.

**ATTENDEES,** Bill & Avon Steen, Doug Giles, Paul Chiabotti, Nancy Martinez, Vincent Martinez, Ron & Lois Bianchini, Weldon Travis, Wayne & Tish Buti, Ryck Johnson, Calvin & Virginia Campbell, Gary & Janet Spencer, Vern Harms, Don & Donna Lichti, Dan Wagner, Steve Straw, Phil Starr, Jim Luckinbill, Bob Ambrose, , Roman Kvapil & Debra Bamber.

Best regards, Debra Bamber, Secretary

# GRA-NEVA MODEL A CLUB

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 22, 2026

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order @ 7:02pm by President Aaron Johnson (AJ). A few new faces were noted as Gail Beardsley and Jim & LaVonne Mullin.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes was done by President Aaron Johnson with a second to approve by Jim Mullins. Minutes approved.

### **REPORTS:**

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Calvin Campbell reported on a Model A rebuild in which he's putting a V8 Flathead in the car in addition to front motor mounts, keeping the same steering column with Steven Turnsk's help. The project is going well. The new engine has been bolted down, rewiring needs to be done. Calvin will give Bill Yanko an article about the project for the newsletter

**SECRETARY:** No report, see minutes from last meeting.

**TREASURER:** Jan Elliott absent.

**NEWS EDITOR:** Bill Yanko gave a report on Sandy after she had an accident at home in early December. She sustained several fractures in which she is using a walker to move around and is limited in what she can do. No bending, twisting or pressure on the lower part of her body. Bill is her full-time caretaker at this time.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Gary Spencer shared that we should have a new roster in January, waiting for a few members to pay their dues.

**SUNSHINE:** No report

**TECHNICAL:** Phil Starr shared with the club what he found when he pulled a piston. There were two welds.

**TOUR CHAIMAN:** Ryck Johnson thanked Gary Spencer for last year's tours, great job! Awful Annie's on Monday for breakfast was a very nice tour.

**February-** Suggested taking a train to Reno to see a show

**MFACA Convention-** May 31 – June 7, 2026 will be hosted by the Blue Mountain A's in beautiful Pendelton, Oregon.

**Northern California Regional Group (NCRG)-** Sonora A's 2026 Mini Roundup is scheduled for May 22 -24, 2026. Location: Mother Lode Fairgrounds/Manzanita Building, 220 Southgate Dr., Sonora, CA

**Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum Tour-** Suggested by Roman and Debra Bamber who went to the museum to look at possibly arranging a tour during the week. AJ shared that turs should be done on the weekend to encourage participation and increase membership.

**Turlock Swap Meet-** January 24 & 25, 2026.

**MLMTC Swap Meet-** May 31, 2026

**Grass Valley Museum & Cultural Center-** Jim Luckinbill shared that on April 18, 2026, dresses will be showcased from the 1860's, 1870's, 1880's, 1890's, 1900's & 1930's. These dresses belonged to several generations of Debbie Luckinbill's family members Nellie, Maggie and Ellen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** AJ shared the following:

1. Who is interested in setting up a shop to showcase different equipment?
2. Steve Plante has updated our GraNeva A's Facebook page.
3. Freiburger's 1929 Model A Revival can be seen on YouTube @ <https://youtu.be/O3JWfHa9oNU?si=KyS3DdtS35kJeBAO>

**OLD BUSINESS:** What about the GraNeva A hat? Steve Plante absent

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ATTENDANCE AWARD:** Alex Eckerling, unfortunately absent.

**SHERIFF:** Steve Straw collected \$5.00 from members not wearing their badges.

**GOTS & WANTS:** Jim Mullen needs of a bench seat for a 1927 Chevy. Vern Harms has a useable piston that is free.

**50/50 RAFFLE:** Jim Mullin is the winner of the raffle, pocketing \$50.00!

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Luckinbill and seconded by Vern Harms. Meeting adjourned @ 7:56pm.

Best regards,  
Debra Bamber, Secretary

**ATTENDEES:** Jim & LaVonne Mullin, Bill Yanko, Weldon Travis, Kristi & Steve Turnsk, Wayne & Tish Buti, Ryck & Linda Johnson, Calvin & Virginia Campbell, Gary & Janet Spencer, Vern & Kay Harms, Don & Donna Lichti, Bill & Avon Steen, Dan Wagner, Steve Straw, Phil Starr, Jim Luckinbill, Bob Ambrose, Gail Beardsley, Roman Kvapil & Debra Bamber.

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