

GRA-NEVA GRAM

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MYSTERY TOUR - SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2014



Our fearless leaders: Jan and Buzz Elliott; Vern and Kay Harms at the Sizzler in Antioch.



Black Hawk Automobile Museum



Sunol Water Temple



The Fountains in front of Black Hawk



President's Message for September 2014

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.

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GRA-NEVA GRAM

Club meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at Penny's Diner in the Brunswick Basin, Fowler Center near SaveMart, Grass Valley 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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Dear Fellow Members,

Would anyone in the club like to become a curmudgeon? A curmudgeon is a person with the characteristics of being grumpy, unable to see things from different views, unable to place himself in some one else's shoes, becomes self absorbed and withdraws from society. If you have ever been around one of these guys you can feel the anger that he has for himself as well as others. That existence is certainly NOT for me!

Human nature is such that we all take the avenue of least resistance, so everyone has the propensity to become Dennis the Menace's Mr. Wilson. There is only one way to counter act that tendency and that is to stay engaged with people. Being in the Gra-Neva As club has been a great place for me to engage with people on all sorts of levels, physically, mentally, and even spiritually. I talked about becoming more "balanced" in my last letter. The relationships I have cultivated with our members in our club by being assistant tour chairman, assistant tech chairman, vice president, and now president have helped me become more balanced and lessens the likelihood of my becoming an old grump.

The Gra-Neva As is a very safe place to proactively stay young, to exercise your mind from getting stuck, to think out of the box, to connect with other people, to place yourself in someone else's shoes, to laugh and smile!!!! Volunteer to become proactively involved in one of the positions in our club. Try an assistant tour chairman position!

Respectively,
Steve



Sunshine Report

Jan Westmore has been under the weather with medical problems. Please keep her in your prayers. Any news to report, contact Jackie Osborne @ 273-7571.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

October Meeting - Thursday 10/23 - meeting at the usual place, Penny's Diner. See you there!! **Last monthly meeting at Penny's Diner til January 2015.**

November Meeting - Souper Salad Saturday 11/22 - Place hasn't been established yet. Stay tuned, but make note it's NOT on Thursday. Voting on New Officers for 2015.

December Meeting/Christmas Dinner - Monday 12/15 - Bistro 221 in downtown Nevada City on Broad Street at 6PM. Swearing in our 2015 Officers will take place! Stay tuned for what's for dinner and the prices.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 25th - Pot Luck Dinner at Lake Wildwood - hosted by Steve Straw. \$2/per car to enter Lake Wildwood. Hubley Races!!! Bring your cars and food!! Time: 2:30 to 8:00pm. You MUST SIGN-UP with Steve Straw to get thru the gate!!

October 29th - Halloween Party - Happy Apple Lunch & Pumpkin Carving at Bierwagen Farm - details TBD.

Upcoming Swap Meets/Shows

Turlock Swap Meet - November 2nd, Stanislaus County Fairgrounds - \$8 admission.

EDITOR'S NOTES:

Hello my friends,

Well are you ready for the smoke to go away!!! Forever! It really is disturbing to watch night after nite the fires.

The Mystery Tour was a success! No smoke! Stayed overnight 2 nites in Livermore. We had eleven cars; 8 Model A's and 3 regulars. Drove around the "golden" hills going to Sunol Water Temple; Discovery Center at Livermore Labs; and last day ended up at the Black Hawk Auto Museum in Danville. Wonderful museum, not just cars. Juke Boxes and Wheelchairs for days gone past. Quite impressive. Some had lunch there in the "mall" at Black Hawk and some ventured home. Poor Jan and Buzz had to have their car trailered home.

Okay, so who wants to do the Mystery tour next year??? You need to be thinking about it. Lots of places to go. Put on your thinking caps and ask another couple to help you, it's a lot of fun!

Remember it's YOUR club, **be in it!**

Happy driving.... Got a couple more months to get out there!

Respectfully
your Editor,

Sharon Pierce



Tech Talk



by Ron Pierce

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

If you have any technical questions for Ron please ask at the meetings or submit to me @:
sharonpierce1945@gmail.com



General Meeting Minutes - September 25, 2014
Model A Ford Club of America: Gra-Neva A's Chapter

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Steve Turnsk at 7:00 p.m. at Penny's Diner on September 25, 2014.

Membership: Membership Chair Vicky Straw reported no new members or guests.

Sheriff: Sheriff Steve Straw collected \$2.00 from 4 memberships not wearing name badges.

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

Treasurer: Kay Harms gave a detailed report on income (2 ads sold; \$875 raised from auction; \$2,210 collected for Mystery Tour) and expenses (rent, Mystery Tour). A written report was available at the meeting for review by members.

Editor: Sharon Pierce announced the Xmas Party will be held on Dec. 15 at Bistro 221 in Nevada City.

Tours: Tour Directors Buzz Elliott and Vern Harms reported on the Mystery Tour to Livermore on Sept 15-17; Buzz will call Weldon Travis for reserved parking for 11 cars at the Rough & Ready Chili Cook Off on Sun. Sept 28; Steve Straw distributed details about the Pot Luck & Hubble Races at Lake Wildwood on Sat. Oct. 25; Packets were distributed to participants of the Music in the Mountains car tour/catered dinner on Oct. 9 and Oct. 21; Buzz Elliott will put out details on the lunch/pumpkin carving contest which will be on Oct. 29.

Technical: Discussion about electrical burnouts caused by "cheap" brake light switches. Use fuses and circuit breakers!

Have and Wants: Steve Straw has a '31 rolling chassy for \$1,600; Bob Whiting may need a '29 radiator; Steve Turnsk needs a riveted '28-29 universal joint; Bill Toensing has a spoked wheel for \$25; Buzz Elliott needs a wing nut.

New Business: A Nominating Committee was named: Bob Ambrose, John Hollenback & Christina Brodie, and Sharon Pierce. Please answer their calls to help run our club!

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Elliott, Secretary

Attendance Drawing: Tom Osborne's name was drawn but since he was not in attendance, the \$40 prize rolls forward to next month.

Raffle: The \$35 prize of the 50/50 raffle was won (AGAIN!) by Sharon Pierce.

Attendees: Bob Ambrose and Sandy Hundemer, Ted Baerresen, Charles Crow, Jerry and Sharlene Dorville, Buzz and Jan Elliott, Rick Gerdl, Vern and Kay Harms, John Hollenback and Christina Brodie, Larry Hubbard, Ron and Sharon Pierce, Gary and Janet Spencer, Kelly Stevenson, Steve and Vicky Straw, Pat Tobin, Bill Toensing, Steve Turnsk and Kristi Owens, Norm and Jan Westmore, Bob and Bobbie Whiting.



HAVES AND WANTS

- ◆ 1930 License Plates - Good condition - \$250 (DMV ready); 1930 Coupe cover - \$50. Contact Tommy Osborne @ 273-7571
- ◆ Steve Straw has a '31 Rolling Chassy for \$1600
- ◆ Bob Whiting needs a '29 Radiator
- ◆ Steve Turnsk needs a Riveted '28-29 universal joint
- ◆ Bill Toensing has a spoked-wheel for \$25.00
- ◆ Buzz Elliott needs a wing-nut.

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REFRESHMENTS

Coffee will be supplied by Pennys Diner for \$2.00 per cup with FREE refills.

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.

October – Dale & Barbara White

November – Souper Salad Potluck Dinner

December – Xmas Party

** If you are unable to attend, please find someone else to bring them. Thank You!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

8 – Pat Tobin

24 – Les Andrews

28 – Robert Day



Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to you all!!

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



No October Anniversaries!

Happy Anniversary to you all!!

Thanks to Myra Clampitt for birthday and anniversary updates.

2014 GraNeva Mystery Tour, 15-17 September to Livermore, CA

On Monday, September 15th, at 8:30am, twenty-two GraNeva Model A members departed the Kmart parking lot in nine vintage cars and two modern cars for parts unknown. We drove Highway 20 west past Beale AFB, south on Highway 70 and Highway 99 to Sacramento for a rest/gas break at the McDonald's on Richards Blvd.

We departed south on Highway 84 which turned into a winding levee road that took us on a scenic and challenging drive through the Delta. Orchards on one side of the two-lane road and the Sacramento River on the other, occasionally meeting head on large piggy back 18 wheelers full of tomatoes we also got to wave and honk along the way. Avoiding breaks in the asphalt as best as possible, we came to a standstill at the Ferry Crossing north of Rio Vista with a sign indicating that the 24/7 Ferry was CLOSED. Not to be disillusioned, our tour lead driving team, Vern & Kay Harms, navigated us around the perimeter of Ryder Island to the only bridge on the north side and got us on Hwy 160 and across the Antioch Bridge to the Sizzler Restaurant in Antioch for our lunch/gas stop. Just north of the Antioch Bridge, Buzz & Jan Elliott experienced the first of many overheating problems, but thanks to extra water and help from friends, they were able to complete the journey to Livermore. The group drove Vasco Road from Antioch to Livermore where we checked in to the Best Western hotel on Southfront Road (and the pet-friendly LaQuinta Inn for Dale & Barbara White & Molly).

We drove to Casa Orozco for dinner and were back home early.

On Tuesday, September 16th, we departed the hotel for the Sunol Water Temple in Sunol, CA. The interest in visiting this site was stimulated in learning that it was developed and constructed by the former owner of the Empire Mine in Grass Valley, William Bourne. His goal was to provide an easy water source for San Francisco. Initially, rejected by the city, after the 1905 earthquake and fire, the city realized it needed access to more water and purchased the site. We met with a docent who gave us some history on the site and later were able to line up our cars in front of the site for a photo opportunity.

We departed the Sunol Water Temple for lunch at the First Street Ale House in Livermore, which everyone seemed to enjoy.

After lunch, we drove to the Discover Center at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories where we met George Beck, a former employee now docent who gave us a thorough overview of the displays and history of the laboratory. Before the laboratory was constructed on the site, it used to be an Army Air Corps training base where they flew Stearman biplanes. After the laboratory was operational, it served to maintain the United States' nuclear arsenal and performed advanced technology energy development and experiments.

We departed the Discovery Center on a short drive back to the hotel.

Everyone was on their own to select where they wanted to have dinner, so the group separated for a night on the town of their own choosing.

The next morning, we all checked out of the hotel and drove a series of back roads, through farm and ranch properties to Danville, CA, where we parked all of our vintage cars in front of the Blackhawk Automotive Museum. We were again met by George Beck, who is also a member of a Packard Club and a docent at the Blackhawk Automotive Museum. He led us on a guided tour of the main floor where at least fifty fully restored foreign and domestic collector cars were featured. Among these were Ferrari, Aston Martin, Alfa Romeo, Jaguar, Mercedes, Rolls Royce, Bentley, Packard, General Motors concept cars and other one-of-a-kind examples of automotive sculpture.

After the Blackhawk tour, we had lunch at several restaurants that were adjacent to an attractive water feature that included waterfalls, fountains and ducks.

After lunch, everyone drove to a nearby gas station to top off and then departed for home. The main group came back on I-680 and others drove east to I-5. Bob and Bobbie White drove Buzz & Jan Elliott back to the hotel, where they stayed one more night to meet an AAA flatbed truck the following morning to return home.

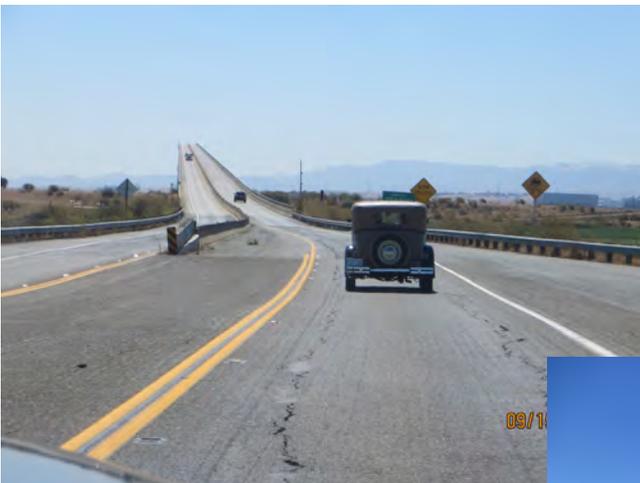
GraNeva Members Attending this Mystery Tour:

Group 1 (Faster Cars):

Vern & Kay Harms (Lead), Bob Ambrose & Sandy Hundemer, Dale & Barbara White, Ron & Sharon Pierce, Steve Halverson & daughter Ellie, Steve & Vicky Straw

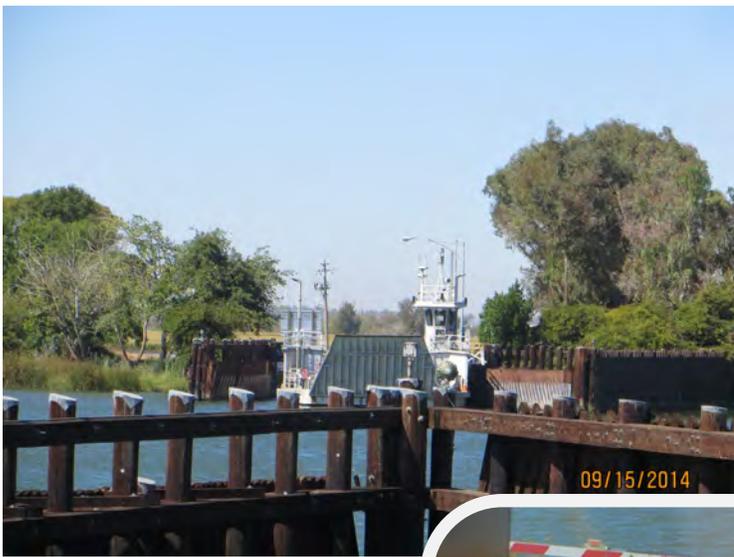
Group 2 (Slower Cars):

Buzz & Jan Elliott (Lead), Gary & Janet Spencer, Bob & Bobbie Whiting, Steve Turnsk & Kristi Owens, Marty & Myra Clampitt



On our way to Livermore. Over the Contra Costa Bridge.





Oh no, the Ferry
is closed!!!
Resort to Plan B!



Now what do
we do.



Marty and
Myra Clampitt



Steve & Ellie Halverson; Vicky & Steve Straw



Kristi Owens, Janet
Spencer on left,
Steve Turnsk & Gary
Spencer on right.

Lunch on at the
Sizzler in Antioch.
9/15





Sharon Pierce and Sandy Hundemer

Our first "mixer" at the hotel. Monday evening.



Bob A. and Ron foreground, Marty, Kay, Bob W, Vern and Buzz.

Doing what we know how to do the best....



Sept 16th - Tuesday
Downtown Livermore for lunch - 1st St Ale House - check out the wall of beer cans!!!



Janet & Gary Spencer, Ellie Halverson, Vicky Straw and Jan Elliott.





Our guide, Amy Dawson, gives us all the historical background on the temple. To the left is the ceiling of the water temple. Not totally completed.



Sunol Water Temple - 59 feet tall with 12 concrete columns. Cement ring at top supports the conical wood and tile roof. (see above right)



The Discovery Center near Lawrence Livermore Labs. George Veck was our docent.



Taking a break from the heat. Barbara, Kay, Bob, Sandy and Sharon.



Vicky with Dale White and their dog "Molly".



Familiar face - George Veck (he was also at the docent at the Discovery Center) - telling us all about the car museum.

Jan Elliott and Marty Clampitt in the foreground.



Black Hawk Automobile Museum - September 17th,



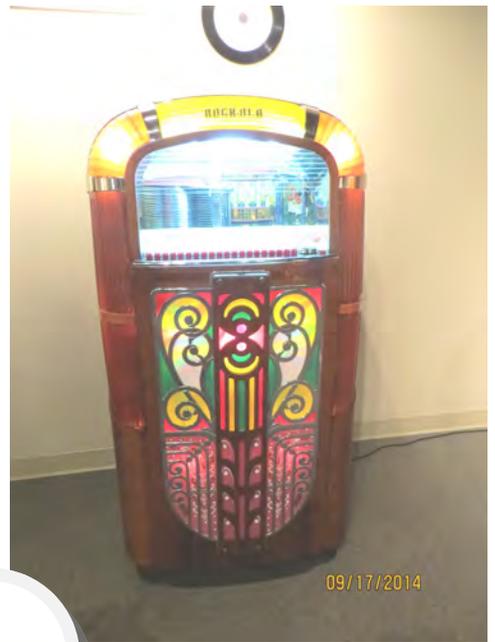
Gives you an idea as to how "big" the museum is! Next couple of pages are the juke boxes and wheel chair collections. Also gifts given to the museum owner for donating the wheel chairs to under privileged people.



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Part of the Juke Box Collection at the Museum.

Black Hawk Museum



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Part of the Wheel Chair collection

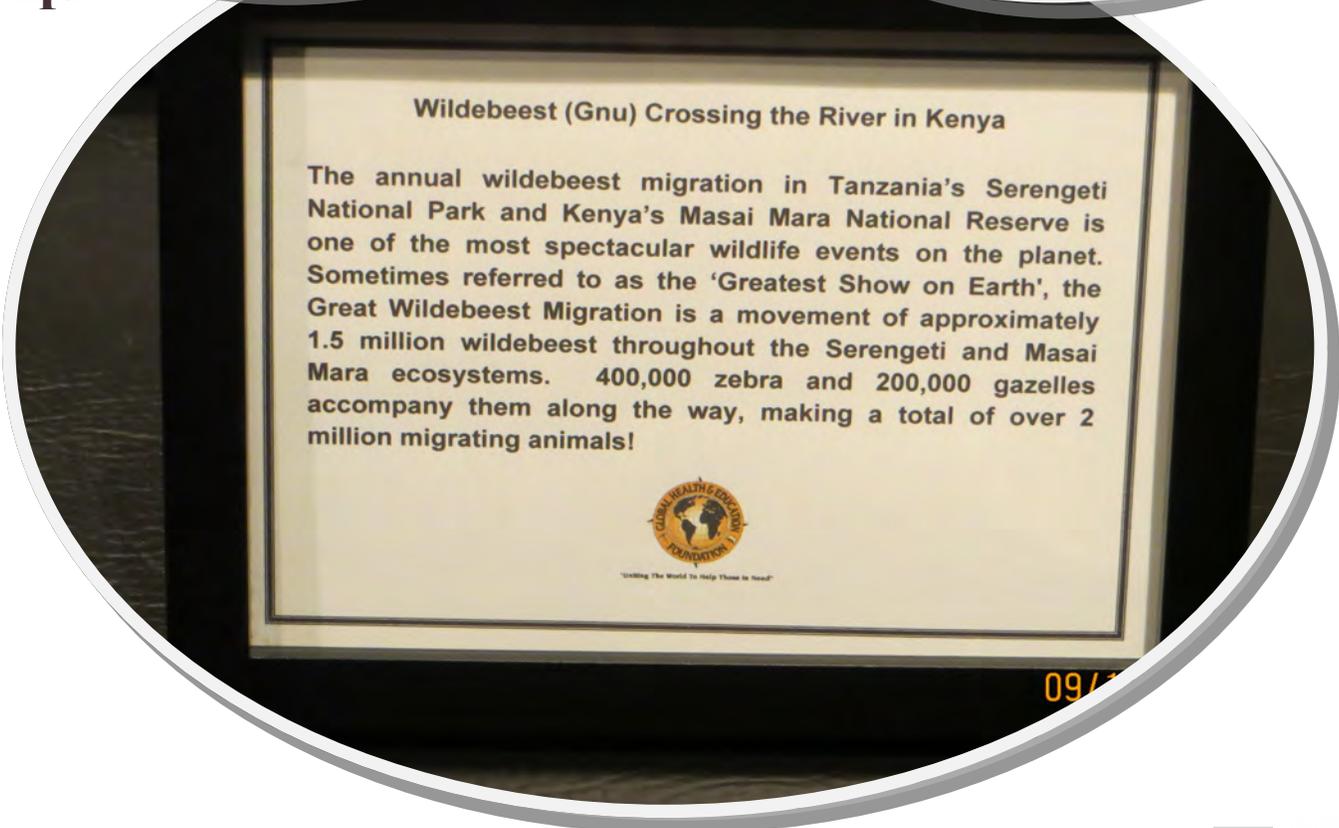


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Wood carving from Kenya - a gift given to the museum.



Close ups



Wildebeest (Gnu) Crossing the River in Kenya

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American, 1986
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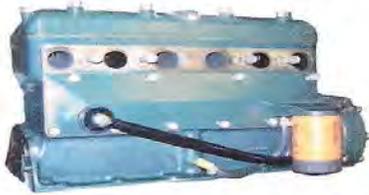


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that we all came home to; it has
lasted almost 2 weeks!***

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