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President's Message for April 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.

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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
for past newsletters



Sunshine Report

Prayers and support to the Dorville's right now. Sharlene and Jerry both need our prayers. Cards and phone calls appreciated. They are having severe medical issues.

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

Dear Fellow Members,

Two weeks ago I walked into DMV to buy a lost tag for my truck. It was 5 to 5pm, and the lady at the desk was in line helping the people in line with their paper work. When she got to me she directed me to her normal desk that issued waiting numbers, but the lady at her desk was in training and instead of issuing me a number she took my cash and gave me a new tag! I "passed go" and got out of jail free. The problem is that I am still doing Monopoly with the State and will pay the fuel tax and DMV fees.

Christina called me today about her Fordor grinding and not going into gear. I went over there and rocked the car in gear with the clutch in and boom; the clutch released. It was rusted stuck because of non use during our extreme rainy period. Later today I shot over to Steve H's to seek out a spark problem. When the truck started, it ground (grinded?) into gear (the clutch was rusted stuck). Moral of story: drive your Model A once a Month or it will grind at you.

I visited Jerry and Sharlene Dorville this afternoon, they have relatives helping to manage their situation this week. They are both in high spirits. Please keep them in your thoughts.

Respectfully, Steve



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

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

UPCOMING Tours:

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

May 16-20th NCRG Hub Tour in Lodi - details in the Minutes.

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

June 14th - Mel's Diner in Auburn - Graffiti Night 3-5PM

June 18th - Father's Day Tour

June 17- Allegany Tour. Ted Baerresen to lead.

July 4th - Dutch Flat Parade

September 24-29th Marin Tour

Upcoming Swap Meets/Shows 2017

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:

Last Tuesday (25th) Ron and I went with our T-Bird Club to the CHP Academy in West Sacramento. It was really nice. I wanted to share some of the pictures with you.
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We also went to the Hill Climb on Saturday 29th in Auburn put on by some of our members (Steve Straw & Vern Harms). Pat Tobin drove his Hill Climb Model A.

Your Editor &
Publisher

Sharon Pierce



Tech Talk

by Ron Pierce



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



HAVES AND WANTS

*Please check the Minutes
for all the "haves" and
"wants".
Too many to fit here :)*



REFRESHMENTS

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

*** Meeting refreshments (ie cookies, etc) 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.

May - Pat Tobin
June - Weldon Travis
July - Steve Turnsk



May & June BIRTHDAYS



5/6 Ron Pierce	6/7 Sharlene Dorville
5/8 Myra Clampitt	6/10 Tony Alfaro
5/24 John Burnside	6/10 Kelly Stevenson
5/28 Denia Hubbard	6/16 Ted Baerresen
5/30 Vern Harms	6/23 Bob Whiting
5/30 Sharon Pierce	6/27 Linda Johnson
5/31 Dennis Westcot	6/28 Barry Sudderth

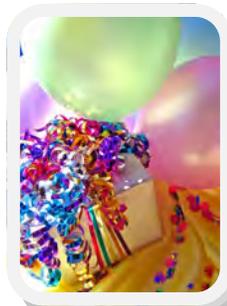
May & June ANNIVERSARIES



5/8 Ted & Louise Baerresen	6/10 Dale & Barbara White
5/21 Gary & Janet Spencer	6/13 Vern & Kay Harms
5/22 Norman & Trish Plise	6/17 Barry & Meredith Sudderth
	6/19 Jim & Jan Haire

THANKS TO JANET SPENCER

FOR BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY INFORMATION.



Call to order: President Steve Turnsk, called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm at the Nevada City Elk's Lodge on April 27, 2017.

Membership: There were no new members but there was one guest: Ginny Gleason. Kristi Turnsk and Christina Brodie presented the updated Membership Packets and overhauled applications along with a budget for purchasing a few things to make more packets. A motion was made, seconded and carried, to move forward with that project.

Sheriff: Sheriff Steve Straw collected three whole dollars!

Secretary: There were no additions or corrections to the minutes as printed in the Gra-Neva Gram and they were approved. In Bob Ambrose's absence, the Secretary reported there is a "bright, shiny orb in the sky".

Treasurer: Treasurer Jan Elliott gave a report on this month's expenses and income. The balance is healthy.

Vice-President Report: Bob Ambrose was absent.

Editor, Sharon Pierce. After visiting family, who happen to belong to a couple of Model A clubs, Sharon had some neat ideas to share. We could sell advertising in the Gra-Neva Gram: A business card ad for \$30 a year. Additionally, if we link to their website on ours that's \$20 a year. Currently, we're giving that away. Sharon also got a list of potential advertisers we could approach. She also shared ideas about expanding the raffle idea to include small gifts as prizes, which could be fun, along with inviting unrelated guest speakers.

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.

Possible Tour: to Mitchell Manufacturing in Colusa. They have a new thing: cable shift.

Upcoming tours include:

May 1st, Monday, Cemetery Tour. Meet 11:15 at Kmart. Lunch at the Northridge (not Maya's Mexican). Go to Dennis Casella's office on Willow Valley Road, in Nevada City (Dennis knows everything about cemeteries) for a short presentation then to Pinegrove Cemetery.

May 5-7th, Spring Opener Tour. Must sign up by March 31st. 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.

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 16th-20th 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.

May 19th, (a Friday) Tour of Mine Stuff at Bledsow's off Hwy 174. "Gotta be the largest collection around". Limited to 10 cars max. Meet at Kmart 9:30, leaving promptly at 9:45. Should take about 2 hours then drive Rattlesnake Road to Alta Sierra Pizza (near Casa Las Katarina's).

June...any other ideas for tours?

June 17th, Allegany Tour. Ted Baerresen will lead. Bring a lunch. Allegany has some neat historical tours since the town hasn't changed much in 150 years. The Allegany Days is the 17th and 18th, but we're going on Saturday. More information will follow.

June 18th 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. More info at May meeting.

July 4th, Dutch Flat Parade Tour. There is a lunch about \$8. "Biggest water fight you've seen in your life", says Janet Spencer. More info to follow.

Tours (continued).....

September 24-29th, Marin Tour. Driving up Highway 1.

Mystery Tour: Volunteers wanted.

Interesting Things You Might Like:

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: Jerry Dorville just got home from the hospital with heart issues. After having his heart restarted 3 times and being in the hospital 5 days, he was quoted as saying he was "sick and tired of being in the hospital". Meanwhile, Sharlene Dorville has been diagnosed with a rare form of Parkinson's. She doesn't have the tremors, but her left arm is frozen and her eyesight, and therefore, her balance are "off". Please call or send cards.

Technical: Skipped due to time.

Gots & Wants:

Norm Westmore has a rolling rack for painting (2x6's with castors) which was donated to the club and it needs a new place to be stored, if possible.

AJ asked if anybody had any speedster stuff (A or T).

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. He also has a 2-ton jack, "Reese" Model A gear drive (not a scissor style), and he'll part with it for money.

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.

Gots & Wants (continued).....

Aaron Johnson is looking for 21" wheels "good & true".

Steve Halverson needs fenders for his '26 Model T

(Please let it be known to Christina Brodie, if she should remove any above information.)

Show & Tell: Nothing to report.

ACCC: Bill Mitchell reported there has, amazingly, been some movement on the website. There's an update on the tax bill that got passed. Some of the items seem to go further than vintage cars, like the bill about taxing services.

Old Business: Business was basically set aside so we could get to the cake. We'll pick it up next month.

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.

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: Sharon Pierce got \$40, which is perfect since their 10th anniversary is the 28th!

Attendance Drawing: Sharlene Dorville's name was drawn. The prize is carried over to next month.

Attendees: Christina Brodie, Gary & Janet Spencer, Bob & Bobbie Whiting, Steve Halverson, Phillip Lawrence, Ted and Louise Baerensen, Buzz and Jan Elliott, Bill Mitchell, Steve & Kristy Turnsk, Vern Harms, Steve & Vicky Straw, Barry & Meredith Sudderth, Marty Clampit, John Burnside, Ron & Sharon Pierce, Norm & Jan Westmore and Steve Halverson.

No A's were in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm, moved, seconded and carried by all.

In honor of Ron Pierce's 70th birthday, there was cake and singing.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Brodie, Secretary

HISTORIC CEMETERY TOUR
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017

After a postponed tour on an earlier date, due to rain, fifteen of our members set out on a perfectly beautiful Monday to learn about and explore two Nevada City cemeteries, Deer Creek and Pine Grove. As one who has always had a great curiosity for old historic graveyards, because of the fascinating life stories told on the worn headstones, here was a great opportunity to find out more local history!

Our first stop was to the Nevada City Northridge restaurant for a great lunch and some time to socialize.

Next stop, the Office of the Nevada County Cemetery District on Willow Valley Road, meeting with the District's Chairman Dennis Cassella and Manager Matt Melugin, who offered a talk and a video, describing the public cemetery locations in the county, and the types of symbols we would view on the headstones with their meanings. We heard that there are twenty-seven cemeteries in the District, eighteen of which are active (accepting new burials), and nine which are inactive. Did you know that being a resident of Nevada County entitles an individual to be interred in any of the eighteen local active public cemeteries? Non-residents are not permitted to be interred within these locations.

We motored onto the Deer Creek and Pine Grove cemeteries where we were guided through to view the graves with their epitaphs telling us of the places of the deceased's birth, their ages, and in many cases, a bit of their history in life. We had to marvel at the heritage roses planted mostly in the 1800's still blooming after 100+ years! Many prominent families with recognizable names who were notable in early Nevada County history, were clustered in family plots. The most illustrious name of the cemeteries' occupants, however, belonged to Lyman Gilmore, best known for his claim as America's first successful aviator in his 1902 glider flight, preceding the Wright brothers more recognized effort in 1903. Gilmore's claim was never proven, but he remains an important figure in early aviation history.

A beautiful day to spend with the spirits.....

Members attending were: Ted & Louse Baerresen, Christina Brodie and her daughter, Emma, Jan Elliott, Steve Halverson, Phil Lawrence, Bill & Karen Mitchell, Gary & Janet Spencer, Kristi & Steve Turnsk, Bob & Bobbie Whiting.

By Bobbie Whiting



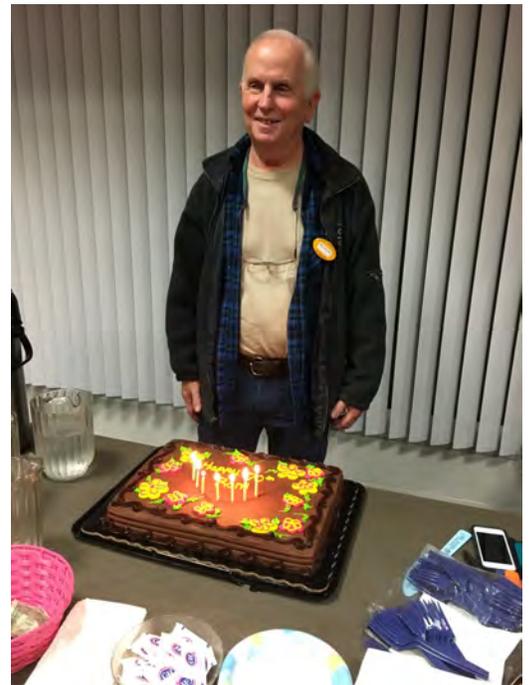
Pre-Meeting dinner at the Asian Gardens in Grass Valley.



Tour Director, Steve Halverson discussing upcoming tours.



Sharon Pierce discussing various ways of making money for the club. Get Advertisers, do Raffles.



The Birthday Boy, Ron Pierce celebrated his 70th Birthday with the club.

HISTORIC CEMETERY TOUR

MAY 1, 2017



Bobbie Whiting, Tour Leader giving directions.



The Lunch Gang at the Northridge in Nevada City.
Phil Lawrence, Jan Elliott, Christina and Emma Brodie, Kristi Turnsk, Bobbie & Bob Whiting, Steve Turnsk, Steve Halverson, Gary Spencer, Louise & Ted Baerresen, Karen & Bill Mitchell.



Cemetery Guide describing the various plots.





Gary Spencer, Jan Elliott, Bill & Karen Mitchell.

Louise Baerresen, Bob Whiting, Kristi Turnsk and Ted Baerresen.



Little Model A's in a row.



Taking a rest, Steve Halverson and Phil Lawrence.



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Yellow 1955 T-Bird is Ron&Sharon Pierce's.

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

Renewed 1/1/17

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