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Picture by Steve Straw

SEVEN HILLS SCHOOL TOUR JUNE 2ND

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President's Message for June 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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Granevaas.com
for past newsletters

Dear Fellow Members,

Fellow member Jim Musick stopped by my place last week. I showed him the chickens, and guess what; he counted them! Just like counting tire pressures. One of the hens named Norma is turning out to be a Norm. Kristi has bonded with it and we are keeping it. It's good for me because she has bonded with me too. I do not believe that I could get away with crowing in the morning hours though.

There is one more thing to be aware of when adjusting your mechanical brakes. Ron reminded me of this; coast down a steep paved area and then slam on the brakes, the rear tires should leave an equal rubber mark. If they don't, adjust accordingly. Then with the rear brakes equal, do the same thing with no hands on the steering wheel and see which way it pulls on the front brakes, and adjust those. If the brakes are not equalized, your car WILL go into an uncontrolled sideways slide during a hard braking situation. Also, a complete taking apart and examining each part of each brake in each wheel WILL reveal different wearing rates for the same item on other wheels. This will cause a side slide situation at one pedal pressure while having a straight braking slide at another pedal pressure.

It was raining, raining, raining... and now it is hot, hot, hot. Where is moderation? It's in our club, and it's gonna stay that way!

Steve Halverson suggested that the club host a swap meet. Please call him up and give him your honest viewpoint, pro or con!

Respectfully, Steve



Sunshine Report

Prayers to the Dorville's.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

July 27 - Elks Lodge in Nevada City @ 7PM
August 24 - Elks Lodge in Nevada City @7PM
September 28 - Elks Lodge in Nevada City @7PM

UPCOMING Tours:

July 4th - Dutch Flat Parade - Meet at Kmart @ 8:30.
Info Janet Spencer and check the meeting minutes.
July 29th - Friday, Motor Electric & Riebe's. Meet @
Paradise Donuts at 8:30.
September 24-29th Marin Tour - driving up Highway 1.
3 nights, 4 day tour hosted by MFCA. May be a replace-
ment for the Mystery Tour. (no volunteers)

Upcoming Shows/Swap Meets 2017

July 9th - Stockton San Joaquin Co. Fairgrounds

August 25,26,27th - Pleasanton Alameda Co Fairgrds

September 8,9,10th - Roamin Angels Car Show - GV

Summer Nights in Nevada City - July 12, 19 and 26th -
6-9:30pm

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. Graf-
fiti Night, bring you're A's and get 20% off on dinner.

EDITOR'S NOTES:

Hello All,

We' ve had some nice tours this month and more to come! Looks like there won' t be a Mystery Tour this year. I can' t remember when there wasn' t one! There' s several people who have done it in the past that can give you some suggestions. Don' t let this go away, it has been so much fun!!

I wanted to mention we got our first outside Advertiser!! They will be advertising in our newsletter and on our website. Please support them. Snyder' s Antique Auto Parts. Checkout granevaas.com

Your Editor &
Publisher

Sharon Pierce



PS

Please check to see if you are to bring "goodies" for the July Meeting!



Tech Talk

by Ron Pierce



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



HAVES AND WANTS

Ron would like to sell his 1930 Black Coupe for \$15,000. Ground up restoration 15 yrs ago. 530-470-8930

July & August BIRTHDAYS



7/4 Meredith Sudderth 8/5 Mary Westcot
7/17 Jan Westmore 8/6 Sandi Shilling
7/17 Bob Bickelmann 8/23 Aaron Johnson
7/30 Bill Mitchell



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.](#)

July - Steve Turnsk
August - Norm Westmore
September - Dale White
October - Bob Whiting



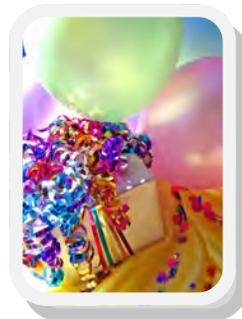
July & August ANNIVERSARIES



7/6 Aaron & Jennifer Johnson 8/6 Kelly & Virginia Stevenson
7/20 Tony & Danielle Alfaro

THANKS TO JANET SPENCER

FOR BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY INFO



General Meeting Minutes - June 22, 2017
Model A Ford Club of America: GraNeva A's Chapter

Call to order: President Steve Turnsk, called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm at the Nevada City Elk's Lodge on June 22, 2017.

Membership: There were no new members or guests to report.

Sheriff: Sheriff Steve Straw collected \$3.00.

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 a report on this month's expenses and income. Although there was no income last month, the balance remains good.

Vice-President Report: "It's HOT!"

Editor, Sharon Pierce: Gary Spencer did the proposed by-law changes, which are still out for review. Regarding the advertising project, Sharon sent 21 letters out and got \$50 in advertising fees.

Tours, Steve Halverson:

The 7-Hills trip saw 5 cars and a truck. This year, the oranges were served AFTER looking at the old cars.

Barton's Barn went really well. There was live music, dancing and a lot of interesting cars.

Allegheny was cancelled, however there was a spur-of-the-moment tour to the Peace Lutheran church for a silent movie with live organ music. They will have another show in the fall: The Phantom of the Opera.

Father's Day at Hilltop brought about 4 cars. Everyone had a Model A story to tell from their youth.

Mitchell Manufacturing tour was cancelled due to heat. Instead, there was a short-notice plan to go to the fundraiser and party at the Old Republic Brewery behind SPD market, which will benefit Air Fest. They are planning on a fly-by.

Upcoming tours include:

June 25th, Rough & Ready Succession Days. Park in front of the old (closed) market. Bring an A, get a lunch. Ted to lead from Kmart at 10:45. Unfortunately, the Fruit Jar Pickers have announced their retirement.

July 4th, Dutch Flat Parade Tour. There is a lunch about \$8. "Biggest water fight you've seen in your life", Says Janet Spencer. 8:30 at Kmart. Will include Model T's from Auburn club. Wear your club emblem and let's get to know the Model T members. You know...mingle!

July 29th, Friday. Motor Electric (near Jack in the Box), and Riebe's Machine Shop. It will be an education! Meet Paradise Donut at 8:30.

Tours continued:

September 24-29th, Marin Tour. Driving up Highway 1 hosted by MAFCA. This is a 3-night, 4 day tour and would be a nice substitute if the Mystery Tour doesn't come together.

Mystery Tour: Volunteers wanted.

Interesting Things You Might Like/Ongoing:

Each Wednesday at Mel's Diner in Auburn get-together. I believe there's a discount on the food for bringing an old car.

Summer Nights in Nevada City. Must register by July 3 with the Chamber of Commerce. Held the 12th, 19th, & 26th from 6-9:30. Arrive a bit early to get a place with the group across from the National Hotel.

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: Janet Spencer was absent.

Technical: The question was asked: The brakes are well-adjusted, but the pedal seems really low. What can be done? The answer: Give each brake the same number of clicks (maybe 2 to start) and test drive, riding the brake down a steep hill. Test each for hotness. If the pedal is in a good place, but one or two are hotter than the others, bring the cooler ones up a click and test again. If the pedal is still too low, bring each up another click or two and test.

Gots & Wants:

We're going to start over with the list. Let me know if you have a Got or Want to include.

For sale: 1930 coupe ground up resto 15 years ago. \$15k Call Ron Pierce for all the goodies.

Show & Tell: Nothing to report but a funny story: Steve H. called Buzz from the Auburn Swap Meet to say a guy he knew was selling an overdrive and would Buzz like to buy it? Buzz had recently passed on an OD at a really great price because he didn't know the guy (or the actual condition of the OD). Buzz got a good deal and a good overdrive.

ACCC: Bill Mitchell was absent.

Old Business: By-laws still pending the notice period and will be voted on at the next meeting.

Bobbie Whiting is going to write a blurb about the club for *The Restorer*.

New Business: Vendor recommendation: Eric Dodson, Sierra Custom Upholstery on Joerschke Drive.

There should be an audit of the treasurer's books. Need a volunteer who has some accounting knowledge.

The suggestion was made that, since the Chevy Club Swap Meet is discontinuing, we start a Pre-War Swap Meet (1941 and earlier, so no Mustangs or Camaros). The Model T Club did one for 2 days, paid \$3000 to put it on and netted \$9000, using fewer than 20 people. A good point is to be sure to have a clear plan on how to spend any proceeds prior to the meet in order to avoid major friction. Please call Steve Halverson with thoughts and general interest in moving forward with this idea.

Raffle: Not held, Vern Harms was absent.

Attendance Drawing: Oops...we forgot about it! Did I mention it has been really hot these days? It is a well-known fact that heat makes people forget things.

Attendees: Christina Brodie, Steve Halverson, Ted Bearrensen, Buzz and Jan Elliott, Steve & Kristy Turnsk, Marty & Myra Clampitt, Ron & Sharon Pierce, Bob Ambrose, Sandi Shilling, Bob Bickelmann, Bob & Bobbie Whiting, Pat Tobin, Steve & Vicky Straw, Phil Lawrence, Phil Drees and Steve Halverson.

2 A's were in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm, moved, seconded and carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Brodie, Secretary

SCHOOL DAYS.....SCHOOL DAYS

Once again we were invited to the Seven Hills school in Nevada City to help the four classes of third graders celebrate "Pioneer Days" It is sure fun to talk with the teachers and kids and help them learn about Henry Ford, his Model A automobiles and the period of time in which they were manufactured.

I think we often take our hobby for granted and forget how different it really is. We need this new set of eyes. As in the previous years the most interest was in Ahooga horns and bullet holes. I really enjoy this part of our hobby and think our club should do more of it!

Phil Lawrence, Marty Clampitt, Phil Drees, Steve Straw, Ted Baerresen attended.

By Steve Straw





Seven Hills School
June 2nd

Pictures by Steve Straw





GraNeva A's go to the Silent Movies

Turnsks, Lawrences, Bob Ambrose, and Elliotts, joined by three of Buzz and Jan's friends, went to see *The General* on Sunday, June 11 at Peace Lutheran Church. The weather was cold and rainy (remember those days?) so everyone opted to take modern cars.

The movie, a 1926 classic starring Buster Keaton, was an action-romantic-comedy. The live organ accompaniment by nationally known Walt Strony was amazing. Everyone met at the Royal Dragon Buffet for dinner afterwards and agreed they want to go to more silent movies like that.

Phantom of the Opera is coming this fall. Watch for future announcements.

By Jan Elliott



Phil Lawrence standing and Bob Whiting sitting.

AirFest Fundraiser at ol' Republic Brewery

Five Model A's and 10 current and former club members made it to ol' Republic Brewery in Nevada City Saturday evening, June 24, to support a fundraiser for AirFest 2017.

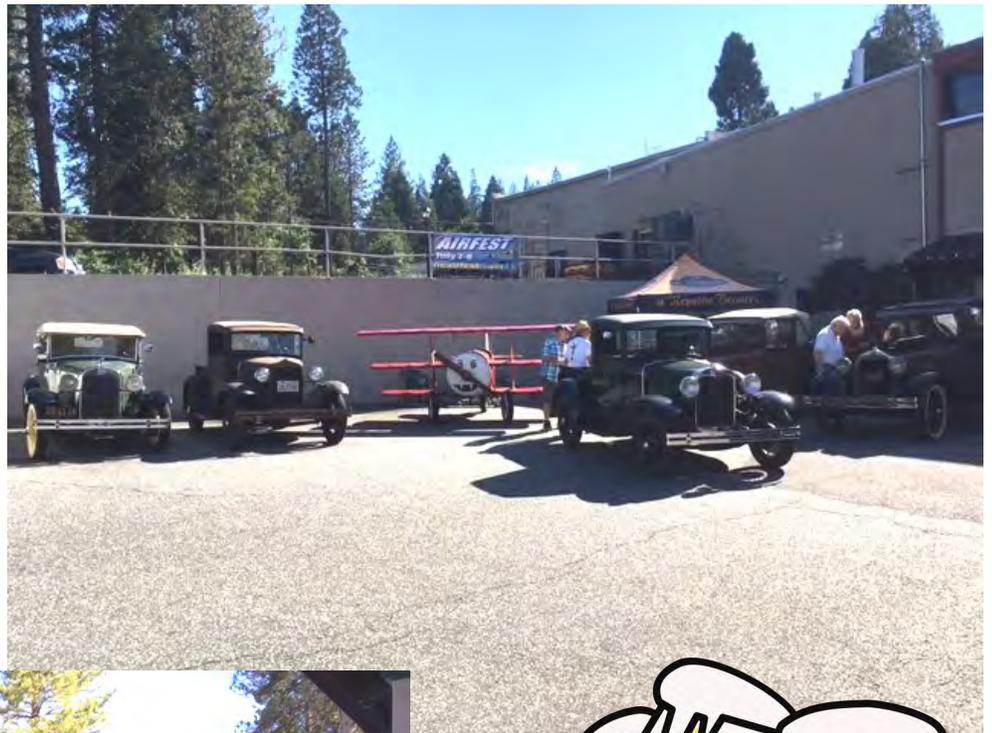
As the shadows grew and the heat dissipated, Straws, Elliott's, Bob Whiting, Phil Lawrence, Steve Halverson, Bob Ambrose, and Ryck & Linda Johnson sampled various beers, ate corned beef sandwiches and joined the car and air-plane-loving crowd. Several ended the evening with an ice-cream cone at Rite Aid. A perfect way to spend a hot summer evening!

Pictures by Jan and Buzz Elliott



OL' REPUBLIC BREWERY AND FUNDRAISER FOR NEVADA COUNTY AIRFEST 2017

Halverson's, Phil Lawrence's, Whiting's



Linda and Ryck Johnson, Bob Whiting, Bob Ambrose, Steve & Vicky Straw, Jan Elliott





Jan and Buzz Elliott, Ted Baerresen, Steve Straw and Marty Clampitt

Rough & Ready Secession Day Chili Cook Off

On Sunday, June 25, Ted Baerresen led three Model A's (Ted, Buzz and Jan Elliott, and Marty Clampitt) from K-Mart to Rough & Ready, where they met up with Steve and Vicky Straw and Steve Halverson for Rough & Ready's Annual Secession Day Chili Cook Off.

With lots of shopping stalls, music from some of the old Fruit Pickers, a free lunch at the Fire Department, topped off by a tasting of lots of home-made chili, it was a hot but filling afternoon!



Steve Halverson, Steve and Vicki Straw, Marty Clampitt, Jan Elliott, and Ted Baerresen



STEERING



By JIM RYNER

It was indeed an honor to be elected president of our growing Southern California Region, and it will bring me great personal pleasure if I can even approach the record and service of our past president. Looking back, we are amazed by the accomplishments and rapid growth that took place during our charter year. However, I am convinced each succeeding year will be even greater. With the interest in old cars on the upswing, and the great public acceptance of the Model A Ford, how can we miss?

Our pioneering year, with each event a new experience, was no doubt more difficult than any we will have to face in the future. Introduction and success of The Restorer, the First Annual Meet, the trophy project, the car show, the packed season of successful tours, and all the other activities are guideposts of valuable experience that should make this a much easier year insofar as planning and hard work are concerned.

It has been my pleasure to attend a few meetings of our new committees, and it is indeed encouraging to see the 100 percent attendance and interest displayed by these workers. As long as we have enthusiastic committees we can rest assured we will have an active club, since they are the backbone of the organization.

These new committees were selected from those who have indicated more than just average interest in the club, but with our increasing growth and expansion there will be plenty of opportunities to make additions to these existing committees and a need to form new committees. So those members who have not yet been selected will have ample opportunity to volunteer their talents and services in the very near future. By doing so, they will discover, as others have, that full appreciation of membership is enjoyed only by giving as well as taking--by doing one's part.

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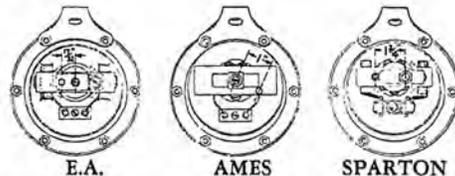
Your attention is directed to the new ruling which places The Restorer on distribution by subscription only, and this issue ends Volume #1, so we hope this small word to the wise is sufficient--rate for members: \$2.

THREE DIFFERENT HORNS ON EARLY A'S

Three different makes of horns are used on Model A cars and trucks; namely, Sparton, Ames and E. A.

On the first horns supplied by these concerns the horn covers were not interchangeable (present covers are interchangeable) and inasmuch as the manufacturers stamped their names on the cover it was difficult to identify the make of horn when the cover was lost.

Measuring the distance between the adjusting screw and the hole for the horn cover screw (see Fig. 534) provides an easy means of identifying these horns when it is necessary to order a new cover.



(From Model A Service Bulletin, July 1928)

****Interesting information re Model A Horns.**

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