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Washington Hotel Tour - September 11th, 2017



President's Message for September 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.

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Granevaas.com
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Dear Fellow Members,

It is autumn! I can now take naps in our sunroom, and drive my Model A in great comfort! It is Pumpkin face carving time too, Kristi carved one last year with a "SHOCKED" expression. I was the model. Try holding that expression in the mirror for a half hour. We need a tour to one of the pumpkin places like we did last year and the years before.

Can anyone name a hit song from 1929? I can; "Softly, as in a Morning Sunrise". It was originally written for an opera as a tango, after that it morphed into a jazz standard. "Mack the Knife", a 1928 hit from The Three Penny Opera was a dark cabaret song that morphed into jazz. In each of the songs, the melody and the words remain the same over the years. The songs have a different flavor now. "Tip Toe through the Tulips" was a really big song from a 1929 movie, and then Tiny Tim gave it the death blow in the 60s, most likely scrapped forever like an old Model A!

Our Model As on the other hand, have not really morphed into anything different during the last 90 years. Traffic has changed... So we are toughing it out and pushing these cars past their limits!

Autumn is time to elect new officers, the old leaves must fall! The election committee consists of Bob Ambrose, Sharon Pierce and myself. Expect a call from one of us and we expect some help! We do have some members interested in some of the positions already. I know that the secretary position is open.

Lastly, there is the annual Bridgeport Fall Festival on Sunday October 22. They are looking for 3 or 4 old cars to display. Anyone interested please give me a call this week so that I can tell them. I forgot to mention it at the meeting.

Respectfully, Steve



Sunshine Report

Please be thinking about Steve Halverson, he hurt his leg again. Speedy recover Steve!!!

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

October 26 - Elks Lodge in Nevada City @7PM

November 11th Meeting - And Thanksgiving at the Buttermaker's Cottage at the Western Gateway Park in Penn Valley. 11:30 to 2:30PM. Pot Luck this year. Names A-E bring a Main Dish, H-N bring a Salad, P-W bring Dessert. Also Officer Nominees will be announced.

December 16th Holiday Party - Saturday, The Willo starting at 5:30PM Cocktails and Dinner at 6:30PM. Mark your calendars. See page 16.

UPCOMING Tours:

October 28th - One-Day Mystery Tour - Aaron Johnson to lead. See the "Minutes" for all the for details.

Upcoming Shows/Swap Meets 2017

- ♦ *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 your dinner.*

EDITOR'S NOTES:

Hello All,

Well from the nice pictures supplied by Janet Spencer and Jan Elliott it looks like the Washington Hotel Tour was a success. Beautiful day was had by all!

Also the tour Steve Halverson lead "You Bet/Red Dog looked very interesting. Sorry we couldn' t make it. Thanks Steve!

Unbelievable it is now October!! Be sure to attend the rest of the tours and parties!!

Sincerely,

Sharon, your Edi- tor



PS Go to Page 16 for more info re the Christmas Party/Dinner. We need to pick "3" dinners. I' ll talk about at Oct Mtg.



Tech Talk

by Ron Pierce



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



HAVES AND WANTS

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

Norm Westmore selling his Model A - 1929 Tudor - 1,500 miles on a fully restored model. See page 13 in newsletter.

October & November BIRTHDAYS



10/8 Pat Tobin
10/21 Norman Plise

11/4 Gerry Holzapple
11/20 Ryck Johnson
11/24 Bridgette Holzapple
11/26 Phil Drees



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.

October - Bob Whiting
November - Thanksgiving
December - Christmas Dinner



October & November ANNIVERSARIES



10/19 Steve & Kristi Turnsk

11/9 Phil & Barbara Lawrence

THANKS TO JANET SPENCER

FOR BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY INFORMATION



Call to order: President Steve Turnsk, called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm at the Nevada City Elk's Lodge on September 28, 2017.

Membership: There were no new members to report. Guests were Jack Orlis who has owned a roadster for a year but has yet to get it on the road; and John and Jill Bennett of England who have a '32 Tudor Model A they had shipped from the states and are here visiting family. They also gave us some info about how there are quite a few A's in England as vintage off-road trials are very popular. He uses his daily.

Sheriff: Sheriff Steve Straw collected a total of \$0.50.

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. There was quite a bit of activity last month.

Sharon Pierce received 12 vendors for advertising: Lucas Classic Tires, Arizona Model A, EGGE Machine Co., Aries Mufflers, MAC's Auto Parts (including Cartouche), J.C. Taylor Antique Auto Ins. (with roadside towing), Gaslight Auto Parts, Snyder's Antique Auto Parts, Bratton's Antique Auto Parts, Early Ford Store, Mitchell Mfg., and Mike's A-Fordable Parts.

Also the auction brought in \$477.50! The report was approved.

Vice-President Report: No report. Beautiful weather!

Editor, Sharon Pierce: No report.

Tours, Steve Halverson: Buzz stood in because Steve fell off a roof...again.

Vern reported on the Washington Hotel Tour. It was his turn to break down. Kay and Bob pushed to get started and they all got there. However, the coffee pot guy didn't show up so they went to see the grave yard. Vern's car acted up again (probably the fuel pump) and he had to idle out, catching some speed on the downhills. He did make it to his house before the car would go no further. The Spencer's had waited which caused their car to percolate. All in all, it was a good trip with 18 cars (a few modern) turning out.

The Hill Climb was another success and also had 18 cars. There were lots of runs with a guy from Utah being King of the Hill by 3/1000 of a second!

Upcoming tours include:

A National Tour in Paso Robles.

October 28th. Saturday, **One-Day Mystery Tour**. Meet at RALEY'S 8:00. Raley's because it's easier to get coffee and breakfast pastries. There will be a 1-2 hour drive, rain or shine. If it rains and everyone drives modern cars, closer to an hour. It might cost a couple of bucks to park and \$12 to tour a facility. There is some antiquing in the vicinity along with lots of places to eat during a 2-hour lunch. Return trip starts about 4-4:30 so everyone can be home by dark.

November 11th, November meeting and Thanksgiving at the Buttermaker's Cottage at the Western Gateway Park in Penn Valley. 11:30-2:30. Potluck this year: Names A-E Main dish; H-N Salad; P-W Dessert. Officer nominees will be announced.

December 16th, Christmas Dinner at the Willo. Cocktails at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30. There will be 3 choices again. Watch for an email or visit the Willo's website.

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.

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: Steve Halverson fell off the roof. Please keep in touch with him.

Technical: Steve Turnsk discussed brakes and what happens when the pins and tracks get worn. Also how to make a rig to check (you can borrow his). Model B brakes are much better because they're bigger. So, don't forget to check the heat of your brakes once in a while!

Gots & Wants:

Larry Fink needs some help on his '31 5 window coupe...the steering box is bad. I'm unsure if he's selling or just repairing.

For sale: Norm Westmore is selling his Model A Tudor.

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

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

Show & Tell: Patrick Tobin found an article in an auto magazine about a fabulous wonder product that is amazing on chrome and we've had it all along and just forgotten. Bon Ami! It also talked about using wood-restoration products on paint, which worked very well.

ACCC: SB1 is still in limbo and collecting signatures. Please go to www.nocagastax.com to help repeal the gas tax that goes into effect November 1st.

There has been some movement on the site, but is still largely dated.

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.

New Business: None.

Raffle: \$43 to John Burnside.

Attendance Drawing: Regina Stevenson was not present.

Attendees: Christina Brodie, Buzz and Jan Elliott, Steve & Kristy Turnsk, Sharon & Ron Pierce, Joe Stinson (Sharon's son) Bob Ambrose, Bob & Bobbie Whiting, Steve & Vicky Straw, Sandi Schilling, Bob Bickelmann, Gary & Janet Spencer, Vern & Kay Harms, Kelly Stevenson, John Burnside, Patrick Tobin, Aaron Johnson, Dennis Westcot, John and Jill Bennett (visitors) and John Orlis (visitor).

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm, moved, seconded and carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Brodie, Secretary

Gra-Neva Model A Tour
to
The Little Town of Washington
By Kay Harms

A nice size group of Model A'ers met at the usual place, Kmart parking lot at about 10:00AM on September 11th. We were ready to line up and leave by 10:15 but tour leader Vern Harms' Victoria would not start. Seems the battery was tired. Some pushing help got the car started and we all headed to Nevada City and points beyond. Picked up the Elliott's at 5 Mile House. (They used up all the gas in their car and were not able to meet us at Kmart. They corrected that problem and joined us at 5 Mile House.) It was a beautiful tour up Hwy 20. Just after the scenic overlook we made a left turn for the drive down into the canyon toward Washington. Arrived about 11:30 and enjoyed visiting with all the tour participants. Lunch was eventually served and I don't think anyone left hungry.

We had a little time to spare before meeting our American Coffee Pot Museum docent so we all strolled to the Washington town cemetery. Checked out a few headstones there. Our meeting time with the Coffee Pot Museum docent was at 1:00PM. He had not arrived by 1:30. We had several cars including the two modern cars on our tour that had already left. The tour leader decided to call it a day and the rest of our group left for Grass Valley.

The Spencer's, Turnsk's, Bob Ambrose & Linda and the Harms were in the last group to leave Washington. A short distance out of "town", Vern's Victoria started having problems again. This time it was decided by all the "experts" it was a fuel pump problem. Eventually Vern made it all the way uphill to Hwy 20 and then nursed the Victoria home. It stopped in front of our barn and refused to go any further. Meanwhile, back on the road up from Washington, the Spencer's developed mechanical problems also. The Turnsk's stayed with them and later that afternoon, we (Vern and Kay) learned Spencer's were home also. What a day!!!!!!

Tour participants were Vern & Kay Harms, Bob & Bobbie Whiting, Gary and Janet Spencer, Ted Baerresen, John Burnside, Buzz & Jan Elliott, Steve & Kristi Turnsk, Bob Ambrose and Linda, Phil & Barbara Lawrence, Dennis Westcot, Pat Tobin.



Bob Ambrose with his friend Linda in his Model T Hot Rod

WASHINGTON HOTEL TOUR SEPTEMBER 11, 2017



Kay Harms and Dennis Westcot..... Pushing their car!



Dennis Westcot, Buzz Elliott and Vern Harms enjoying the beautiful scenery.



Kristi "Kiki" Turnsk enjoying herself at the Washington Hotel :)



Linda with Bob Ambrose and Steve Turnsk



Barbara and Phil Lawrence



Kristi and Steve Turnsk



Kay and Vern Harms and Linda with Bob Ambrose



Facing out: Ted Baerresen, Janet and Gary Spencer.

Backs towards camera: John Burnside, Bob and Bobbie Whiting.



Kay Harms and Buzz Elliott enjoying the warm afternoon.

YOU BET/ RED DOG TOUR SEPTEMBER 30TH, SATURDAY



Jerry Brady, the tour guide and docent.



Great tour! Perfect weather. 3 Model A's and 2 moderns from our club (Buzz & me, Steve H., Steve Straw (Bill Krening rode with him), Lawrence's, Bob B. & Sandy S.)

We joined up with lots of other people (+1 more Model A - potential new members). Lots of dirt roads - glad we didn't wash the car BEFORE the tour!

Comments by Jan Elliott



Note Steve Halverson on crutches. Jan Elliott in front.





Interesting grave stone.

Pictures and dialogue by Jan Elliott.



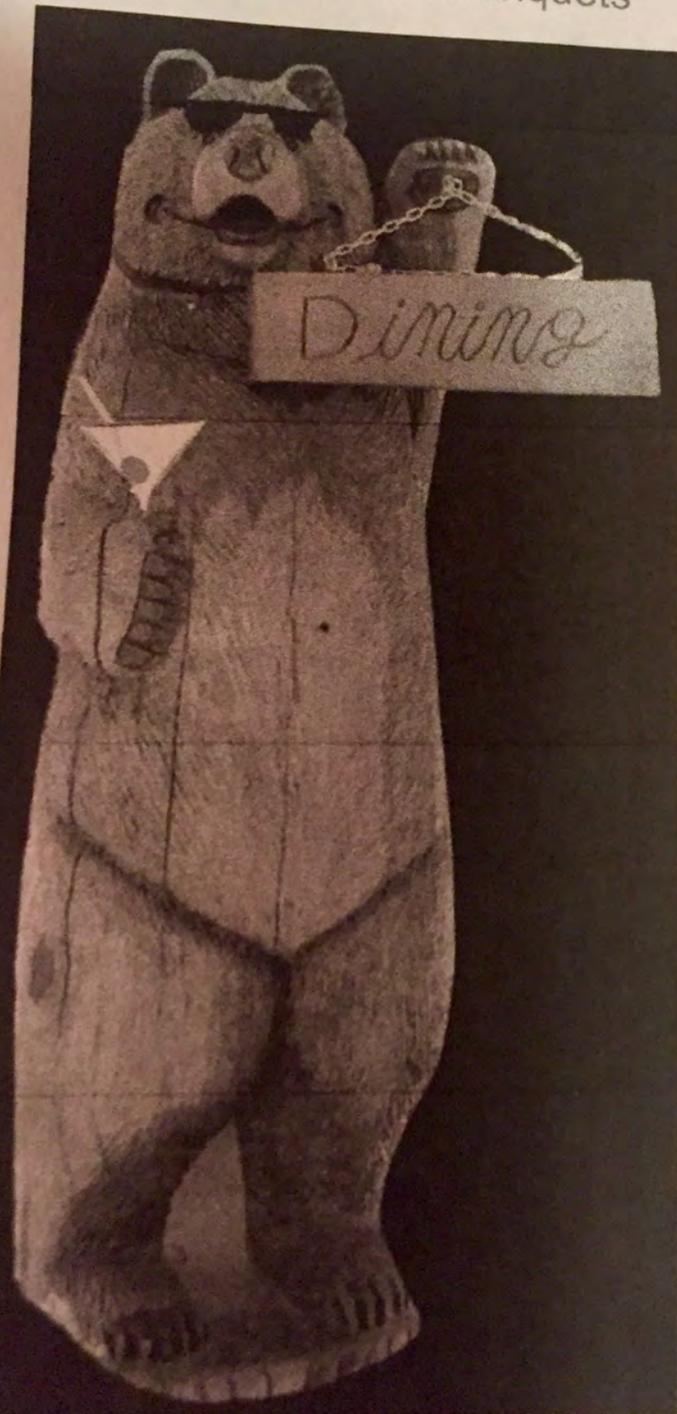
We were standing near the site of this house (Goodwin Estate) where our tour guide Jerry Brady lived from age 9 to 19. (1937-47?)



Lunch Area

Shade constructed by local Boy Scout Troop for the event. Extensive presentation on mining techniques. Lots of hydraulic mining in this area between the wars.

Special Events and Banquets



The Willo hosts dozens of banquets each year. Our facility accommodates up to 65 people. Call Nancy at 530-265-9902 to discuss your specific requirements Below is our base banquet menu. And, as always, there is no room charge.

All dinners include salad, ranch beans, garlic bread, ice cream, coffee and a baked potato.

Price per person

Medium Steak \$34.00

(Cooked medium rare or by request, well done)

Halibut \$34.00

Chicken \$26.00

Ribs \$26.00

Garden Burger \$18.00

Prices include tax and tip & your own bartender. \$30.00 bartender charge if less than 35 guests

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The Willo for our Christmas Dinner Celebration. December 16th from 5:30 (Cocktails) and Dinner at 6:30pm.

If we get 30 or more we won't be charged for a Bartender, if less it will cost us \$30.00.



Things haven't changed much!



1929 MODEL A FOR SALE (Norm Westmore)

For Sale: Complete bottoms-up restored 1929 Tudor Model A. Driven under 2,000 miles since restoration- stock except Mitchell overdrive and Snyder 5.5 head. Includes car cover, extra regular head, and head gasket and other parts. Price: \$17,000.

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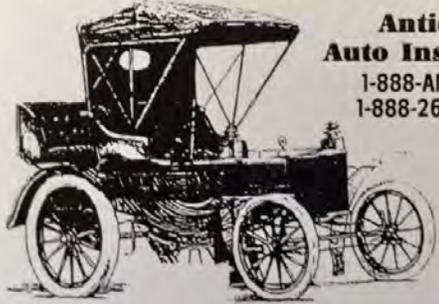
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