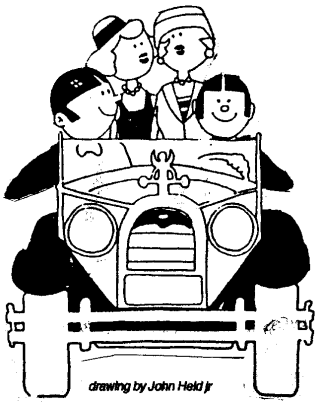

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HOLIDAY DINNER AT THE WILLO DECEMBER 16, 2017

Welcome your new 2018 Board Members for GraNeva A's.

Vern Harms, Tour Director; Jan Elliott, Treasurer; Kay Harms, President; Steve Turnsk, Vice President; and Sharon Pierce, Editor and Publisher. John Burnside, Secretary did not attend.

President's Message for December 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

Dear Fellow Members,

I have been honored and happy to hold this position for the last 4 years! I have gained a lot of personal growth by being president and thank you all for not only supporting me, but to be part of it all. I love the beautiful blowtorch, thank you Vern and Kay; it's sitting with great pride in my living room.

I have been in the Gra-Neva A's for about 9 years now, and I have enjoyed a lot of wonderful experiences with this club. When I first joined the club, the cars were my main focus and I was shy with the personal side. Now my perspective has shifted 180 degrees. The members are now my main focus and the cars, although important are my secondary focus.

The GRA-NEVA A's was the first local car club chapter that I have ever belonged to. I was really hesitant about joining a chapter, partly because I felt that I did not have anything to contribute and partly because I was not allowed to join another local chapter 46 years ago. Maybe they just did not want a 16 year old teenager with a weathered coupe in their club; I never really knew the true reason (I had short hair, was a good student and had a job after school; I was not a hippie type). That club dissolved 30 years ago and there is still a ton of Model A's in the Vacaville/Fairfield area. I guess that's what happens to a club where they pick and choose their members using excessively narrow parameters. In being dynamically involved with our club over the last 9 years, I feel redeemed from being shut out 46 years ago. I love the Gra-Neva A's, we welcome EVERYONE (as long as you like Model As).

The December dinner; WOW. If one belongs to the club only to attend that dinner..... It had delicious food, it had warm people, it had fun gift giving, and it was relaxing and exciting at the same time. Thank you Sharon and Jan; how do you do these things so well?

I am welcoming Kay as President. I will support her by being Vice President. There is some administrative housekeeping to be done that I have neglected and Kay will tidy it all up. Kay will need our participation for committees and such, so please help out; she cannot do it all on her own!

As Tour Chairperson, Vern will need our input and help this year with tours. We can do that!

Also Gary is involved with the International Meet in Reno this coming year. It's the International Meet with maybe 500+ cars, and only 1 ½ hours away.

Respectfully,
Steve

Sunshine Report

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

2018 Meetings:
January 25th @ 7PM - Elks Lodge in Nevada City
February 22nd @ 7PM - Elks Lodge in Nevada City
March 22nd @! 7PM - Elks Lodge in Nevada City

UPCOMING Tours:
January 1st, 2018 Monday - Hangover Tour - Leaves Kmart at 10:30 AM.

We'll drive the A's for about 30 miles, ending up at the Spencer's home for social time. We'll provide ham, black-eye peas, egg nog and other drinks, and plates and utensils. Please bring a side dish to share. RSVP please so we'll know how much to prepare.
Gary & Janet Spencer 477-5570

Upcoming Shows/Swap Meets 2018

January 27 & 28th - Turlock Swap Meet (Modesto Area)

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- *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.*

If you need any technical advice, please contact Ron Pierce. He's your man!

EDITOR'S NOTES:

Hello All,

What a topsy turby year!!! I'm really glad it's over. All over the world, and especially California has been awful. Here's to 2018 to be safe, happy and prosperous for all of us!

Thank you for making the Xmas/Holiday party dinner a huge success! Couldn't have done it without all of you.

So we have a new President for 2018, Kay Harms and I think she has lots of ideas to get us out on the road! Please be supportive of her.

Well, Happy New Year everyone!

Sincerely,
Sharon, your Editor

PS
There are a couple of things re swap meets, etc. I left in from last month.

HAVES AND WANTS

Nothing reported. Let Sharon Pierce know and I'll post it!

January & February BIRTHDAYS

1/3 Danielle Alfaro	2/3 Barbara White
1/3 Jennifer Johnson	2/10 Larry Hubbard
1/9 Gary Spencer	2/13 Ardy Tobin
1/20 Bobbie Whiting	2/14 Weldon Travis
1/22 Barbara Lawrence	2/16 Jan Elliott
1/24 Louise Baerresen	2/17 Jim Haire
1/24 Virginia Stevenson	2/24 Steve Turnsk
	2/25 Christina Brodie
	2/26 Steve Straw

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 Kay Harms or Steve Turnsk.

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January 2018 - Tony Alfaro
February - Bob Ambrose
March - Ted Baerresen
April - Bob Bickelmann

January & February ANNIVERSARIES

1/20 Norm & Jan Westmore	2/14 Jerry & Sharlene Dorville

THANKS TO JANET SPENCER

FOR BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY INFORMATION

Special Report:

Gra-Neva A's annual Christmas Dinner

Call to order:

President Steve Turnsk, called the special meeting to order at 7:30 pm at The Willo, Nevada City, on December 16, 2017 with the purpose of installing the new officers for 2018. Thirty-eight members and family attended.

President Turnsk thanked the exiting board members for their service and announced the names of new officers for 2018:

President: Kay Harms
Vice-President: Steve Turnsk
Treasurer: Jan Elliott
Secretary: John Burnside
Tours: Vern Harms
Editor: Sharon Pierce

Buzz Elliott read the pledge and administered the oath.

Kay Harms spoke about the meaning of being a leader before presenting an antique gas torch to Steve Turnsk for his four years of service as club President.

The gift exchange, organized by Jan Elliott and Sharon Pierce, who also found really fantastic gifts that were paid by the club, was a big success. Many thanks!

A reminder of the Hangover Tour January 1st.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm, moved, seconded and carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Brodie, Secretary

Holiday Dinner at the Willo in Nevada City December 16th, 2017

Bob Ambrose and friend Velina with Jan Elliott

Steve Turnsk thanking everyone for coming.

Here come Santa, Here come Santa (and Mrs Santa).

Santa and Mrs Claus welcoming everyone and wishing us all Merry Christmas.

Ted Baerresen and Larry Hubbard waiting to get their delicious meal.

Louise Baerresen and Denia Hubbard having a nice visit before dinner was served.

Kay and Vern Harms with Steve Turnsk.

Kay Harms presenting Steve Turnsk with a “Blow Torch” commemorating four years of service as President.

Louise Baerresen choosing a gift with help from Sharon Pierce.

All gifts donated by the Club.

Thanks to Denia Hubbard, Jan Elliott and Sharon Pierce for all the cool pictures.

Taken out of the CTCI Early Bird
Thunderbird Club Magazine

WD-40 Who Knew?

What is the Main Ingredient of WD-40?

Before you read to the end, does anybody know what the main ingredient of WD-40? No Cheating.....WD-40 ~ Who knew!

I had a neighbor who bought a new pickup. I got up very early one Sunday morning and saw that someone had spray painted red all around the sides of this beige truck (for some unknown reason). I went over, woke him up, and told him the bad news. He was very upset and was trying to figure out what to do. .. probably nothing until Monday morning, since nothing was open. Another neighbor came out and told him to get his WD-40 and clean it off. It removed the unwanted paint beautifully and did not harm his paint job that was on the truck. I was impressed!

WD -40 who knew? "Water Displacement #40". The product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and de-greaser to protect missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953, by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a 'Water Displacement' Compound. They were finally successful for a formulation, with their fortieth attempt, thus WD-40. The 'Convair Company' bought it in bulk to protect their atlas missile parts. Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you.

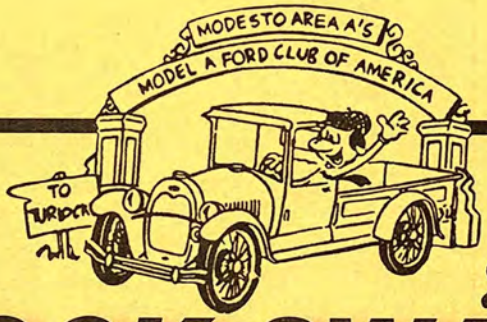
When you read the 'shower door' part, try it. It's the first thing that has ever cleaned that spotty shower door. If yours is plastic, it works just as well as on glass. It's a miracle! Then try it on your stove-top. It's now shinier than it's ever been. You'll be amazed.

WD-40 Uses:

1. Protects silver from tarnishing.
2. Removes road tar and grime from cars.
3. Cleans and lubricates guitar strings.
4. Gives floor that 'just-waxed' sheen withou making them slippery.
5. *Keeps the flies off of Cows, Horses, and other* Farm Critters, as well. (Ya gotta love this one!!!)
6. Restores and cleans chalkboards.
7. Removes lipstick stains.
8. Loosens stubborn zippers.
9. Untangles jewelry chains.
10. Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.
11. Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
12. Keeps ceramic/terracotta garden pots from oxidizing.
13. Removes tomato stains from clothing.
14. Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots.
15. Camouflages scratches on ceramic and marble floors.
16. Keeps scissors working smoothly.
17. Lubricates noisy door hinges on both home and vehicles doors.
18. It removes that nasty tar and scuff marks from the kitchen flooring. It doesn't seem to harm the finish and you won't have to scrub nearly as hard to get them off. Just remember to open some windows, for ventilation, if you have a lot of marks.
19. Remove those nasty bug guts that will eat away the finish on your car if not removed quickly!
20. Gives a children's playground gym slide a shine for a super fast slide.
21. Lubricates gearshift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers.
22. Rids kids rocking chair and swings free of squeaky noises.
23. Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open.
24. Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
25. Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers.
26. Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.
27. Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans.
28. Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons, and bicycles for easy handling.
29. Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and *keeps them running smoothly.*
30. Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.
31. Removes grease splatters from stove-tops.
32. Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.
33. Lubricates prosthetic limbs.
34. Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).
35. Removes all traces of duct tape.
36. Folks even spray it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain.
37. Florida's favorite use is: 'cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers.'
38. The favorite use in the state of New York, it protects the Statue of Liberty from the elements.
39. WD-40 attracts fish. Spray a little on live bait or lures and you will be catching the big one in no time. Also, it's a lot cheaper than the chemical attractants that are made for just that purpose. Keep in mind though, using some chemical laced baits or lures for fishing are not allowed in some states.
40. Use it for fire ant bites. It takes the sting away immediately and stops the itch.
41. It is great for removing crayon from walls. Spray it on the marks and wipe with a clean rag.
42. Also, if you've discovered that your teenage daughter has washed and dried a tube of lipstick with a load of laundry, saturate the lipstick spots with WD-40 and re-wash. Presto! The lipstick is gone!
43. If you spray it inside a wet distributor cap, it will displace the moisture, allowing the engine to start.

P.S. As for that Basic, Main Ingredient.....
Well.... it's FISH OIL!!!

Now This Is Definitely Worth SHARING!!



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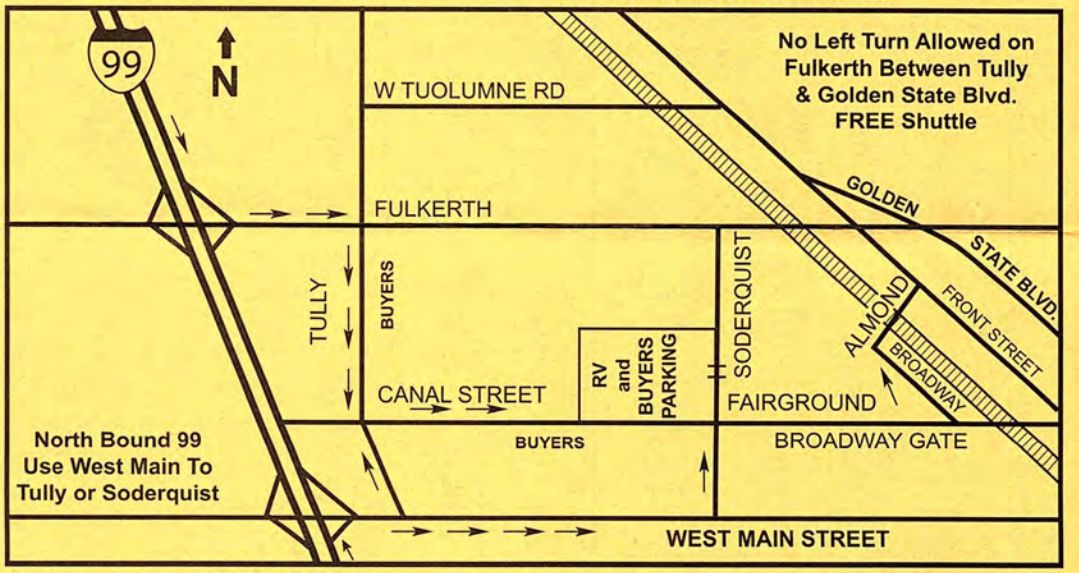

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SWAP MEET 2018

Dear Car Enthusiasts:

Please include the following in your publication, bulletins or monthly newsletters.

The Modesto Area A's 52nd Annual SWAP MEET will be at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Turlock, California, on January 27th and 28th, 2018. MODEL A FORD, Antique, Classic Cars, and Automotive Vintage items only. All swap spaces pre-registered. CARS FOR SALE: $40.00 for cars 20 years or older, $60.00 for cars 19 years or newer, (no parts or trailers). Must be driven to space. Pre 1969 models preferred. Admission $10.00 for buyers on Saturday and $5.00 on Sunday. Security on duty Friday and Saturday night. NO FIREARMS OR ALCOHOL. NO DOGS (except Seeing Eye Dogs or Service Dogs). For more information please see our web site at www.TurlockSwapMeet.com

Thank you for your help and cooperation in making our past SWAP MEETS such a success.

Sincerely,

Liese A. Ott

Liese A. Ott
Swap Meet Publicity Chairman
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Modesto, California 95358
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MAFCA National Convention
Aces' & A's
June 23-30, 2018

Next year the national convention is sponsored by the NCRG (Northern California Regional Group), of which we are one of the member clubs. Each NCRG club is asked to participate in putting on this event. The convention technically doesn't start until June 24 but we'll need to arrive on the 23rd to help with registration. We may also be asked to help with parking. Registration goes on until June 26, so we can come back anytime after that, or stay for the entire event. We will tour up as a group and you can decide when you want to return.

The event will be held at the Nugget Casino & Resort in Sparks. You can reserve your room there at 800-843-2427. Use code GMODEL to get the $79 room rate.

You can register for the convention using the online form that Sharon sent out via email or by going to MAFCA.com website. You must be a MAFCA member to register, or you can join on your registration form. Registration can be done anytime but before May 1 for the reduced rate. There are a lot of seminars, tours and events that you can sign up for on your registration form, some of which may fill up. They have 300+ registrations already and the bus tours to Fallon Naval Air Station are already booked up.

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