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**Train Trip to Reno
Thursday, Friday February 8-9, 2018**

President's Message for February 2018

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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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

Our President Kay asked me to help her out with writing these letters on the even months. The views are my own and do not necessarily reflect Kay's views. Thank you Kay for having faith in me.

Dear Fellow Members,

As I was driving my patina Model A truck into town last week I passed Jerry Dorville, who was driving his coupe the other way. We both waved and smiled. What fun!

I have an old Ford 8N tractor with a rear blade which I use for smoothing my road as well as snow plowing. Yesterday in preparation for our big snowstorm coming today (Thursday), I repositioned it on top of my hill (easier to plow downhill than uphill). I hadn't started it since our last snowstorm (a month ago exactly) and it fired right up. It acts and sounds pretty much like a Model A engine, and operating the tractor makes me smile just like driving a Model A does. I was disappointed to see only a few snowflakes whirling around outside today (I wonder if we will be snowed out on the day of our next meeting).

I have been contemplating on the terms "fate" and "destiny". Apparently fate is the situations in life that are thrown at you without your input, sort of like rolling dice. Destiny however, is what one proactively does with the situations and offers an amount of free will. The term destiny is a neutral word; it could lead to goodness or badness, right or wrong, and such. Each one of us when we acquired our 80+ year old Model A's, we signed up for a rolling vehicle of FATE. To have the most positive destiny with this fate, one must proactively check your oil, water, fuel, grease the fittings, adjust brakes, check the tires, routinely inspect for broken parts, carry some tools, "listen" to the car, and study the car. To some degree, one is still rolling dice when driving these cars, but the chances of having a positive destiny is much more probable. For example, we have a member in our club that not only drove his Model A to the International Meet in Texas, but then to the International Meet in Seattle. He certainly did not rely solely upon fate, but proactively created a wonderful destiny. Ask yourself what's navigating your journey; fate or destiny?

This month's letter from the Vice President,

Respectfully, Steve Turnsk

Sunshine Report

Please let Janet Spencer know how everyone is doing 477-5570. Please send your prayers to Jan Westmore. She could use them right now.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

2018 Meetings:

March 22nd @ 7PM - Elks Lodge in Nevada City

April 26th @ 7PM - Elks Lodge in Nevada City

May 24th @ 7PM - Elks Lodge in Nevada City

UPCOMING Tours:

TBD - Naggiar Wine Tasting and Bistro tour - leaders are the Whitings. Date to follow.

Upcoming Shows/Swap Meets 2018

MAFCA Convention - June 23-28th at Nugget Casino in Sparks NV. More info call Gary Spencer or Vern Harms.

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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 or Steve
Turnsk.

EDITOR'S NOTES:

Hello All,

Well we missed a great train ride earlier this month. Hopefully Ron and I can do one some other time.

On Page 9 there's a correction re a WD-40 article Ron submitted from the Early Bird - T Bird Magazine we get.

Remember you need to suggest to Vern Harms some tours you'd like to take, and maybe even lead one?

We have the MAFCA Convention in June, read about on Page 8. Questions ask Gary Spencer.

Take care and see you
on a Tour!

Sincerely,
Your Editor,
Sharon Pierce

PS: New members!
Doug & Deanna McKee



HAVES AND WANTS

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



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.

March - Tony Alfaro
April - Bob Ambrose
May - Ted Baerresen



March & April BIRTHDAYS

3/14 Marty Clampitt
3/24 Jim Musick
3/30 Kay Harms

4/1 Vicki Straw
4/1 Buzz Elliott
4/19 Phil Lawrence
4/27 Dale White



March & April ANNIVERSARIES

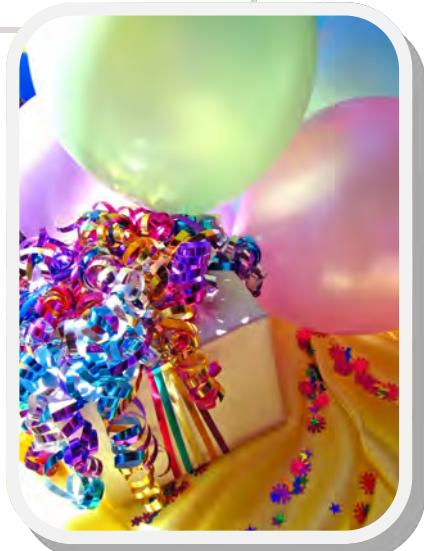


3/22 Bob & Bobbie Whiting
3/26 Larry & Denia Hubbard

4/13 Marty & Myra Clampitt
4/28 Ron & Sharon Pierce

THANKS TO JANET SPENCER

*FOR BIRTHDAY &
ANNIVERSARY INFORMATION*



No Minutes....

**Meeting was cancelled for
February.**

See you next month!!



Train Trip to Reno – Thursday-Friday, Feb. 8-9, 2018

Submitted by: Jan Elliott

Twenty-three Gra-Neva A members and friends boarded the Amtrak Train at the Colfax Station on Thursday, February 8, for the 3 ½ hour ride to Reno. The weather was beautiful, the ride smooth and comfortable, and the train on time!

Once in Reno, it was a short walk to Harrah's where the room assignments were ready for us. There was even time for another(!) Happy Hour in the Elliott's room before the short walk to Ichiban's Japanese Restaurant.

Everyone enjoyed an entertaining and filling meal and could barely waddle to our next venue to see "The Magic of Eli Kerr".

We failed to convince President Kay that she should represent the group by volunteering to go on stage to be run-through with metal stakes. The predominant reaction to seeing some pretty amazing tricks and illusions was "How did he do that??!!"

Friday morning the train was again on time, so we had to be at the Reno Train Station by about 8am, but that allowed some of us to try having breakfast in the dining car. What a civilized way to travel!

Travelers included Elliotts, Mitchells, Whitings and their friend Terry Armor, Bob Ambrose, Dennis Westcot, Harms and their friends Ken & Val Borello and Bill & Avon Steen, and four friends/relatives of the Bevelhymers – Coopers, Ridenour, Washburn and Whites. Bevelhymers had to cancel at the last minute to go to a funeral.

Special thanks to Jay Cooper, who works for Riebe's Auto Parts, for Riebe's donation of \$100 for raffle prizes which we gave away throughout the trip.





Ichiban's Japanese Restaurant

The Magic of Eli Kerr



**MAFCA National Convention
Aces' & A's
June 23-30, 2018**

This 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.

Any questions, call Gary Spencer @530-477-5570



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Readers Write Us



Auto Show 'Bird

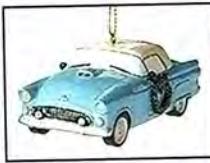
Car was on TV yesterday on the CBS news, she is being featured at 2pm with the Car Karaoke, should be on TV again then and on news tonight, the new stations are promoting the Auto Show so they are all posting clips! I will try and get more of their footage for you too!

Darcy Knapp, CTCI #27220
Altamont, New York

Diecast T-Birds

Hi Collectors:

Steve Legel sent me news that a new diecast T-Bird model is on the market. New model Christmas tree ornament. 1955 Thunderbird in blue with a white porthole hardtop. Cast in resin, solid, doesn't roll, 3 inches long. 3.2oz (9grams). Made by Roman, Inc. in the USA, #130949. Part of a series of Ford licensed model cars. Might be found at various gift stores such as Hallmark. Call around before you head out to locate one. A very few have shown up on eBay. Not sure what it retails for as the eBay prices I've seen include shipping. (Ed. Note: one website says \$22.95). It's also shown on the Holiday page on my diecast pages and listed on my website www.portholeauthority.com.



Happy Hunting,
Dot Lang, CTCI #09529
Rhome, Texas

WD 40 who knew? Correction

When I saw this in the Nov-Dec issue, I just had to respond, there is no fish oil in WD 40; it is petroleum based, I have seen this myth many times through the years and would think that whoever was responsible for putting this in the *EarlyBird* would have researched this urban myth. If the link doesn't work just Google MSDS for WD 40.
<https://wd40.com/files/pdf/msds-wd482671453.pdf>

Gary Smith, CTCI #24935
Leander, Texas

Ed Note: Thanks Gary. I guess I believed it, too, because I have heard it before. No fish oil. Thanks for the correction. The many uses for it are still very helpful. Snopes says: We queried the manufacturer of WD-40 about this e-mail to see if they could provide any enlightenment, and their customer service department responded by offering a modified list from which they "removed the tips we do not recommend." The manufacturer-recommended uses for WD-40 spray that remained after their emendations were as follows:

3. Protects silver from tarnishing.
4. Removes road tar and grime from cars.
10. Loosens stubborn zippers.
11. Untangles jewelry chains.
14. Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing.
18. Keeps scissors working smoothly.
19. Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes.
21. Lubricates gear shift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers.
22. Rids kids rocking chairs and swings 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.
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.
30. Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.
33. Lubricates prosthetic limbs.
34. Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).
35. Removes all traces of duct tape.
37. Florida's favorite use is: "cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers."
43. If you sprayed WD-40 on the distributor cap, it would displace the moisture and allow the car to start.
44. It removes black scuff marks from the kitchen floor! Use WD-40 for those nasty tar and scuff marks on 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 if you have a lot of marks. Wash off after use.
45. Bug guts will eat away the finish on your car if not removed quickly! Use WD-40!

Kidde Fire Extinguishers Recall

We have 3 recalled Kidde Fire Extinguishers - one in our '57 T-Bird, one in our '04 T-Bird and one in our upper garage. Please check all of your fire extinguishers.

Sharon and Bill Jurkonie, CTCI #30984
Kodak, TN

In response to the recall, Kidde said in a statement that "customer safety is our first priority" and that it working with authorities to "ensure that affected fire extinguishers are replaced as quickly as possible." "Get a new fire extinguisher free of charge in your home

WD-40 CORRECTION ABOVE

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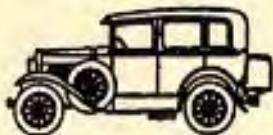
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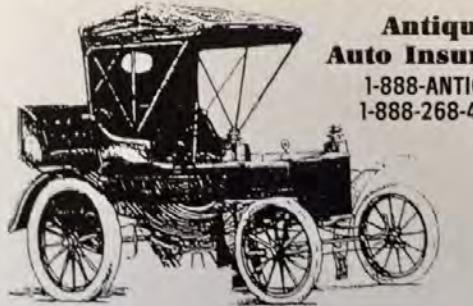


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