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**Souper Saturday Luncheon
October 23, 2019**

Read all about it on page 2 in the
President's Letter.



President's Message for NOVEMBER 2019

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 Nevada City 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 Paulette's Country Kitchen, Wednesday mornings about 7:00 a.m. in the "vault".

Items for the newsletter can be emailed to:
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Club Members:

We are into the holiday season and the weather has turned cold with rain and snow. Winter is here! For Thanksgiving, our family will be a small group around the table on Thursday. I hope all of you have plans of some sort and those plans do not include long distance travel. Thanksgiving is a time to count our blessings. Health is right at the top of the list, good friends are near the top also.

We had an exceptional group of members who attended the "Souper Saturday" meeting on November 16th. There were 36 of us. The "soup-makers" did an outstanding job. We had 5 different varieties to choose from. Conversations happened left and right with the noise level inside the Buttermaker's Cottage getting pretty high. A good, good lunch and a nice short meeting. Thanks to all who were there. Christmas Holiday dinner is on Sunday,

December 15 at the Willo Restaurant. Drinks begin at 5:00PM and dinner will be served at 6:00PM. Send your check for your dinners to Janet Elliott, Gra-Neva Model A Club, PO Box 2415, Grass Valley, California 95945. You might want to include your 2020 dues (\$25.) in the same envelope. Then you will be ready for the new year with the club.

First tour of 2020—Hang-Over Tour with Gary and Janet Spencer as tour leaders. January 1, 2020. More information can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Ending this short note with a couple of thoughts—(1) "Happy Turkey Day" said no turkey ever. (2) The two best parts of Thanksgiving come after the dinner: the nap and the leftovers!

Remember—Model A or modern car. Stay out of Harms' Way!!

Respectfully,
Kay Harms



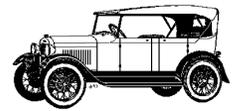
Sunshine Report

Please say prayers for a long-time friend of a lot of us... Ray Hren. Passed away 01/29/19. He is survived by his wife Wilma and children. RSVP Ray.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

2019 Gra-Neva A's Meetings:

December 12/15 Sunday Meeting & Dinner at the Willo, Drinks @ 5pm and Dinner at 6pm Sharp! Money and reservations now! To Jan Elliott!!

December 19th Xmas Lights Tour - meet at Kmart at 7PM.

UPCOMING Tours for 2019/20:

**Check Page 8 in Newsletter
for more upcoming tours!**

Upcoming Shows/Swap Meets 2019

- ◆ Cars & Coffee - **every** Saturday at Kmart GV from 8-10AM
- ◆ 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 at 530-470-8930.

EDITOR'S NOTES:

Hello all my friends!

Well I believe winter is upon us! We had a foot of snow at our house, and the rain is melting it. I'm glad for the rain. I guess we'll have it for a week or so.

So the big dinner party is December 15th, hope you all have your reservations in with money and your 2020 dues!

Take care and drive carefully. Won't be long and the little A's will be out on the roads again! Vern Harms will have lots of tours for 2020 coming up!

Sincerely,
Your Editor,
Sharon Pierce



PS: Phil Lawrence you have "goodies" for the January 23rd, 2020 mtg.



HAVES AND WANTS

Let me know if you have any "Haves or Wants".

Sharon Pierce

December - January BIRTHDAYS



12/4 Bob Ambrose
12/5 Janet Spencer
12/10 Jerry Dorville
12/15 Karen Mitchell

1/3 Danielle Alfaro
1/3 Jennifer Johnson
1/9 Gary Spencer
1/20 Bobbie Whiting
1/22 Barbara Lawrence
1/24 Louise Baerresen
1/24 Virginia Stevenson

December - January ANNIVERSARIES



12/23 Buzz & Jan Elliott

1/27 Bill & Sandy Yanko

REFRESHMENTS



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

*** Meeting refreshments (ie cookies, pies, 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.

No meetings at the Elk's for November and December



*THANKS TO JANET SPENCER
FOR BIRTHDAY &
ANNIVERSARY INFORMATION*



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 23, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m., by President Kay Harms. This was the Club's annual (abbreviated) "Souper Saturday" meeting. Kay welcomed our guests, Jim Luckinbill, prospective new member, and Adam and Renee Johnson, Aaron Johnson's brother and sister-in-law. Kay also thanked the members who made the "super soups"; Linda Johnson, Virginia Campbell, Sandy Yanko and Kay Harms.

A motion was made by Phil Drees to approve the minutes of the September meeting as printed and seconded by Aaron Johnson. Motion passed.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Jan Elliott gave the treasurer's report, which was approved and will be on file for members to review. Kristi Turnsk and Virginia Campbell will audit the 2019 Treasurer's reports.

Jan Elliott will call the Willo Restaurant with members' menu choices for the December 15th Christmas dinner. Gifts will be purchased by the Club. Deanna McKee will choose five gifts for the women and Vern Harms will choose five gifts for the men. Members will receive raffle tickets for a "gift drawing", with the option to purchase additional raffle tickets.

Kay announced the Club officers for 2020. They are:

Aaron Johnson, President; Bill Mitchell, Vice-President; Sandy Yanko, Secretary; Jan Elliott, Treasurer; Vern Harms, Tour Chairman; Kristi Turnsk, Membership Chairman; Sharon Pierce, Editor.

Calvin Campbell made a motion to approve the above, with a second by Steve Straw. Motion approved.

UPCOMING TOURS:

DECEMBER 15, Sunday – Christmas Dinner at the Willo Restaurant.

Happy hour: 5:00, dinner served at 6:00.

DECEMBER 19, Thursday – Christmas Light Tour - Meet at Kmart 7:00 p.m. Lead by Bill Mitchell.

JANUARY 1st, New Year's Day – "Hangover" Tour – Meet at Kmart at 10:00 a.m.

Lead by Gary Spencer. We will have a short tour, ending at the home of Gary and Janet Spencer.....The Spencer's will provide the main dish. Other members to bring a side dish to share. This really is a FUN celebration! If you did not sign up to attend at the meeting, please call the Spencer's to RSVP. (530) 477-5570, home.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vern Harms, seconded by Sharon Pierce. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Louise Baerresen, Secretary

ATTENDEES:

Aaron, Jennifer & Adler Johnson, Adam and Renee Johnson, Bill & Karen Mitchell, Ryck & Linda Johnson, Phil Drees & guest, Linda Fischer, Steve & Vicky Straw, Buzz & Jan Elliott, Dennis Westcot, Bob Bickelmann & guest, Cecile Del Barba, Ted & Louise Baerresen, Steve & Kristi Turnsk, John Burnside, Sharon & Ron Pierce, Jerry Dorville, Calvin & Virginia Campbell, Bill & Sandy Yanko, Bob & Bobbie Whiting, Jim Luckinbill, Roy LeBeck, Vern & Kay Harms.

The October 2019 meeting of the Gra-Neva Model A Club is cancelled.

PG&E has given notice

our area will be without power due to red flag/high wind warning for October 23, 24 and possibly even additional days.

There are several items that need to be shared with the club before the November 2019 meeting.

1. The nominating committee (Sharon Pierce, Steve Turnsk, Kay Harms) have a slate of officers for 2020 to be presented to the club. This slate of officers will be voted on at the November 23, 2019 meeting. At the meeting in November, any club member present will have the opportunity to nominate additional member(s) for a specific office.

The slate of officers for 2020 are as follows:

President-----Aaron Johnson

Vice President----Bill Mitchell

Secretary-----Sandy Yanko

Treasurer-----Jan Elliott

Tour Chairman-----Vern Harms

Membership-----Kristi Turnsk

Editor-----Sharon Pierce

2. Club dues for 2020 are to be paid by December 31, 2019. Cost of dues for 2020 will remain the same as 2019-----\$25.00. Please send your dues to Treasurer, Jan Elliott beginning November 1, 2019. Mail to Jan Elliott, c/o Gra-Neva Model A Club. PO Box 2415, Grass Valley, California 95945. (You can also give Jan a check (or cash) for your dues at the November meeting.

3. The club November meeting will be on November 23, 2019 at the Buttermaker's Cottage in Western Gateway Park in Penn Valley. It will be a "Souper Saturday" meeting. Four of our ladies in the club will be making different kinds of soup for our enjoyment. Club members with last names A-H, please bring a salad (serve 8) and members J-Z, bring a dessert (serve 8). You are responsible for your table service which should include a plate for salad, a bowl for soup, drinking glass or cup, eating utensils, napkins, placemats etc. (You might want to include two plates—one for salad, one for dessert.) The club will provide coffee and bottled water. If you wish to have a different beverage, please bring your own. NOVEMBER 23, 2019--- SOUPER SATURDAY---12:00 NOON. (We will start eating at 12:15PM). After our meal, we will have a short meeting, then adjourn so we can leave the cottage by 2:30PM as stated in our contract.

4. Our Holiday Christmas Dinner is December 15, 2019 at the Willo Restaurant in Nevada City. Social hour starts at 5:00PM; dinner will be served at 6:00PM. This year, 2019, the club will be subsidizing \$10.00 of each club member's dinner. There are five (5) dinner choices.

Each dinner includes salad, baked potato, ranch beans, garlic bread, ice cream and coffee. Price includes tax and tip.

- 1. Medium steak (cooked medium unless requested differently) \$24.00 (includes subsidy).**
- 2. Halibut \$24.00 (includes subsidy.)**
- 3. Chicken \$16.00 (includes subsidy.)**
- 4. Ribs \$16.00 (includes subsidy.)**
- 5. Garden burger \$8.00 (includes subsidy.)**

Make your check payable to Gra-Neva Model A Club for your holiday dinner(s) and sent to Treasurer, Jan Elliott, c/o Gra-Neva Model A Club, PO Box 2415, Grass Valley, California, 95945. Please note your dinner choices on the memo line of your check.

If there are additional items or information that needs to be shared with the club before the November meeting, please email me at harmsfarm64@gmail.com.

Your Model A club president,
Kay Harms



MODEL A CLUB TOUR SCHEDULE
SAVE THESE DATES!!

December 15th – Annual Christmas dinner at the Willo in Nevada City. Drinks at 5PM and Dinner at 6PM. Money in by 12/6.

December 19th – Christmas lights tour. Meet at Kmart at 7PM.
Questions: Bill Mitchell

January 1st - Hangover Tour, Meet at 10am at Kmart. Short tour and end up at the Spencer's. If you haven't signed up, please call Gary Spencer at 530/477-5570.

TRANS SIERRA 88 RALLY
OCTOBER 12, 2019



Written article on next page (#10)

TRANS SIERRA 88 RALLY by Aaron Johnson

The day was Saturday October 12, 2019. It was the first ever running of the Trans Sierra 88 Rally. This day started like any other, alarm goes off too early and I awake with a hint of anticipation, some nerves, a cup of coffee, and wrestling with Adler to get up and get dressed. We were to dress in era authentic clothing so on went the dress shirt and tie, the shop jacket, leather gloves, goggles, leather helmet, because we are gentlemen racers. We hop into the 1915 Model T speedster and leave the house by 0630 hours to head to get gas and meet the gang at the backside of Pioneer Park in Nevada City by 0700.

It was brisk, damn brisk, maybe mid 20's with wind chill, but we were warm with excitement. We met up with the other drivers and support crews. We talked about strategies and routes and ultimately did a count of available gas cans and water. Where we were going there was no gas stations and no cell phone signal. Each of the 9 cars in attendance (all pre 1934) left in one minute intervals. We were mid pack and itching to let the T stretch her legs. We took a route out of town via North Bloomfield and down into the steep canyon at Edward's Crossing. The first official stop was to be in the town of Malakoff Diggins. From here we went down Relief Hill into the backside of the town of Washington, our second official stop. We then took the backside of Gaston Grade over to Bowman Lake, checkpoint number 3 on the day. Some of these roads were more like Jeep trails than roads and they suited the T just fine. We went up and around Bowman Lake towards Jackson Meadows.

We were to follow the signs to the fourth checkpoint and lunch except that we had created quite a gap in the race and couldn't see anyone ahead or behind. We missed the turn and after several double backs made it to lunch. Turns out we got ahead of the crew posting signs and that is why we missed our turn. At lunch all racers checked their vehicles and no one was unscathed. We had sheared off a fuel line miles back and had made a makeshift repair. The repair took us 23 minutes on the side of a road in the middle of nowhere. But we were fixed and able to continue. Several items were loose and rattling on the car but we would push through. Others had bent oil pans and one member had to be towed to lunch.

We were having a great time and no one was left behind. For lunch Tri Tip was provided, smoked on site in the middle of nowhere. After lunch we all pushed on around Jackson Meadows and into Truckee. This was a haul to say the least and the longest stretch of pavement we would see for the day. Adler took ill and had to be placed in the trouble truck for the last leg. He was a trooper but was not going to make it in the open car. On the highway (89 to be exact) the little T ripped right along at nearly 60 miles per hour. One hand on the wheel and one foot on the floor I hammered down to Truckee, up and around 89 towards Tahoe and eventually ended at the infamous River Ranch. This was the place of celebration. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks were provided and the party lasted throughout the evening.

During the awards banquet it was determined that Adler and I had set the pace closest to the pre-determined average. We had won one leg of 5 and the entire race overall. Although the pack was small, just 9 cars to start, it was so exciting to be part of the first ever rally of its type. The official distance clocked in at 96 miles, although with missed turns and double backs I am sure we eclipsed 110 miles for the day. End to end it was about 8 hours and that did not include getting home from River Ranch. Several folks spent the night. But me and the boy and Jenn too (who came to the finish to see us cross) had to head home the same night as we had a Mystery Tour to run the next morning.

These old cars take us places, they take us on journeys, into the past, into a place of great memories. They let us see what so few will ever see or experience. Few will ever roam the roads we had just taken in a vehicle over 100 years old. I had nothing but confidence in the T's ability to get us the distance. What a great event and we look forward to repeating it next year. Godspeed AJ aka Aaron Johnson



Souper
Saturday
October
23, 2019
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Cottage in
Penn
Valley.







Campbell's 55 Chevy,
Baerresen's 1930 Tudor,
Yanko's 1930 Roadster,
Ryck Johnson's 1928
Phaeton.



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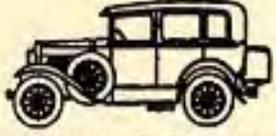
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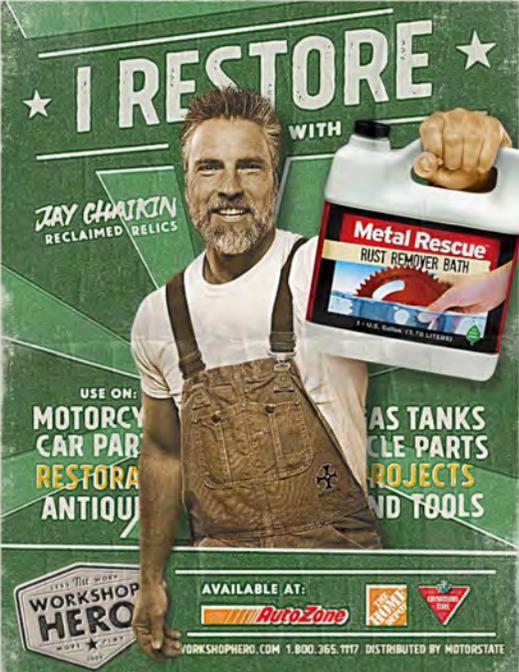


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