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Hey there Model A Lovers!!

We had an EXCELLENT meal and gathering for our Swap Meet thank you dinner on Valentine’s Day. Almost every club member was in attendance along with a couple of guests. Thank you to Vada and John Terpstra for your time and energy to arrange the party for all of us. Several raffle gifts were won and Stan had a nice 50/50 raffle as well. Congrats to all the winners.

In keeping with the party spirit, the next day we took off on our first tour of the season. Fifty one members and guests and 20 Model A’s departed Hilmar, and parts unknown, for a lovely ride through the foothills, ending up in Knights Ferry for lunch at the Rivers Edge Grill. The lunch was good but a bit late in coming, leaving us with time to enjoy the patio and great company. Looks like John and Vada will get the hard luck trophy for running out of gas, AGAIN! John, does Santa need to bring you a gas gauge?

Yes, I had my second driving lesson. I don’t like hills! I drove part way home from Knights Ferry. It was a bit touch and go, as I was bare footed!! The car and passengers made it home without incident. I’m sure I will get another chance soon, so I can redeem myself!!

Looking forward to a great year and lots of fun on our many tours and events that are in the making for this year, SOOOO, get those cars tuned up and ready to roll. Good times are ahead!! Check our calendar in the *Vibrator* for upcoming important dates.

Please keep our shut in members, and those recovering from “events” in your thoughts and prayers. Keep those cards, calls and visits coming.

Keep Rolling,

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May the wings of the butterfly kiss the sun. 
And find your shoulder to light on. 
To bring you luck, happiness and riches. 
Today, tomorrow and beyond

**Irish Blessing**
Tours and Activities - 2020

March 21. ...................... Tech Workshop. ...................... Keith Collins
March 22. ...................... Pismo - 3/22 - 3/24. ........ John and Nancy Carvalho
March 28. ................. Baldassare Underground Gardens. . Teresa and Paul Gissible
April 25. ............... Fashion Swap, Hilmar Country Living Park. ..... Teresa Gissible
May 23. ................. Tour to Twain Harte Car Show Concert........ Kevin Nelson
May 30. ................. Apricot Parade, Patterson. ...... Tina and Rich Chircop
June 6 and 7. .......... Northern California Regional Meet. .................
June 21. ................. MAFCA National Convention, Texas. .................
July 4. ................. Fourth of July Parade, Modesto. . Stratt and Wally Nicolua
July 19. ................. Duarte Garage in Livermore .............. Ken Cooper
September 19. ........ Model A Days - Gilmore Car Museum. . Carol and Stan Braden
November 7 .......... Golden Valley Chorus Fall Show .............. Stratt Riggs
November 11 .......... Veterans Day Parade, Modesto. . Nancy and John Carvalho
March 1. ...................... Mike Gonsalves
March 2. ...................... Teresa Gissible
March 3. ...................... Mary Lou Lucero
March 3. ...................... Art Lucero
March 4. ...................... Jack Noxon
March 8. ...................... Carol Braden
March 10. ..................... Joe Gonsalves
March 12. ..................... Jerry Lutterman
March 16 ...................... Alan Colquhoun
March 18. ..................... Wally Nicolau
March 19. ..................... Martha Colquhoun
March 20. ..................... Rosie Monaco
March 22. ..................... Louise Noxon
March 28. ..................... David Hansen

March 20. ..................... John and Nancy Carvalho

Tech Workshop
Date: Sat. March 21st
Time: 8:30 Coffee
       9:00 Workshop
Place: Ron Crum’s Service Center
Deposit: $10
Deadline: Sun: March 15th
Lunch: “Famous Joe’s” Tri Tip

Guest Speaker: Steve Mitchell (Mitchell Mfg.)
- Overdrive Installation
- Shifting Tower Construction
- Q and A

Information Contact: Keith Collins 209-803-1064

Baldassare Underground Garden and Kearney Mansion Tour
Saturday, March 28

There are still spots available for the Tours. Those who have signed up need to make lunch choices and leave deposit checks.
Meet at Enoch Rest Stop in Turlock off 99 Hwy. going South.
Depart time is 8:00 am. SHARP! NO Stops till Fresno!
Deposit $50. per person /$100. couple.
Sorry, No scooters or wheelchairs.
Dress warmly, we’ll be outside.
Lunch is at the Old Spaghetti Factory. Choices Lasagna, Chicken Marsala, Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce or Fettuccine Alfredo, drinks. “BYOB at the bar.”
Kearney Mansion, reminder You pay Parking of $5.00.
No, scooters or wheelchairs. No! Photographs, Food or Drinks on the tour.
Questions call Teresa (209)577-5819

Fashion Swap Meet
Saturday, April 25

Martha’s Club House, 19960 American Ave., Hilmar. Breakfast snacks and Drinks will be provided. Invitations have been sent to other clubs.
Tables will be available to you. I’ll need to know how many. Hanging racks also.
Bring ALL your Era or Fun Fashions items you’d like to sell. Priced or not.
You are in charge of your sales, trade or barter.
All are welcome to come. Get ready for Texas!
Call Teresa for information 209-577-5819
PISMO BEACH TOUR
Sunday, March 22 - 14
Hope all of you who have signed up for the tour have your cars in good running order. We will be leaving Sunday, March 22 from Crows Landing Road and West Main at 8 a.m. in front of Mountain View School.

The hotel has extended our last day to reserve a room till March 2nd. The correct number for Shore Cliff Lodge is 805-773-4671. You will have to send a check for $100 per person to the tour leader, John Carvalho. Getting excited and praying for sunshine!

Corrections to Roster

Emily Sciabica’s new cell number
209 988-7344

Carol and Stan Braden
Please remove their house phone number
Cell - Carol 209 613-1612
Cell - Stan 209 202-1905
Well, it’s my time of the year again. The wearing of the green, green beer it’s tasty. It’s St. Patrick’s Day. Best of all it’s my Birthday! I get asked quite often “What is this thing?” Road kill? Mink, Marten, Stone Marten, Kolinsky, Ermine, sable, muskrat or weasel. They are all in the same animal family of Weasels.

First, Kolinsky fur can be raccoon, fox or brown bear and weasel. It is the finest water color or oil paint brushes. Especially sought after by artists. It’s made from the winter fur of the male Siberian weasel. ‘Kolinsky’ certainly sounds classier than “Siberian Weasel” if your selling fur coats. Then, minks are in the same genus and are basically weasels. According to Wikipedia and Google.

Minks come in a variety of colors, some are dyed. Minks are similar in size and color. Except that Martens tails are almost black compared to the rest of the body, which is brown. Beech Marten have course hair, white throats, fur is inferior to Pine Marten, also Stone Marten have white belly.

Sable are actually Marten they have the finest, expensive fur. Prime sable is deeply furred, silkier than mink. The color is a rich brown w/a blue cast.

Golden sable is a reddish or amber color, it’s less expensive. Ermine has a short tail, still a weasel. Their fur was reserved for Royalty in making their robes. So, now you know as much as I do about what types of furs we’re wearing. Interesting that women of the Model A era raised Martens in their spare time for extra household money. It’s still a weasel.
GAS CAP DILEMMA

Have you ever been traveling along, then for no reason the engine will buck and snort (not including you) and then just stop running? You check the gas gauge — yep ok — plenty of gas. Get out look at everything and all seems to be ok. By this time a few minutes have passed and you get back in the car and try to start it and WOW it starts and runs great. You go a short distance, buck and snort it stops again. Coast off to side of road— must be the points; check the gap but it is ok. Check for loose wires, ok here. Must be the condenser. That’s easy and fast to change. Ready to go again. Starts up and runs great, but a short distance down the road — buck and snort car stops again. Now what to check and you better think of something before your co-pilot starts spouting advice! Some one in the tour group says to loosen the gas cap. You do and the car runs great and you have no more problems. Why did this happen???

Your gas tank is vented through the cap and if the vent plugs up the gas will stop flowing and the engine stops running. While you are trying to figure it out enough air will enter the restricted cap and the car will start and run until the air is gone.

Rust could have restricted the vent hole. Cleaning the original cap with a wire and carburetor cleaner, could correct the problem. Many reproduction caps have parts that slip and block the air vent. It is hard to fix this style so you should replace it with a cap that has parts that can’t move fixing the problem. See pictures below.
**Knight’s Ferry Tour**

Our planned kickoff tour of 2020 hit a small bump in the road when tour leader John Nixon had unexpected heart surgery 10 days before the event. But thanks to some help from Al and Martha Colquhoun, the road trip went off beautifully, and John was even able to attend. We started from Martha’s place in Hilmar on a lovely Saturday morning. Twenty Model A’s, three modern cars and a total of 51 people met for a fun day. We were pleased to see quite a few Era outfits, and lots of great hats as well.

We drove out through country roads and almond blossoms to Hickman, then turned east to head up into the foothills. Everything was green and beautiful. We stopped for a pre-planned photo op at the Robert’s Ferry covered bridge. Mike Schulze had set up his camera and himself on a ladder in front of the bridge. Each car pulled up and “posed” on the bridge, then onward we went.

We paused for another “impromptu” photo op at the historic Willms Ranch homestead, an impressive (restored) grand white farmhouse from the 1850’s. Many of our camera phones were pointed at the house, while the owner waved and filmed our cars from an upstairs window. We gave a friendly “ahooa” and continued down the road to Knight’s Ferry.

There we enjoyed a delicious lunch at the River’s Edge Inn. We were delighted to find that members of two other clubs, The Tokay A’s and The Delta A’s, were having lunch there as well. There were probably more Model A’s in town than modern cars! Service was a bit slow at the restaurant because of all the people, but the view was lovely, the food was good and the dessert was worth the wait. A good time was had by all, and we look forward to the next tour.
Knight’s Ferry Tour
50 Year Ago -March 13, 1970

Pres. Joe Curry called the meeting to order in the Ripon Recreation Hall. The treasurer reported $876.

Guests introduced were Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hogue, Orvil Phillips and Mr. Braden.

Pres. Joe read a letter from the National Club that wants our roster. Joe Stewart is writing a story about the club truck to send to the National Club.

New members welcomed were Richard and Loretta Wend, Larry and Susan Reed and the Kirkmans from Merced who could not be present.

Hank Welch announced two club truck work days at his place. Joe Boyco had inquired about wood for the truck. Larry Reed volunteered to be chairman of the Ways and Means committee to raise money for the truck.

George Nunes reported on tours to Grizzly Flat on March 15, Sunrise Services in Yosemite on March 29 and the Pinnacles on April 12. Jim Bergamaschi announced the Poker Rally would be April 19. Marshall Lewis, Hank Welch, Joe Stewart and Ollie Hollar will enter their cars in the Horseless Carriage Club Show in Modesto.

The blind auction was won by Veta Lewis and raffle was won by Anita Machado. The next meeting will be some place in Modesto and hosted by Ann Boyco and Dorothy Curry.

Sec./Treas., Marge Nunes

25 Years Ago - March 10, 1995

The meeting was called to order by President Al Toglin. Secretary Leise Ott read thank you notes from Marshall Lewis and Linda Farrow in appreciation to the donations made to the Alzheimer’s Organization. Modesto Gospel Mission thanked the Club for the left over food donated to them after the Swap Meet.

Tour Chairperson Shirley Mattos informed us the that the Monterey tour planned by the Gissibles has been washed out. Gail Waters is organizing a tour to Fallon House Theater to see “Me and My Girl”. Hank Welch said that 20 A’s in the Ripon parade brought a 1st place. Sunshine Chair Jean Sutherby reported that Harry Webber is recuperating from appendix surgery, Weldon Smith had back trouble and Janell Smith was ill. The Sutherbys became grandparents again with daughter Peggy having a boy.

Hank Welch warned us of a pending bill that owners with non registered cars will get a 10 day notice to have vehicles towed off private and public property.

Donna Crum presented Jack Martin with the club scrap book and thanked Harry Webber for all the wonderful pictures.

The budget was approved with several changes. Donna Crum agreed to fit club members for warmer club jackets.

Dan Dark and Weldon Smith reported on the Swap Meet which over all went well.

The following raffle prizes were won: picnic basket, Ron Crum; quail ornament, Shirley Mattos; radio/cassette player, Jerry Lutterman; digital tire gauge, Hank Welch; flower arrangement, Roy Campbell; blanket, Elroy Eberwein; flag holder/licence frame, Woody Mall. Name badge winners were Dan Dark and Dave Lyons. Surprise gift of a brake drum went to Jim DeWilms.

Liese Ott, Secretary

15 Years Ago - March 11, 2005

Pres. Bonnie Webber called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. A moment of silence was held for Jim DeWilms. The Eckerts introduced daughter Gail Gardiner and baby Galvin.

Pat Oletta thanked the Eberweins and Dottie Shaffer for the Reno Snow tour and Frank & Aimee Coelho for the Ripon Parade.

A workshop at Crums will be putting a transmission in a Model A and the women will be knitting.

A backwoods tour is planned Pleasanton to eat at the Pleasanton Hotel.

The Barbers are having a bus to take all to Palm Springs for a show.

A Hubley workshop will be at the Crums where two Hubley cars have been donated by the Kriese’s

All are asked to wear yellow vests to Jim DeWilms funeral. Dahl Waters and John Medeiros had surgery and doing well. Dan Dark is about the same. Frank Herger had stents put in and not doing so well.

Jerry Lutterman reported the swap meet had several more expenses.

Bonnie appointed Linda Mahnke, Grant Eckert, Frank Coelho, and Jerry Morrison to serve on a committee to prepare guidelines for mileage.


Gail Waters, acting sec.
Reminder to ALL Model A'ers

April 25, Saturday is the Modesto Area A’s Fashion Swap Meet

Start at 9:30 a.m. till 1:00?

Sellers $10.00 per person / Buyers FREE.

Call Teresa Gissible for information (209) 577-5819

Coffee & snacks will be available.