Some jokes, pictures and other information are obtained from other publications. We would like to thank these publications for sharing this information. We are glad to share any articles in our newsletter that would be of interest to other clubs providing proper credit is given.
President’s Message

We had a great trip to Santa Rosa for the Roundup. Weather was nice, tours and events to attend, and quiet time for socializing. CONGRATULATIONS to Stan and Carol Braden for winning the “Best of Show” award for their Early 1929 Roadster Pickup and Sharon Ott for an “Award of Excellence” for her 1930 Original Daytime Era Dress. We had several lucky raffle winners from our Club including Patty Ecker - a beautiful beaded Era dress and Debbie Gonsalves and Jo Ann Bledsoe - Era hats.

Two new families were installed at our June meeting. Welcome Ken and Molly Cooper and Todd and Cindy Sgamba. Hope to see you at the 4th of July.

Our August meeting is a dinner starting at 6 p.m. and meeting will follow. Cost is $25.00 per person. If you have not signed up, please call me before July 31st. I will be calling the caterer with the final head count on August 1st. If you have not paid, please send me your check.

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Hope to see you at the Fourth of July parade and Shirley’s purse seminar on July 20th.

Enjoy your summer including Model “A” Fun!

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Club News and Information

California Agriculture Museum Tour
Heidrick Tractor Collection
Saturday, August 3
Meet at the Flying J in Ripon at 9:30

Questions: Call John Carvalho 209-402-9039

4th of July Parade

We will meet at 8:30 a.m. on 10th Street between D and F Streets. Be prepared to be flexible.

Iced coffee, water, juice chocolate milk and donuts from Mr. T’s will be served from Stratt's food wagon. While we decorate our cars.

Lunch after the parade will be at the Woodland Avenue Fire Station hosted by the Nicolau family.

$10 per member, Guests $10 for adults and $5 for children (17 years old and under).

Information: Call Stratt Riggs - 209-524-6139

Shirley’s Purse Seminar
Saturday, July 20

Ladies, the event we’ve all been waiting for is here! Yes, it’s that time July 20, Saturday... Start 9:30 a.m. Deposit $15.00 per person (Lunch).

Last day to sign up July 15. Yes, you may bring (1) purse you have questions about. Location is Shirley’s Home -- 3024 California Ave.

Shirley Mattos has a Fabulous collection of Era purses she’s worked on collecting for years. It’s truly is a Must See! Plus, she’s an Era encyclopedia of purses. Shirley has graciously opened her home and collection to share with us. Sign up Now, you don’t want to miss this one. Questions? call Teresa Gissible (209) 577-5819.
Girls Just Want to Have Fun Tour  
Saturday, September 14

We will meet at 10:00 A.M. in the town of Hughson at a shop called “Miss Potts Attic”, the corner of Tully Road and Santa Fay.

From there we will go on to Waterford to the corner of Yosemite and Bentley to the Waterford museum. There we will have a nice catered lunch. Afterwards we will tour the up stairs were they have Model A history and some era outfits along with a nice selection of Historical pieces. It will be fun.

The cost is $15.00 per person. Bring a friend. Checks need to be in by September 5th. I hope you can come. There will be tables at the lunch to display any of your era fashions you would like to sell to each other. Any questions call Marci

Sturgeon Mill Tour  
October 11 and 12, 2019

Sturgeon’s Mill is a live operating steam logging mill. This is an all steam driven logging mill still working as it did at the turn of the century. Get an up close view of the operations. A club with the love of saving the nostalgia of the days of steam power operates this mill only four week-ends a year.

Make your reservations for October 11th and 12th - Occidental Lodge - 707-874-3623

Tell them – Modesto Model A Ford Club - 30 day cancellation

Information: Contact Keith Collins

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November 1, 2, 3

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Tours and Activities - 2019

July 4. Parade and Lunch. Stratt Riggs and Wally Nicolau
July 20. Shirley’s Purse Seminar. Teresa Gissible
August 3. California Agriculture Museum Tour. John and Nancy Carvalho
September 14. Girls Just Want to Have Fun Tour. Marci Schellman
September 28. Hubley Races. Joe and Debbie Gonsalves
October 11,12,13. Occidental, Sturgeons Mill. Keith and Barbara Collins
November 1,2. President’s Party, Santa Cruz. Linda Weaver
November 11. Veterans Parade. John and Nancy Carvalho
December. Christmas Party. Linda Weaver
Well, it’s July and it’s HOT outside! Thank goodness for air conditioning. Model A era it was hot too, with no air conditioning so you had to find creative ways to keep cool. Like go’in fishing. What a catch this lady has. I really like her fishing ensemble from hat to shoes. Or a little time at the lake in your boat. These ladies are dressed in all their finery, hats, furs, and stockings. No swimsuits here.

Better yet, a fabulous dress for a summer soiree. Love the details in the dress. No matter the heat..hat, gloves, stocking with a handbag are a must have for a day on the town.

Attention Ladies ..July 20th is our Purse Seminar! Don’t forget to sign up! Deposit is $15 per person (lunch). You’ll be amazed by Shirley Mattos’ knowledge as well as her vast collection of purses. Yes, you may bring a purse to have evaluated or to sell. Questions call Teresa 577-5819.
SO YOU WANT AN AUTOMATIC TRANSMMISON FOR YOUR MODEL A——WELL HERE WE GO——THIS IS YOUR ANSWER. Ford Dealers & Service Field for October, 1931.—-This is from the March-April, 1973 Restorer. Note in Fig 2 the down draft carburetor.

THE BENDIX CLUTCH CONTROL

A device that eliminates all necessity of an automobile, bus or truck driver operating his clutch manually has just been announced by the Bendix Aviation Corporation after nearly three years of experimentation and exhaustive tests.

Automotive engineers claim the idea is fully as important to the automotive industry as the self-starter and four-wheel brakes because the device makes it possible to start, stop and shift gears without the driver touching the clutch pedal. Control of the clutch mechanism is vested entirely in the accelerator, and in the words of Bendix engineers, “the left foot has lost its driving job”.

Known as Bendix Clutch Control, the device operates by a vacuum created through the intake manifold and automatically disengages the clutch the moment the foot is lifted from the accelerator — the natural action when it is desired to shift gears or stop. When the engine reaches idling speed, which is almost instantly, the clutch pedal is drawn down, the clutch disengaged, and gears can be shifted. When the accelerator is again depressed, the clutch is automatically engaged, far more smoothly

![Diagram](image.png)

*Fig. 1—This diagram shows the general principle of Bendix Clutch Control. A vacuum cylinder (A) is connected by a metal tube through a valve (E) to the intake manifold (B). A piston (C) in the vacuum cylinder is connected by cable to the clutch pedal (D). A vacuum is created by the intake manifold the moment the driver removes his foot from the accelerator and the engine reaches idling speed, which is almost instantly. This vacuum draws the piston which in turn pulls the clutch pedal down, disengaging the clutch. When the accelerator is again pushed down, the vacuum is dissipated, the piston returns and the clutch pedal comes up, engaging the clutch automatically and smoothly. The valve (E) is connected to the accelerator by a short cable.*
than by manual operation. The equipment can be placed on any Model A Ford car or truck. Installation is simple, the only tools required being a drill and wrench.

Elimination of fatigue is seen as one of the outstanding selling points for clutch control, particularly with women drivers. (Joe, this might work for you.) Likewise, longer clutch life should result because the clutch is mechanically and smoothly operated, thereby eliminating the driver’s tendency to “ride” the clutch pedal. Also, it is pointed out, clutch control should overcome the timid driver’s inherent fear of shifting gears in traffic because the timing is mechanically exact.

Another important factor stressed by the manufacturer is the clutch control gives the sensation and all advantages of free wheeling without necessity of manual clutch operation, yet is entirely optional with the driver. With clutch control it is only necessary for the driver to lift his foot from the accelerator and the vehicle coasts with a minimum fuel consumption and wear on parts.

As a safety feature, Bendix Clutch Control has been made entirely selective and optional. The motorist can return to conventional drive merely by moving the hand throttle to that point where it starts to push the foot throttle down. When that is done, the clutch is operated with the left foot.

Clutch control units are now being manufactured on a quantity basis in the Bendix plant at South Bend, Ind., and an extremely wide demand is expected to result immediately with the launching of a gigantic national advertising campaign. The equipment will be sold in every price class, ranging upward from $19.50 for Ford, and is expected to provide a new field of profits for service stations, garages and all automotive equipment dealers.
Patterson Apricot Parade
June 1, 2019

The Patterson Apricot Fiesta Parade was a fun and enjoyable event held on June 1, 2019. We started the morning at Francesca’s Restaurant in Patterson with coffee and a variety of pastries.

Nineteen A’s lined up for the parade to start at 10:00 A.M. Leading the parade was our President, Linda Weaver and shotgun was Ebbie DeWilms. Our Club truck was driven by Chuck and Linda Mahnke, complete with the new side signs attached.

Our weather remained under 90 degrees that morning, which was a blessing. A luncheon at Francesca’s was enjoyed by 40 adults and 6 children. We were accommodated with a private air-conditioned room and we had a buffet consisting of penne pasta with our choice of meat or alfredo sauce, chicken, green salad, bread sticks, iced tea, soft drinks, water, and a delicious apricot cheesecake dessert.

The apricot-filled bucket table centerpieces with an apricot dessert recipe, were raffled off to the lucky winners. After lingering a bit longer, we said our parade good-byes…..until next year’s Patterson parade.

Rich & Tina Chircop
50 Years Ago - July 11, 1969

President Marshall Lewis called the meeting to order in the Empire Community Hall.

Bud & Opal Hattendorf were accepted into the club.

Hank Welch said the campout will be at Plymouth. Frank Nunes announced the tour to Half Moon Bay would leave Sunday.

Neal Kelly received the Hard Luck Trophy due to troubles on the San Francisco trip. Members were requested to look for parts for the truck.

It was m/s/p by Dick Braden that Joe Curry be in charge of restoration of the truck.

It was m/s/p that comp and liability insurance be bought on the truck.

The Stan Bradens and Frank Nunes’ were thanked for opening their homes for the July 4th BBQ and the polka party.

Frank Nunes won the raffle.

25 Years Ago - July 4, 1994

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Martin.

Pat Oletta introduced her mom and granddaughter, Doc Heath introduced Keith and Judy Milton, Dan Dark introduced his daughter-in-law and grandson, John Carvalho introduced his son.

The Columbia tour was in the offering as well as a camp out according to Fred Woolf.

Dorothy Langill sent cards to the Weavers, Bill Wilkinson, Al Perruquet, and Kathy Mahaffey. A floral arrangement was sent to Martha Wilkinson’s funeral.

Jack Martin thanked Jack Adams and Jim and Ebbie DeWilms for the work done in organizing the parade and picnic.

20 Years Ago - July 4, 2004

Pres. Paul Gissible called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. at Scott Park, Modesto.

Introductions were made by Robert Stoddard of daughter Andrea and husband Edward Bowlin; Jerry Doll of Bo Ecker; Gwen Barber of Peter Zervaga and grandson Anthony & Brian & Lisa Austin with sons Nathan and Eric; Pat Oletta of daughter Shelly, granddaughter and husband Jesse; Hank Welch of friend Ann; Dianne Kriese of grandson Hunter; Donna Crum of daughters Rhonda and Suzanne and son-in-laws Randy and Danny, and grandson Jacob and granddaughters Kylie and Molly and friend Robert.

Hank Welch told all to call Assemblymen and Senators to oppose Bill AB 2683 that would repeal current laws exempting vehicles 30 years and older from smog regulations.

Paul introduced Eric Doster, recipient of the Adam DeWilms Scholarship.

Louise Noxon stated that Marshall Lewis is scheduled for bypass surgery; Frank Herger started his chemo drug therapy; Jim De Wilms is at the park.

Jack Martin thanked Bob & Sharon Ott for the Poker Run and the Adams and Otts for the July 4th Parade and BBQ.

Jerry Lutterman stated he would like to write a letter to those involved with the spring, summer and fall swap meets at the Turlock Fairgrounds to stop using the name “Turlock Swap Meet” since the name has been copyrighted and belongs to the Modesto Area A’s.

Jerry proposed we set up a web site for an initial set up of $800 with Fire 2 Wire of Salida. Changes cost of $65 per hour. There would be a $20 monthly fee and $35 domain name fee.

It was m/s/p by Jerry Morrison and Chuck Mahnke to set up the web site as stated.

The Hemming Motor New will also act as a Host to the Turlock Swap Meet at no cost to us.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Linda Weaver, Sec.