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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.
Hello Everyone.

I’m writing my message for October “pre” my return from Canada. I am scheduled to return on September 23rd and hopefully we have had smooth sailing and no flight delays.

Remember our Board meeting for October has been moved to September 30th and the General meeting to October 4th.

If anyone knows of a member who is not feeling well, had an accident or in the hospital please call our Sunshine lady Patty Ecker or myself. We want to let members know we are thinking of them.

We will be traveling to Santa Cruz for the President’s Party in groups of 4 or 5. There is so much traffic on 580 and 680 we feel it is safer. Hotel Registration is guaranteed by 3 pm. If you have room in your vehicle bring a couple lawn chairs. I will have a packet and pass it out at the October meeting. If you are not at the October meeting I will mail it to you. We won’t have another meeting before we go.

A couple jokes for your enjoyment:

I went by the house I grew up in and asked if I could go inside and look around. They said no and slammed the door. My parents can be so rude.

Boss: Do you believe in life after death:
Employee: Certainly not! There is no proof of it.
Boss: Well there is now. After you left early yesterday to go to your Uncle’s funeral, he came here looking for you!

Wishing you “Beautiful fall leaves while driving your Model “A”.

Linda
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Club News and Information

October 4. .......................... Tim Nicolau
October 5. .......................... Mary Ann Nixon
October 6. .......................... John Terpstra
October 8. .......................... Liz Nicolau
October 8. .......................... Arlene Rushing
October 10. ........................ Betty Eberwein
October 14. ........................ Paul Shinn
October 21. ........................ Katherine Johnson
October 21. ........................ Michael Schulze
October 5. .......................... Todd and Cindy Sgamba
October 7. .......................... David and Carol Hansen
October 8. .......................... Joe and Liese Ott
October 18. ........................ Andy and Kay Anderson
October 18. ........................ John and Vada Terpstra
October 25. ........................ Mike and Cathy Mahaffey
October 27. ........................ Paul and Tina Shinn
October 28. ........................ Dan and Emily Sciabica

TECHNICAL WORKSHOP
November 11, 2019

Place: Ron Crum's Service Center
Time: Donuts at 9:00 AM
Lunch: "Famous Joe" will be there
Deposit: $10

DEADLINE: Sunday, November 3

Bring your car, questions and talk to the experts.
I will bring toe-in gauge, caster/camber gauges and
head light alignment tool.
If you need any special tools call Keith
209-803-1064

Sturgeon Mill Tour
October 11 and 12, 2019

Sturgeon's Mill Tour will leave from 132 MINI MART, 2405 E. Hwy 132, Vernalis on October 11.

Instructions: Arrive 8:45 AM — Gone at 9:00 AM

Don't worry about gas as we will be stopping in Tracy for gas and a human needs break.

President’s Party
The Inn at Pasatiempo
Santa Cruz, November 1, 2, 3

The President’s Party will be held in Santa Cruz, arriving Friday, November 1st and coming home Sunday, November 3rd.

A block of rooms have been reserved until October 1st. Reservations made after October 1st will not get the special rate.

You may make your hotel reservations by calling The Inn at Pasatiempo @ 1-831-423-5000.

Mention the Modesto Model “A” Club when making your reservation.
Model A Ladies Be Thankful Day
Saturday - November 16

Where: Oakdale - “At the Corner”, 141 North Yosemite Avenue, Big yellow building

Time 10:00

You’ll need to bring an ornament that represents something you are “Thankful for”. Note: Not family, Church or Holiday, etc.

Something “Personal”, but fun! Example (me) something Green? or Wine? Please! Do Not spend anymore then $10.00. Exchange after lunch.

Shopping will start at 10:00 a.m. “At the Corner” plenty of free parking. More shopping will be on 3rd & F Street. More parking at the bank.

Lunch at 12:50 p.m. Cafe Bliss at 152 N. Yosemite Avenue, Oakdale.

Order off the menu. Questions call Teresa Gissible at 577-5819.

Deposit $25.00 per person

Change of Address

James Patrick is currently living in an assisted living facility in Modesto. His daughter says he would love to have phone calls and visits from his friends. He is getting some dementia and he can no longer walk unassisted, so he has to be in a wheelchair.

James Patrick
3013 Queens Gate Ct.
Modesto, CA
(209) 661-4340

Cautious rider
To her reckless dear
Let's have less bull
And more steer
Burma Shave
Tours and Activities - 2019

October 11, 12, 13. Occidental, Sturgeons Mill. Keith and Barbara Collins

October 26. Phantom of the Opera Tour. Jim and Dianne Kriese

November 1, 2. President’s Party, Santa Cruz. Linda Weaver

November 9. Tech Workshop - Crum’s. Keith Collins

November 11. Veterans Parade. John and Nancy Carvalho

November 16. Ladies Christmas Shopping Event. Teresa Gissible

December 15. Christmas Party. Linda Weaver
Era Fashion News ... From Teresa Gissible

Well, here it is October - the year is coming to a close. I was thinking of Halloween of Model A Era? How different it was from today’s Halloween. I came across this ad from a 1950's catalog with a photo of a party.

Do you notice anything different? I thought how sad, today you’d NEVER make or purchase a costume or masks like these. We were kids it was fantasy! Never worried about what was in your goodie bag (pillow case). You went with a group of friends (NO stranger danger). You could be anyone you wanted to be (No one knew what politically correct was). No one cared! It was just fun! Don’t you wish life was that simple again? Too bad those days are gone.

Happy Halloween everyone! Trick or Drink! oops Treat.
Masks

The pick of the foreign and domestic markets including the very latest novelty styles. There is a better than usual profit for you in these goods.

Imported Paper Masks

American Gauze Mask Assortments

Imported Wire Masks

Imported Santa Claus Paper Masks

Penny Mask Ass't.

Litho Heavy Paper Mask Ass't.

Litho Heavy Paper Goggles

Mask Fastener

Carnival Hat Ass't.

American Gauze Mask Assortment

A gauze 1 cent, set of styles and colors, well made and excellently packed. You would expect to pay much more for this quality.

WARNING!

Don’t buy your Sporting Goods for Spring until you have seen the February issue of “Our Drummer” catalogue.
SETTING IGNITION TIMING

By Les Andrews

1. Set the points to .020.

2. Check the clearance between the distributor rotor and each of the four contacts inside the distributor body. You can carefully bend the rotor tab or file each of the body contacts to get .025 to .030 clearance between the rotor and each contact. (Fig. 1)

3. Set the timing pin in the timing gear cover to the detent. Remove #1 spark plug and look down the hole to make sure #1 piston is at the very top of the stroke. (make sure you are observing the piston and not the valve).

4. Set the steering column spark lever to full up position (full retard). With the distributor body in place, make sure the distributor plate arm is fully against the far end of the body opening. Then pull the spark lever full down and check to see that the distributor arm is fully against the other side of the body opening. This checks to see that you are getting a full 20 degrees of advance. Now reset the spark lever full up. (Fig. 2)

5. From the right side of the engine, the rotor should be pointing to about 5 o’clock position.
Loosen the distributor cam screw and rotate the distributor cam clockwise to the point just before the points open on the lobe. Tighten the cam screw down.

6. With the cam screw tight, try to move the cam clockwise again, i.e., remove all backlash movement. The points should be at a position just before the points open.

7. Here is the final check. Attach a light or volt meter leads to the tip of the points arm. (Fig. 3) I made up a test light from a tail light socket with alligator clips on both pigtail wires. Clip one alligator clip to a good ground point and the other clip the end of the point arm. When the points are closed the light is off, when the points open the light comes on.

8. Turn the ignition key on. The test light should be off. Now slowly pull the spark lever down and count the number of detents the spark lever arm passes before the test light comes on. The idea is to adjust the points so they open (light on) as the spark lever on the steering column passes the first or second detent on the column. You may have to adjust the distributor cam several times to get this adjustment.

The car should start easily with the spark lever in full up position. With this setting, drive the car with the spark lever set about two notches from the bottom position. At 50 mph on the highway, move the spark lever to full down position for full 20 degrees advance.

If the starter is turning over slowly, it will help to improve the ground connection from the battery to the starter. This is done by adding another battery cable from where the braided battery strap connects to the frame cross member, and connect the other end to one of the bell housing bolts just behind the starter motor. You will need a GM battery cable about 30” long. This will provide a better ground connection for the starter and sometimes allow it to turn faster.

Time for wine, see you next time.
PHANTOM OF THE OPERA TOUR
Saturday, October 26, 2019

Are you ready for this? . . . A movie made before our Model A's! . . . and it is also a silent movie! . . . Starring Lon Chaney . . . circa 1925. We will tour to the Ironstone Winery in Murphys for this event.

MEET: Between 9:00 and 9:30 AM at The Oakdale Cheese Factory, 10040 Hwy 120, Oakdale, CA. NOTE: They open at 9 AM and are willing to allow us to the use of their facilities, BUT do request you purchase a beverage, snack, cheese or a gift item during our gathering time there.

DEPART: 9:30 AM. We will hand out a map and directions prior to our departure. There will also be directions for a more direct route home. We will lead the group home, leaving about 30 minutes after the show, down Hwy 4, turning left at Farmington and coming into Modesto on McHenry Avenue. Let us know if you will not be traveling home with the group.

We plan to arrive at least an hour prior to the event so that you can stretch, use the facilities and shop, if you want.

THE EVENT: At NOON. It begins with a complete buffet lunch. Following lunch, the show will begin in the area just off the dining room. The entire matinee event is scheduled from NOON to 4 PM.

COST: $35 per person and includes the buffet lunch, a show ticket and popcorn for the movie. NOTE: I was told by a staff person that this possibly isn't a program for young children. First of all it is a silent movie. It may also be scary and is in black and white. Parents, you know best if your little ones would enjoy this event. The movie is accompanied by a historic big pipe organ and an opera singer.

SIGN-UPS: Began at the September meeting. You may continue to sign-up at the Friday, October 4th meeting. NOTE this change of our meeting date. When you sign up please include your deposit check!! Do not just show-up. This event will be by pre-purchased tickets only.

DEADLINE: Friday, October 18th. We need to call in our final count of those signed up and paid.

Any questions? Call Dianne or Jim Kriese, 527-7916.

P.S. Be sure to shine up your A's. During our trip to check out logistics at Ironstone, the staff person told us they want us to park our A's in the amphitheater. All of their facilities are nearby the amphitheater. Modern cars will need to park in the upper or lower parking lots.
Hot August Nights
English Oaks

This event was hosted by Linda Weaver. Dinner at the Red Lobster followed the car show.
Waterford Museum Tour
September 14, 2019

It was a perfect day for a treasure hunt. Fourteen ladies gathered at Mrs. Potts Attic In Hughson. Walking through the door we were warmly greeted with coffee and doughnuts and our hostess Marci. The appearance of Mrs. Potts is very deceiving the front of the building and parking is quite small. It’s like Alice in Wonderland. Pasting thru the doors it’s a shoppers delight it goes on and on to the next room filled with goodies, trinkets, bobbles of all kinds. I don’t think there was anyone who didn’t walk out with a treasure. Some needed a truck! Shopping is a lot of work. That being said we were off to our next stop Waterford for “Lunch”.

After a short but very warm drive to Waterford we arrived at the museum. Entering the refreshing cool basement, beautifully decorated with all of Marci’s crafty touches, it was very pretty. Some of us had a few treasures to sell from our own collection. The deals were done.

Lunch is ready. The lady docents of the museum prepared a very tasty luncheon salad, fresh rolls, chicken casserole, if that wasn’t enough dessert was to die for, yummy!. Thank you lady docents. Marcie graciously gifted all of us with little goody bags. Plus a raffle of her beautiful table decorations.

Now, to work off all that lunch we went up stairs to take a walk thru history. This museum is quite small but they have it packed with lots of local treasures from the past. Even some gorgeous Model A dresses owned by Mrs. Casey. Come to find out she and her husband Joe where past Model A members from 1974. We enjoyed sharing all the wealth of information and work they have done to keep the museum open. Very interesting. I think we all learned some new about Waterford. We ended the day with a BIG Thank You! Marci once again you have out done yourself. Is it nap time or happy hour?

Submitted by Teresa Gissible
News of the Past

50 Years Ago - September 12, 1969

President Marshall Lewis called the meeting to order in the park in Turlock. Guests were Marvin & Marion Antle.

Frank Nunes announced plans for dinner and a show at Pollardville. Plans were announced for an overnight trip to Hearst Castle and tour to Twain Hart for a train ride.

A volunteer chairman was wanted for the Swap Meet. It was suggested to charge $3 for inside booths and $2 for outside ones. It was announced if your dues are paid by Jan. 1, 1970 you will received free membership in the national Model A Club and you will receive a Restorer.

18 couples have signed up for the Dress-up party at the Bazinnett Hotel in /Angles Camp. Several members will attend a Roundup meeting to be held at Lake Merced in S.F. A trophy for the July 4 parade and a plaque for the Boy Scout-O-Rama were shown.

The Hard Luck Trophy was presented to George Nunes for the Sonoma Tour. Rick Dias won a trouble light.

After the meet a watermelon feed furnished by Bill Reynolds and Howard Knapp took place.

Pat Braden, Sec./ Treasurer

15 Years Ago - October 8, 2004

Pres. Paul Gissible called the meeting to order in the Empire Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

Jerry Morrison invited all to attend an open house of his new building, “Forever Classic”.

Shirley Mattos reported that Dorothy Langill’s brother passed away; Jim DeWilms is having a tough time; Dave Lyons had hip surgery; Frank Nunes is having trouble walking and Hank Welch can’t attend any more meetings due to night driving problems.

Jack Martin thanked Dahl & Gail Waters for the Garbos tour. Teresa Gissible said to wear warm clothing for the evening open car train ride on the President’s Party. Linda Mahnke said that we will eat at the Old Mill Café after the Veteran’s Parade.


Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Linda Weaver, Secretary