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.
Fall is in the air. We have had a few cool mornings and the leaves are starting to change. My trip to Canada was about a week early. A few trees were a beautiful red but for the most part green with a hint of yellow. I had a great trip other than my luggage arriving five days late but that is a story for another day.

November is a closed meeting, no guests. We will be voting on next year’s budget, 2020 officers and board members, and a possible bylaws change. Our meeting night is back to our regular schedule, Friday, November 8th at 7 pm.

The signup for our Christmas Party, Sunday December 15th, will be at the November meeting. If you won’t be at the meeting and didn’t sign-up in October, please give me a call if you plan to come.

Well wishes to Rosie Monaco’s grandson James, Nancy Johnson, Harold Hill and our sunshine lady Patty Ecker.

Thanksgiving is fast approaching. It is a special time for giving Thanks for our many blessings, family and friends. I wish each and everyone one of you a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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Tours and Activities - 2019

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
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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

VETERANS PARADE
November 11, 2019

We will meet at M Street facing 10th at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, November 11th. We will have coffee, milk, orange juice and coffee.

After the parade, we meet at Graceda Park (401 Needham Avenue) for a program honoring our veterans. This is done every November 11th at the 11th hour because it was this day the armistice was declared between the Allied Nations and Germany in World War I in 1918.

After the program, we will go to Gervasoni’s at 5801 McHenry Avenue for lunch. You will order off the menu.

Model A Ladies Be Thankful Day
Saturday - November 16, 10:00

Reminder and Last Call for sign up to Model A Lady’s be "Thankful Day" November 16, starting at 10:00 a.m. in Oakdale. Meet “At the Corner” 141 N. Yosemite Ave.

Don’t forget your ornament representing what you are “Thankful” for (Can NOT be family, church or holidays). Something personal. Please do not spend more than $10.00. Exchange will be after lunch.

ALSO. If you have Not signed up for your food choice from the lunch menu. Do so right away. There are lots of choices off the menu at “Cafe Bliss” or you won’t have lunch. Lunch is at 12:30 1 52 N. Yosemite.

After lunch we have been invited to Foxy Designs by London Fox at 11 6 N. Third St. for a raffle.

ALL the shops are within walking distance, or you can park at the bank on F St.

Questions call Teresa Gissible at 577-581 9.
Happy Thanksgiving everyone! With the holidays just around the corner, I wanted to share with you a beautiful frock perfect for any party. Notice the cold shoulder design of the dress and the cowl neckline in the other dress.

These are all designs you can find in today’s fashions. Hard to believe what was hot in the 1930 Delineator magazine is still very fashionable today. So while shopping for that special dress, why not make it an Era Image style.
THE FLOWER DÉCOLLETAGE

3579 Most of the evening gowns are quite simple, to display the lovely evening fabrics. Velvet was used for this frock. The low...
CHECKING SPINDLE SHIMS

This is a great article written by Jack Noxon a while back. Thanks Jack.

Here are some little known facts about a very important shim, that is located under the spindle bolt thrust bearing. Usually there are four of these supplied with a spindle bolt replacement kit. This shim has two functions that affect the steering and braking of your Model A.

The first function of this shim is to put the weight of the front of the car on the spindle thrust bearings instead of between the spindle and the axle. This can be checked very simply. With the front wheels on the ground try to turn the spindle thrust bearings with your fingers. If you can turn them they are not doing their job. This makes steering your ‘A’ take more muscle power.

The second function of this shim is to remove all vertical travel of the spindle. To check the amount of free play between the spindle and the axle, raise the front wheels off the ground, place a pry bar between the spindle arm and axle, and see if you can lift the spindle. If there is any vertical movement of the spindle, then more pedal pressure is required to fully engage the front brakes. As the front brake linings contact the drums, some of the pedal pressure will be taken away from the front brake shoes and be used in an attempt to raise the front axle. Removing this free play in the front spindle will increase the efficiency of the front brakes.

Now to decide what thickness of shim to use. With the wheels off the ground raise the spindle again with a pry bar and insert a feeler gauge between the top of the axle and the upper spindle pivot. The shims supplied with the spindle bolt kit are usually .008 to .010 thick. Tin cans are generally about .010 thick. If you make your own shims from tin cans, be sure to remove any burrs before installing them.

Here is a sneaky way for you to install these shims without removing the spindle bolt. With the wheels off the ground remove the spindle bolt keeper. Remove the brake rod clevis pin. Remove the nut that holds the brake shaft housing to the spring perch. Raise the spindle bolt about 1/8” to 1/4” with a pry bar placed between the brake shaft housing and the spindle. Install the required thickness shims (see sketch). This shim will clip on like a snap ring. If you use more than one shim, stagger the open side. After the shims are installed, tap spindle bolt down on the thrust bearing
and install the spindle bolt keeper. Now check the spindle vertical free play. If it is under .010, put the wheels on the ground and check the thrust bearing for movement with your fingers. If it’s okay, reposition the brake shaft housing and tighten the nut. Hook up the brake rod, then check the brake adjustment and you are ready to go.

It’s wine time, see you next time.
Sturgeon’s Mill Tour

The tour hadn’t started yet, everyone was on the way to the meeting point, but Jerry L.’s car didn’t quite make it – seems the battery went bad; so it was back home for the modern car. The rest of the cars were off for a weekend adventure.

Hiway construction found Occidental bound tour cars going in every direction. Better hiway signage sure would have helped keep the caravan together. But, after a while spent in Cordelia, everyone gathered again for a fresh start. Some were thinking Keith built new roads just to keep us off the freeway. We were getting hungrier and hungrier. Late to lunch and then we found out 1:30 was rush hour at V. Sattui Winery. The lines were long, but we were also waiting for Art and Jim K. to rejoin the group after encountering minor car problems. Thanks to Joe & Liese with modern car standby support.

With our tummies full we once again hit the backroads going thru the Santa Rosa and Coffey Park burn areas, stopping for gas before heading to Occidental. In Occidental we found the Friday nite market with sale booths, food and live music here and there. Some people were off to dinner; others unwound for a while before wandering out; and still others went out on the town (the whole 3 block long main street area).

Saturday morning found most venturing about 102 feet down the mountain (hill) from the hotel to Howards for breakfast. Next came a photo shoot with people and cars in front of the Union Hotel. When we backed the cars in the town’s people thought they were being treated to a car show. Some visiting time, then it was off to Sturgeon’s Mill (the only steam powered logging mill left in the world).

A few pictures at Sturgeon’s Mill, then we were greeted by very knowledgeable docents and extremely hard working lumber mill workers/sawyers – all volunteers who each spend up to 4,000 hours a year maintaining the mill. Two hours later we found ourselves in the chow line. During lunch we were treated to a banjo player and mill workers showing off their rope knot tying skills. After lunch some stayed to watch more mill activities while others ventured the backroad again (yes, Keith found another one) to Bodega Bay, enjoying the ocean sightings from high above before mingling a bit with the weekend coastal visitors. Back at the hotel, then Jim K. asked about a sound coming from his engine. None of the “experts” could definitely figure out the problem; but it was agreed by all that going home on that dreaded flatbed truck was the safest bet.

Happy hour, then on to the Union Hotel for a traditional family style Italian dinner and some more after dinner visiting to wind up the day.

Sunday morning – Al and Martha were the first ones to alight from bed as they needed to take Lily (grand daughter) to the airport. It was off to S.F. airport in the “A” pulling a trailer. Al
goes anywhere with that car! Cars left for home at different times, traveling various routes (no one voiced that they wanted to go back home “Keith’s roads”), however. Along the way John & Mary Anne had a u-joint problem and also ended up on that flatbed.

Seems Art’s method for discouraging mice from nibbling on car wiring won’t be listed in Tech Tips – hint – don’t use steel wool – but if you insist on trying it anyway, please carry a fire extinguisher with you.

Barbara Collins
50 Years Ago - November 14, 1969

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

The following are Swap Meet chairmen: announcers Joe Curry, Joe Stewart, Dick Braden; microphone George Nunes; food concession Hank Welch; signs Joe Stewart, Jim Bergamaschi; club parts booth Alex Leventini; parking and sweeper Howard Knapp; tickets all members.

Parts donated for the club parts booth’s profit will be donated for the club truck. Every member is supposed to donate something for the prize booth. Women are to donate 1 pie for the concession booth. Work day will be held.

Christmas party will be at Nino’s Oasis with a gift exchange limited to $1. The National Banquet will be in Anaheim. It was m/s/p by Joe Curry and Hank Welch to pay for the banquet fees for the president and vice president. New officers elected were pres. Joe Curry, v.p. Frank Nunes and sec. /treas. Marge Nunes. A prize of miscellaneous parts was won by Marshall. Pat Braden, Sec./ Treas.

15 Years Ago - November 12, 2004

Pres. Paul Gissible called the meeting to order in the Empire Community Hall at 7:30 p.m.
The logo for the MAFCA-NCRG 2006 meet is “A” Time TO MIX IN 2006.

Linda Mahnke was circulating a Roster for corrections and would be available to take pictures at the Christmas Party.

Jerry Lutterman posted a job assignment on the board. If you want a change in jobs, let Jerry know. Louise Noxon said Dave Lyons had a hip replacement as did Jack Noxon and Pat Oletta. Frank Herger is not doing well. Jim DeWilms is finished radiation and is waiting for an MRI.

Jack Martin thanked Paul & Teresa and Jerry & Vicky for a great president’s Party and Chuck & Linda Mahnke for organizing the Veterans Parade tour. Bonnie stated that we need to dress up for the Teatro Zinzanni tour. Donna Crum announced the theme of the Christmas Parade is “When Dreams Come True” and we will eat lunch at St. Stan’s Brewery. Ernie Oletta said there is no age limit on the Children’s Christmas Party.

Paul read the nominations for next year’s officers: pres. Bonnie Webber, v.p. Jack Adams, sec. Linda Weaver, treas. Jody Kaiser, bd. of directors Roland Barber, Jack Hanney and Grant Ecker. Ballots were passed out to elect two directors. They are Roland Barber and Jack Hanney.

Dorothy Langill announced the purchase of seven nut items for the National Banquet.

The Club decided to give $500 every two years to support the MAFCA Youth Restoration Award.

Motion to buy three issues of the “Model A Times” magazine passed. The president, technical director and Vibrator editor will receive the issues.

It was voted 53 to 22 to continue buying yellow jackets for members after they had worked the Swap meet for one year.

The new budget was accepted with some changes. Bonnie suggested that the January meeting be catered instead of a potluck. Janis Martin will make the arrangements.

Raffle winners: Homer Mendonca - clock, Doug Giles - car care kit, Mary Woolf - cameo pin, Jean Sutherby - tire gauge, Dan Dark - bag, Gail waters - era dress, Bo Ecker - Model A blanket, Janis Martin - pumpkin wagon, Betsy Campbell - crystal necklace and Gail Waters - name badge.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m. Linda Weaver, Sec.