



EL CAMINO RAMBLINGS

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THIS MONTH

February 17th — Business meeting at Harry's Hofbrau in Redwood City
Lunch at 11am - Meeting at noon

We'll visit Ronald McDonald House immediately following the meeting

We're expected there from 1:30pm to - 2:30pm

Ronald McDonald House: 520 Sand Hill Road, Palo Alto

Please bring a box of cookies to share with the families

February 22th — Dinner at 6pm at Sizzler in Redwood City

February 28th — Crafty A's will meet at 11:30am at Max's at Stanford Shopping Center
Please RSVP Mary Anne Stergion 650-574-3169 or mas630@aol.com

March 10th at 9am — Safety Clinic at Sam & Connie Asaro's House
Please bring a breakfast dish to share. Pizza will be provided.

MONTHLY EL CAMINO A's BUSINESS

BOARD MEETING: concurrent with business meeting

BUSINESS MEETING: Third Thursday (or Saturday) of the month* at Harry's Hofbrau, Redwood City

*see schedule in this newsletter

NEWSLETTER: Mailed out one week before the business meeting.

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2017 ELECTED OFFICIALS

President: Barbara Stouffer - 650-322-9142

Vice President: Bob Perkins - 650-367-7410

Treasurer: Bob Reed - 650-366-0631

Secretary: Mary Anne Stergion - 650-759-0798

NON-ELECTED STAFF

Sunshine: **position not currently filled**

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~ President's Message ~

We welcomed January 2018 with the President's Brunch on the 6th at Hobe's in Belmont.

Then the news of Jim Kaufman's passing was on January 15th. There was a good group that attended his services and the luncheon that followed the service. He had been instrumental in securing the Burlingame Library for our Business Meetings for a number of years. He also got the room set up and got the tea and coffee ready for us.

We had our first January meeting at Harry's Hofbrau on Saturday morning on the 20th. There was a great turnout and we also celebrated Lou's 104th birthday. His actual birth date is January 30th.

Sam Asaro will be doing the tours for this year so if you would like to do one, please let him know. We have a good number of ideas for tours but will welcome anyone with a new idea.

The Thursday night dinner has a couple of empty spaces so help us out in that area.

Membership dues are almost overdue so get those checks in immediately. I sure would like to see some of our members that have not attended in a while. I will be looking for you!

Your president,
Barbara

Attention Members!

February Birthdays!

1st – Carl Pileri
5th – Martha Kessler
7th – Irwin Abrams
13th – Roger Kaufman
13th – Bob Pardini
18th – Don Hineman
21st – Vince Asaro

Remember, March is canned food month

please bring your canned foods to the meeting

Important!

Annual dues are... due. Please send payment to:
Bob Reed - 2786 Kensington Road, Redwood City, 94061



Don Hineman (L) with the birthday boy, Lou Matas.
Happy 104th, Lou!

Into every life, a little rain must fall.

On January 15th, Jim Kaufman passed away. Jim was instrumental in securing us use of the Burlingame Library for our monthly meetings. With his quick, understated humor, he was a joy to be around. We'll miss you, Jim.

Please send your thoughts and prayers to his wife Rose and their family.

Carl and Lois Pileri on the left,
Jim and Rose Kaufman on the right.



MEETING MINUTES FOR JAN. 29, 2018

Submitted by Mary Anne Stergion

Meeting called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Barbara Stouffer.

This was a lunch meeting at Harry's Hofbrau in Redwood City.

Barbara announced two new members in attendance: Barry & Sonia Stergion

Barbara also greeted two guests from the Mid Peninsula Car Club.

V.P. Report: Bob Perkins announced that Sam Asaro will be taking over the tour portion of the V.P. position.

Minutes read by secretary Mary Anne Stergion and approved.

Sam A. announced the tours already scheduled for this year. He also sent out an email survey to all members asking for input on tour ideas, etc. He has gotten 4 responses at this time. Scheduled Tours: Sweetie Tour following the Feb. 17 business meeting, Safety Clinic on March 10, Friendship Day on May 20, Ice Cream Social and BBQ at the Kessler's in July (day tba), Aug. 12 is the George Stergion Annual Picnic at Beresford Park, Sept. and Oct. are open for tour ideas, the Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center is Dec. 8.

Rick Kessler talked about the Sweetie's Tour in Feb. After lunch and the business meeting at Harry's we will travel to the Ronald McDonald House at Stanford. We'll bring cookies and drinks for the children and their families, let families look at the old cars and take pictures with the old cars.

Sunshine Report: We still have no volunteer to take over this position. Barbara S. announced birthdays and anniversaries for this month. Barbara also reported out on Jim Kaufman's funeral that a number of Model A members attended. Barbara also asked members to update any changes to the roster so that an addendum can be added. A new roster will not be printed this year. Barbara also mentioned the organizational meeting held on Wed. of this week. One discussion item was the website. June Chichizola announced that their granddaughter had a 6 month exam and was pronounced clear. We're also celebrating Lou Matas's "104th" birthday today. Amazing man!

Raffle : Winner was Jessica Wolfe

Thursday night dinner will be at Amicis in Redwood Shores.

Crafty A's will be on Jan. 31 at Mary Anne Stergions

A questionnaire from your tour and activity leader

I am taking over the activities and tours for the club for 2018. There is much time involved, and many things to consider, in the planning of a tour, including selecting a destination, planning a route, coordinating a place to eat, and establishing a timeline - which includes figuring travel time, eating time, potty break time, destination duration time, return travel time, etc.

While I'm willing to invest the time and effort involved in planning tours, I'd like to point out that it can be very disappointing to plan a tour only to have a handful of people, and 2 or 3 Model A's, show up.

I understand there will be circumstances that prevent every member from attending every function, still, it would be nice to have greater participation. Having said that, I have a few questions:

- 1) Would you be willing to drive your Model A on the tours?
- 2) How far would you be willing to travel to a given destination? (up to 25 miles, between 50 and 75 miles, 100 or more)
- 3) Would you be willing to travel on the freeway at an average speed of 45 MPH?
- 4) Are you comfortable only on surface streets?
- 5) Knowing the cost of an outing in today's world, would you be willing to do any overnight tours?

Please send me your feedback, either by phone, email, US mail, or in person at a club function.

Thank you,
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Check on my baby...



Grrr!

Please retain this schedule for later reference

El Camino A's 2018 Meeting Schedule

Location:

Harry's Hofbrau, Redwood City

January 20th	Saturday	11am to 1pm
February 17th	Saturday	11am to 1pm
March 17th	Saturday	11am to 1pm
April 19th	Thursday	6pm to 8pm
May 17th	Thursday	6pm to 8pm
June 21st	Thursday	6pm to 8pm
July 19th	Thursday	6pm to 8pm
August 16th	Thursday	6pm to 8pm
September 20th	Thursday	6pm to 8pm
October 20th	Saturday	11am to 8pm
November 17th	Saturday	11am to 8am



EL CAMINO A'S ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

2018

		January	February	March
Business Meeting	20		17	17
Tour		President's Brunch	Ronald McDonald House	Safety Clinic
Tour Date		Jan 6 at 9:30am	February 17	March 10
Tour Leader		Barbara Stouffer	Rick & Martha Kessler	Sam Asaro
Tour Meets At		Hobbee's in Redwood Shores	Harry's Hofbrau – RWC	Sam & Connie Asaro's
Dinner Host		Sam & Connie Asaro	Maureen Morley & Bob Perkins	Neil & June Chichizola
Dinner At		Amici's	Sizzler – Redwood City	Kabul Afghan – San Carlos
Crafty A's		Mary Anne Stergion – Jan 24 th	Max's at Stanford – Feb 28 th	Filoli w/Maureen – Mar 28 th
		April	May	June
Business Meeting	19		17	21
Tour		Shakedown Tour – location TBA	Friendship Day	Mitchell Park Basket Picnic
Tour Date		TBA	May 20	TBA
Tour Leader		TBA	TBA	Barbara Stouffer
Tour Meets At		TBA		Mitchell Park – Palo Alto
Dinner Host		Lowell & Jessica Wolfe	available	Barbara Stouffer
Dinner At		TBA		TBA
Crafty A's		Maureen Morley – Apr 25 th	Barbara Stouffer – May 23 rd	Marilyn Perry – Jun 27 th
		July	August	September
Business Meeting	19		16	20
Tour		Ice Cream Social & BBQ	George Stergion Annual Picnic	
Tour Date		TBA	August 12	
Tour Leader		Rick & Martha Kessler		
Tour Meets At			Beresford Park – San Mateo	
Dinner Host		Rick & Martha Kessler	Vince & Marilyn Perry	Bob & Jane Reed
Dinner At		Dutch Goose – Menlo Park	TBA	TBA
Crafty A's		open	open	Maureen Morley – Sept 26 th
		October	November	December
Business Meeting	20		17	No Business Meeting
Tour				Annual Christmas Luncheon
Tour Date				December 8
Tour Leader				
Tour Meets At				Basque Cultural Center
Dinner Host		Vince & Tammy Asaro	Happy Turkey Day!	Mary Anne Stergion
Dinner At		TBA		Max's – Redwood City
Crafty A's		Mary Anne Stergion – Oct 24 th	Barbara Stouffer – Nov 14 th	Connie Asaro – Dec 12 th

Check out our club's website:
<http://eca-mafca.tripod.com/index.html>

The El Camino A's is a Club organized as a medium for exchange of ideas and information about the Model A Ford. We encourage and maintain among our members the spirit of good fellowship, sociality and fair play through sponsored activities, around the use of the Model A Ford and family participation.

If you would like to join the El Camino A's, come to our Business Meeting on the third Thursday of each month (except in December). We meet at the:
Burlingame Library Community Room (downstairs)
480 Primrose Road, at 7 p.m.

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