

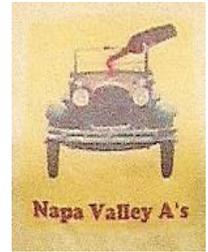


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## Napa Valley A's

A Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America

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### A Look Back

#### Napa Valley A's History for February

February 16, 2003: Seven couples attended the Valentine Brunch at Rings. Linda and Larry Dreyer brought valentine goody bags with a candle, tea, candy, and a cookie. Sam and Marty Leach gave each couple a copy of the cd Napa Valley A's Love Songs, that Sam created featuring love songs from the 30's through the 60's. Randy and Lea Stegman drove their Model A. Driving modern cars were Tony and Dottie Shoaf, Jim and Nancy Mounter, Bill and Mary Hard, and Bob and Rachel Egan.

February 16, 2008: Continuing the Valentine's Day tradition, Seventeen members of the Napa Valley A's met at Siena Restaurant for brunch. We were seated at a long table in the center of the room. At each place was a bright red box of chocolates handmade for the occasion by Sam. Leach. At each of the ladies' plates was a lovely Victorian metal cone adorned with glass beads and prisms that Linda Dreyer had filled with assorted chocolate hearts and candies. We had a tasty breakfast, lots of coffee and, of course, lots of good conversation.

### A Look Forward

February 12<sup>th</sup> Service for Milt Totman, Tulocay Cemetery  
11:00 am

February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine Lunch at Hop Creek Pub, 2:30 pm

June 24-29<sup>th</sup> MAFCA National Convention at the Nugget Casino and Resort, Reno-Sparks, Nevada

## Message From Howdy

2017 was “not the best of years” with the valley fires and the loss of two members’ homes. May the Lord help each and every one of those who lost so much throughout California.

We have a member who had heart surgery and a good recovery, a member with leg surgery in July, not healed yet, “really sucks”. For any of those not mentioned, Godspeed to recovery and to you, Sam, with your knee or hip.

Thank you to Vice-President Ken and the members for carrying on without my presence. Thank you for the “Dam Tour”, two cars and nine members joined in, Jim’s poker run to Yountville and lunch, Sam and Marty representing the Napa A’s at the Marin A’s Oktoberfest. Thanks again to Sam and Marty for putting together the Christmas Luncheon and candy with the Marin and Sonoma A’s. It was very enjoyable, I enjoyed the wine too.

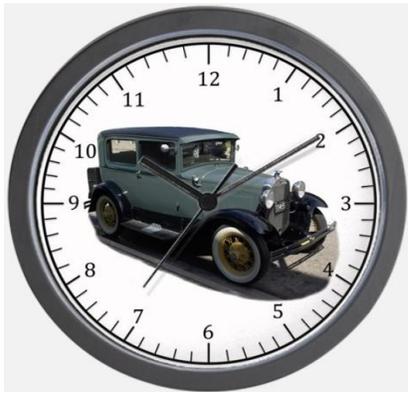
Congratulations to Skip and Jean as recipients of the Jack and Gene Tschida Award. Thank you to our basket organizer, Celeste, and to those who helped with tickets.

This was my third year as President. The first two were good and enjoyable. The third was good until my leg surgery. Therefore I am stepping down as President.

Thank You  
2017 President  
Howdy Rogers

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

The Napa Valley A’s Afternoon Valentine Lunch will be held on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at Hop Creek Pub, 3253 Browns Valley Road, Napa, at 2:30 pm. Note the time change from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Please call Sam at 252-8903 by February 10<sup>th</sup> if you are planning to attend so that we can get an accurate count for the restaurant.



Time For Birthdays

Andrew Lennon	February 17
Sheila Kanne	February 19
Judy Rossi	February 23
Ron Pippert	February 25



Marty and Sam Leach	February 6
Sandra and Stewart Mehrens	February 25
Jean and Skip Keyser	February 27
Helen and Paul Woodworth	March 3



Mell Gross would like to save all of you Model Aers from Northern California some money by buying his product through Bob Grady of the Diablo A's in Concord, CA. You will save shipping costs to and from Southern California.

<b>Model A Cast Iron Brake Drums</b>	
Set of 4 drums and studs:	\$300.00
<b>Bonded and arced Brake Shoes</b>	
Set of 8 shoes for 4 wheels	
With exchange:	\$130.00
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Ken Midile will have a safety check day in March, but for those wanting to get a head start, here is the Model A Safety Check List from Les Andrews' Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook.

**APPENDIX**

**MODEL A SAFETY CHECK LIST**

		Yes	No			Yes	No
<b>Body</b>				<b>STEERING</b>			
1.	Doors close and latch securely.			1.	Tie-Rod correctly installed and tightened. No excessive wear and properly lubricated.		
2.	Safety glass installed in all windows.			2.	Drag link correctly installed and tightened. No excessive wear and properly lubricated.		
3.	Rear view mirror state approved.			3.	No excessive play in steering wheel (2" maximum).		
<b>Engine</b>				<b>BRAKES</b>			
1.	Carburetor free of leaks.			1.	Properly adjusted on all four wheels.		
2.	All gas lines free of leaks.			2.	Emergency brake properly adjusted (Locks at 3rd notch).		
3.	Gas gauge free of leaks.			3.	Brake pedal travel properly adjusted (See Service Adjustments)		
4.	Approved type gas lines installed.			4.	Brake rods and clevis pins correct with cotter pins.		
5.	Wiring free of bare areas and properly routed.			<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
6.	Fuse installed between starter connection and terminal box connection.			1.	Registration and insurance papers in vehicle.		
7.	Fan hub and blades free of defects.			2.	Safety flares and first aid kit in vehicle.		
8.	General condition of engine compartment neat and orderly.			3.	Horn and windshield wiper operational.		
9.	Air filter / spark arrestor installed on carburetor.			4.	Tool kit and flashlight in vehicle.		
10.	Throttle linkage - no bends and returns freely.			5.	Seat belts installed and functional.		
11.	Exhaust system - no leaks.			_____			
<b>WHEELS</b>				CAR OWNER			
1.	All lug nuts properly tightened - 64 ft. lbs.			_____			
2.	Tire pressure - 34 lbs.			CHIEF INSPECTOR			
3.	Tire condition - acceptable tread, no breaks.			_____			
4.	All four (4) shocks installed and working.			Date Inspected _____			
5.	No front wheel shimmy						
<b>LIGHTS</b>							
1.	High beam and low beam operational						
2.	Taillights and stoplights operational (no burned out bulbs)						
3.	Directional indicators operational (if installed)						

For Sale



1931 Tudor. Hydraulic brakes, 12 volt electrical system, new clutch, pressurized radiator, luggage rack with trunk, stone guard, halogen lights, and seat belts. Runs great. \$17,500 (negotiable). Jerry Lakos, Marin A's 1-415-897-4960.

For Sale



6 volt positive ground alternator made by Wagner. Bought for Model A, but never installed. \$225. Call Ron Stevens at 707 975-0964 if interested.

Meeting Date

The next meeting will be the fourth Thursday, February 22, 2018. We will meet at Rabobank, 700 Trancas St. in Napa at 7:30 pm. Jim Kanne will bring refreshments. Dues for 2018 were delinquent as of January 15<sup>th</sup>. Any member who has not already paid should send their check for \$25 per family using the form in this newsletter or pay their dues at the February meeting.

In Memory of Milt Totman

The Napa Valley A's extend our condolences to the family of Milt Totman. Milt passed away on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Milt and Rose were members of the Napa Valley A's since July of 1997. He was very active in the club, participating in many car shows and serving as our auctioneer and raffle ticket master for many years. Graveside services will be this coming Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at Tulocay Cemetery in Napa. A reception at Tulocay will follow. Milt's wife Rose preceded him in death in December of 2014.



Milt with Barbara Fanucchi  
Valentine's Brunch 2017

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Life is a series of experiences, each one of which makes us bigger, even though sometimes it is hard to realize this. For the world was built to develop character, and we must learn that the setbacks and grieves which we endure help us in our marching onward.

*Henry Ford*

Below is the letter concerning the 2018 MAFCA National Convention. We are asked to donate a gift for the drawing at the Welcome Party. They are also looking for photos and videos from the road. Think about what we might want to donate and any interesting photos you might want to share.

## 2018 MAFCA National Convention

To all NCRG Chapters,

Most but not all of the NCRG Chapters have been working on their assignments for the 2018 MAFCA convention. The Sonoma A's will be hosting the Welcome Party on Sunday evening June 24<sup>th</sup>, and during the 'All You Can Eat Pasta Buffet' we will be spinning the Wheel of Fortune and drawing registration numbers of people attending the Welcome Party for gifts donated by NCRG member chapters.

We are asking that your chapter be represented by donating something that your area is noted for. Perhaps it's Olives or Mandarins, Walnuts or Almonds, Redwoods or Tourism. Ask your members to discuss what you would like to be remembered for and ask for a few donations from local merchants, farmers, wineries and lodging. We aren't looking for large quantities but a nice basket, gift box or bag with your MAFCA Chapter name and the donors contact information.

We know from past National Conventions, Roundups and Regional Meets that the attention level during a meal is centered on the people sharing your table. The volume from hundreds of conversations all talking at the same time can hinder any formal program. Therefore we'll try not to interfere but still go on with the event.

We will also be looking for photos & videos from the road: Interesting sights, people, Model A's in trouble, weird road side attractions, and great or not so great lodging. The special email to send them to is [ncrgpics@yahoo.com](mailto:ncrgpics@yahoo.com). We'll run a slide show during the Welcome Party, and might even have a prize for the best.

Please respond to Dave Uhlig at [dave.uhlig@gmail.com](mailto:dave.uhlig@gmail.com) or Steve Lewis at [uu2badrsteve@gmail.com](mailto:uu2badrsteve@gmail.com)

Thanks, Dave & Steve

## Napa Valley A's

## General Meeting 1-25-18

The meeting was called to order by Howdy Rogers at 7:37 PM. There were ten members present.

Treasurer: The financial reports were passed around. The 2018 dues of \$25.00 are now due. It was announced that the club will contribute \$25.00 to the Rosie the Riveter Museum for our tour there. The reconciliation of the bank account was okayed.

Volunteers for two vacant offices were requested. Sam Leach volunteered to be 2018 President and Richard Weklych volunteered to be Vice President.

Sam Leach took over running the rest of the meeting.

Hospitality: The refreshment sign-up sheet will be passed around at the next meeting.

Vice President: The Christmas luncheon was a success. The club had a drawing for the culinary students and one student won \$50.00. We enjoyed having people from the Marin and Sonoma clubs there. The food and the chocolates from Sam and Marty were excellent.

Our trip to the Rosie the Riveter Museum in Oakland was a success and we had a lot of members come. We got to see a video of Barbara Fanucchi's mom as part of the history.

The MAFCA National Convention will be held June 24-29 2018. It will be held in the Sparks/Reno area. Our club will probably be asked to do something for the event.

For a February tour we will have lunch on February 14<sup>th</sup> at Hop Creek Restaurant in Brown's Valley. That will be at 1:00 PM on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup>.

At the next meeting there will be a sign up sheet to sign up for a tour for each month. Every family is requested to sign up to organize a tour.

Sunshine: Howdy reported he was feeling bad after the Christmas luncheon and so he went to the emergency room for his foot. He was in the hospital for several days. He is doing better now.

New Business: Ken Midile will have a safety check day sometime in March and the Midiles volunteered to host a lunch after the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade in Calistoga. More details to follow.

At this time we had the raffle and refreshments. We enjoyed delicious cookies and ice cream brought by Barbara Fanucchi and made \$46.00 on the raffle.

Shop Talk: Sam said his car has been backfiring. Barbara asked if new batteries are already charged and can be put directly into a car. The consensus was that yes they could be.

Good of the Order: When was the last Model A made? It was 1948 from new parts, for Ford's son.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Keyser, Secretary

## Napa Valley A's 2018 Membership Application

\*\*\*\*\* Membership Application/2018 Annual Dues Renewal\*\*\*\*\*

NOTE: Annual dues for 2018 are \$25.00 per family

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