

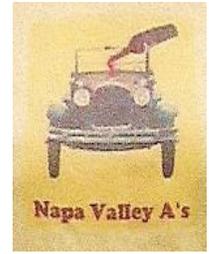


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## Napa Valley A's

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### A Look Back

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

September 18, 2004: Six Model A's made the tour to the Rio Vista Train Museum. Larry and Linda Dreyer and Jim and Nancy Mounter drove their pickups; Pete Smith and Ron Gilbreath with John Dickson drove coupes; Joe, Virginia, and Ken Midile drove their sedan; and Randy Stegman drove his limo with Jerry Belden and Milt Totman as passengers.

September, 2009: The Meadows Classic Car Show and Barbecue drew a good turnout as well as the International Model A Ford Day at The General Store Café.

September 16, 2009: The Ice Cream Social at Firewood was well-attended with twenty four members turning out for the event.

### A Look Forward

September 14<sup>th</sup> International Model A Ford Day

September 19<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social at Applebee's, 6:00 pm

September 21<sup>st</sup> Tour of Napa, Nob Hill Parking Lot, 10:00 am

September 26<sup>th</sup> Napa Valley A's Meeting, Rabobank, 7:30 p

October 2<sup>nd</sup> National Name Your Car Day

December 12<sup>th</sup> Napa Valley A's Christmas Luncheon

## Tech Tip

By Jim Cannon, MAFCA Technical Director

### Nut and Bolt Torque – Part 2

I wrote last month about the basics of tightening a nut or a bolt with a torque wrench. As I mentioned, there are tables of recommended torque values to use for guidance on our cars. Let's continue with that theme.

In general, published torque values (unless it states otherwise) are for tightening a nut or bolt with clean, dry threads. This means that the rust has been cleaned off of the bolt or stud threads (I use a wire brush) and they have been wiped dry. No oil, grease or anti-seize compound should be applied to the threads that the nut will be turning on. (A drop of oil can be applied to the surface that a nut is tightening against, such as the boss on the top of a head, where the stud goes through the head.)

If you lubricate the threads on a stud or bolt, it will be too easy to turn the nut as you torque it. So when you stop at your target torque (say 55 ft-lbs for a head nut) you will have stretched the bolt or stud more than two times as far as you would with the same torque with dry threads. This will be like over-torquing the nut and can result in the stud or bolt breaking, the stud pulling out of the block, or the head or block cracking, due to too much stress on it. That will ruin your day!

So clean the threads before you start, keep the threads dry, use a torque wrench, and stop pulling the instant the torque wrench clicks. You'll be glad you did. Have a Model A Day!

### Christmas Luncheon

Sam Leach is making plans for this year's Christmas Luncheon at the Napa Valley Cooking School. The tentative date is Thursday, December 12. Costs will be approximately \$40 per person.

## September Ice Cream Social

This month the Ice Cream Social will be at Applebee's, 195 Soscol Avenue in Napa. We will meet there on Thursday, September 19, at 6:00 pm.



### Meeting Date

The next meeting will be the fourth Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at Rabobank, 700 Trancas St. in Napa at 7:30 pm. Jim Mounter will bring refreshments.

### September Tour

The September tour was initially planned for September 7<sup>th</sup>, but is now scheduled for Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. We will meet at the Nob Hill parking lot at 10:00 am. Sam Leach has created a series of questions to be completed during the tour. The answers will be one of the four major production years for the Model A: 1928, 1929, 1930, or 1931. We will have lunch following the tour.





Time For Birthdays

Cathy Calkins	September 17
Jim Kanne	September 24
Lea Stegman	October 1



Wendy and Bruce Tschida	September 17
Sheila and Jim Kanne	September 21
Peggy and Don Thomas	September 23



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## August Ice Cream Social

Not a record turnout, but a very good participation at the August Ice Cream Social at the Red Hen Cantina. Approximately 14 people were in attendance.

## Poker Run

Fourteen members and friends were at Creekside Church for the August Poker Run. Jim Kanne and his friend Dave Stevens were driving Jim's newly acquired late 1928 sedan, Skip and Jean Keyser drove their coupe, and Jim and Lynn Mounter drove their pickup. Barbara Fanucchi, Howdy and Gerri Rogers, Ken, Virginia and Joe Midile, and their friend Shaquille drove modern cars. Sam Leach was there in his modern car to see us off.



There were five hidden envelopes and eight questions to be answered along the tour route. Skip and Jean were the first ones out, followed by Jim and Dave. Barbara and Lynn went out next, followed by Howdy and Gerri. Last out were Ken, Joe, Virginia, and Shaquille in Ken's new pickup.

At the end of the run, the envelopes and answer sheets were turned in and the number of cards to be drawn determined by the number of envelopes found and the number of questions answered correctly. The best poker hands were then assembled from the drawn cards and prizes awarded based on the winning poker hands. Jim and Dave won first with two pairs and a king, followed by Skip and Jean with a pair of aces and a king high. Joe and Virginia won third place with a pair of fours and a king high. Prizes were a bottle of Pinot Grigio from Benessere Vineyards, a gift card to Starbucks, and a Turtle Wax Car Care kit. Interested spectators from the church were Mark Seelye and Dann and Suzy Solomon. Everyone enjoyed the picnic lunch in the shade under the big oak tree.



September 14 is International Model A Ford Day. Although we have no activities planned for this date, you may want to get out your Model A and take a drive around town to celebrate along with other Model A Ford enthusiasts world-wide.

## Napa Valley A's Elections

There are only two meetings left this year, so it's not too early to start thinking about volunteering for one of the elected offices in the club. Elected officers are President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are interested in serving as one of the appointed officers: Editor, Historian, Hospitality, NCRG Representative, Raffle, or Sunshine, now is the time to make it known.

It's also time to vote for the 2019 recipients of the Jack and Gene Tschida Award. Ballots (one ballot per member) are printed below and can be turned in at the September and October meetings or mailed to P.O. Box 2656, Napa, CA 94558.

For those who may not be familiar with Jack and Gene Tschida, here is some background information: Jack and Gene were actively involved in forming the chapter by writing the bylaws and recruiting new members, supporting the club by leading tours and participating in club events. They encouraged new members and helped them to become better acquainted with the rest of the club. Jack helped individual members on tours by loaning tools and providing technical assistance when needed. Both Jack and Gene served as president of the chapter and held other positions as well.

Jack was a master judge in car judging and Gene was a master judge in era fashions. Both conducted seminars to help members get started in judging and shared their expertise with anyone who had questions about either subject. Jack and Gene were recognized nationally as winners of the era fashion photo contest. Their photo is on the cover of the Nov-Dec 1996 issue of *The Restorer*.

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## General Meeting Minutes for August 22, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 by President Jim Kanne. There were seven members present.

Secretary: Minutes of the July meeting were approved as written in the August newsletter.

Correspondence: We received two thank you cards for the club's donation of wine to the NCRG Roundup for the raffle: one card, from Jan Ewertz of the Sonoma club, and a card from someone who won the wine in a raffle prize. We also received a flyer for a Model A for sale and this was passed around to the members.

Treasurer: Skip said anyone could check with him to look at the financials. He said Rabobank is merging with Mechanics Bank but he doesn't know how this will affect our use of room for our meetings.

Vice Pres./Activities: There was good participation for the August Ice Cream Social. Approximately 12 to 14 people showed up at the Red Hen Cantina.

The August activity is a Poker Run arranged by Jim Mounter. He was not at today's meeting but the information for the event was in the August newsletter. The event is Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

The September Tour will be a tour of Napa in our Model As (or modern car). The date is scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup> [date may be changed]. We will meet at Nob Hill parking lot at 10:00 AM.

Sept. Ice Cream Social is on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, a Thursday, at 6:00 PM. This was originally announced to be at Buster's in Calistoga, but we felt that since John Davis can't be there it would be better to wait until he could come. So the restaurant was changed to Applebee's on Soscol Ave.

Sunshine: We got the news that Bill Duff sold his Model A to his niece. We heard that Ken Midile is going to have to have some surgery.

Hospitality: The September refreshments will be brought by Jim Mounter and in October we will have a Pie Social and the meeting will begin an hour earlier than usual, so at 6:30 PM.

Old Business: We had a discussion of the Cell Phone Tree which Jim Kanne looked into. He figured out he can send a group message to ten cell numbers at a time. If there are more than ten he would send the message to two groups. In that case, if a person replies they reply to only the people in their group.

Refreshments/Raffle: We had delicious refreshments of a berry tart and ice cream which were brought by Sam Leach. Sam thanks Geri Rogers for helping him out by setting up the refreshments and serving them.

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Instead of a raffle we auctioned off the extra berry tart and the rest of the ice cream.

New Business: None

Shop Talk: The Kannes bought a Model A. It is a late 1928 registered as a 1929 Sedan (Leatherback). They got it in Chico from a Craigslist ad. Jim wanted to know if Skip had a drum tail light and Skip said he would check.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Keyser, Secretary

### Sunsweet Prunes in Napa



Back when prunes were the Napa Valley's star commodity, the Sunsweet Prune Packaging facility on Jackson Street was a bustling place. Have you heard the old adage "Too much fruit and nowhere to dry it"? Of course not, because the first dryer co-op emerged in Napa Valley in 1934.

In the 1930s, Sunsweet was processing as much as 27,000 tons of prunes each harvest. In the plant's heyday, more than 200 people worked there. The sweet scent of dehydrating prunes would hang over downtown Napa on autumn mornings. At that time, prunes were the major crop of the valley. Prune orchards were everywhere along Pueblo Avenue, Silverado Trail and even on Jefferson Street where the Grape Yard Shopping Center now stands.

Frances Proctor writes, "I would eventually pick prunes each summer to buy school clothes that I wanted. Most of the kids in the valley did likewise. School didn't start until the fruit was in. We were paid 25 cents per box. As I recall, it took three to four buckets to fill a box. It could be back-breaking work. The boxes of prunes were hauled to Sunsweet on the corner of Jackson and Yajome streets to be processed. You could drive by and see all the racks of prunes drying in the sun. It always smelled like sulfur in that area."

# Napa Valley A's 2019 Membership Application

\*\*\*\*\* Membership Application/2019 Annual Dues Renewal\*\*\*\*\*

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