

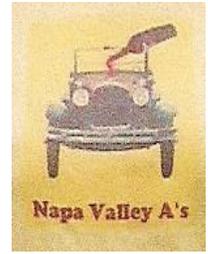


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A Look Back

Napa Valley A's History for October

October 6, 2002: Once again the Napa Valley A's received a trophy for Best Vehicle Group at the Yountville parade.

Members with cars in the parade were Larry and Linda Dreyer, Sam and Marty Leach, Howard and Elsie Goines, Randy and Lea Stegman, and Jerry Belden. Marty gave most of the credit to Lea and Linda, who walked along beside the cars and passed out candy and flags to the people along the route.

October 7, 2007: The Napa Valley A's participated in the 30th annual Yountville Days Parade.

October 20, 2007: The Napa Valley A's displayed their cars at the Redwood Retirement Residence from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

A Look Forward

October 10th Dinner at Togo's/Baskin Robbins at 5:30 pm.

October 14th Tour to Spanish Flat for lunch at the Cucina Italiana. We will depart from Nob Hill Foods at 12:00.

October 26th Napa Valley A's Meeting and Pie Social, 6:30 pm at Rabobank.

November 11th Tour of the Rosie the Riveter Museum. Meet at Baskin Robbins in the South Napa Market Place at 10:00 am.

December 8th Napa Valley A's Christmas Luncheon. Napa Valley Cooking School at 12:00.

OOPS!

My apologies to Sheila and Jim Kanne. Their anniversary was last month, September 21, and I forgot to list it in the newsletter. It is listed in this issue and all of us wish you a belated happy anniversary!

Welcome Guests

We were privileged to have Don and Peggy Thomas and their friend John Muhlner as our guests for the September meeting. Don and Peggy own a 1931 roadster named Maggie. Maggie has not been driven for a while and may need some maintenance and troubleshooting to get safely back on the road again. The last time they attempted to drive her, the transmission locked up and refused to go out of gear. With the help of some muscle, they were able to get her back in to storage.

Marin A's Oktoberfest

Sam and Marty Leach represented the Napa Valley A's at the Marin A's Oktoberfest. Marin A's president Bob Johnson and his sister Jayne did an excellent job of putting on this event held last month at the Marin Rod and Gun Club.



Bob fabricated an imitation of the game show 'Jeopardy' which he titled 'Jelopardy'. It featured categories such as Model A, era fashion, Ford, MAFCA, 1928 -1931, and Model A body styles. One of the questions was, "Who was the first woman character to appear in animated cartoons?" The answer was Betty Boop.

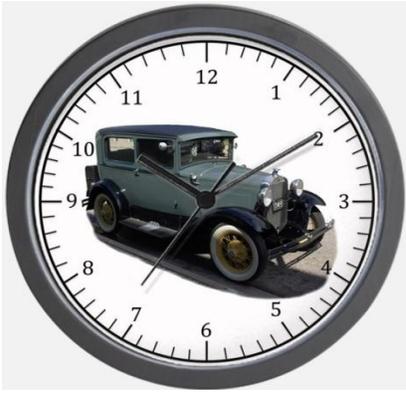


Everyone enjoyed the game and the event. Thanks to the Marin A's for inviting us.

Christmas Luncheon

Sam Leach has announced that the Christmas Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 8 at 12:00 noon at the Upper Valley Campus of Napa Valley College, 1088 College Avenue, St. Helena, CA. The cost will be \$30 per person, with the club paying for members. Those attending from the club should also bring a raffle prize such as a gift basket or a special item worth approximately \$25. Raffle tickets will be sold at the luncheon and the proceeds donated to the cooking school. Reservations should be made with Sam by mid November.





Time For Birthdays

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| Lea Stegman | October 1 |
| Milt Totman | October 1 |
| Bruce Tschida | October 8 |
| Gary Schager | October 25 |
| Dave Green | October 31 |
| Helen Woodworth | November 1 |



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| Sheila and Jim Kanne | September 21 |
| Sherrill and Gary Schager | October 16 |

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Ice Cream Social

This month's Ice Cream Social will be at Togo's/Baskin Robbins, 269 Soscol Avenue in Napa on October 10 at 5:30 pm.

Meeting Date

The next meeting will be the fourth Thursday of the month, October 26, 2017. We will meet at 6:30 pm at Rabobank, 700 Trancas St., Napa, California. This month's refreshments will be a pie social, so we will be starting early. Bring your favorite pie and your own plate and serving utensils. Any extra pies will be raffled off at the meeting. This will be the final opportunity to vote on the Jack and Gene Tschida Award and on officers for next year.

October Event

Ron Stevens is planning a lunch at Cucina Italiana at Spanish Flat Village Center, 4310 Berryessa Knoxville Road on Saturday, October 14th. We will leave from the Nob Hill Grocery parking lot at 12:00 noon and arrive at the restaurant at approximately 1:00 pm.



MAFCA Dues

Members of the Model A Ford Club of America should have received their 2018 renewal forms by now. After ten years without an increase, the dues for MAFCA have been increased to \$50 per year effective January 1, 2018. Along with the dues increase, members will be able to access a digital copy of *The Restorer* from any Wi-Fi enabled device at no additional cost. Dues should be sent to Model A Ford Club of America, 250 S. Cypress St., La Habra, CA 90631-5515.

November Activity



Barbara Fanucchi has planned a trip to the Rosie the Riveter Museum in Richmond, CA for November 11. We will meet at Baskin Robbins at 10:00 and eat at a restaurant in Richmond at noon. We can tour the museum, look through the windows at the Ford assembly plant, and tour the Red Oak Victory ship which is located nearby. The museum tour is free, but the cost of the Red Oak Victory tour is \$10 per person. The museum tour should take 1 to 2 hours. The Visitor Center is located at 1401 Marina Way South in Richmond.

Check the Oil

By Brian Martin, *The Distributor*, Alamo A's

I think we are all pretty good about checking the engine oil on our A's. When was the last time you checked the transmission or the rear end? Checking either of these takes a few minutes and a little bending and crawling. You should be using 600W oil that is available from any of the A vendors or other sources. This thickness is necessary to help stop leaks. There are two ways to check the transmission. One is to crawl under the car on the passenger side and remove the plug on the side of the transmission. Take a fairly large wrench. Once you have it out, put your little finger in down to the second knuckle. There should be oil on the tip of your finger. If not, you need to add oil. Make sure you tighten the plug after you get it to the proper level. The second way requires some prior planning. Cut a hole in the passenger side floorboard. It should be the same size as the one for the battery access through the floorboard. You then use a battery cover to go into the hole just like the other side. If you have this, just roll back the floor covering, lift the cover and remove the plug. Shine a light into the transmission and see if you need to add oil. Once you have it to the proper level, remember to put the plug back and the cover in place. Having the right weight of oil does two things; it lubricates the gears and helps with the shifting. The heavy oil helps slow the gears so you can shift easier. While you are at the transmission and have the carpet pulled back, try to make sure the vent hole in the tower is clean. It is on the rear of the tower, just below the lever. A paper clip will work for this. Your transmission needs to be able to breathe and this hole helps. The rear end is a little easier to check but harder to fill. Slide under the car from the rear and remove the plug. Oil should just sort of creep out. If it does, put the plug back in. If it does not, get a funnel and use that to pour oil in. The 600W oil is slow so get comfortable. When the oil starts to creep out, put the plug back in and tighten it. Then try to get out from under the car!! These two inspections should be done every few months. If you are having trouble getting to the plugs, give a club member a call and they will help you.

Christmas Parade

The 54th annual Napa Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, November 25th at 5:00 pm. Setup time is 3:00 pm with check in at Second Street and Wilson in front of the old Register building. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

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| Most or Best Use of Lights | \$500 |
| Best Theme Entry | \$500 |
| Best Music | \$500 |

This year's theme is "Twas the Night Before Christmas". [Here's the application](#) For more information, email Julie Morales at Julie@donapa.com or call 257-0322.

T-Shirt for Model A Owners



Thanks

I would like to thank Brian Martin of the Alamo A's and Mark Kendall of the Script "A" Region for the Check the Oil article, and also the Marin A's and our own Sam Leach for the photos of the Marin A's Oktoberfest.

Jim

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General Meeting Minutes September 28, 2017

The meeting was brought to order at 7:29 PM by President Howdy Rogers. There were nine members present. Guests at the meeting were Don and Peggy Thomas and their friend John Muhlner. Don and Peggy have a 1931 roadster. John has a small vineyard and cattle business.

Treasurer: No report.

Activities: Our September dinner was held at Red Rock North on September 12th. Bill and Paula Duff, Skip and Jean Keyser, Jim Mounter, Howdy and Gerri Rogers, and Sam and Marty Leach attended.

Sam and Marty attended the Marin A's Oktoberfest on September 17th. The event was attended by the Sonoma A's, San Francisco A's, and of course the Marin A's. Sam and Marty enjoyed the food, games, and the raffle.

The October Dinner/Social will be held at a place and date to be announced in the newsletter.

The October activity will be a tour to the Cucina Italiana Restaurant near Lake Berryessa on Saturday, October 14th. We will leave from Nob Hill Foods in Napa at 12:00 noon and be at the restaurant at approximately 1:00 pm.

Barbara Fanucchi is planning a tour to the Rosie The Riveter Museum on November 11th. We will have lunch at a restaurant there and possibly visit the Ford Plant. There is no admission to the museum, but if anyone wants to tour the Red Oak Victory Ship located nearby, there is a cost of \$10 per person. We will meet at Baskin Robbins in the South Napa Market Place at 10:00.

Correspondence: The bank statement from Rabobank was received and the MAFFI newsletter was passed around the table.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Editor: Jim asked for any pictures from the Oktoberfest be sent to him before the end of the month.

Hospitality: The refreshments for this meeting were brought by Sam Leach. Next month will be the annual pie social. Everyone is to bring a pie for dessert. Excess pies will be raffled off. The meeting will start early at 6:30 and everyone should bring their own plates and flatware.

Sunshine: Jim Kanne is recovering from his recent surgery. Howdy Rogers is still sore and in some pain from his surgery, but both Jim and Howdy were able to attend the meeting.

NCRG: No report.

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Old Business: The Christmas Luncheon will be on December 8th at the Napa Valley Cooking School in St. Helena at 12:00. The cost will be \$30 per person. The club voted to pay the costs for club members and a guest. A raffle will be held at the luncheon. It was suggested that members pair up so that each two family memberships would donate one raffle prize. Reservations should be made with Sam Leach by mid November.

New Business: Next meeting will be the election of officers for next year and the final day of voting for the Jack and Gene Tschida Award.

Shop Talk: Don Thomas related how there was a problem with his car not going into gear the last time it was taken out. Possible explanations were offered including the clutch being stuck to the flywheel, a shifter fork problem, or a chipped tooth stuck between gear teeth. It was suggested that he remove and inspect the shift tower and drain the transmission and check for metal in the oil. Don also asked if anyone knew of a mechanic who could work on Model A's. Several suggestions included talking to Bob Pestoni to see if his mechanic could help, Young's Automotive, or Classic Automotive Repair.

There being no more business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Mounter, Acting Secretary

Napa Valley A's Elections

It's time to elect new officers and vote for the 2017 recipients of the Jack and Gene Tschida Award. Ballots (one ballot per member) are printed below and can be turned in at the October meeting or mailed to P.O. Box 2656, Napa, CA 94558. Election of club officers will be held at the October meeting.

Napa Valley A's 2017 Jack and Gene Tschida Award Ballot

Please print the name of the individual or couple that you feel has best furthered the objectives of the club in the past year as exemplified by Jack and Gene Tschida.

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Napa Valley A's 2017 Membership Application

***** Membership Application/2017 Annual Dues Renewal*****

NOTE: Annual dues for 2017 are \$25.00 per family

Make check payable to **Napa Valley A's** and mail to: **PO Box 2656, Napa, CA 94558**

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