

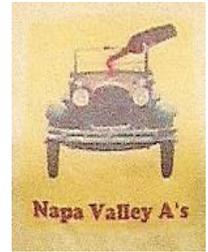


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A Look Back

Napa Valley A's History for November/December

December 8, 2002: There were 25 people at the Napa Valley A's Christmas Party held at the Wine Spectator Greystone Restaurant. Brad and Debbie Chesnutt, Randy and Lea Stegman, Ron Gilbreath, and Sam and Marty Leach drove their Model A's.

November 24, 2007: The Napa Valley A's didn't three-peat first place in the Christmas Parade this year, but their cars were the best in the parade.

December 14, 2007: The Napa Valley A's and the Marin A's (44 in all) gathered at the Napa Valley Cooking School in St. Helena for the Christmas Luncheon. The 20 degree weather prevented most from driving their Model A's, but Lea and Randy Stegman and John and Chris Davis braved the cold in theirs.

A Look Forward

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

November 15th: Dinner/Ice Cream Social at Forge Pizza at 5:30 pm.

November 25th: Napa Christmas Parade 5:00 pm in Napa.

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

Thoughts on the Fire

It has been almost a month since the devastating fires that struck Napa and Sonoma counties. I remember the night of October 8th when it all began. I had been invited to spend some time with a friend that evening. We went out for a pizza and brought it home to eat, ironically by the fire pit. There was a slight breeze that evening and we were careful that the flames did not catch any dry leaves or anything else on fire. It was a pleasant evening and I went home early. The winds got stronger as the night went on, and I went to bed thinking my only concern was if the wind would blow over my patio chairs or cause a branch to fall. I was awakened about 4:00 am by a phone call. My friend had heard that there was a fire nearby and suggested that I spend the rest of the night in the relative safety of her house in the city of Napa. I woke up my next door neighbors and advised them of the fire and that I was leaving. They also left as did most of my neighbors. That was the beginning of a week in which I would not spend a night in my home until the next Sunday. For the first few days, I would return home during the day to check the house and do what I could to help prevent a fire from spreading. I had turned off the gas when I left, so I only had a cold shower and no heat. As the news of the fires came on the radio and television, it became necessary to leave my house for good. It was a time of uncertainty.

Fortunately, my electricity stayed on and I could call my home phone for assurance that the house was still there. As it turned out, I was one of the lucky ones. I was able to stay with friends for the week and the fires never got closer than about a mile from my house. There were many people in the area that were not so lucky. At least two of our club members lost their homes and their cars in the early days of the fire. The firefighters who came from all over the state, some from other western states and even some from Australia, had all they could do to concentrate their efforts on saving lives and not on containing the fires at that point.



There are some lessons that I learned from the experience:

Cell phone service is not always dependable in an emergency. Although I could still access the internet and communicate through Facebook, I could not make calls and my text messages would take several hours to be delivered.

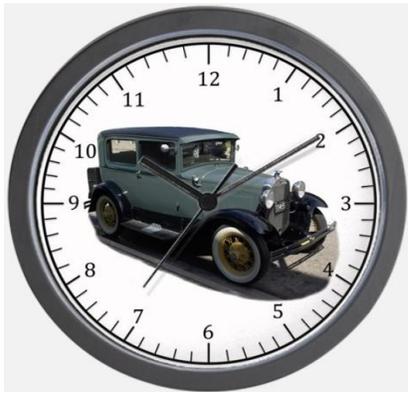
I hadn't made copies of my insurance policies and other important papers to take with me when I left. In fact, I had to pack a bag with three changes of clothes and whatever documents I could find quickly. I was fortunate that I had a case of bottled water on hand and my car had half a tank of gas, but that was mostly a matter of good luck.

I now realize the importance of having an evacuation plan with necessary supplies and a method of communicating with my family as to my whereabouts and my safety.

I am now signed up for alerts from Nixle, so that my cell phone will alert me to any new developments that I need to know.

I have learned the importance of having an N95 respirator to filter out the toxic ash that fell from the sky as the fires continued to burn.

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Time For Birthdays

Helen Woodworth	November 1
Larry Dreyer	November 12
Paula Duff	November 21
Bill Duff	December 2
Liz Quigley	December 10
Jean Keyser	December 14
Sam Leach	December 19



Amparo and Dave Green	December 10
Claudia and Ron Stevens	December 30



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Ice Cream Social

This month's Ice Cream Social will be at Forge Pizza, 155 Gasser Drive in the South Napa Marketplace on November 15 at 5:30 pm.

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 at 252-8903 as soon as possible.



Membership Renewal

The 2018 membership dues are due at the beginning of the year. Club members wishing to renew their membership should send a check for \$25 per family using the form at the back of this newsletter. Payments for guests at the Christmas Luncheon can be included on the same check if desired. Please make a notation that the check includes payment for the luncheon as well.

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 the Assemble 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.

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The people who volunteered at the evacuation centers were extremely helpful. The community response in support of providing food, clothing, and medical attention to those in need was outstanding.

I am grateful to the firefighters who responded and stayed on the job for hours to save what they could and to eventually contain these fires. There have been several signs around Napa and Sonoma thanking them for their extraordinary efforts. My favorite sign of the times is this one that reflects the spirit of the community:



If you would like to donate to the Napa Valley Community Disaster Relief Fund, here is a link to their website: <http://www.napavalleycf.org/fire-donation-page/>. For donations of \$25, my friend Debbie will make a hand crafted pendant with your choice of grape cluster, heart, or wine glass in the center. Just email a copy of your receipt for the donation to jmounter@att.net and I will forward it to Debbie. She is only making 40 of them, so I cannot guarantee that you will receive one once her limit of 40 is reached.

Here is photo of one of the pendants, shown approximately actual size:



Meeting Date

There is no regular business meeting during the months of November and December. The next regular meeting will be the fourth Thursday, January 25, 2018. We will meet at Rabobank, 700 Trancas St., Napa, California at 7:30 pm. Barbara Fanucchi will provide refreshments.

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.

Napa Valley A's

General Meeting October 26, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by President Howdy Rogers. There were ten members present.

Announcements: Previous to the meeting we were informed that two of our members lost their homes in the Napa fires. We were sorry to hear this horrible news. During the meeting several members told of how they had been required to evacuate and some had been under advisory evacuation orders.

Treasurer: The financial reports were passed around to the members.

Activities: The October trip to lunch at Cucina Italiana on Oct. 14th was cancelled due to the problems after the fires. Since the October Ice Cream Social was to happen during the fires it appears that no one went.

We have an activity on November 11th, the trip to the Rosie the Riveter Museum in Richmond CA. We will meet at Baskin Robbins at 10:00 AM Saturday November 11th. We will caravan (Barbara will have maps) to the museum, which is free. We plan to eat lunch at "Assemble" which is nearby. Those that want to can take a self-guided tour of the ship Red Oak. The cost for that is \$10.00 each. Please let Barbara Fanucchi know if you will be going.

The dinner/ice cream social for November will be at Forge Pizza by the South Napa Shopping Center. It will be Wed., November 15th at 5:30 PM.

In December the Christmas Luncheon is set for Friday December 8th at noon. This will be at the Napa Valley Cooking School in St. Helena. The club will pay for members. Also please bring a raffle prize or gift certificate for the raffle.

Correspondence: We received information for the Turlock Swap Meet which will be January 27th and 28th. Admission Saturday is \$10.00 and on Sunday it is \$5.00.

Restorer/Editor: Have items for the newsletter in by the end of the month.

Sunshine: Howdy said his leg is getting better.

NCRG: We have not heard from John Davis and are assuming he is out of town.

Hospitality: We need someone to bring refreshments in January 2018.

Ballots were turned in for the Jack and Gene Tschida Award. Per information in our Handbook the President and Secretary are to count the ballots.

Refreshments/Raffle: We had our pie social with many delicious pies available. Any pie that remained was taken home by whoever brought it. There were a few raffle items which earned the club \$8.00.

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Old Business: None

New Business: Election of officers. Treasurer Skip Keyser and Secretary Jean Keyser said they could continue in their positions. Barbara Fanucchi volunteered to be Sunshine. Jim Kanne said he could do Hospitality. Since he lives out of town Geri Rogers said she would be responsible for getting the key for the meeting room each month.

There were no volunteers for President or Vice President. It was decided that we would put something in the newsletter asking for volunteers and/or for members to think about whom they would like to see in those positions.

Shop Talk: Ron Stevens wants to sell a 6 volt alternator since he has no use for it now. He wants \$225.00 for it. Please call him if you are interested.

The next meeting is January 25, 2018 at 7:30 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Keyser, Secretary

Napa Valley A's Elections

The election was held at the October meeting and two of the four elected offices were filled, thanks to Jean and Skip Keyser volunteering to continue in their positions as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The offices of President and Vice President remain open. These offices are both necessary and required by our bylaws. While it is true that serving in either capacity will require some small amount of time and effort, it isn't something that has to be done alone. Previous and former holders of these offices are willing to help anyone interested in becoming an officer. The general membership can help as well with suggestions as to what kind of activities they would like and when they would like to do them. Please consider volunteering for these offices even if you have no experience. We can provide on the job training! At the least, think about whom you would like to see in these positions and make your thoughts known at the January meeting. The non-elected offices will be filled by Barbara Fanucchi as Sunshine, Jim Kanne as Hospitality (with help from Gerri Rogers in getting the key), and Jim Mounter as Editor/Historian.

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:

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.

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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