

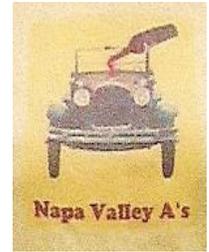


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## Napa Valley A's

A Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America

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### A Look Back

#### Napa Valley A's History for November/December

December 6, 2003: Although it was raining, Howard and Elsie Goines, Jerry Belden, John and Jackie Dickson, Randy and Lea Stegman, Matt Stegman and family, and Ron Gilbreath drove their Model A's downtown to participate in the Holiday Parade.

December 14, 2003: Twenty eight people attended the Napa Valley A's Christmas Party held at the Wine Spectator Greystone Restaurant. Sam and Marty Leach organized the dinner.

November 29, 2008: The annual Holiday Parade was held in downtown Napa.

December 12, 2008: The Marin and Napa Valley A's attended the second annual Christmas Luncheon at the Napa Valley Cooking School.

### A Look Forward

November 24<sup>th</sup> Napa Christmas Parade, 5:00 pm in Napa

November 27<sup>th</sup> – December 1<sup>st</sup> MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Tucson, AZ

December 7<sup>th</sup> Napa Valley A's Christmas Luncheon, Napa Valley Cooking School at 12:00

January 16<sup>th</sup> Dinner/Ice Cream Social at Forge Pizza and Cream 5:30 pm

January 24<sup>th</sup> Napa Valley A's Meeting, 7:00 pm at Rabobank

## CHOCOLATES CLASS

On October 20, Sam Leach conducted the first chocolates class for members of the Marin and Sonoma A's. There were eleven people in attendance and they made six different kinds of chocolates. The second class that was scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled due to Sam and Marty's new puppy keeping them up most of the night.



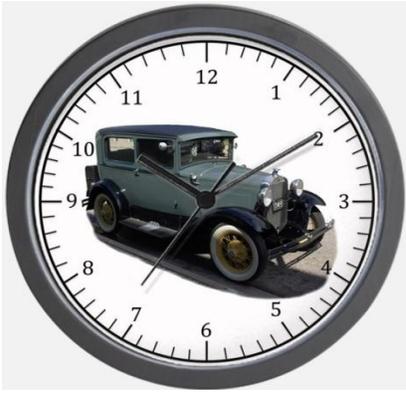
### Tech Tip

by Jim Cannon, MAFCA Technical Director

#### Winter Storage of the Model A

Not all of us are lucky enough to be able to drive their Model A in the winter. I've been asked for tips on how to store the car for a few months. Keeping the cooling system full of antifreeze that is strong enough for your expected winter temperatures is a good place to start. This is better than draining the cooling system, because all of the moisture in the block after you drain it will cause a lot of rust in

the block over the winter. Then the rust goes into your coolant next spring. It is best to change the engine oil last thing before storing it. Bring it into the storage area after driving for at least 20 minutes, to get the oil good and hot, and drain it hot right where you plan to park the car for the winter. Refill with fresh oil and you will be ready to go next spring! If you have an unheated garage, I recommend you remove the battery from the car and store it inside for the winter. Either keep a battery tender on it while in storage or connect a battery charger to it once a month for a few hours to top it back up. If you choose to leave the battery in the car, disconnect the ground strap or open any battery cutoff switch that you have, to avoid any parasitic drain over the winter. Put a charger on it once a month. If you have 4 jack stands, put the car up on them to take the weight of the car off of the tires. Our tires will develop flat spots if they sit in one spot for a long time. The flat spots will eventually work out as you drive next year, but why not prevent them? While the car is up on stands for the winter, you can adjust the brakes, grease the chassis, check under the car for good electrical connections, and check the status of all of your cotter pins under there. Adjust the clutch pedal. Take care of little things that you noticed needed attention while driving last season. Then you can start the spring driving season with a great Model A Day!



Time For Birthdays

Ken Rands	November 14
Paula Duff	November 21
Bill Duff	December 2
Liz Quigley	December 10
Jean Keyser	December 14
Sam Leach	December 19
Richard Mond	December 19



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## CONDOLENCES

The Napa Valley A's extend our condolences to Jim and Sheila Kanne on the passing of Jim's father. Jim had travelled back to Missouri to be with his father during his final days and Sheila had flown back to attend the services. On the way home, they got a phone call from a neighbor telling them that a fitting had failed in an upstairs bathroom and the water had been running for nearly thirteen hours. The water damage is extensive and their home is not livable until repairs can be completed.

## FOR SALE



1930 Model A Ford Tudor "Touring Car"  
 Rebuilt Stock 40 HP Motor by Mr. Selby (Senior) in Santa Rosa  
 5 Speed Syncro Trans installed by Al Choate  
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Shot my first turkey yesterday,  
 scared the devil out of everyone in  
 the frozen food section... it was  
 awesome!



### Note From Skip

Jim Mounter reminded me that we received a letter asking for help in evaluating an "in-progress" Model A project. Herewith the important parts of the request received in September:

"Dear Model A Club - my husband has a 1929 Model A Town Sedan in our barn in pieces. Is there anyone I could contact that might be able to help restore this or to look at it and tell me if it is even able to be salvaged. He got it as a high school graduation gift from his parents in 1970, so it has sentimental value to him. Thank you for your time." [signature]

We've done this before, the most recent instances being - I believe - the 'viability assessment' we did of a project in Fairfield and the more recent evaluation of the coupe in downtown Napa.

Regardless, these things are always interesting and shouldn't take more than a couple of hours, portal-to-portal (the location is off Hagan Road, between First Avenue and Napa Valley Country Club).

Anyone interested? Although the Fairfield "A" was a "how much is it worth" project (as was the downtown Napa coupe, to some extent) my sense of this request - after talking to the letter writer - is that it is more of a 'can it be saved' question, although inevitably value always crops up.

Let me know your interest and availability (in general terms; am, pm, week days, weekends, etc.) and I'll try and set something up.

[I keep waiting for one of these requests in the form of "I have an unrestored/unmodified 1932 Ford coupe with its original paint and upholstery..."]

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Regards,

*Skip Keyser*

### Napa Christmas Parade



The Napa Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup> 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 "Have a Holly Jolly Christmas". For more information, email Julie Morales at [julie@donapa.com](mailto:julie@donapa.com) or call 257-0322.

## NAPA VALLEY A'S

## General Meeting October 25, 2018

The meeting was brought to order at 7:08 by President Sam Leach. There were eight members present.

Sunshine: Howdy Rogers is better and was at the meeting.

Correspondence: We received information about a Swap Meet in Modesto.

Treasurer: There was no financial activity since September.

Vice President/Activities: There was no activity in October and we do not have meetings in November and December. There will be a holiday luncheon on December 7<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Upper Valley Culinary School. The cost is \$40.00 each. A signup sheet for this was passed around. We voted that the club would pay half of the cost for members. There will be raffle prizes. Sam will ask Celeste Weklych if she can make some baskets and members can bring some also.

The January 2019 Ice Cream Social will start at Forge and continue to Cream (right near Forge) for the ice cream part. The time is 5:30 PM and the date is January 16, 2019. So far there is no other activity planned for January.

Editor: Jim Mounter read a letter from the sister of Kitty Davis. Kitty Davis was an honorary member of the club but she died earlier this year. Kitty and her husband Harry had been very active members of the club. Kitty's sister wanted to thank the club for continuing to send the newsletter to Kitty and said that she enjoyed reading it.

Hospitality: Jim Kanne was back at the meeting. He had been away taking care of family affairs. When he and his wife got back home to Benicia they found that their home was flooded from a plumbing problem in an upstairs bathroom. The water had gotten down to the first floor and made a mess.

Barbara Fanucchi volunteered to bring refreshments for the January meeting.

Old Business: Sam Leach showed pictures of his Chocolate Class in October. Pictures are also available in the Sonoma clubs newsletter on line. He had eleven people from the Marin and Sonoma clubs in the class in October. He is having another class on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM if anyone in the club is interested, and you get to take some chocolates home with you but most of the chocolates will be for the club luncheon in December.

Voting for the Jack and Gene Tschida award took place at the meeting and the winner will be announced at the December luncheon.

New Business: Club elections will take place at the January meeting.

Refreshments/Raffle: The meeting started early so we would have time for the Pie Social. Everyone brought a pie and they were enjoyed by all, and we had some ice cream too. We had a small auction which netted \$8.00.

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Shop Talk: John Davis has a Model A for sale; the information was in the last newsletter.

Howdy Rogers brought in an article from a newspaper from 1980 which showed a parade of Model A's in Reno.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Keyser, Secretary

### Napa Valley A's Elections

Back when I worked at Mare Island, the Assistant Chief Design Engineer had a sign on the wall in his office. It was a simple sign that asked two questions: "If not you, who?" and "If not now, when?" I hope each of us will ponder these questions as we think about the election of officers for next year. Since nearly everyone at the October meeting was serving in some capacity, the election of officers was postponed until the January meeting. There are no club business meetings in November or December, so there is time to think about whether or not you can serve as a club officer. There are four elected officers: President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer. None of them are especially difficult nor do they take up a lot of time. In addition, I'm sure that past officers would be glad to provide advice and encouragement when needed. If you have never served as an officer or if it has been a while since you served, please consider this opportunity for next year.

### 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. We will meet at Rabobank, 700 Trancas St., Napa, California at 7:30 pm. Barbara Fanucchi will provide refreshments.

### Christmas Luncheon

The Napa Valley A's Christmas Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> (Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day) at 12:00 noon at the Upper Valley Campus of Napa Valley College, 1088 College Avenue, St. Helena, California. The cost will be \$40 per person, with the club paying for half for members. Those attending 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 Leach at 252-8903 as soon as possible.

# 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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