



Sonora A's Vintage Voice



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Model A Ford Club of America

Tours At A Glance
Dec - Christmas Luncheon (1st)

A Message from the Prez...

As this is being written, I am feverishly trying to finish a head gasket and head swap on the trusty steed to be ready in time for the Sonora Christmas parade, which may get rained out.

Although we haven't been doing much club touring lately, there have been dozens of what I like to call "personal tours". You know the kind I'm talking about: Take the wife unit out to Day-O for coffee, a nice drive to the lake to watch the sunset, ice cream run, etc. Supposedly, those are all accepted use under our collector's vehicle insurance policy. But what about those times when you decide to stop at the grocery store on the way home from the lake for a half gallon of milk so you can have cereal in the morning? What about those "personal tours" when you just want to stretch your Model A's legs a bit and see if it will still pull a hill without overheating? The more I read the insurance policy, the more confusing it becomes.



According to my company's acceptable use guidelines, it even says we can drive a Model A to work on very rare occasions to "show it off" or whatever. Yet, if you have an accident and the purpose of your trip that day was to hit the grocery store with the wife's shopping list, you can be denied coverage. I really don't quite get it.

I do know that most 'regular' insurance companies won't insure something as old as a Model A, so you're pretty much stuck getting classic or collector vehicle insurance. Along with that comes the list of restrictions. So, how does one enjoy their Model A more like a car instead of a toy? That is a question with no clear answer, except perhaps, "no". However, I have to be really honest with you.... My first Model A felt like a toy to me and didn't actually feel like a 'real car' until I took it through the Taco Bell drive-thru. That was the first time it actually felt like a 'real car'. What would I say to the insurance company if there had been an accident? I suppose there is no better way to check your carburetor idle adjustment than to make it all the way through a drive-thru without trouble, right? It's all in the name of science!

I hope you have a chance to get your Model A out for some "personal tours" in between rains and storms this winter. Last I heard, a Model A absolutely CAN be used like a 'real car', so long as it is not being used the same way you use your daily driver modern vehicle. Check your insurance policy to be sure, then get that Model A out of the garage now and then. Your Model A will run a lot better when touring season comes around again next year.

Paul Shinn

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Sonora A'S Meeting Minutes for Nov. 15th

Meeting started at 6:05 PM.

New Business:

- Our Dec. 1st meeting will be held at 11:30 AM at The National in Jamestown. This is also our annual Installation Dinner. There will be no gift exchange this year, and dues are due now. There will also be a possible tour after the luncheon.
- A motion to add a fifth member to the Board of Directors was floored and nominations for Tour Guide Director were then floored as well. All were in favor of Bob Taylor as the 2018 Tour Guide Director. Jim Costello then nominated all the current board, plus Bob Taylor, for the 2019 year Board of Directors.
- The next NCRG Meeting will be held in Santa Rosa on May 27th, 2019.
- Christmas Parade. Jim Costello is signed up, rain or shine. Be there by 4 PM. An e-mail will be coming.
- Canyon Lands Trip. Don't forget to call Parry Lodge, in Kanab Utah, and make a reservation for the Canyon Lands Trip in October of 2019.

Old Business:

- There was no old business.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.



Sunshine Club

Please contact Judy Guzzetta, our sunshine lady, if you know of someone under the weather. We would like to acknowledge them to let them know their Model A family is with them during this time.

Birthdays

Diane Oeh	9 th
Anna Mae Guimarin	13 th
Harold Winters	15 th
Ardyce Morrison	17 th
Roy Lane	27 th

Anniversaries

Paul & Ramona Widener	2 nd
Paul & Vicki Metcalf	20 th
Jim & Pam Costello	30 th
Paul & Bobbie Biederman	31 st

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Activities and Tours

Sonora A's 2018 Tour Schedule

Dec.	Will be announced at the Dec. Installation Meeting. There has been a proposed idea of going on a small tour after the luncheon.	



Dates of Interest

Round Up/NCRG Meeting - May 27th - 30th, 2019.

You are welcome to attend. Check it out.

Turlock Swap Meet/NCRG Meeting - January 26-27, 2019.

Saturday/Sunday. Turlock Fairgrounds. This is the yearly HUGE event. Mark it down.

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Good to Know Info

Canyon Lands Trip:

Call Parry Lodge now to make your reservations for October 2019!! Their number is 1-877-386-4383. If you would like more info on the Parry Lodge feel free to visit their website: www.parrylodge.com. Save the date now if you plan to go! Their address is 89 East Center St. Kanab, Utah 84741.

Website:

Don't forget, we have a website. Feel free to check it out and let us know what you think.
<http://www.SonoraModelAClub.com>

Not So Technical - Hints, Tips, and Discussions.

LED Light Conversions:

I'm sure as a lot of you know driving your Model A at night can be a bit harrowing. But there is of course no thrill like revving your engine on a dark road just so you can see a little bit further. But for those of us with a weaker heart and constitution we have upgrades available. Of course there are the modern halogen bulb conversions, but those will be covered in another discussion. For now let's stick with the LED. Since they are becoming so prevalent in our modern day life, why not use them? They last forever, don't require much power at all, and even on a 6 volt system, are very bright at any time of the day. Most LED conversion kits are pretty straight forward. Just swap out your current bulb for the LED bulb. Most bulbs are actually fixtures that fit right into what ever you are replacing, for example a tail light, the LED bulb just takes the place of the reflector, and you put the light cover right back on top. I honestly can't think of any cons to replacing all the lights on your car with LED lights, except for the fact of price. A LED conversion bulb can be quite pricey, but then when you think about it, the pros of never needing to worry about an out bulb on a long trip, extra brightness in the day and especially at night, and the fact they are basically a plug and forget assembly means you don't have to worry about them at all once you have swapped them.

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Classified Section

If you would like your ad in future newsletters, contact Joseph Guimarin, Editor@sonoramodelclub.com with your info and any pictures you may want to show.



For Sale: 1930 AA truck. \$5,000 O.B.O.

Has 6 new tires and tubes ready to mount, and 6 split-rim wheels. Have lights, horn, etc. in boxes. Doors fit and close perfectly. Top fabric gone. Appears to have driven itself and into the barn in the late 50's and unused since with the key still in the ignition!

Contact Bob Guimarin for more information. (209) 984-5138



For Sale: 1931 Slant Window. \$5,000 O.B.O.

The late 1931 slant window fordor sedan. Body good and includes most interior parts. Numbers matching motor included, but not currently installed. Very straight! Sold on bill of sale.

Contact Bob Guimarin for more information. (209) 984-5138



For Sale: 1929 Blind Back \$24,000 O.B.O.

New motor, radiator, and brakes. Mitchel Overdrive. F-100 steering. Trunk rack. Ready to drive anywhere, anytime.

Contact Bob Guimarin for more information. (209) 984-5138



For Sale: 1939 Allis Chalmers Model B Tractor \$1,000 O.B.O.

Motor recently rebuilt. Has original seat, and lever style rear breaks. Needs new tires. Has been sitting for a few years.

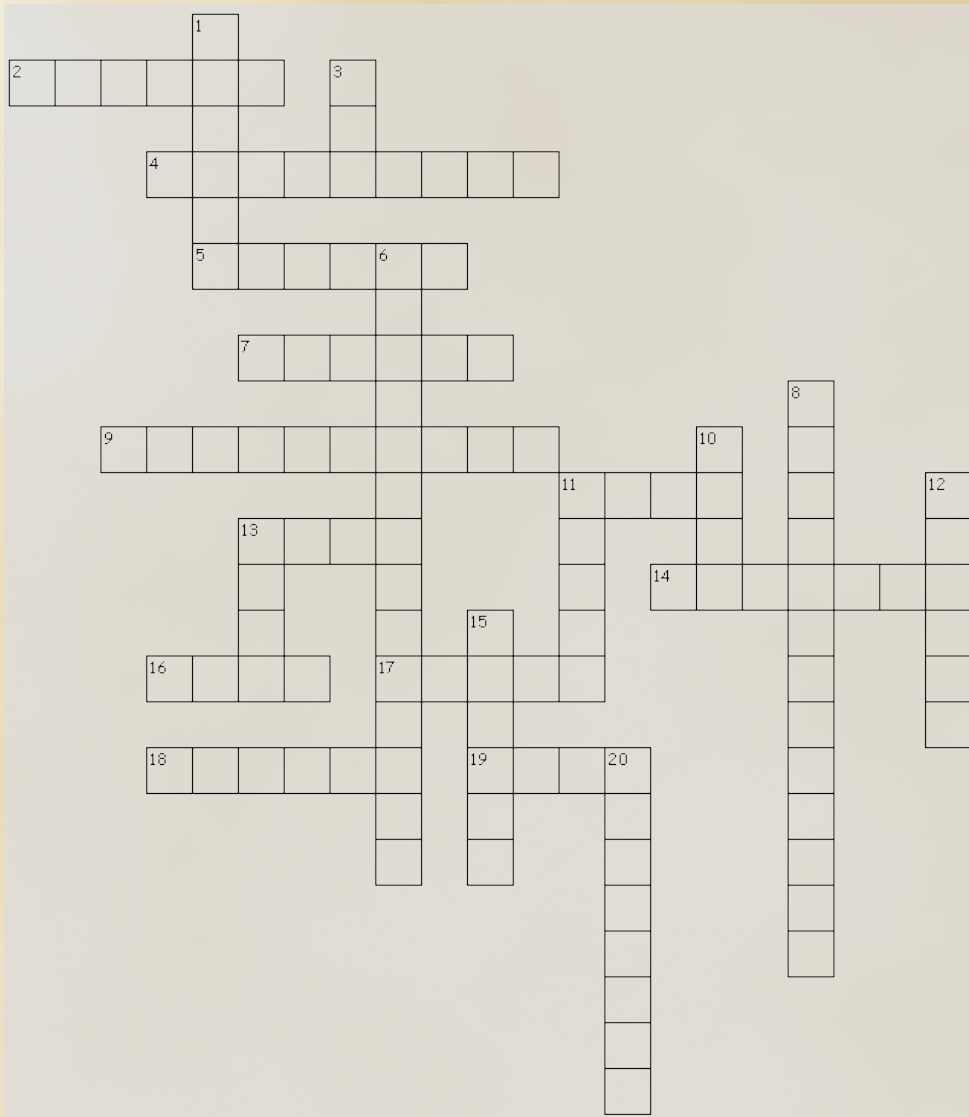
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Pictures From the November Meeting



Model "A" Times Crossword

**Across**

2. You stare out of it on a long tour.
4. Grab the knob and push it left and up to go backwards.
5. Protects your fender from a bender.
7. What this puzzle is about.
9. They are in the front to light your way. (plural)
11. Keep it full or you might need to grab your spare.
13. It goes "ah-oo-ga!!".
14. You use this after you turn the key.
16. The biggest part of your Model "A".
17. Push it to "slow your roll".
18. It turns over so your wheels can turn.
19. Make sure you slam it so it doesn't open on the road.

Down

1. What came before the "A"
3. Without this liquid you go nowhere.
6. You pull it to make sure you stay parked.
8. Going somewhere? Turn this to get there.
10. Where you put your meat.
11. Where you store your goodies that wont fit in the car.
12. It looks behind you so you don't have to turn your head.
13. Covers your engine to keep it clean and dry.
15. It sits over and covers your tires.
20. Keeps your engine cool so you can get to the pool.

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A look back into November:

Nov. 15th, Guzzetta Pot Luck:

We had a lot of fun at the Nov. 15th pot luck. We had a pretty good turn out and even got to see the Moeckels, as well as the Carnes. There was lots of good food to go around, and as always of course, wonderful company. We had a wonderful time, and even a few laughs, as well as a chuckle at nominating Bob Taylor, in his absence, as Director Of Tours after he volunteered to do it “If no one else wanted to.” during the Oct. meeting.



This Month:

Dec. 1st, Christmas Luncheon:

The December meeting will be our annual Christmas/Installation meeting. This year we decided to have an earlier meal during the day, and possibly hold a small tour after the meeting. It will be held at The Jamestown Hotel in Jamestown. We plan on having Tri-tip, Chicken, and Vegetarian Pasta. There will be no gift exchange this year. We can't wait to officially install our new board, and hope you can all make it to celebrate another year together.