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Our Next Meeting

Meetings are
held at
Price Hall
(Federated Church)
1031 Thompson Way,
Placerville
2nd Friday of the month
@7:00 PM

We will meet on April 12, 2019.

Canned Food Drive—
January through March
SNACKS
Nancy Thatcher
Bonnie Antoniono
Gloria DeRobles
DID YOU PAY YOUR DUES?

Rick's Ramblings

Last month we lost Trudy Vestal who was a devoted member of the Hangtown A's and the Model A hobby. Her wealth of knowledge and experience will be missed. We will have more Information on her Celebration of Life at our next meeting.

Last week we removed all of the items we had stored at Charlie Scott's house. I want to thank Bobby Thatcher and Mike Edwards for assisting me with this and also thank Wendy Ogden for volunteering to store the items.

Hey! Did you see the sunshine? It sure is a welcome site - a green Model A coupe was spotted out and about in Cameron Park.

Stay safe, keep your Model A tuned up and I hope to see you at the next meeting and tour.

See you next month, Roadster Rick



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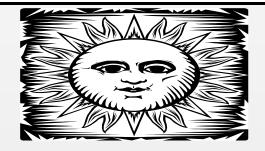
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SUNSHINE REPORT

Ginger DeGregory Sunshine Lady Phone: 916-709-1848

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If anyone has health concerns or hears of a member who could use a cheery phone call or card please contact me.

Besides the usual health concerns for our members, snow, unploughed driveways, low propane tanks and power outages have been in my prayers for the Hangtown A's members. Spring is here but Old Man Winter just doesn't want to leave. Soon this winter will be a memory in the summer heat.

In the Monday's Mountain Democrat was Barbara Garver's obituary. Barbara and Jack have been members of the Hangtown A's for many years. Jack was a woodworker and made birdhouses for our Apple Hill Meets. Jack might appreciate hearing from old friends. Cards can be sent to Jack Garver 3980 Rustic Road, Cameron Park, CA 95882.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you know a member who is having health issues or needs a cheerful phone call.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Glenn Johnson Mary Tribbett Drain Marshall Patricia Pava Bill Marcione Paul Baldy Joanne Colgate Sharon Taylor

4/1

4/6

4/14

4/19

4/21

4/28

4/28

4/29



4/01 Terry and Dave Fagan
4/03 Rudy & Marie Rutenschroer
4/04 Howdy & Cece Walrond
4/07 Rick & Joanne Colgate
Mike & Judy Muetz
4/19 David and Patricia Pava
4/20 Bill & Lynette Marcione
4/25 Richard & Jane Damas

HANGTOWN A's MARCH 8, 2019 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Rick Colgate.

Joanne passed out shamrock toys to all. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Rick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

GUESTS: No guests tonight. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Paul Baldy made a motion and Joanne Colgate seconded to accept the minutes from the January meeting. The motion was carried by the attending members.

SUNSHINE REPORT (Ginger DeGregory) It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of Trudy Vestal. She made such a huge impact on the hobby, including president of MAFCA, president of our club and Fashion Judge. She was truly "Ms. Model A". Instead of a service, there will be a Celebration of Life later this year. We reflected on her many contributions, her passion for the hobby and her "spark" which will be sorely missed. Our heartfelt condolences go to Dave, their 2 sons and their families.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Welcomed Robby Markes to his first official meeting as a new member. He's working on a '28.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rick shared the report from Gloria DeRobles.

EDITOR'S REPORT (Tom Jeanes): Copies of the NCRG Early Bird and some car club newsletters were made available.

TOURS REPORT (Jill Nixon):

The Travers tour in February was a lot of fun. 5 model A's and 6 modern cars. Everyone enjoyed the "hit and miss" motors and the room with the player pianos/melodeons.

UPCOMING TOURS:

March – Crummy weather with cold anticipated. No tours planned for this month.

April TBD – Amador Flower Farm is a possibility. More details are forthcoming

Future Tours:

Claude & Connie Sipe have graciously offered their home as a place to hold a safety clinic. A signup sheet was circulated.

May 4 -- Clarksville Day. Jill is gathering up more details.

May 10 - Nixon/Kearney ranch Open House. The San Jose Model T club will be there, as will other groups. They also plan to tour to Travers'. Nixon's wood-burning Model T will be there.

June 2 - Auburn Swap Meet

June 9 – Pavas' tour and ice cream social event

Members are always encouraged to submit tour ideas to Jill.

REFRESHMENTS: Thanks go to Nani Forbes and to the Baldys for March goodies. Nancy Thatcher, Bonnie Antoniono and Gloria DeRobles signed up for April refreshments.

OLD BUSINESS:

Christmas Party – December 13. Terry contacted Jim Stephens to hold the date at the Elk's. We still need a chairperson.

NEW BUSINESS:

We need to move our club stuff out of Charlie Scott's home. Wendy Ogden, Bobby Thatcher & Mike Edwards volunteered to help Rick.

Show & Tell: Wendy gave a talk on Champion Spark plugs which replaced the Edison spark

plugs on the Model A. Also shared some info on United Motors Service, tips on fuel filters, repro car gaskets. Headlight alignment, keeping your gas tank full to prevent condensation/rust.

Extra name badge holders & Hangtown A's biz cards are available if anyone needs them. Contact Rick if interested.

CORRESPONDENCE: Late dues were received. That's all. COFFEE CAN DRAWING WINNER: Bonnie Antoniono

Adjourned by Rick at 7:35 PM.

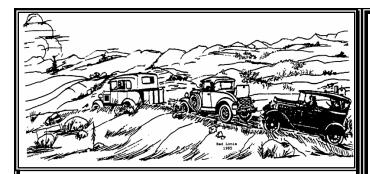
Respectfully submitted,

Terry Fagan, Secretary

HISTORY OF APPLE HILL

In our first year as a club, on Labor-day 1980, we decided to make the trip to Carson City to attend the Sagebrush Annual Field Day Meet. A few of our members had attended these meets in the past and had agreed to lead Hangtown over the Carson Summit. We were all very nervous because Carson City was 114 miles away over some steep grades and most of us had never driven our Model A's that far in one trip. It took us 3 to 4 hours! One of our members, Vice President Lew Tuttle, had a slow, heavy, AA flatbed so he decided to go half way to Carson City and sleep on the truck bed overnight and finish his trip the next day. I believe John Bathurst decided to join him in Huff & Puff so he'd have company.

We really enjoyed the meet and were very impressed with the Sagebrush talents, efforts and hard work to make this meet such a popular event. We had an idea to show our hosts how much we appreciated their work. We asked the Sagebrushers to come to Placerville in October, to the Waldron's yard for hamburgers and then we would lead them on a tour through Apple Hill. While we were grilling the burgers two Model A's from the Henry's A's (Livermore) that were in our area, spotted our A's, asked what was going on, and we invited them to join us. We had so much fun that we decided to do it again the next year, 1981. We decided that the first Sunday, October 4th, for our 1981 meet and told visitors to arrive at Beno's parking lot, at 10 am, for BBQ tickets and a guided tour through Apple Hill.14 Hangtown A's, 13 Sagebrush A's and 4 Henry's A's showed up. We led the cars in groups through Apple Hill and to the Waldron's back yard. Apple Hill was a one day event and no preregistration was used---so we really just guessed at numbers for food! Essentially we did this for the first 10 years. The visitor numbers kept increasing. One year, after counting cars, we frantically sent our HTA's out to buy up all the spareribs (that was our menu that year) they could find! One year we got rained out! Our members took home a lot of hamburger that year. October weather is often unpredictable up here as you know. In 1990 Charlie was sent over the hill to talk with Sagebrush. We proposed Sagebrush and Hangtown share alternate years to host our meets so we each got a rest. For us, it also meant we would now use Labor Day which is almost always still good weather. Also we could change Apple Hill to an overnight venue, giving attendees more for their buck. Sagebrush and Hangtown agreed and thus began our Labor Day meets for the next 20 years. Last year we made another change. We talked to the Feather River A's in Quincy. They had been doing a local meet, usually the weekend after Labor Day, that was growing in popularity. We felt that if Sagebrush and Hangtown agreed, we could invite the Feather River A's to join us setting up a 3 year cycle, each of us in rotation. Charlie went to Quincy to make the proposal. The three chapters agreed last year and that is the how our "around Labor Day" meets will be set up. Feather River did 2009, Hangtown is doing 2010 and Sagebrush will do 2011. — Charlie Scott



MEETINGS & TOURS

APRIL

Membership Meeting

13 Tour Opportunity

MAY

10 Membership Meeting
Bill Nixon Open House—more information
to follow.

27-30 NCRG Roundup—Santa Rosa

JUNE

2 Auburn Swap Meet

9 David Pava Ice Cream Social

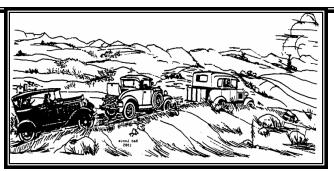
14 Membership Meeting

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20 President's Picnic







MAFFI MINUTE

April 2019

What's new at the Museum?

The museum has recently been gifted with a very early - A-1276 - Light Delivery Model A by the family of Ron Rude from Quincy, CA. This is a very unique vehicle.

The May-June 2012 issue of the Model A News featured the Rude Early Delivery as part of the coverage of the MARC National Meet in San Diego. The vehicle has very low mileage, has a number of very early features and will be a great addition for the Museum. Mr. Rude's son has also forwarded all the files and information that his father accumulated so we will have a complete history of the restoration and other details.

Make every effort to attend this year's Model A Day on September

21st to see this and many other "Unique & Original" cars that will be featured. For more information on Model A Day, contact Jerry Morrisey: jertrudy@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you,
Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee
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FORD SERVICE BULLETIN for April

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Service Information

CHECK ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

After several months of winter driving, it is an excellent plan to check over all electrical equipment on the car. This not only adds to the performance of the car, but it may prevent unnecessary trouble later on. Here are some points which should be thoroughly gone over, especially at this season of the year.

Generator

Remove dust cover and clean commutator with a cloth. Use a small piece of wood to clean gaps between segments. Examine the brushes: if badly worn, they should be replaced. Adjust charging rate for summer driving 6 to 8 amperes at 25 miles per hour should be sufficient. This rate can, of course, be increased or decreased, depending upon the conditions under which the car is operated. The charging rate should be adjusted with a master ammeter.

Starter Motor

Remove dust cover and clean the commutator the same as on the generator. See that all electrical connections are clean and

Battery

Remove floor boards; this will give free access to all parts of the battery and its connections. Clean the top of the battery and the terminal connections with a mild solution of sal soda or with a cloth moistened with ammonia. The top of the battery should then be flushed with water, wiped dry and the terminals cleaned and coated with a light grease or vaseline. Add distilled water to the battery until the tops of the plates in each cell are covered.

Lamps

Headlights should be checked for focus and alignment. All lamps should be checked to see that none of the bulbs are burnt out and that all connections are clean and tight.

Horn

Remove cover at rear of horn and thoroughly clean commutator. Use a small piece of wood to clean the gaps between the commutator segments. Do not use wire or metal of any kind. Place a few drops of oil in the groove at each end of the armature shaft. Check tone of horn, if necessary regulate by means of adjusting screw.

Distributor

Contacts on the distributor body and on the rotor should be cleaned with very fine sandpaper. This will remove any corrosion on the contacts. Corrosion sets up a high on the contacts. Corresponding circuit. resistance in the secondary circuit. The gap

should measure between .018 and .022.

Spark Plugs

Remove spark plugs, thoroughly clean and adjust the points until the gap measures between .032" and .035". In some cases, where a motor does not idle satisfactorily, the gaps can be set slightly larger. Engineers state that best results are obtained by replacing spark plugs every 10,000 miles.

Coils

Thoroughly clean off any dirt, grease or moisture from the bakelite insulator on the coil. Moisture, dirt or grease cause a leakage of current that makes the coil seem weak or dead. (See Page 368, August, 1929, Bulletin for detailed instructions.)

Windshield Wiper

Being exposed to the weather, the ground connections on the electric windshield wiper should be thoroughly cleaned. The commutator wiped with a cloth or fine sandpaper. Oil on the commutator, rust on the windshield frame at point of ground contact and poor connections cause most windshield wiper trouble.

All electrical connections on the car should be carefully gone over. Poor connections often cause trouble on the road and are difficult to locate.

Lighting Switch

Remove the lower section of lighting switch and wipe out any oil or grease that may have leaked down from the steering gear. This grease has a high resistance and will lower the candle power of head lights.

WARM WEATHER SHOCK ABSORBER ADJUSTMENT

Shock absorbers should also be adjusted for warm weather driving. Turning the square end of the needle valve changes the adjustment. The average adjustment for rear shock absorbers during warm weather is made as follows:

Screw needle valve in until it seats, then back valve off 34 turn. For front shock absorbers back valve off 35 of a turn.

These settings are of course only approximate, as due to the individual characteristics of each instrument it is difficult to lay down any hard and fast rules as to exact settings.

Trudy Vestal

March 19, 1947 – March 6, 2019

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Trudy Vestal on March 6, 2019. She was an amazing wife, mother and grandmother not only to her husband, children and grandchildren but also to her eight brothers and sisters and the thousands of students that passed through the high school.

Mom lived life to the fullest with an amazing ability to find the silver lining in every situation. She was most happy being surrounded by her family and friends and whenever anyone needed her help or support, she dropped everything and they became the most important person in the world. She would move heaven and earth to help someone she cared about. Life will not be the same without her.

In the same way she lived her life we will be having a celebration of life in the coming months with details available at <u>greenvalleymortuary.com/obituaries/Trudy-Vestal/</u>. We wish to thank all of you who helped her live her life and allowed her to be the loving and caring person she was. We will miss you, mom.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Trudy Vestal on Saturday, May 11, 2019 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall at 4561 Greenstone Road in Placerville.

There will be a signup sheet for desserts at the upcoming meeting.





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Classifieds



If you have an ad, please submit it to the Editor by the 20th of the month. All ads are published on an "space available" basis. Contact me at Toms30ford@aol.com or call 644-1704.

For Sale— Borg Warner overdrive complete with switches and cable. Found everything. Asking \$800.

Contact Tom Jeanes 530-644-1704

For Sale—August 28 Tudor, runs well, Niagara Blue, light and dark. \$12,000

Contact Dennis Caskey 530-219-9780

For Sale— Your advertisement could go here. Do you have any spare parts you would like to sell?

Just let me know......

Wanted—Shock Arms and tube links.
Contact Mark Bartlett 530-677-7173

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/HANGTOWNAS.ORG

Overheard on the Party Line

WIFE WAS MAD AT ME

Two deaf men were in a coffee shop discussing their wives.

One signs to the other, boy was my wife mad at me last night!

She went on and on and wouldn't stop!

The other Buddy says when my wife goes off on me I just don't listen.

How do you do that? Says the other.

It's easy! I turn off the light!

TOO MUCH SPEEDING

A police officer in a small town stopped a motorist who was speeding down Main Street.

"But, officer," the man began, "I can explain"

"Just be quiet," snapped the officer. "I'm going to let you cool your heels in jail until the chief gets back."

"But, officer, I just wanted to say"

"And I said to keep quiet! You're going to jail!"

A few hours later the officer looked in on his prisoner and said, "Lucky for you that the chief's at his daughter's wedding. He'll be in a good mood when he gets back."

"Don't count on it," answered the fellow in the cell. "I'm the groom."

BAGPIPES AND BAGPIPERS

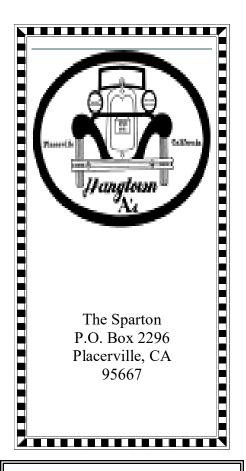
- Q. What's the difference between a lawnmower and a bagpipe?
- A. You can tune the lawnmower, and the owner's neighbors are upset if you borrow the lawnmower and don't return it.
 - Q. What's one thing you never hear people say?
 - A. Oh, that's the bagpipe player's Porsche. (Not True—Personal Experience)
 - Q: What's the difference between a Scotsman and a Rolling Stone?
- A: A Rolling Stone says "hey you, get off of my cloud!", while a Scotsman says "Hey McLeod, get off of my ewe!"



There is one rule that works in every calamity. Be it pestilence, war or famine, the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. The poor even help arrange it.

There is nothing that sets a nation back as far in civilization as prosperity!

Will Rogers



First Class Mail

HANGTOWN A'S INFO

OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 PM AT THE FEDERATED CHURCH 1031 THOMPSON WAY, PLACERVILLE, CA

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