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PLEASE NOTE – THERE IS NO REGULAR MEETING IN DECEMBER
SEE YOU AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 18TH

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



2010 has flown by and as I write my last column as your President, I would like to *thank all of you members for helping us with this very busy year.* We have had great tours thanks to Glenn; a big bouquet of thank you's to Bobby Thatcher for all he did above and beyond the duties of Secretary (listing all the trophies and the Restorers and

other items in the Hangtown Library, moving all our belongings from Indian Creek Ranch to his home and o Charlie Scott's for storage); our financial records are in great shape thanks to Barbara Veerkamp; our monthly Sparton's have been informational and full of pictures thanks to Fred DeGregory who also made our first roster with chapter members photos and took the pictures of the trophies and other Hangtown Memorabilia and put them on CDs; thanks to Ernie Gunderson for his energetic membership recruitment gaining us 4 new member families; thanks to Wendy Ogden and his talented committee for our monthly delicious refreshments; our monthly tech reports have not only been informational but sometimes were very entertaining thanks to Claude Sipe and his helpers; thanks to Dale Briggs, our Sunshine Lady, who sent a bit of cheer to our members with health problems; thanks to our Fashion advisor Sharon Johnson for her articles in the Sparton and occasional presentations, thank you Charlie Scott for all your help and support and for sharing your fond memories via reports and Hangtown A's history articles; thank you to Bill Lincoln who got our website up and running after some problems!

This year found us moving from Indian Creek Ranch, our meeting location of over 20 years, and thanks to Charlie Scott and Dave Vestal for finding us a new place to meet on such short notice. Active Hangtown members participated in the First MAFCA Annual Tour, the NCRG Roundup in Sutter Creek, and attended the International MAFCA meet in Vancouver, BC. *A very successful Apple Hill 2010 thanks to co chairs Bessie Dietz and Charlie Scott and all members who shared their time, talents and treasury.*

Thank you, Randy Rogers for always being there when I had a ques-

tion and for chairing the committee to revise the By Laws.

We had some first time events this year: members receive their newsletter via the internet in color while saving us money, a phone committee was established to call members without e-mail to keep them informed as needed, ladies monthly luncheons gave the gals a chance to get together and visit, periodic tech sessions to help get members cars running, a progressive brunch tour, decorating a Christmas tree along highway 50 in Placerville, attending and decorating a Christmas tree at the California Automobile Museum.

Yes, we have had a very busy year. Thank you's go to each of you and appreciation is shown for your dedicated work on behalf of the Hangtown A's. The gavel will be turned over to your newly elected President, Glenn Johnson, at the Christmas Party on December 18.

Our new officers for 2011 are:

President Glenn Johnson Vice President Ernie Gunderson
Secretary Sharon Johnson Treasurer Bobby Thatcher
Membership Wendy Ogden Editor Hymie Brandstetter

I hope that each of you will give your support to Glenn and his officers. Remember that our club is only as good as you wonderful members make it. Like our beloved Model A's who need each part to run efficiently, our club needs each of you to participate.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your president and I know your new officers will do an outstanding job!

Ah-oo-Ga hugs to one and all,

Ginger

NOTE—THERE IS NO MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING IN DECEMBER - PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 18TH

2010 Calendar of Events

December 5 Placerville Christmas Parade
December 9 Ladies Luncheon at Buttercup Pantry
December 8-11 MAFCA Annual Membership Meeting
Colorado Springs, Colorado
December 18 Christmas Party at Cold Springs CC
December 25 **Merry Christmas**
January 1 Happy New Year



HANGTOWN A'S INFO

OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 PM AT THE RESCUE COMMUNITY CENTER, 4180 GREEN VALLEY ROAD, RESCUE, CA.

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Thanks to all those who provided refreshments for our monthly meetings.

**Hangtown A's Club Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2010 @ Rescue Community Center**

President Ginger; meeting called to order @ 6:32 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of God Bless America. Ernie Gunderson introduced guest Kevin Vaught & presented bumper plaques to Augie & Nita Archer and Ken & Diana Caudle. A special thanks to Bobby and Fred for inventory and digitizing the clubs trophies and plaques.

Vice President Glenn Johnson; Plexiglas Christmas Tree decorations were presented and were passed out to the membership for help in removing the paper backing. Thanks to everyone that helped. Nov 13th breakfast tour to Rock Creek Café via the Mosquito Bridge. Nov 18th ladies lunch @ the Diamond Springs Hotel. Nov 20th Highway 50 Christmas Tree decorating. Nov 28th Cal Auto Museum Christmas (CAM) Tree decorating & Pot Luck.

Treasurer Barbara Veerkamp; Reported bills & account balances as of Nov 1. Bessie Dietz gave a final report on the Apple Hill Meet.

Secretary Bobby; *A motion and second was made to approve the minutes of the Oct 8th club meeting as posted in the Sparton. Motion carried.* Correspondence read.

Membership Ernie Gunderson; has club pins and patches for sale.

Sparton Editor Fred DeGregory; the Nov issue of the Sparton is out and extra copies available.

Sunshine Dale Briggs; everyone is OK and doing well.

NCRG Lee Ross; It's Scholarship time again; get your paper work in.

Web Master Bill Lincoln; no report.

Sgt. at Arms Howdy Walrond; turned in \$1.50 in name tag fines.

Old/New Business; President Ginger presented the final slate of officers for 2011 as received from the nominating committee; *President Glenn Johnson, Vice President Ernie Gunderson, Secretary Sharon Johnson, Treasurer Bobby Thatcher, Membership Wendy Ogden. Sparton Editor Hymie Brandsetter.* Nominations opened. Hymie Brandsetter was nominated for Sparton Editor. *A motion and second was made to close nominations. Motion carried. A motion and second was made to elect the nominated slate of officers for 2011. Motion carried.* A list of committee chairpersons was presented as follows; *Christmas Party Dale Briggs, Christmas Parade Wendy Ogden, Christmas tree Decorations Glen Johnson, and CAM event Connie Sipe.* Fred DeGregory presented a draft copy of pictures showing the clubs trophies and plaques. This record of pictures will be put on disk and made available to members upon request. A discussion followed on what to do with the disk. Trophies & Plaques were on display. *A motion and second was made to make all club trophies and plaques available to club members who want them and unclaimed items will be disposed of. Motion carried.* Christmas Parade Wendy reports we will meet at Grocery Outlet parking lot Dec 5th @ 11 AM, bring an unwrapped toy. Parade rules say "NO THROWING OF CANDY". Bylaws committee Randy Rogers reviewed the suggested changes and additions to the Bylaws. A discussion followed with questions about the need of board approval for new members. This is not part of the present changes. *A motion and second was made to accept the bylaw changes as presented by the bylaws committee. Motion carried by majority vote. A motion and second was made to have the bylaws committee look at board powers regarding new members then report back with recommendations. Motion carried.* Publishing of the updated bylaws will be postponed until after the first of the year. Christmas Party Dale Briggs reported there are great door prizes and displayed a beautiful quilt donated by Joanne Colgate. CAM Tree Party Connie Sipe reported there will be a work party at her house on Nov 15th @2 PM. The club will provide no more than \$50 for raffle prizes as approved by the board. Wendy Ogden says he has MAFFI raffle tickets @ \$10 each. The next meeting at Rescue will start at 7PM. Thank you to Margaret Barlow, Mary Tribbett, & Sharon Johnson for tonight's refreshments. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Thatcher, Secretary



MEMBERSHIP NOTES



Welcome Augie & Natalie Archer!

New members of Hangtown "A's" Augie and wife Natalie Archer just bought their first Model A. It is a 1929 2 Door Sedan. Growing up as a kid Augie's friends had Model A's so he worked on plenty but now he gets to fix overheating problems on his own car!

Augie was Born in Vallejo, California. After High School he travelled around before joining the Air Force. While in York Harbor,

Maine he saw this beautiful local high school student named Natalie and fell in love.

Augie married Natalie and joined the Air Force as a photographer for 21 years. He flew B26, C46, C47, U10, & C123's for the 605 Air Commando Squadron in Panama, providing counter insurgency in Central and South America. After Air Force retirement he worked in Placerville as maintenance manager for 3 shopping centers, and retired again. The couple drove on the two Saturday Mosquito Bridge outings and look forward to a cool running adventure next time!

Please add the following to your roster info:

Augie & Natalie Archer
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natnaug@att.net

Two Couples Have Earned The Club Plaque For Driving Their Model A On An Outing (Awarded at the November General meeting)



At the left is Ken Caudle accepting his Hangtown A's plaque from Membership Chairman, Ernie Gunderson



A beaming Augie and Natalie Archer had just received their Hangtown A's plaque!





THE LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

The Ladies Lunch Bunch traveled to the Diamond Springs Hotel on November 18th for a lovely lunch, great chit-chat and just a wonderful time. Attending were Chairwoman, Edie Jones, Connie Sipe and new member Natalie Archer. These lunches are great fun ladies. Try to attend one soon.

The December luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 9th at 11:30 am at the Buttercup Pantry in downtown Placerville. Please call Edie at 626-3775 to make your reservation.

PLACERVILLE 33RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

This years parade is scheduled for Sunday, December 5th. The parade kicks off at 1:00 pm but plan on getting there around 11:00 am to have time to decorate your car. The theme for this year is "The 12 Days of Christmas." Entry fee is one unwrapped gift for "Toys For Tots." There will be barrels for the toys in the staging area which is the Grocery Outlet Parking Lot and there will be people accepting toys at the bell tower in case you forget. On the application form it says, " I understand tossing candy from vehicles is prohibited. You may dispense candy afoot only. FOR CHILD SAFETY.



DUES ARE DUE!

Article III, Section 3 c of the By-Laws says the following:

Dues shall be payable in advance of the first day of December of each year.

We hope that you have taken care of this already as by the time you receive this newsletter it will be almost past the due date. We have received many dues renewals to date but there are quite a few who have not renewed.

JOHNSON'S JOURNEYS

By Glenn Johnson, Vice President

The Carson Valley and Virginia & Truckee Railroad Tour

October 22-24, 2010



On October 22nd six Hangtown A's left Walmart in Placerville headed for the Carson Valley. As we made the right turn toward Mormon Emigrant Trail we were met by two more Hangtown A's and we all continued up Hwy 88 to Hwy 89. The weather was chilly but beautiful as we climbed into the Hope Valley area and the colorful changing trees. Wow! What a beautiful drive. My delivery missed a few times but everyone was running well as we descended into the Carson Valley.





We met the Carson Valley A's at Bodine's restaurant & casino for lunch. After lunch we all drove a short distance to the Nevada State Railroad Museum for a great guided tour of the museum and the restoration shop. Boy, that restoration shop must have every tool known to man. They can make anything from wood pieces to mechanical, machined parts. After the museum tour we drove to the Carson Valley Inn to register and rest up before dinner. I also installed a set of new sparkplugs in my car thinking that might solve the miss in my engine. It didn't. My friend, and Carson Valley A's member, Roger Sandmeier, made reservations for all of us at Saletti's, a wonderful Italian restaurant in Gardnerville. After dinner, with our stomachs full, we all drove to the Gardnerville Community Center to begin the Gardnerville Ghost walk. We walked to several of Gardnerville's historic places where we enjoyed various docents talking about the people and the past in Gardnerville.

On Saturday morning we all met in the Carson Valley Inn's parking lot and followed my friend Roger to The Virginia & Truckee train station to pick up our tickets for the ride to Virginia City. It was cold and windy as we huddled in and around the building waiting for the train but comfortable in the train once it arrived. As we chugged up the mountain we saw a large group of wild mustangs, several mining sites and historic buildings. We had lunch in Virginia City, visited many of the shops, and toured the restored Catholic church. The rocking train ride back to the station lulled many of our group into a well deserved nap.



Saturday evening most of our group had dinner at the Carson Valley Inn's restaurant and discussed the day's adventure.



Sunday morning I decided to change the plate in my electronic distributor in hope of curing my missing problem. To my surprise, the replacement plate I'd been carrying around for years was the wrong size. I borrowed one from Ron Tribbett but it wasn't right either so we put the old one back in and decided to live with the miss.

The trip home was a thrill ride to say the least. The crosswinds in the Carson Valley almost caused our Model As to make some unscheduled lane changes and by the time we started climbing into Hope Valley the rain was hard and steady. We dodged big rocks and tree branches in the road that were loosened by the storm but with Claude and Connie following, I finally limped our delivery into my garage in the early afternoon. I hope everyone who went had as much fun as I did. Thanks to Roger & Carol Sandmeier and the Carson Valley A's for their hospitality and for organizing much of this tour. Next year we'll have to invite the Carson Valley A's to come visit us in Placerville.



Even though there was a lot of rain on the way home Nature provided a rainbow along the way!



November 6 Mosquito Bridge Outing

By Bud Powell

On Thursday evening, November 4th, Jeanette and I decided to take a Model A ride on Saturday to Mosquito. I called Glenn Johnson that evening to find out if he was planning a club trip to Mosquito this year. He was not, but suggested that we invite the club to join us on Saturday which we did.

When Claude Sipe received his email regarding the outing he called to offer his assistance in planning the trip, if I should need it. Knowing that Claude knows as many back roads as does Bill Nixon, I asked him to lead the tour - a wise decision!



Claude gave us excellent directions about the trip and the route that we were to take.

Nine Model A's left Saturday morning for a truly exciting trip. After crossing the refurbished Mosquito Bridge we continued to Finnon Lake Café where Claude had set up a potty stop and free coffee from the owners.



These were our hosts for Coffee at the Rock Creek Cafe

We continued on Rock Creek Road to highway 193. We turned right on 193 and drove to Georgetown for lunch at Parras Mexican Restaurant. After lunch we headed west on 193, took several back roads to Garden Valley, then drove west on Marshal Grade Rd. to Mt. Murphy Rd. Mt. Murphy Road is steep and not paved all the way, but a great Model A road. Mt. Murphy Road ends on the East side of the American River in Coloma near the one lane bridge



Many of the Model A's continued on to Placerville for Ice Cream while the Powells drove on home. Thank you Claude for a fabulous trip. Please plan another one soon! Bud



November 20th Highway 50 Christmas Tree Decorating

The Christmas trees along Highway 50 are back again this year. These lovely trees are one of Placerville's special traditions. The trees add to Placerville's magic, making the drive through town during the holiday season a sparkling delight. The Hangtown A's decorated a beautiful tree with white Model A ornaments that were cut out of plastic by Glenn Johnson's old company. They are really beautiful. We had quite a crew show up on the morning of Saturday, November 20th to pick out our tree and decorate it. Thanks especially to Glenn Johnson who chaired the project and who brought a tree stand, lights, extension cord, ornaments, zip ties, etc. and to all the others who helped.



Cece Walrond & Ginger DeGregory braving the cold



Glenn Johnson & Wendy Ogden carrying "our" tree



Glenn Johnson putting on lites



This is one of the ornaments that Glenn arranged to have made for us.



Chelsea Mullens with her Grandmother, Lynette Marcione



This is our group of decorators in front of our tree. The tree was quite tall so only a portion shows up in this picture.



November 13 Rock Creek Café Breakfast Outing

Because the owners of the Rock Creek Café had been so kind by providing free coffee and great hospitality we decided to go back for breakfast. From all reports the breakfast was fantastic and it was amazing how well they did in serving a large group all at once in their small restaurant.

On the way to the restaurant our group once again crossed the historic Mosquito Bridge. This time we stopped long enough to get a picture of almost all of the Model A's crossing the bridge.



NOVEMBER 28, CALIFORNIA AUTO MUSEUM TREE DECORATING AND POTLUCK

18 Hangtown A members and 2 guests attended the California Automobile Museum Christmas tree decorating and potluck. Connie Sipe chaired this event and with her committee decorated those darling Model A's that Glenn had arranged to have made. The cars and other ornaments were placed on the artificial Christmas tree donated by Waldie and Bill Graham. The Hangtown

A's tree is best decorated tree of them all! There was plenty of food, fun and fellowship. A record number of car club members attended and the Hangtown A's members Connie Sipe, Charlie Scott, Fred DeGregory, Sharon Johnson, Trudy Vestal and Gerry Webb won door prizes! Thanks Connie great job!!! We hope this is the first of a many year tradition.



**Get Ready for the Hangtown A's Christmas Party
At the Cold Springs Country Club on Saturday, December 18, 2010**

**No host cocktails at 5:30 pm
Buffet dinner 6:30 pm– 7:30 pm**

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For guests, please call Dale at 530-621-0412
Please send your check ASAP to:**

**Dale Briggs
200 Diana Street
Placerville, CA 95667**

SUNSHINE REPORT

Dale Briggs, Sunshine Lady

2011 is winding down and overall we all seem to be on a pretty even keel. Problems appear to have lessened for Bud Powell, Char Long, Lynn Lincoln, Sharon Taylor, Rex Waldron, Bill Marcione, Dolores Grace, Dan Crockell. Good luck to Trudy Vestal for her upcoming surgery on December 14th. My apologies to those of you I omitted. Best wishes to all for a healthy New Year.

God Bless, Stay Well!

P.S. See ya at the Christmas Party

Sincerely, Dale

2010 Elected Officers & Directors

President	Ginger DeGregory	530-344-1776
Vice President	Glenn Johnson	530-644-1250
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Newsletter Editor	Fred DeGregory	530-344-1776
Membership	Ernie Gunderson	530-672-6612
Past President	Jill Kearney	530-622-8970

2010 Appointed Officers

Historian	Charlie Scott	530-677-2073
Sgt. At Arms	Howdy Walrond	530-622-3089

Special Appointments

Apple Hill Co Chair	Charlie Scott	530-677-2073
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Apple Hill Co Chair	Ginger DeGregory	530-344-1776
E-Mail contact	Charlie Scott	530-677-2073
Fashion Advisor	Sharon Johnson	530-644-1250
Librarian	Phil Bair	530-622-2004
NCRG Rep.	Lee Ross	530-644-7297
Refreshment Chair	Wendy Ogden	530-919-1930
Sunshine	Dale Briggs	530-621-0412
Tech Adviser	Claude Sipe	530-622-8550
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LETS KEEP OUR MODEL A HAPPY

By Claude Sipe, Tech Advisor

GENERATORS OR ALTERNATORS 6 VOLT OR 12 VOLT ?

Does your Model "A" really need an alternator? How about a 12 volt negative ground, electrical system instead of a stock 6 volt positive ground? How about a 6 volt positive ground system with an alternator? What is best for "my" use, and what are the advantages of each. Hopefully I can help clear up some of these questions and you can make the right choice for your particular need. First of all the "stock 6 volt positive ground system, properly maintained is still working well in a lot of Model "A's" that have been on the road for 80 years or so. That is not to say the system is the best by today's technology. But for the engineering of the day it was well designed and has served us well! Frequently, poor wiring, bad connections, especially poor grounds, frayed wiring with broken strands, corrosion on battery cables, etc. are the underlying cause of unsatisfactory performance of your charging system. So be sure all of these things are in good order before "blaming" that no good 6 volt 3 brush generator.

STOCK SYSTEM

The factory stock 3 brush generator does require the most maintenance, but if you want a "Stock Model "A" or even a mostly "stock" vehicle then this is a good choice! A stock 6 volt system in good condition should give you several years of dependable service. Probably the worst trouble spot in this system is the "cutout relay" located on the top of the generator itself. This relay disconnects the generator from the Batt. any time the Batt. voltage is greater than the generator output voltage. This keeps the Batt. from discharging through the generator when the engine isn't running. There is an after market "diode" available to replace this relay, but of course you are now "going away from stock" There is also another disadvantage to the diode—it, like all diodes, has a small "reverse leakage" and over time the battery will tend to discharge back through the diode. This takes several weeks and is not normally a problem unless you store your Model "A" for long periods and do not have a battery cut off switch. You also need to pay attention to your charge rate with a stock system and adjust the 3rd brush for your type of driving. Your battery water should be checked more often because the stock system does not adjust the out put of the generator to match the load demand. In other words it doesn't know if you are running the headlights or not, it is just providing the amount of output you have asked it to by the adjustment of the third brush! There is also an aftermarket 6 volt "Halogen Head Light" now available if you drive a lot at night— again this is not stock, of course no one will know unless you tell them, and for night time safety its an excellent up grade.

Probably the biggest disadvantage to the 6 volt system is the use of after market accessories such as, CB Radio, G.P.S. Cell Phone Chargers etc. Here again modern technology has helped us out with inverters that change 6 volt + grnd. to 12 volt – grnd. They are getting harder to find but still available last I knew. We must remember our stock system was not designed for changing loads so you will need to monitor the out put by watching the amp meter.

6 VOLT ALTERNATOR POS GRND

An alternator has several advantages over a generator. First they turn much faster at the same engine speed, [a smaller drive pulley] so they put out more current at lower speeds. A generator spins a coil of wire inside a magnetic field and this creates an A.C. voltage. This A.C. voltage is then changed to D.C. by use of the comutator and brushes. All the generator output must go thru the brushes and this is a point of heat and wear. An alternator on the other hand spins a magnetic field inside a stationary coil of wire [called the stator] that is wound to provide 3 phase A.C. This A.C. current is then rectified by use of a 3 phase diode bridge and this provides a much "cleaner" more efficient out put. Also there is less physical clearance inside the alternator and this helps make it more efficient. With a 6 volt positive grnd. alternator you can simply replace the stock generator and the internal voltage regulator in the alternator will adjust the output as the load demands. You don't need to change anything else. Remember you will still have the "12 volt accessory problem" to deal with, but your alternator will automatically adjust the out put to match the load.

12 VOLT ALTERNATOR NEGATIVE GROUND

A 12 volt negative ground system will be the most expensive and the most labor intensive system to convert your " Model A' to. However if you do a lot of touring and run a lot of 12 volt accessories you may want to make this conversion. First as in all electrical systems all wiring, and grounds, and connections must be in good condition. You can't fix a poor electrical system simply by changing to 12 volts! That said you must change out your generator and mount a 12 volt internal regulator alternator. It is necessary to change all light bulbs to 12 volt bulbs. You also need to add a ballast to your coil and reverse the polarity of the coil [the negative terminal will now go toward the points]. The Starter will usually take the abuse but be sure you **do not crank a 6 volt starter on 12 volts for more than a few seconds** or you will run a very high risk of ruining the starter. The best option is to change the field coils to 12 volt coils, these 12 volt coils are available and when placed in your starter they are in series with the 6 volt armature—this makes your starter about equal to a 9 volt system. It cranks well and seems to hold up good. [I personally have used this system for 15 years without any trouble, however I make sure the engine starts readily]

In closing I will say any electrical system on your vehicle, if properly maintained and correctly installed should serve you well, as noted above the alternator has several advantages over the original generator, but if you can't stand the thought of a bystander looking under your hood and asking "is that stock?" while he points at your shinny new alternator, then humm maybe-----I'll paint it black!

Lets keep our Model A" happy
Your tech advisor
Claude Sipe





MEMBER ADS

For Sale License plate California 1931, single plate "PT" (pneumatic tire) for a commercial truck. \$100. Contact Mike Muetz at (530) 622-9133

For Sale A large variety of Model A parts, too numerous to list. Contact Jake or Nancy Ehrlich at (530) 622-8276

Wanted Stock Model "A" distributor and 6 volt coil, any condition but would like complete. I want to make an ignition demonstration board for a class. Contact Claude Sipe at (530) 622-8550

EDITORS NOTES

As this year draws to a close I want to express my appreciation to all of those Club members that have contributed to the information included in the Sparton. There have been many that have contributed items now and then and that has been a real help, especially when I couldn't be at some of the events to take notes and pictures. Please continue to do this next year to help your new Editor, Hymie Brandstetter.

Special thanks go to Claude Sipe for his very educational columns on Keeping Your Model A Happy. Claude wrote a new column each month and that is above and beyond the call of duty. Thanks Claude.

Our alternating columnists, Charlie Scott (history column) and Sharon Johnson (fashions column) provided top notch information on our Clubs history and fashion topics. Thanks to both of them!

Dale Briggs was wonderful in doing a very difficult job, that of the Sunshine column. She was very diligent in trying to find out any problems that were affecting our members.

And finally, thanks to our President, Ginger, for her timely monthly Presidents Message column. She was a tremendous help in getting her column to me and, especially, in proofreading the newsletter. Thanks Ginger.

Editing the Sparton has been an educational and enjoyable experience. Thanks to Hymie Brandstetter volunteering to take on this task I can relax a bit next year.

Fred DeGregory



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Dues are \$40 per year. Dues for new members may be paid at any time. Dues paid between November 1 and December 31 are valid for the remainder of the year paid plus the following year. With your check send in your name, spouse's name and complete address. An optional \$10 initiation fee includes a club pin, decal, badge, windshield card and a back issue of the "Restorer" magazine. If you use MasterCard or Visa include the expiration date and your signature. Membership includes a subscription to the *Restorer*.

The Hangtown A's Model "A" Ford Club encourages membership in MAFCA, the national Model "A" Ford Club. Benefits include an excellent bimonthly publication, technical information and free liability insurance when participating in club events.

"A World" is an excellent Model A Ford Club of America publication that is free, courtesy of MAFCA, to youth grades 1 to 12. It contains entertaining and educational articles about Model A's, tools, era fashions and games. If you know of any young people who have an interest in Model A's and who would enjoy receiving A World, just send their name, address and grade level to the address shown. Adults may subscribe for \$10.00 per year.



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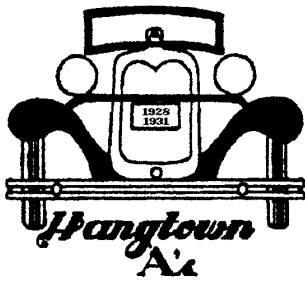
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These members have a special day this month!!!



12/1 *Natalie Archer*
12/6 *Charlene Long*
12/10 *Ron Tribbett*
12/12 *Ken Wood*
12/17 *April Oldham*
12/17 *Claude Sipe*
12/18 *Lois Becker*
12/19 *Dave Vestal*
12/22 *Charlene Washburn*



12/03 *Paul & Charlene Washburn*
12/09 *Jake & Nancy Ehrlich*
12/23 *Ken & Diana Caudle*

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!!!**

Please let us know if we missed anyone!