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Hangtown A's Placerville, California



Happy New Year!

**** February MEETING ****
FRIDAY, February 11, 7:00 pm at the ESKATON Village
3380 Blairs Lane Placerville

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we go on another year of Model A fun. Last year's board lead us through a really great 2010 and I'm confident that our new board will do the same in 2011. I'm proud to be the 2011 President of the Hangtown A's and will do my best to steer the club through another successful year. Ernie Gunderson is our new Vice President/Tour Chairman and will be organizing and leading club tours and events throughout the year. If you have an idea for a tour, or would like to lead one, contact Ernie. My wife, Sharon is our new secretary. She has lots of experience having been secretary of our old Orange County club and as my secretary in our former business. Bobby Thatcher is our new treasurer who will keep us in good financial shape. This year's newsletter editor is a new Hangtown member, Hymie Brandstetter. Hymie will continue sending out paper copies of The Sparton to those who want it, but be sure he has your email if you would like to have The Sparton sent to you electronically. The electronic version is really much better because of two reasons. It will always be on your computer, unless you delete it and it won't get lost in the mountain of paper we all get in the mail in a month. Our new membership chairman is Wendy Ogden. Wendy's great personality will no doubt attract many new members in 2011.

I just returned from our Christmas tree takedown in Placerville. I will store the lights and or-

naments for next year's tree. Sometime in the next week or so Connie will also be retrieving our tree at the California Auto Museum. I'm sure we will put that one up again next Christmas season as it was a really fun and tasty event. See you at the meeting or on the next tour.

Glenn Johnson
President



2011 Calendar of Events

January 14 Hangtown A's Meeting
January 15 Tour Folsom
February 11 Hangtown A's Meeting
NOTE NEW LOCATION



HANGTOWN A'S INFO

HANGTOWN A'S 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.

WE ARE A CHAPTER OF THE MODEL FORD CLUB OF AMERICA.

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*Thank You For
Januray Refreshments*

Diana Caudle

Jeanette Powell

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Our Condolences

Dale Briggs received from Margaret Smith's daughter that long time member Margaret Smith died December 19 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Our dear member, and past President Charlene Long passed on December 28, 2010 at 6:09 am at home of cancer. Her battle with cancer started 13 years ago when she was diagnosed with breast cancer.. She had 9 good years in remission when she and Paul were able to travel, enjoy Model A'ing and their family and friends. Paul was with her at the time of her passing.



A Note From Our Past President...

Thank you for the lovely Ford script watch that Glenn presented to me at the Christmas Party. It will remind me of the wonderful times as your Hangtown A's President 2010.

Again this year the Christmas Party was lovely and well attended thanks to Dale Briggs. The table centerpieces made by our talented Bert Keeler were outstanding. Thanks to the talented ladies who made the excellent raffle prizes we made \$332 and with the \$79 dollars made earlier in the year we will deliver \$411 to the Upper Room to help feed the many disadvantaged members of our community.

Thanks again for a wonderful year as your President. I know Glenn and his board will do a wonderful job with your support.

Ginger DeGregory
President 2010





Christmas Parade Placerville Dec 5, 2010



Hangtown A's Christmas Party 2010



Installation of 2011 Officers



Auto Clinic

January 12, 2011

The year's first auto clinic was held at Hymie's house in El Dorado Hills. 8 persons were in attendance, each with their own opinions, and wild stories. Clinic started at 9:30 AM with donuts, coffee and assorted tales with the first wrench finally being picked up at about 10:30 AM.



Installation of new rods, pistons and rings were the theme of the day. Consensus is that after these were installed, Hymie had one tight engine.



That's an ax Tony is using to push down the pistons. Nothing but the latest in technology here!



Say Cheese!



MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Welcome Kevin, Kristen, Kyle, and Lindsay Vaught, and “Mr. Magoo”!

Our newest member of Hangtown “A”s is the Vaught family. Kevin is a Glazier, by trade, and a native of California. He was born in Marysville, moved to Soquel when he was a year old, and lived there for 30 years. Wife Kristen was born in San Luis Obispo where her parents still own Davison Furniture. She met Kevin in Santa Cruz. Their son Kyle is 14 and thinks their 1928 Ford Speedster named “Mr. Magoo” is pretty cool. Daughter Lindsey is 10 and likes riding in “Mr. Magoo” better than riding in their 1930 AA Dump truck if it ran! Kevin is taking apart the AA Dump truck, and finishing up the Speedster.



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SUNSHINE REPORT *Jeanette Powell, Sunshine Lady*

Please remember to notify your Sunshine Person, Jeanette Powell, if you learn of a Hangtown A's member that isn't doing well. I'll send a card to let them know that we care.

Email: bjpowell@directcon.net
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Sincerely, Jeanette

2011 Elected Officers & Directors

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Lets Keep Our Model “A” Happy Battery Cut Off Switch *[Do I Need One?]*

What is the real purpose of the battery cut off switch? It provides a simple, safe, quick method of disconnecting the battery. There are several types of disconnect switches, on the market, they range from a simple “knife blade” type to a remotely controlled solenoid. For our use on a Model “A” the simple manual cut off type works quit well. Personally I prefer the type with a removable key. These are available at “Harbor Freight” for around \$6. In my coup I have the switch mounted under the driver’s side of the seat on the seat riser. The battery cable goes directly from the battery “+” to the switch and then to the starter. I have the back side of the switch [where the terminals are] protected with a small wooden cover so it can’t be shorted to ground by tools or parts that are carried under the seat. This location works well for me, it is easy to reach in case of an emergency, and easy for me to turn off when I leave the vehicle. Also because it is close to the battery, the cables are not very long, and the wiring was straight forward and easy. The switch can go in either battery cable [+ or-] but you should always use good quality cable, and if you have a 6 volt system be sure to use “heavy duty” cable. Recently Connie and I drove to Jackson in our Model “A” along with Augie and Natalie. Augie had done some work on his vehicle and we thought this would be a good test drive. When we came out of the restaurant, Augie attempted to start his car and the starter stuck. He immediately turn off the key but the engine continued to crank over. I jumped out of our car. Raised the hood on his and attempted to release the starter push rod, no luck. The engine just kept cranking over! I then ran back to my vehicle opened my front mounted tool box , which fortunately wasn’t locked, grabbed a 9/16 wrench and removed the starter cable from Augie’s car. That did it! The starter finally stopped cranking. The starter was quit warm by now but still okay, and I’m sure the battery was partially discharged but it too was okay. I’m really glad Augie and Natalie are not to excitable. Augie did make one classic comment though, he said “ I didn’t think I needed a battery cut off, but I guess maybe I do!” The “Battery Cut Off Switch” is easy to install and not expensive, for the daily driver or the occasionally used vehicle I think it is a very worth while addition to your Model “A”.

Lets Keep Our Model “A” happy
Your tech adviser
Claude Sipe





MEMBER ADS

If you have an ad, please submit it to the editor by the 18th of the month. All ads are published on an "space available" basis.

FOR SALE 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 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

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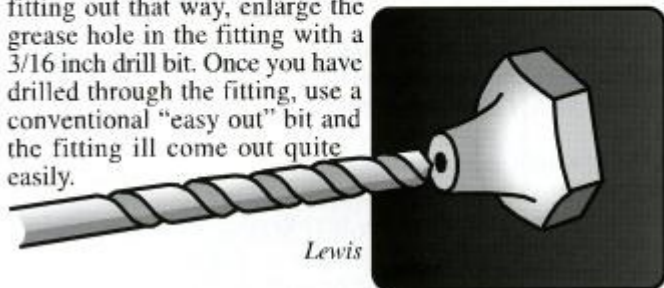
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Tech Tip

Submitted by Ted Kuchta

Easy removal of old style grease fittings

Old style grease fittings do not allow much to grab on with a pair of vice grips so if you simply cannot get the fitting out that way, enlarge the grease hole in the fitting with a 3/16 inch drill bit. Once you have drilled through the fitting, use a conventional "easy out" bit and the fitting will come out quite easily.



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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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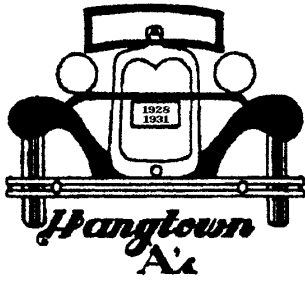
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These members have a special day this month!!!



- 1/2 David Oldham
- 1/4 Carol Mueller
- 1/6 Paul Washburn
- 1/8 Jane Damas
- 1/10 Pat Bathurst
- 1/11 Judy Lowe
- 1/14 Jacquie Walrond
- 1/16 Jeanette Powell
- 1/17 Connie Sipe
- 1/18 Dale Briggs
- 1/22 Lee Ross
- 1/24 Betty Bawden
- 1/26 Dan Hudgins
- 1/27 Hazel French
- 1/28 Dennis Pereira

Remember....

February's Meeting is at

**Eskaton Village
3380 Blairs lane
Placerville, CA 95667**

www.eskaton.org

**7:00 PM
February 11, 2011**



- 1/10 Robert & Jacquie Walrond
- 1/26 Augie & Natalie Archer
- 1/27 Dennis & Darlene Pereira

Please let us know if we missed anyone!