

Hangtown A's Placerville, CA



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**March Meeting will be held at Eskaton Village Placerville
3380 Blairs Lane Placerville at 7:00 PM**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow! Isn't Eskaton a great place for our meetings? It's easy to get to. They have comfortable chairs. The acoustics are good. The coffee is already made and good and it's free. A motion was made and passed to donate \$500 to their foundation sometime near the end of the year. A vote was taken and passed to continue having our meetings at Eskaton. We will send a letter and a check for 2 months rent to end our lease with the Rescue Community center. Our guests at the February meeting were Adele D'Agostini, the grandmother of Sheriff John D'Agostini and Butch Gardener from the ACCC. Mr. Gardener gave a very informative talk on the concerns of collector car owners regarding possible new anti smog laws.

Eskaton is also a good place to meet for our tours and on the 12th eight Model As met there at 9:00 a.m. Bill Nixon lead us on a tour to breakfast at the Coloma Club and then on some wonderful back roads through places I'd never seen. We even passed by the elementary school where Bill began his education. Thanks Bill For a fun day. There were eight Model As on that tour which is a pretty good turnout but I hope more of you will join us next time. For me, tours are the heart of the club and I can't imagine any better place for Model A tours than our beautiful Northern California foothills.

On March 19th there will be a Model A tour to the Lincoln High school Performing Arts Center where we will celebrate the life of Char Long. More information, a meeting place and tour leader will be announced at the March Meeting and also in an email.

Glenn Johnson
President



2011 Calendar of Events

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| March 11 | General Meeting - Eskaton Village |
| March 17 | Ladies Luncheon Greenhouse Cafe |
| March 19 | Celebration of Life for Char Long |
| April 8 | General Meeting - Eskaton Village |
| April 9 | Tour to Volcano or ???? |
| April 8-10 | CCRG Jamboree Merced |
| April 21 | Ladies Luncheon |
| April 21-May 1 | Spring Opener Lake County A's |
| May 13 | General Meeting - Eskaton Village |
| May 14 | Mystery Tour |
| May 19 | Ladies Luncheon |
| May 27-29 | 2011 NCRG Roundup - Vallejo, CA |
| June 16 | Ladies Luncheon |
| June 21 | Clarksville - Bob & Dorothy Tribbett |
| August 18 | Ladies Luncheon |
| October 1 | Apple Hill Apple Pie Tour |
| October 22 | Rescue Road Tour & Pancake |
| Nov 30-Dec 4 | 2011 MAFCA Nat Awards Banquet |



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.

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

LOCAL DUES ARE \$20/YR. MAFCA DUES ARE \$40/YR.

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March

Refreshments

Wendy Ogden

Ginger DeGregory

Hangtown A's Club Meeting Minutes February 11, 2010 @ Eskaton Village Placerville

The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Johnson at 7pm. Everyone was asked to stand for the flag salute.

Our guests were Adele D'Agostini, the grandmother of Sheriff John D'Agostini, and Butch Gardner of the ACCC.

Butch gave a talk on the laws that are being passed to keep the vintage cars off the roads. The ACCC is proposing a voluntary membership to the ACCC for every car club member. The money will be used to fight the laws that concern our vintage autos.

Waldie Graham made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting and Bessie Dietz seconded it. Motion passed.

Sharon Johnson read the Treasurer's report due to the absence of Bobby Thatcher.

Ernie Gunderson passed around a sheet to sign up for any tours members may be willing to lead in the future. Some of the upcoming events were:

Lake County A's Spring Opener on May 1st

CCRG in Merced on April 8-10

NCRG in Vallejo on Memorial weekend.

Sept 11 two events, Sagebrush A's and Santa Clara-more info on both at a later date.

Bill Nixon will lead the tour Saturday to Coloma for breakfast. We will leave Eskaton parking lot at 9 am.

The club received a letter of thanks from the Upper Room for our donation in December. The Orange County Model A Club asked for a donation for their raffle for the 50th Pancake Breakfast.

The California Auto Museum asked for \$125 from the club. Claude Sipe made motion we send the museum the \$125 and Augie seconded it. Motion passed.

Hymie said the articles for the Sparton are due by February 18th. Hymie said the website will have tours listed with information. A picture gallery will also be put on the site and he asked that members send him pictures of tours. There will also be a new tech page. Trudy Vestal thanked Hymie for all the work he has done on the website. Bill Lincoln said he thinks the site is great.

It was announced that the rock area in the parking lot can be used to park our cars. The club was asked not to use the parking at the front door area because that is for the residents and their visitors. There is plenty of parking in the back by the meeting area.

Sunshine had no report.

Waldie made a motion to continue having the meetings at Eskaton, Edie Jones seconded it and the motion passed. Bessie Dietz made a motion we pay Rescue Community Center \$200 for February and March, Claude seconded, motion passed.

Edie will write a thank you note to Eskaton for the goodies they supplied for the meeting.

A motion of \$500 to the Eskaton foundation in November was made. Motion passed.

Claude Sipe gave a talk on items to carry with you on tours. He said Rainex Anti-Fog for the inside of the windshield works great, also bring a blanket so your significant other won't complain about the cold. Claude announced that the electrical class will be held in April. He will post the date and time in the Sparton. Claude will have an article on how to safety check your car in the March Sparton.



Edie Jones announced that the Ladies Luncheon will be held at the Redhawk Casino on February 17th at 11:30am. The buffet is downstairs and cost \$9.95 if you have a players card. The players card can be obtained in the casino.

Howdy and Cece said the Mystery tour will be held on Saturday, May 14th. Time and place to meet will be announced later.

Connie Sipe thanked everyone for attending her birthday party. She proudly showed off her socks that said, "Too sexy to be 70!"

Jeanette thanked Fred for all his work last year on the roster. Fred will put a one page roster on the internet.

Waldie asked members to sign up to bring cookies to the meeting.

New Business

Paul Long gave the club information on the Celebration of Life for Char Long. The get together will be held at Lincoln High School Performing Arts Center at 11:30 am. on March 19th. Afterwards there will be a barbecue at Paul and Charlene's ranch. You can drive your Model A if you would like. The club will plan a tour to Paul's.

Paul told the club about a play that is being performed by the Lincoln Hills Performing Troupe. The play is called Rumors and it is being performed on March 13th at 2pm. The tickets are \$13. Club members should call 1800-838-3006 as soon as possible. Paul will need a head count of those attending by March 1st so he can make lunch reservations for the group.

Bill Lincoln said that his car is on display at the California Auto Museum. There are six cars from the Capitol A's Model A Club being displayed.

Claude made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jeanette seconded it and the motion passed. Adjournment was at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Johnson

NCRG Roundup Update

Dear NCRG Roundup Participants -

We must be doing something right, we have approximately 80 registrations received so far with three months left until show time.

Even more hotel reservations have been made and our set aside block has been consumed. The Courtyard by Marriott increased our original block of rooms from 100 to 125. They have oversold rooms to a total of 130. They will not increase our block any further and we have pleaded. They only have a 175 rooms total, they do have some rooms left at the higher regular rate if you prefer to stay there.

Preferred alternate hotels close by.

Comfort Inn - \$89/night; 1185 Admiral Callaghan Lane; 94591; 707-643-1061

Best Western - \$90/night with AAA - 1596 Fairgrounds Drive; 94598; 707-554-9655

Howard Johnson - \$72/night with AAA - 44 Admiral Callaghan Lane; 94591; 707-643-1061

There are additional hotels near by that are also available.

We look forward to having you join us at Dan Foley Park for - A Bit Of Heaven In 2011.

- Bill Pugh
2011 Roundup Chairman



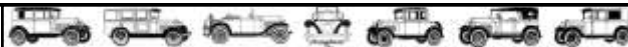
Coloma Tour February 12, 2011



About 10 model A's met at the Eskaton Village on Blair Road Saturday morning. At 9:00a.m. Bill Nixon led the group through Placerville onto highway 193 and crossed Chili Bar canyon north. They then turned East onto Bayne road for a country paced drive into Coloma. The Coloma Club served the group Breakfast, also at a country pace, but very tasty.



Claude leaving a nice trail of oil from his A, hope we're still allowed to come back to Eskatan!!





For about 5 fearless Fords, the journey for the day continued on after the meal, as Bill led them back onto the Georgetown Divide by way of Mt. Murphy Road, through Garden Valley and back onto highway 193 (via more scenic drives). The weather was excellent and all Fords performed admirably.

Respectfully Submitted Jill Kearney



SAFETY CHECK

DRIVERS NAME _____ LICENSE # _____ DATE _____

DMV REG. _____ PROOF OF INS _____

SERVICE BRAKES ½ PEDAL OR MORE _____

PARK BRAKE 3 CLICKS OR LESS _____

HEAD LIGHTS: HI BEAM _____ LOW BEAM _____ PARK LIGHTS _____

TURN SIGNALS {IF EQUIP} L/F _____ R/F _____ L/R _____ R/R _____

TAIL LIGHTS _____ BRAKE LIGHTS _____ INSTRUMENT LIGHTS _____

STEERING FREE PLAY 2" MAX _____ CAUSE OF PLAY _____

TIRES: SIDEWALLS L/F _____ R/F _____ L/R _____ R/R _____

TIRE TREAD DEPTH L/F _____ R/F _____ L/R _____ R/R _____

LUG NUTS LOOSE OR MISSING [64 LBS. TORQUE] _____ AIR IN SPARE _____

TIRE PRESSURE [ask driver or use side wall pressure]L/F _____ R/F _____ L/R _____ R/R _____

DRIVER OUT OF VEHICLE & REAR WHEELS CHECKED FOR FOLLOWING CHECKS

KING PIN FREE PLAY [should be "O"]; LEFT _____ RIGHT _____

RADIATOR HOSE CONDITION/LEAKS UPPER _____ LOWER _____

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FAN BELT _____ DOES DRIVER CARRY A SPARE? _____

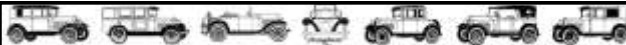
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OIL LEAKS NOTED _____

ANY OTHER CONDITION NOTED BY INSPECTOR THAT NEEDS ATTENTION _____

INSPECTED BY _____

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**LETS KEEP OUR MODEL "A" HAPPY
PREPARING FOR TOURING SEASON**

Here it is March already! Touring in the "A" is just around the corner. If you are one of the folks that "put your Model "A" away for the winter, its time to get her out, give her a bath, and maybe a wax job, do a "SAFATY CHECK" and make sure she is ready to go on all the upcoming tours. I have included in this months "SPARTON" a safety check form for you to go by. A good way to accomplish this job is to team up with a buddy that owns a model "A". You can be the inspector for their car and they can be the inspector for your car. In this way you are less likely to miss or overlook something. If you would like help let me know and I will make arraignments to help you do the job. I am a firm believer in doing a safety check on a model "A" at least once a year, and just before touring season is a good time. I know some of us drive our "A'S" all winter long and may have a tendency to skip the safety check because we feel driving it all the time, we'll know if something is wrong. Well if your Model "A" is in perfect "safety condition" team up with someone anyway, check theirs, & have them check yours, both you and your Model "A" will be happy along with your team mate and their Model "A" that's four happy individuals and that's GOOD!



Let's Keep our Model "A" Happy
Your Tech.
Claude Sipe



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
Phone: 530-621-3808



LADIES LUNCHEON

Edie Jones

Greenhouse Cafe (Next to Raleys)
11:30 AM - Edie Jones 530-626-3775

2011 Elected Officers & Directors

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| President | Glenn Johnson | 530-644-1250 |
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Madeleine Vionnet

French Fashion Designer

“Queen of the Bias Cut”

By Lynette Marcione

The 1920's saw two women, very different in style, yet unmatched in their fashion visions, Vionnet and Chanel. They both introduced a new clothing approach for the modern lady of the era. Vionnet created her ideas with the cut of the fabric and freedom of movement in mind. She introduced the bias cut, a technique for cutting cloth diagonal to the grain of the fabric enabling it to cling to body while moving with the wearer. The trademark of the bias cut remains a flattering style that is very much in use today.

Draping directly on a smaller mannequin, Vionnet experimented with fabrics often letting them dictate the shape or the effect of her design. These designs were based on the use of a square, triangle, circle, and organic structures such as flower petals. The use of embroidery was also a technique she employed frequently. Vionnet is credited with the handkerchief hemline seen so much during the Model A era. As the skirts became shorter, designers started using her bias cut in hemlines which created the famous handkerchief points. She is also known for the cowl neck, and halter top.

Vionnet was born to a poor family in France in 1876. She began her apprenticeship as a seamstress at the age of 11. By 1912 she founded her own fashion house “Vionnet”.

During WW I she closed her House and did not re-open until 1923 as “Vionnet & Cie”, where famous designer Boris Lacroix was director until 1937.

In 1924 Vionnet & Cie came to Fifth Avenue, in New York. Vionnet & Cie were the first French couture house to open a subsidiary in New York, “Madeleine Vionnet Inc.”, This salon sold designs with “one size fits all” fashions with unfinished hems, to be adjusted to fit individual clients.

In 1927 the house launched its first edition of perfume named alphabetically ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’, and ‘D’. The scent was made in collaboration with the House of Coty. During that same time, Vionnet opened a school to teach apprentices to create clothing on the bias cut.



In 1932 Vionnet acquired a five story building for her operations. At this time the House employed 1200 seamstresses. She offered revolutionary medical and dental services, physical fitness, paid holidays, day-care, and maternity leave to her employees. During this time her designs were worn by Marlene Dietrich, Katharine Hepburn and Greta Garbo.

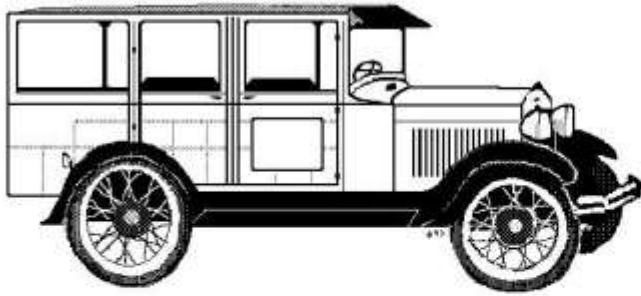
When WW II approached in 1939 Vionnet decided to close her House with a show of her farewell collection.

In 1952 Vionnet donated most of her design to a Paris textile museum along with 120 dresses from 1921 to 1939.

Vionnet died at age 98 in 1975.

The name Vionnet has lived on in a variety of ways. Her label was purchased several times. As late as 1996 a perfume bearing her name was launched. Today the label is owned by Matteo Marzotto, President of Valentino, and powerful heir of the Marzotto Textile Group.





Charlene Long - passed away quietly on December 28th after along battle with Breast Cancer.

Paul Long and his family would like to invite Hangtown A's members to

Char's Celebration of Life, which will be held on

Saturday, March 19th. 11:30 A.M.

Lincoln High School

Performing Arts Center

790 "J" Street

Lincoln California.

Followed by a Barbecue at their home at 1695 Auburn Road.

Char has worked tirelessly over the years on many many Model" A" events.

Super Committee -1998 National in Reno,

Capitol A's Round-up and Swap Meets,

Co- Chaired Apple Hill.,

She help host the NCRG Roundup at Lake Tahoe, put on the Hubley races at numerous Model A events,
along with holding numerous offices in the club' she belonged to. At her passing,

Paul and Char were current member's of MAFCA, Hangtown A's and Sparkin A's and are past members
of Capitol A's and Auburn A's.

Char was always willing to pitch in and help, and will be missed by all that new her.

Directions to Lincoln High School.

From Hwy 80 take Hwy 65 North go through Lincoln and turn left on 7th St.

Go up three blocks and turn right on "J" Street. Main Entrance is on the left.





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

FOR SALE For Sale 1930 Deluxe Coupe without rumble seat. New rebuilt engine. Frame off restoration with many new parts. Cast iron brake drums. 12 v alternator system/halogen lights. Lebaron Bonny seats and interior. \$9900 obo Call Eric (560) 677-5116
Whoever buys it can have the old engine (disassembled) and all my books and Restorers

FOR SALE For Sale Model A parts for sale. Call Jake Or Nancy (530) 622-8276



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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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These members have a special day this month!!!



3/7 *Eileen Brandstetter*
3/10 *George Caruthers*
3/12 *Jean Taylor*
3/14 *Charlie Scott*
3/19 *Trudy Vestal*
3/20 *Margrit Hendricks*
3/23 *Tom Taylor*
3/25 *Kristen Vaught*
3/26 *Shirley Crockell*



3/20 *Jim & Margrit Hendricks*
3/23 *David & April Oldham*

Please let us know if we missed anyone!