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MAFCA 2015 Certificate of Merit



General Membership Meetings held Third Friday of the month, **except December**, at Faith Christian Fellowship Church, 860 Bancroft Rd., Walnut Creek., doors open at **6:30 PM**, meeting at **7:30 PM** unless otherwise noted.

Guests are welcome.



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February's Seminar— How to Replace a Head Gasket & Timing a Distributor By Doug Freeman & Herb Neumann

It was the worst of times, it was the best of times; an overnight rain had dampened the displays and some of the seating. Clouds of steam were observed rising from the coffee and tea pots and the smell of fresh donuts and bagels put a smile on everyone's face.

This was the first seminar for 2016 and had 15 attendees with 2 brand new members. In fact, most of them were 2 or 3 year members!

The boys (I use that term loosely) were able to dry things off and a good dose of WD40 sprayed on the bare metals parts to stop the rusting process.



Doug started with the explanation of possible causes for head gasket failures and touched on the cylinder head removal (use plenty of penetrating oil and "DON'T BREAK THAT STUD OFF!"). A head was removed from an actual engine, then replacing the head gasket and demonstrating the art of torquing the head nuts.

After a much needed potty and donut/bagel/coffee break, Herb took over demonstrating the proper way to time your Model A engine. He had a couple of willing members come up and show their skills at timing. Using a real engine mounted on an engine stand proved to be very interesting to everyone and many questions were asked after the presentation was done. It also gave the boys their next seminar topic; changing a clutch disk, examining a rear-main oil seal and installing a "no-leak" pan gasket. Stay tuned for time and date.

Doug & Herb have renamed these seminar sessions to: **CARS & COFFEE SEMINARS.**

News Flash! Next Cars & Coffee Seminar
March 26 with a rain date of April 23rd
(More details on page 9)



Playland Not At The Beach

Four Model A's and two modern iron left Best Buy on the perfect Model A route to San Pablo and ultimately, El Cerrito and the Playland Not At The Beach Museum. No freeways were taken on the way to our destination. Pleasant Hill, Grayson, Reliez Valley, Castro Ranch and San Pablo Dam roads took us right into San Pablo. A couple of miles down San Pablo Ave and we were on track for a lot of fun.

A few of our members remembered visiting Playland as children and had lived in the El Cerrito area as youngsters.



We played games in the Coney Island Pinball Museum, the Penny Arcade and the Carousel Carnival. All games from more than forty years ago. It was fun to see our seasoned members turning into kids again at the arcade.

It was great seeing all the photos and memorabilia and then hearing the stories from Marilyn Neumann, Bob Reed, Lynda Oliver and others.



We had a good lunch with more visiting and reminiscing. Bob remembered the movie theater that used to be on the same site as the restaurant.

We hung around in the parking lot a little and then a quick drive home by freeway for some of us.

Your Tour Leaders, Wayne & Peggy English

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Meetings: Meetings are held on the third Friday of the month at 7:30 PM at Faith Christian Fellowship Church at 860 Bancroft Rd., in Walnut Creek unless otherwise indicated in the Calendar of Events. GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Membership: Membership in the Model A Ford Club is not a prerequisite to join The Diablo A's. Both MAFCA and The Diablo A's membership commence on January 1st, and expire on December 31st. **MAFCA dues are \$40.00 (MAFCA, 250 Cypress Ave., La Habra, CA 90631, www.MAFCA.com).** The Diablo A's dues of \$45.00 per family is payable to the treasurer. **Diablo A's Model A Ford Club mailing address:** P.O. Box 6125 Concord, CA 94524

We thank the various clubs for the use of the many articles, jokes, fashion and technical advice that we have used. Permission to reproduce items in The Moto-Meter is hereby granted provided credit is given to The Moto-Meter.

Friendly Reminders



2016 MEETING REMINDERS

Doors open at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM unless otherwise noted.

April. 15—Spring Pot Luck & Food Drive
A-G Dessert, H-P Salad, Q-Z-Main Dish
Doors open at 6:00 PM

June 17—The Longest Day
Drive Model A's to meeting

July 15—Ice Cream Social
A-G Toppings, H-P Cookies, Q-Z Ice Cream

Sept. 16—Autumn Potluck & Food Drive
A-G Main Dish, H-P Dessert, Q-Z Salad
Doors open at 6:00 PM

Oct. 21—Lady's Auction Night
Please donate an item for the auction.

UPCOMING TOURS & EVENTS



March 19—Crockett Museum, Crockett

John & June Rosploch ([Details on page 4](#))

March 26 —Cars and Coffee Seminar

Doug Freeman & Herb Neumann ([Details on page 9](#))

April 10 Car Blessing & Show, Concord

Bob & Sandi Rigor ([Details on page 8](#))

April 15-17—CCRG—Clovis, CA, Host Sierra A's

April 29-May 1—Spring Opener, Host Lake County A's
Herb & Marilyn Neumann ([Details on page 4](#))

April 30—Sturgeon's Mill

Larry & Diane Trimpey ([Details on page 4](#))

May 22—(Sunday) Rosie the Riveter, Richmond
Bob & Rose Estrella

May 27-29—NCRG Round-Up

Bob & Lynn Grady

June 18—Byron Park, Senior Living Facility

Bill & Donna Truesdell ([Details on page 4](#))

June 19-24—MAFCA National Convention, Loveland, CO, Host Colorado Model A's

July 3rd—Benicia Parade—Pete & Marianne Goodson

July 4—Concord Parade—Bob & Sandi Rigor

August TBD—Presidents Picnic—John & June Rosploch

Sept. 2-4—Apple Hill, Placerville

Sept. 17—Walnut Festival Parade, Walnut Creek—

Wayne & Peggy English

Oct. 22-23—Mystery Tour—Mike Cozad and Alex & Ruth Janke

Nov. TBD— Club Tours TBD

Dec. 5-8—MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Reno NV, Host Sagebrush A's

Dec. 14—Christmas Banquet—Oakhurst Country Club, Clayton —Herb & Marilyn Neumann

For up to date tour information go to —

www.DiabloAs.com

<http://www.mafca.com/calendar.html#apr>

Refreshment Volunteers

Refreshment volunteers for general membership meetings.

2016 Refreshment Volunteers

General Meeting	Refreshment Volunteer
March 18	Reyanne Freeman, Maria Marshall
May 20	Rose Estrella, Sandi Rigor
June 17	Ed James, Alicia & Steve Mick
August 19	Ruth Janke, Patty Howard
October 21	Donna Truesdell, Caryn Borba

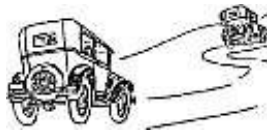
Board Meeting Schedule

Board meetings at 7 PM unless specified otherwise.

- ⇒ Members welcome as observers.
- ⇒ Please R.S.V.P. to meeting host.
- ⇒ Board Meeting Minutes are published on the members only section of the club website.
- ⇒ For hard copy of minutes contact Diane Trimpey.

Board Meeting	Host
CANCELLED —April 4	Wayne & Peggy English
NOTE DATE CORRECTION— May 2	Bob & Rose Estrella
June 6	Marty & Nancy Larsen
July 5	John & June Rosploch
August 1	Roland & Xiu Smith
September 6	Larry & Diane Trimpey
October 3	Wayne & Peggy English
November 7	Bob & Rose Estrella
December 5	Marty & Nancy Larsen

Tour Details



PLEASE NOTE — If you plan to attend a tour and have not signed up please let the tour leaders know your intent. This will ensure notification of any last minute tour changes.

March 19th—Crockett Museum, Crockett

Meeting at Harbor Freight at 9:00 am, leaving at 9:30 am. It will be a leisure back roads drive to the Crockett Museum. Lunch will follow at Valona Deli which is a short drive from the museum. Sign-up sheet available at the meeting or please call tour leaders, John and June Rosploch.

April 30—Sturgeon's Mill, Sebastopol

On April 30, we will travel to Sebastopol, Ca for a trip back in history when we visit Sturgeon's Mill Run, a late 19th century steam-powered sawmill. We'll listen to the steam whistles blow, feel the power of the ancient steam engines and watch as the 60" saw blades mill logs into lumber.

We will meet at Harbor Freight at 8:00 AM and leave by 8:30 AM. We plan to be there when the mill opens at 10:00 AM. There is no charge, but donations are appreciated to keep this working museum operating. There are self-guided maps available but we are hoping to have a docent. No dogs or alcoholic beverages allowed. Wear comfortable shoes, however it is easy walking on dirt.

At approximately 11:30 we will have lunch. Lunch at the mill is hamburgers and hotdogs. If enough people want to go to Union Hotel in Occidental for lunch we will make arrangements. Please sign up for lunch at the mill or at the Hotel on the sign-up list. For additional information please call tour leaders, Larry and Diane Trimpey.

April 29-May 1—Spring Opener, Upper Lake

Registration of \$65 per person, includes your Saturday lunch and dinner. The deadline for discounted rooms was March 31 at The Lodge at Blue Lake, Super 8 Motel-Upper Lake, or The Tallman Hotel-Upper Lake.

- ⇒ Friday Buffet Style Pasta Dinner, \$20
- ⇒ Saturday deli style lunch at Mendocino County Museum
- ⇒ Saturday Nigh Banquet, entertainment, raffle, auction, and announcements

Lake County A's hope to see you and anticipate a great "CRUZIN THRU 22" Spring Opener. Sign-up sheet is available at the meeting. For more information contact tour leaders, Herb and Marilyn Neumann.

June 18—Byron Park, Assisted Living Facility

Daryl Werner has moved into Byron Park as a resident since our last visit.

Anyway, we are set for a visit to Byron Park on June 18th. They have offered lunch to our folks. The hours will be the same as last time, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. So, we will meet at Best Buy at 9:15 am and leave at 9:30 am for a leisurely drive across town. We have to cap the group at 12 cars due to space. They will reserve the paved parking lot for our use. Sign-up sheet available at the meeting or please call tour leaders, Bill and Donna Truesdell.

Cal's Garage By June Rosploch



Speedometer Oscillation

Source: Tiny Tips For Your Model A (Page 209)

One of the annoying (but not serious) habits your Model A may develop is where the speedometer seems to be oscillating...it won't stay still so you can read it.

The usual cause of this phenomenon is that the interior of the cable has become dry and may even be rusty.

The way to correct this is to loosen the instrument panel and pull it out as far as you can without damaging the components.

Then remove the top end of the cable from the speedometer—you may need a pair of pliers to loosen the nut. Now reach into the cable housing with your pliers and pull the inner cable all the way out. Look it over for rusty spots, wear, or frizzy wires. You might wish to take the opportunity to install a new one. Whether you install the old one or a new one, lubricate the end going in first with chassis lube; then feed in the rest of the cable, applying liberal amounts of grease.

Reinstall the completed cable into the speedometer and finish by securing the instrument panel in place.

**Diablo A'S GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
February 19, 2016
FAITH CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Meeting called to order by President John Rosploch @ 7:33 PM.

PRESIDENT: John Rosploch welcomed members, visitors and guests. He stated that the Procedure's Manual is in the process of being updated. He clarified that all members are invited and welcome to attend the board meetings, and to call the host to let them know you are coming and also to notify any board member of any items you wish the board to discuss so it can be placed on the agenda. He explained to the members that our Liability Insurance carrier has dropped all liability policies such as we had and that we are currently looking for an insurance company to cover our needs. In the interim, we have coverage through MAFCA and limited coverage with the state.

PAST PRESIDENT& MEMBERSHIP: Marty Larsen stated no new members are present. Mike Marshall introduced his friend attending our meeting this evening.

SECRETARY: Diane Trimpey asked for a motion to approve the minutes of Friday, January 15, 2016. A motion was made by Mike Cozad to approve the minutes, it was then seconded, approved and passed. Diane stated that the February 1, 2016 board meeting minutes will be posted on the Members-only website after their approval by the board at the March board meeting.

TREASURER: Roland Smith reported on our current financial status.

VICE PRESIDENT: Bob Estrella led a discussion on posting the board meeting minutes as to when they should be posted, with several members giving their input. It was the consensus of those who participated that they should be posted prior to the following general meeting, This matter will be discussed at the March board meeting. Bob also thanked all those members who volunteered and helped the Taitts these past few weeks.

TOUR COORDINATOR: Peggy English went over upcoming tours as presented in the February MotoMeter.

EDITOR: June Rosploch reported that MAFCA will be sending out a digital newsletter to all those who sign up.

APPOINTED SERVICES;

VIDEO COORDINATOR: Bill Truesdell: Absent
Bill Pugh reported NCRG had a meeting at the Turlock Swap Meet and they are working on plans for the National Convention in Sparks Nevada in 2018.

CLUB VESTS; Xiu Smith No Report

ACCC: Herb Neumann gave a synopsis of ACCC state and federal updates on legislature which can be studied as posted in the newsletter. He encouraged everyone to read this and take appropriate action.

MAFFI Representative: Bill Truesdell Absent. President John Rosploch reminded everyone that MAFFI is offering a one-year free membership to anyone under age twenty-one who is interested in joining. Please see him for further information and application.

PHOTOGRAPHERS: Ed Pond & Tom Howard No Report

PUBLIC RELATIONS; CLUBWEAR: Bob Rigor reminded everyone to keep a look out for any car shows or events in the area and report to him. He asked members to check the MotoMeter for upcoming local events.

REFRESHMENT COORDINATOR; Deb Pugh thanked Peggy English and Dee Desmond for the delicious refreshments this evening.

SUNSHINE: Nancy Larsen reported on members health issues and thanked all who participated in helping the Taitts and may be asking for more volunteers in the near future as needed..

WEBMASTER: Steve Mick No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Ticket Club: Alicia Watson announced tonight's lucky winner,. Rose Estrella.

Auction: Alex auctioned several wonderful items which were donated by the Freemans and Van Ardennes.

LOUDMOUTH CLASSIFIED: None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Marty Larsen

Next Board Meeting: Monday, March 7 at the Trimpey home at 7:00 PM.

A motion was asked for by President John Rosploch to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. The motion was made by Bill Pugh, seconded and passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Trimpey, Secretary



Era Fashions

By June Rosploch



Sunshine Report

By Nancy Larsen



Crochet Sweaters in the Model A Era: The Russian Influence (Black & White Photo Below)

By Peggy Gill

Source: http://www.mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Articles/Crochet_Sweaters_2016-01.pdf



Left—McCall 1930 Pattern,
Above Right—
Pictorial 1931 Pattern

As I wrote in my Feb 28th email, Barbara Filarski was in Kaiser San Francisco and scheduled for an immediate triple bypass. I just (Monday March 8th, 11:20) spoke with Al who is driving hurriedly to the hospital because Barbara has experienced a crisis and a pacemaker is being put in. He, of course, was unable to say more right now.

135 Ardmore Way, Benicia, 94510 Let them know we are thinking of them.

Kon and Janet Andronis saw Martin and I in Martin's daily brunch place, the Sunshine Café in Pleasant Hill, and stopped in to say hello and that Janet is feeling much better after her hospitalization for emphysema. They said that Kon went out to the mailbox one day and came back with a whole handful of get well cards for Janet. She was Very Happy and has kept the cards on her mantle.



These cards and thoughts mean a lot to people, so do send them.



Out & About In Model A's

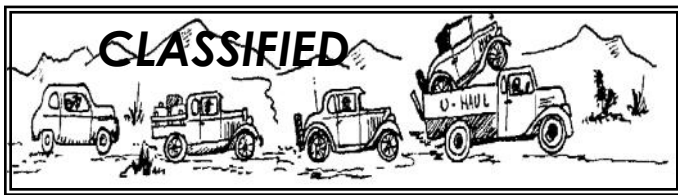
Send your Smart phone photos to editor@diabloas.com



Spam Festival, Isleton
Ceil Callister and June Rosploch



California Automobile Museum, Sacramento
John Rosploch with Grandchildren Melissa and Matthew



⇒ **1931 Station Wagon**—The woody station wagon earned awards of excellence in fine-point judging from both MAFCA and MARC at the 2008 joint world meet in Dallas. Since then I've converted to 12 volts and added a Mitchell Overdrive. The wagon (aka *Miss Maple*) is in excellent mechanical and cosmetic condition.
\$38,500, negotiable.

Call Tom Torget, 830-257-8966, Kerrville, Texas
email- ftorget@gmail.com or ftorget@krc.com
or Torgettorget@gmail.com

⇒ **1929 Tudor**—excellent engine, 6 volt alternator, Ford 150 steering box and oil filter. Interior is grey and in very good condition. Body is solid steel, no dents or dings. Paint is four years old. Color is deep burgundy over black with black belt and pin stripe. It has a good rubber roof, good tread on tires, a rock guard, luggage rack with trunk. \$14,000, (member of the Lone Star Model A Ford Club in Georgetown, Texas)

Telephone 1- 512-863-9760 leave a message or ask for Charlie Email lcdevaul@gmail.com.

⇒ **1931 Coupe** - Green / Black, \$10,500 (\$3,000 price reduction, anxious to sell due to family illness). Full car cover, always garaged, very recent full engine rebuild, Rumble seat with lid latch. New wheel drums and brake linings, steering wheel, emergency brake handle, wiring to lights. AND MUCH MORE including spare parts and special tools and engine stand. No rust - very minimal oil leakage - EVERYTHING WORKS - GREAT DRIVER
Contact Rich Van Gemert Oxnard, Ca [805-253-0756](tel:805-253-0756). Cell [562-413-5631](tel:562-413-5631)

⇒ **Bride seeking Ford Model A for an Art Deco themed wedding June 18, 2016.** She would like a car or two for decor, atmosphere, and photographs.

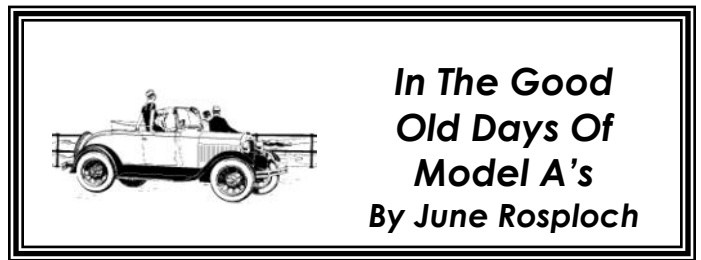
Please contact Jennifer March, 707-287-1766

⇒ **CAST IRON BRAKE DRUMS**—Ed James is stocking cast iron brake drums in the bay area for Mel Gross. These are quality, proven drums. You can pick them up and save the freight from Los Angeles. Full set (front and rear) for \$270 plus studs for \$20 set.

Call Ed James @ 925-837-0851

⇒ **FOR RENT: CABIN, WEST SHORE LAKE TAHOE**—3 bedroom, 2 bath, sleeps 6. Close to South Lake, Meeks Bay and Sugar Pine Park. Two blocks from the lake. Attractive rates for Diablo A's.

Call Pam Lee @ 925-689-9226



Lafayette Reservoir

⇒ Source: *Old Times in Contra Costa, A Journey To the Past*, page 77

Planned as part of a project to bring mountain water to the East Bay, the Lafayette Reservoir was started in 1927, but not finished until 1933, about four years behind schedule. The delay was caused by an unexpected settling of the dam in September 1928, which caused huge cracks. Work was stopped for three years while engineers and geologists watched for additional movement. In 1932, it was determined that the shifting had stopped back in 1928, the dam was redesigned to be quite a bit wider than the original plan (for safety's sake) and construction resumed. The aerial photo shows the completed dam. The tall tower near the dam is part of the pumping system, where water is piped into and out of the reservoir. The old highway (now called Mount Diablo Boulevard) is shown in the mid-foreground, winding its way by several farms. The reservoir stores drinking water for parts of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. It has become a recreation area, operated by the East Bay Municipal Utilities District, open to the public all year for fishing, boating, picnicking, and hiking—but no swimming is allowed. The first trout were planted in the reservoir in the summer of 1969 and many thousands have been planted every year since. In addition to trout the reservoir contains bluegill, black bass, black crappie, and several types of catfish.





Public Relations, Please let Bob Rigor know about any local "Show & Shine" events.

2016 Goodguys Local Car Shows

Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton
 March 19 & 20, June 4 & 5, Nov. 12 & 13



Car Blessing, Concord
 Sunday, April 10, Car Show & Blessing 11AM - 3 PM. Car blessings at noon. FREE ADMISSION. Setup begins at 10 AM. Food and refreshments will be available on site. St.

Agnes Catholic Church, 3966 Chestnut Ave., Concord.

More information contact Bob & Sandi Rigor

Elks Car Show, Walnut Creek

Saturday, May 7th, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. 1475 Creekside Drive, Walnut Creek. Free Admission to the public. Registration Fee \$35 (one free meal with car registration). Raffle, T-shirts, Food, Awards given for : Best in Show, 1st and 2nd, ER Choice. Proceeds benefit Purple Pig! (Disabled Children) Contact Mike at JSCHAAF007@aol.com or Lisa at IDREBEL5@yahoo.com

Fridays on the Main, Martinez

Join us every Friday from May 15 through September 11 for the Fridays on the Main and Market event!

Featuring...Farmers Market on the 800 block of Main St. 4pm-8pm

Cool Cars & Music on the 500, 600 & 700 blocks of Main St. 6pm-8pm

Free to attend! Restaurants are open!

Hornet Car Show, Alameda

I know most of you are in parades on July 4th but I would like to let the club know that there is an open house & car show at the Hornet aircraft carrier at pier #3 in Alameda. There is no charge for the car show. Thanks Al Aldridge

American Iron Car Show, Pleasant Hill

When: Sunday, August 14

Where: Downtown Pleasant Hill (on Crescent Drive)

Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Pleasant Hill Parks & Recreation Department presents an upbeat 1980's American Iron Car Show featuring the classics. It will offer fun music, food and entertainment from 10am – 3pm. Admission is free.

Sunday, September 11—Antique Autos in History Park, 2016



"The largest annual Antique Auto Show in the West."

The 16th annual Antique Autos in History Park (635 Phelan Ave., San Jose, CA) welcomes all pre-1946 original or restored-to-original-condition vehicles. This year we are featuring early Lincolns.

There is no registration for this event, nor a fee to enter.

Peder & Maria Jorgensen

Antique Autos in History Park Coordinators

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Club News

2016 Club Roster and Phone List—

The roster and phone list are available on the members only section of the club web site. For hard copy contact Marty Larsen.

April Moto-Meter Submission Deadline—

Due to vacation schedules the April Moto-Meter submission deadline is March 25th.

Daylight Savings Time Begins—

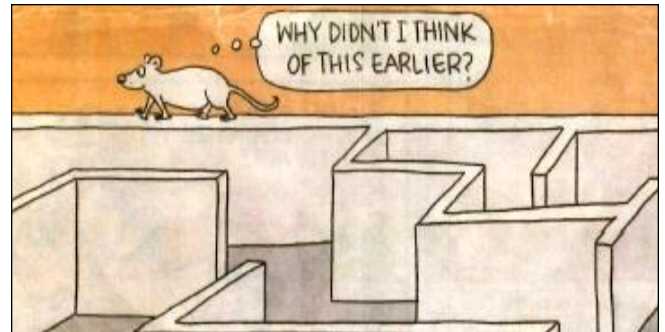
Don't forget to turn your clocks forward on March 13th (or when you go to bed on the 12th!)

Reminder—Board meeting minutes are published on the members only section of the club website. For hard copy of minutes contact Diane Trimpey.



Very Last Laugh

Source: Diane Trimpey & Bill Truesdell



Lost words from my childhood: About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases included: "Don't touch that dial", "Carbon copy", "You sound like a broken record" and "Hung out to dry."

We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley, and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China!



Cars & Coffee Seminar

March 26 with a rain date of April 23rd.

At Doug & Reyane Freemans place with a start time of 9 A.M.

The seminar will focus on —

- > Changing a clutch disk
- > Examining a rear-main oil seal
- > Installing a "no-leak" pan gasket.





From the Mailbox

MAFCA Communications

Source: <http://www.mafca.com/>



MAFCA National Convention—June 19-24 in Loveland, Colorado

If you go to: www.milehighcountry2016.org... hit on the subcategory "along the way" on the left side of your screen. Available is a list of things to see on your way to Colorado arranged by road/direction.

2016 MAFCA Membership Program

Your new MAFCA board has set a goal to increase membership in 2016 to 15,000. This year, MAFCA is providing each chapter unlimited 2 year memberships for the price of 1 year, \$40. This offer is for new members who have never been members of MAFCA. The success of this program is up to you, so we ask that you give it your full support and go out and get some new members.

NCRG Communication

Source: <http://www.ncrgmafca.com/>

Newsletter editor-Tom Jeanes will publish Northern Wheels NCRG newsletter 4 times annually.



ACCC Communications

Source: <http://www.acccdefender.org/>

Mandated Ethanol Fuel is Bad for California Consumers and Small Business

Californians pay more at the pump than residents of any other state – a whopping \$4.8 billion more than the rest of the nation. That means the average California driver forks over \$201 more for gasoline than other drivers nationwide. California, is the largest consumer nationwide of ethanol, which the federal government mandated be blended into fuel since 2005. Adding ethanol to California's fuel supply is costing 40 percent more to produce than traditional gasoline. When consumer's fuel up they're getting a product with 33 percent less energy than pure gasoline, resulting in fewer miles per gallon. Californians rely heavily on keeping their automobile engines safely and efficiently fueled. But with higher ethanol percentages in our gasoline supply, we run the risk of paying for metal corrosion, oil or fuel leaks, and damaged valves, rubber fuel lines and gaskets. In short, a whole lot of unintended consequences for a policy that was supposed to clean the air. Equally of concern, California is in the 4th year of a historic drought. We've all read about the excessive amount of water used by farmers to grow almonds or residential water wasters at their Beverly Hills



mansions. Well, the amount of water needed to produce one gallon of ethanol is staggering – 1,700 gallons of water to produce one gallon of ethanol. Finally, and what's also relevant for many low-income families, is that the more corn used for gasoline production, the less for food such as bread, cereals, tortillas, syrups and cooking oils. So, Californians get hit with a double whammy – higher fuel prices and higher food prices. It's hard to rationalize why California businesses, taxpayers and families should be footing the bill for an expensive and broken ethanol fuel mandate when we are already dealing with a number of other financial burdens. Thankfully, one of California's leaders is playing an important role in an effort to end the mandate. Earlier this year, Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) joined forces with Senator Pat Toomey (R-PA) on an amendment to repeal the corn ethanol portion of the mandate. Unfortunately, it looks like it's going nowhere in Congress, where lawmakers from the Corn Belt fiercely protect the mandate. Californians, particularly those of us in the Central Valley, can play an important role in making sure our elected officials hear calls for ethanol mandate reform. It's imperative that we make our legislators aware that we're done paying for this expensive policy. We can definitely make our members of Congress know that we'll keep this issue in mind when making voting decisions in next fall's general election.

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2016 is the 50-year Anniversary of the Gilmore Car Museum. To honor this achievement Gilmore is planning a few extra events. These can be viewed at: www.gilmorecarmuseum.org. One thing that is evident in a Museum lasting for 50 years is that new exhibits are necessary to keep people coming back. Also, having active volunteers working to keep the Museum fresh is essential. The Model A Ford Museum is a partner in this fantastic campus of museums. We also are working to stay fresh and interesting for our thousands of visitors each year. Our Model A Day celebration in September is our main event. This year the event is boasting great seminars and also a very nice Swap Meet. During the year we hold work days at the Museum to change out exhibits, maintain and clean the building and its displays. Since the last Model A Day we have put up decorations for the Holidays (and also put them away), returned Gary Johnson's S/W Cabriolet and Roy Frost's HF II Sportsman which allowed us to put Bob Anderson's Cabriolet and the Jennings/Evergreen Fordor on display. If you would like to help, please contact Bill Truesdell for information about how to contribute.

March 2016



March Birthday's

- 8 Marnie Peterson
- 9 Jesse Carlock
- 10 Denis Bianchi
- 16 John Bailey
- 17 Lynn Grady
- 21 Chuck Smith
- 23 Barry Callister
- 25 Margaret Granquist
- 31 Ron Wolfman

March Anniversary's

- 13 Donald & Kathleen McGrath
- 17 Bob & Daphne Olson
- 19 Joe & Cathy Wisher
- 24 John & Karen Villandre
- 26 Michael & Maria Marshall
- 29 Rich & Gloria Mohr

April Birthday's

- 1 Jan Anderson
- 1 Denny Desmond
- 1 Lloyd Harrich
- 3 Terry Freeman
- 6 Pat Woerner
- 6 Karen Hauge
- 8 Cassandra Antkowiak
- 11 Sue Lindstrom
- 12 Nancy Larsen
- 13 Pam Lee
- 13 Pete Goodson
- 15 Audrey Mitchell
- 16 Karen Hauge
- 22 Barbara Sharman
- 23 Bill Cartwright
- 24 Felix Boston
- 26 Herb Neumann
- 30 Michelle Webber
- 30 Tim Lindstrom



April Anniversary's

- 1 Ed & Patsy Pond
- 4 John & Carole Price
- 5 Larry & Jan Anderson
- 6 David & Mary Bentley
- 7 Bob & Rose Estrella
- 10 John & Claire Bailey
- 12 Troy & Loretta Whitehurst
- 13 Ronnie & Debbie Sherman
- 13 Lewis & Jane Ripsteen
- 21 Tom & Ellie Van Voorhis
- 25 Dale & Susan Frost
- 27 John & Marge Tait
- 29 Frank & Georgianne Champion
- 29 Larry & Barbara Hollinger
- 30 Roger & Donna Staggs
- 30 Jesse & Linda Cruz

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Board Meeting @ Trimpey's	8	9	10	11	12
13 Daylight Saving Time Begins	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 General Meeting	19 Crockett Museum Tour
20 Palm Sunday	21	22	23	24	25 Good Friday	26 Cars and Coffee Seminar
27 Easter	28	29	30	31		

April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Board Meeting Cancelled	5	6	7	8	9
10 Car Blessing & Show	11	12	13	14	15 General Meeting Spring Pot Luck	16 CCRG 4/15—4/17
17	18	19	20	21	22 Passover	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Spring Opener 4/29—5/1	30 Sturgeon's Mill Tour