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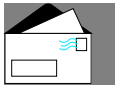
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President's Message



Hey there Fellow Model A'ers,

Seems like it has been FOREVER since we were together, and we all seem to be missing one another. Looks like we will have another dark month in February. Hopefully we can get things going again this spring. I know several of you have been vaccinated and have lived to tell the tale. Yea!!! Alan and I are still on the waiting list in Merced County...Yuk!


As you have all been informed, we have lost another longtime member of our club. Gail Waters has lost her long battle with cancer. Gail will be greatly missed by her many friends and family. Please keep her family in your prayers.

I have been privy to some info about a couple members with NEW CARS, and some major car projects have been underway....can't wait for us to be able to tour again. I am sure lots of members have been working on their cars and have some projects to show off!! Keep on keeping on, and keep it between the lines until we see each other again.

We went to Northstar, Lake Tahoe area, for a few days and had a week in Georgia, now we are back to work and trying to play catch up..No Driving this month.

Keep Rolling,

Martha

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD
TO GAIN A MINUTE
YOU NEED YOUR HEAD
YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT

Burma-Shave

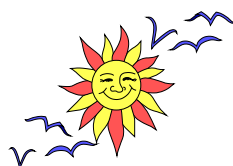
Club News and Information



February 5 Carol Hansen
February 7 Liese Ott
February 8 John Pimentel
February 10 Cathy Mahaffey
February 11 Paul Curtis
February 16 Jenny Nicolau
February 17 Daniel Sciabica
February 25 Jean Sutherby



February 1 Stan and Carol Braden
February 12 Joe and Debbie Gonsalves
February 16 Wally and Donna Nicolau



Sunshine

by
Jo Ann Bledsoe

It is with much sadness to report that we lost long-time member, Gail Waters, on Thursday, January 21 due to cancer.

Shirley Mattos's Sister, Shirley Killingsworth, passed on January 12th at the age of 86. She and her husband, Doug, live in Modesto and were former members in the Modesto Area A's.

Donna Nicolau's Mom passed away in January.

Please add Jim Schellman's cell number (209)404-0349 to your Roster.

Be Safe everyone.



Treasurer's Report January 2021

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, and our inability to hold the swap meet, we are running on a very restricted budget this year. Several of our committees have been cut to a zero budget in order to meet our necessary yearly expenses. If you have a question on the amount allotted to your committee, please give me a call.

We are staying within our working capital with all bills paid. If and when we reopen, our budget will be revisited.

Carol Hansen

Some Interesting February Facts

I thought the fact that six amendments to the Constitution were made in February was interesting. At least to me, but then I am a history reader.

February 7, 1795 - The 11th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, limiting the powers of the Federal Judiciary over the states by prohibiting Federal lawsuits against individual states.

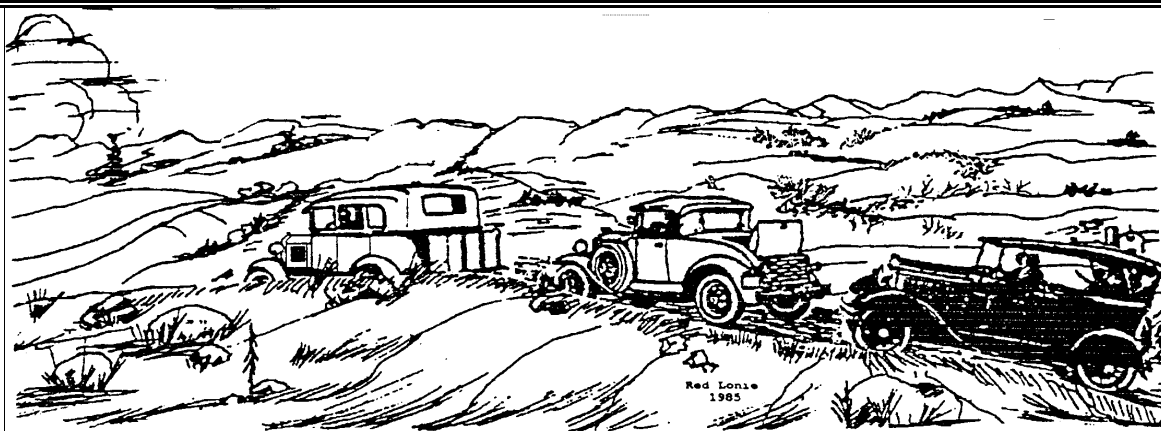
February 3, 1870 - The 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, guaranteeing the right of citizens to vote, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

February 3, 1913 - The 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting Congress the authority to collect income taxes.

February 6, 1933 - The 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was adopted. It set the date for the Presidential Inauguration as January 20th, instead of the old date of March 4th. It also sets January 3rd as the official opening date of Congress.

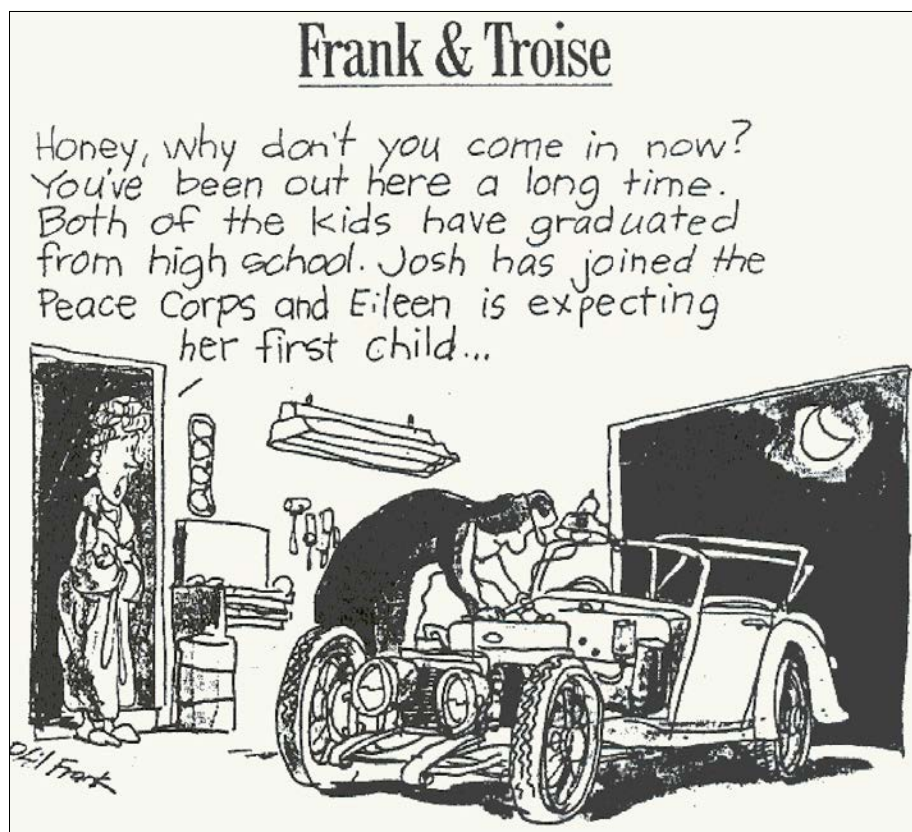
February 27, 1950 - The 22nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, limiting the president to two terms or a maximum of ten years in office.

February 10, 1967 - The 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, clarifying the procedures for presidential succession in the event of the disability of a sitting president.



Tours and Activities - 2021

Happy February everyone! In a normal year, we would be kicking off our first tour this month, but we still aren't back to "normal". However, with the vaccine becoming available and more businesses opening, we may get some touring done this year after all. It will look different, as the budget for tours is gone. We are thinking more along the lines of picnics and some pot lucks, with lovely drives to enjoy. That being said, we are looking for any and all ideas you may have for scenic drives that aren't all that long, especially for spring time. If we find a good idea for late February we will send out an email, and we are really hoping that by March we will have a few planned for coming months. Stay safe, and get those A's ready for the road!



Unfortunately, I cannot give credit for this, sorry.

Era Fashion News From Teresa Gissible

Happy Valentines Day to everyone! Sorry, No hugs or kisses yet. Soon??
Valentines day is all about "Love" & tokens to & from someone special.

One of those gifts now or Model A Era were "Cameos" for both men & women. We've all seen them in different shapes, sizes & colors, but what do you know about them??

Well, they are one of the oldest art / jewelry forms dating back as far as Ancient Mediterranean world. Egypt, Greece, Rome even to Pompeii ruins. Napoleon himself founded a Parisian apprentice school to foster the talents of young carvers. In fact, the Swedish royal family currently owns the famous Cameo Tiara from Napoleon's collection which he gifted to Josephine (wife) in 1809. With or without her head??

You'll find a vast assortment of carvings in stone, glass, plastic & of course shells (carnelian - sardonyx - mother-of-pearl) mostly from Italy. Carving featured Greek Gods, Kings, Queens, Popes, flowers, men & women's faces. The two tones come from the colored layers of the shells as it's carved all hand made. At the start cameos were mens jewelry, a status symbol dating back to 15,000 BC.. They come in array of mountings from rings for both men & women, necklaces, brooches, cuff-links, earrings etc. Then individual pieces to suites of jewelry, which is a rare finds.

Now, how do you tell if it real? First, touch. Like pearls they are ruff. Not true on old pieces, like teeth they wear to be smooth. Next, hold it up to the light, buy a bright purse size flashlight. Or purchase a 10x mm jeweler's loupe. This is a great tool in any vintage purchase. Look for carving marks Bakelite (Bakelite test), resin or plastic are smooth to the touch. If it is translucent, meaning you can see through it shell. Thick & cloudy, Not shell.

Finally, so what's it worth?? That depends on how much you'd like to pay. If it's 14K gold, silver or platinum will increase the price, the size, the subject, quality of the piece. Like any vintage item it's just the luck of the find. If your purchasing from a jewelry or antique store ask a lot of questions or documents to prove the quality of our purchase. I purchase a beautiful cameo for \$5.00 at a flea market. It was dirty in a box of junk jewelry. I cleaned it up, & wear it proudly. Or the cameo Paul purchased for me new, years ago for Christmas that cost more then what I made in a week. They remind me of my Grandmother, she alway wore one.

Remember, Buy what you like!





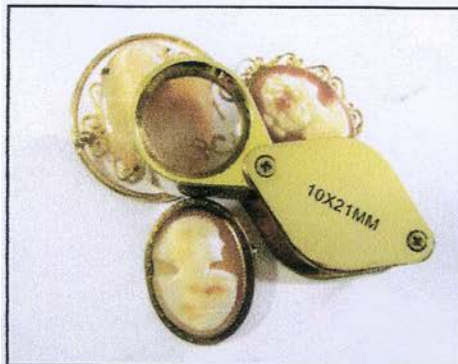
The first two cameos are translucent in sunlight. The last is not.



Shell cameos are translucent in both sunlight and strong lamplight.

You can clearly see through the large cameo and the Art Deco cameo. However, you can't see through the cameo with the ornate Victorian frame. That's the first clue that this cameo might not be made of shell.

Next, we look at the three cameos through a jeweler's 10X loupe. If you don't have one, you can find them online for under \$10. I highly recommend that you carry one whenever you are on a jewelry buying trip!



A 10X magnifying jeweler's loupe is your best pocket tool on buying trips.



You can clearly see the carve marks on this cameo's torso and in the left background.



Again, you can clearly see the carve marks on this Art Deco era cameo.



You can see the chipped paint around the edges of this cameo. It is clearly a modern plastic impostor.



Simple Tech Talk *by Keith Collins*

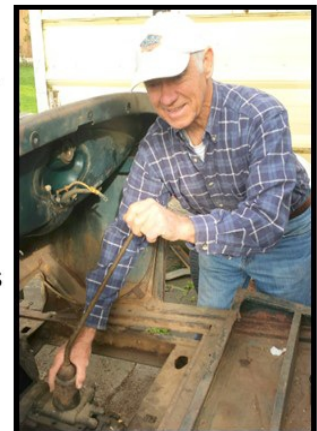
I'm going to deviate from my regular tech articles periodically to bring you in touch with our members and what they are doing with their cars during our club DOWN TIME. If you have made changes to your car that I may not know about please make contact with me OR I may just call you!

ANDY'S 30 PICKUP



Loaded and ready for the trip to it's new home .
Andy's brother (left) Andy and Terry (helper)

Barb and I had a pleasant visit recently with Andy Anderson and wife Kay. Even with Andy's busy schedule he has been able to devote a good amount of time to the restoration of their 30 pickup. The pickup came from his brother in Oregon, needing lots of hard work and TLC. Andy has completed the chassis and taken it for a short drive.



Here is a real proud new owner.



The chassis and in the back ground a ton of parts. "Andy is this is a good decision"

He is in the process of fitting and finishing body details.



The bed is out for paint and Andy is making his own bed wood. Trying to find good front fenders has been a chore; so he called Sammy at Arizona Model A and Sammy told him that Gaslight Auto Parts had the best fenders that he



knew about. Gaslight makes their fenders. Gaslight had the well installed for Andy by a outside company. Andy said that they fit quite well, needing only minor work.

He and Kay are looking forward to being on the road.

In Memory Of

Gail Waters



January 21, 2021

Gail and Dahl Waters joined the Modesto Area A's in 1980. Over the many years of her membership, Gail was a very active member and she held many job.

News of the Past

50 Years Ago - February 11, 1972

Pres. Joe Stewart called the meeting to order after a pot luck dinner. Guests were Harold Weaver and daughter Robin, Don & Marty Silva, and Wes & Steve Cosgraves.

Marshall Lewis reported the Swap Meet was good and thanked all members who worked. Bob Lange thanked all the ladies who worked in the kitchen.

Jim B. circulated pictures of the swap meet that will go in the scrap book. Richard Kirkmean was complimented on putting out a good *Vibrator*.

It was m/s/p by Bud and Jim that Joe Stewart be made coordinator of the tour to the National Convention in Seattle. Stan appointed Joe Curry to lead the Poker Rally. Boy Scout Parade in Manteca is coming up.

Membership and participation chairman, George said an outstanding member award will be given at the end of the year based on meeting attendance, tours, parades, swap meet, roundup, officers, chairmen, refreshment committee and special events.

Marshall Lewis volunteered to judge at the National Convention. Hank Welch will be second choice.

It was m/s/p by Hank and George to make Vern Souza club property chairman.

The raffle prize a Valentine floral piece was won by Betty Souza playing blackout bingo.

Unsigned

25 Years Ago - February 14, 1997

The meeting was called to order by President Erni Oletta. Guests were grandchildren of Ron and Donna Crum, Weldon and Jannell Smith, and Marshall Lewis. Bill Wilkinson introduced his fiancée, Kathy.

Linda Weaver noted that Rodney and Marty Rosecrants who were introduced by Ron Crum were from Merced have applied for membership.

MAFCA & NCRG- John Pimentel attended the meeting at the Swap Meet. Jim DeWilms announced that T-shirts, pins, hats, sweatshirts, and fanny pacs ave been picked and ordered for the Reno meet.

Jack Martin presented Paul and Ann Curtis with their 5000 mile patch.

Linda Mahnke announced that rosters will be given out at the Ripon parade.

Suzie Slattery presented Ron Crum with the scrapbook.

Sunshine- Shirley Mattos reported: Janis Martin, Roy Eberwein and John Pimentel had surgery; Jerry Lutterman lost his mother and Frank and Marge Nunes lost their daughter, Gladys Cerutti broke her arm and Frank Nunes was laid up a day or so.

Harold Weaver was announced as the new Swap Meet chairman replacing Dan Dark.

Chuck Mahnke presented Ron Crum with a blue ribbon he received for 1st place at the Christmas Light Parade. The \$100 check will be donated to the Alzheimer's organization.

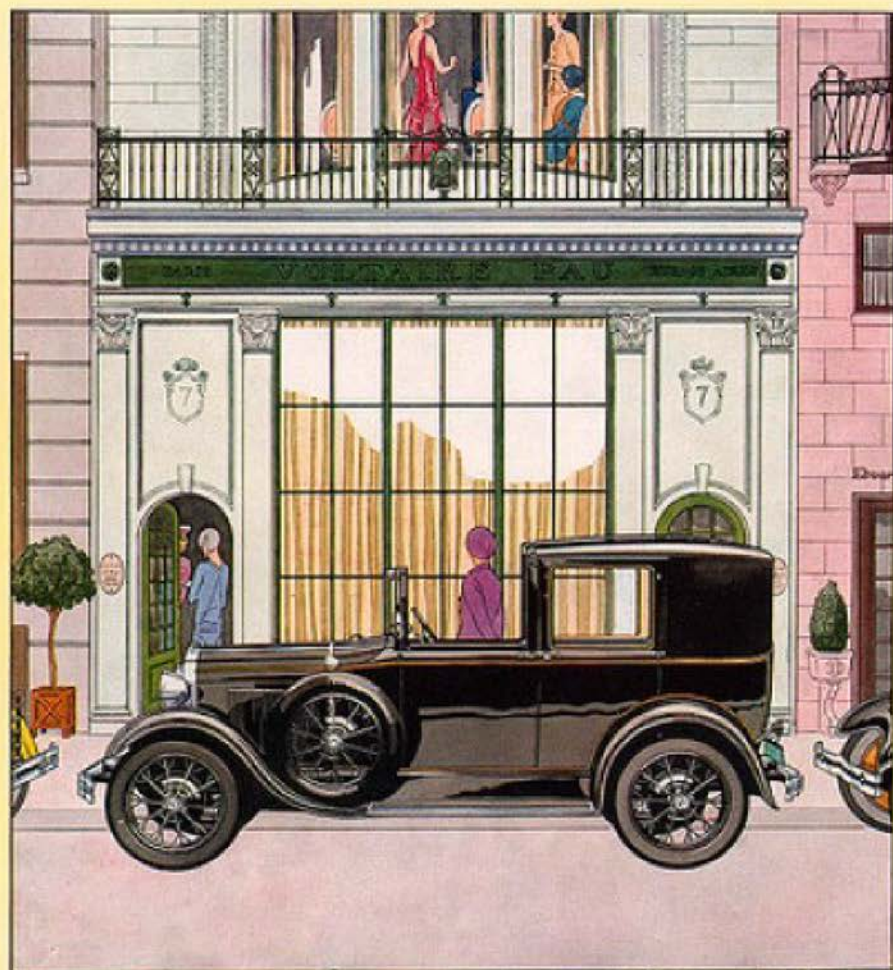
Hank is in charge of the Ripon parade. Gwen Barber gave details for the Air Museum at Travis Air Force Base. Jim Mahaffey announced he and Roy Eberwein are planning a tour to Diablo Grande. Linda Weaver had plans to go to the San Jose Arena for the Skating Word Championships. Donna Crum has been appointed Vibrator editor since Linda Farrow moved to Oregon.

Raffle prizes were won by Ron Crum, Bob Kriese, Walt Langill, John Pimentel, Crum's granddaughter, Bill Wilkinson, Jack Martin, Keith Collins, and Joe Curry. Name tag winner was Roland Barber. Michelle Ott won the children's gift. Vicky Morrison, Secretary

15 Years Ago - February 2007

Minutes not available





The New Ford Town Car

THE new Ford Town Car is formal in appearance, with extremely precise lines. It is a personal car of intimate size, delightful convenience and unquestioned taste.

The body is custom-designed and finished in a choice of colors—new, in the modern mode, yet quietly restrained in tone. The back is square-cornered, in the Continental manner, with French landau leather rear quarters and rear panel.

Interior trimming is of English Bedford cords or French broadcloths—optional with the purchaser. The seat in

the rear compartment is upholstered in the fashionable plain panel style, deeply cushioned and comfortable. Hardware is of distinctive scroll design, enameled to match the lining cloth. Accessories of the rear compartment include a vanity case mirror and notebook, clock, electric cigarette lighter and ash tray, center bow light and silk robe rail. Arm rests and individual hassocks are other pleasing features.

The chauffeur's compartment

is upholstered in black leather and is separated from the passenger compartment by a glass partition, with sliding center window.

Triplex shatter-proof glass is used throughout the new Ford Town Car—for the windows and front glass partition, as well as the windshield. The transverse springs and four Houdaille hydraulic double-acting shock absorbers give unusual riding comfort. The price is \$1,400, f.o.b. Detroit, Michigan.



Ford Motor Company
Detroit, Michigan

MAFFI Newsletter Minutes

January 2021

Happy New Year from the Model A Ford Foundation! We are looking forward, as many of you are also, to a better and more active year. Hopefully you have been able to get in your A's and do some driving before the weather makes it impossible. Many clubs have had some "No Contact Tours" which have been nice. We live in a beautiful world and there is no better way to see it than from a Model A!

Last year the Museum had to say goodbye to a beautifully restored Woody belonging to Tim Wiggins that had been on loan to the Museum for several years. As luck would have it, a 1931 Woody has just been donated to the museum by Rob Gibby from Pennsylvania. Rob has owned this car since 1963 while he was in school. We hope to have it safely installed in the Museum by February.

Did you know that you can get a tour of the museum right from the comfort of your own home? Go to our website: www.maffi.org and click on the link "Tours". There is a tour that was filmed in September, led by MAFFI President, John Begg and others. It was focusing on the First Responders Display but also gives you an idea of what's inside. You truly have to see it in person to appreciate all that is there. You could spend an entire day if you looked at every exhibit and read everything. We hope to have other short videos coming soon so check back often.

Thank you for your continued support of the Model A Ford Foundation through your membership and your donations.

Thank you,

Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee
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