



Sparton News



Sparton News - Recipient - 2009 MAFCA Certificate of Merit Award. (see letter on page 9)

The Model A Ford Club of America - Bakersfield Chapter

The Model A Ford Club of America, Bakersfield Chapter, the first chapter, is dedicated to the preservation of the Model A Ford and its era. All are welcome.

Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Rasmussen Center, 115 E. Roberts Lane.



President's Message

It's December and my third and last year as president of the Bakersfield Model A Club is coming to an end. A new President has been chosen and I will pass down the gavel at this year's Christmas party. In the past three years I have written about fantastic trips, tours, and outings, but in these next few lines I want to talk about what it was like to be President.

When I was first elected, I went to our President, Stu Slattery, to ask for some fatherly advice. After a deep, soul searching, he came up with five deeply profound words. As I recall they went something like this: "Good luck, you'll need it." With these words of encouragement I headed into the January meeting and from there on it was smooth sailing. I loved being President.

I know that it was hard work; those board meetings that went on and on until all hours of the night; no food, little to drink. The mental strain alone would...well you get the picture. My one saving grace was all of you, the members of the Model A Club. This truly is the greatest group of people in the world. The entire three years was nothing but fun, fun and more fun. I cannot think of another thing that I would rather have been doing and I would strongly recommend the experience to anyone. For all of you out there who have said to them self, I wonder what it would be like; let me tell you, it's great. Good bye for now. Thank you to all my board members and I will see you all at the Christmas party.

Eddie

Upcoming Events:

- Dec 5 - Lamplighter Tour at Kern County Museum—Gas Station (See Details on Page 3).
- Dec 15 - Christmas Dinner at the Petroleum Club (See Details on Page 3).
- Dec 16 - Christmas Light Tour (See Details on Page 3)
- Jan 4 - General meeting at the Rasmussen Center - 7:00 P.M.
- Jan 29-31 - Turlock Swap Meet.
- Feb 1 - General meeting at the Rasmussen Center - 7:00 P.M.
- Feb 13 - Super Cruise
- Mar 1 - General meeting at the Rasmussen Center - 7:00 P.M.
- Mar 20 - Vanhorn School Car Show.
- June 19-27 - MAFCA 150th Anniversary Pony Express Tour.
- Aug 2-6 2010 - MAFCA National Meeting in Vancouver, BC. (Passports will be Needed!).

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Sunshine

Arlie Lynch, our Sunshine Representative, needs to know when members are ill, have surgery, or are in the hospital. Also let her know about new Model A's (babies), marriages, and other important events.



December Anniversaries

- 1 - Bob & Cherrie Arthur
- 7 - Rick & Sharon Davis
- 10 - Stu & Suzie Slattery
- 24 - Art & Jane Tibbets



December Birthdays

- 2 - Annie Duckworth
- 3 - Melody Creel
- 6 - Hoit Todd
- 7 - Joanne Berry
- 24 - Gary Stanfill
- 26 - Jeanne Cathaway
- 29 - Dan Foulk



Editors Corner

As most of you have probably figured out, the Pruett's, the Nick's and the Foulk's are safely back on California soil. It was a really good trip, but as any of you know who has traveled much, something is bound to go wrong. Aside from my computer issues, which I think everyone knows about at this point, we were almost home, when we found out that someone was passing bad checks written against our checking account. In spite of everything, it's GOOD TO BE HOME.

At the last meeting, our annual elections were held, and some of the board positions for the new year have changed.

Our new President is Candy Martin, who is replacing Eddie Pruett. Jim Berry is stepping in to the First Vice President position. Debbie Launer is replacing Candy in the 2nd Vice Presidents job, and finally Eddie Pruett gets to replace Stu Slattery as Past President. All other board members are returning to their previous positions.

Dan

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Information Page

Upcoming Events - Details

- Dec 5 - Lamplighter Tour at Kern County Museum - Be there by 3:00 - 9:00 PM. Dress in period clothes if you wish, prepare to meet the guests at the restored Union 76 Service Station.
- Dec 15 - This month's Dine and Drive is our Christmas Party at the Petroleum Club starting at 6:00 PM. Gift exchange price \$15-\$25. If you are a woman, bring a woman's gift, if you are a man, bring a man's gift. If you don't wish to receive a gift, don't bring one.
- Dec 16 - Christmas Light Tour. Meet at the Market Place on Stockdale Hwy. If you are going to eat a Baha Fresh, be there at 5:00 PM, if you are going on the tour only, be there at 6:00 PM. Rick is going to drive his AA truck. If you don't want to drive, you can ride on Rick's truck, hayride style.



Newsletter Article Guest Writers

December	-	Dan Foulk
January	-	Dan Foulk
February	-	Paula Poole
March	-	Mary Nicks
April	-	Sharon Davis
May	-	Mike Martin
June	-	Gary & Evie Stanfill
July	-	Al Baumgarten
August	-	
September	-	John Reed
October	-	Larry & Helen Rose
November	-	Anna Degraff
December	-	
January 2011	-	

Anyone who has read the last Restorer knows that our own Edwina Barns received an award the most of can only dream of. Her 50 year MAFCA pin.—
Congratulations Edwina!!!



Edwina receiving her 50 year MAFCA pin from Candy



A happy Edwina showing off her new pin

Refreshments

Dec - Christmas Party
Jan 2010—Foulk's & Lynch's



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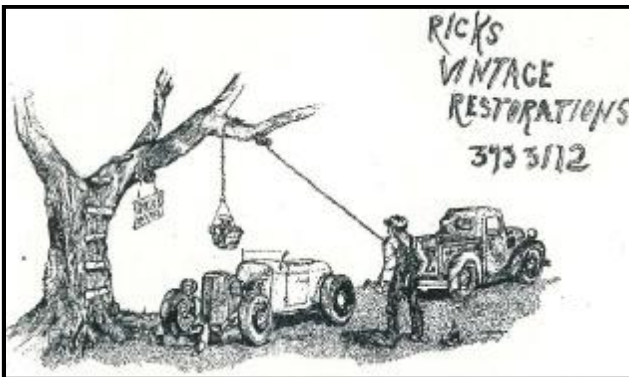
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Bakersfield Chapter
General Membership Meeting
November 02, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by our President Eddie Pruett.

GUESTS: Robin and Randy Robertson. They own a 30 coupe.

Molly Quarnberg addressed the membership giving thanks for the gift card she received for graduating Lyles College of Beauty.

Dan Foulk discussed the newsletter situation. Computer problems. Guest writer sign up sheet passed around for next year. Apologies to Don Lyken for missing his 50th wedding anniversary announcement in last newsletter.

ACTIVITIES: Candy Martin discussed upcoming events: November 14 Borax Mine Tour and Lunch. Sign up passed around. December 15 Christmas Dinner at Petroleum Club. Gift exchange 6:00pm. November 11 Veterans Parade 9:00am. Sign up passed around.

Edwina Barnes gave report on the Frazier Park meet. The cost for the hall will go up next year. Terry Marraccino will look into possible discount as she lives up there. She will also look into the date for next year.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer: Report was given. On file for those who would like to see it.

Sunshine: No Report. Art and Jane Tibbitts waiting for new surgical date.

Rick Davis will announce nominations for new officers tonight.

ELECTIONS

Nominations were made as follows:

President: Candy Martin. Vice President: Jim Berry. 2nd Vice President: Debbie Launer. Secretary: Susan Quarnberg. Treasurer: Sharon Davis. Editor: Dan Foulk. Member at Large: Jerry Osborn. Past President: Eddie Pruett.

Motion was made, and seconded, to elect the above members for the positions in which they were nominated. Motion carried.

DRAWINGS: VEST: Helen Rose. MEMBERSHIP: Ed Besenfelder, not present. DRIVE YOUR CAR: Rick and Sharon Davis.

RAFFLE: M. Sprinkle, S. Osborn, B. Phillips, Stan Nicks x2, P. Poole, F. Twissleman, R. Davis, A. Brancato, T. Weeks x2, J. Gleim, C. Henderson, A. Albitre, L. Marraccino, A. Duckworth, S. Giannini, S. Pruett, D. Lyken.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Quarnberg

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Snippets From The Past

It seems that quite a few people knew that the pretty young woman in the picture was Edwina McCoy Barns with her late husband Luke McCoy. Sharon Davis was the first one, so she gets the recognition
 So, this month, you get a different one. Who is this young boy watching his Grandfather shoot? Answer at the Christmas Party.



Each month, I will try to have something for the Snippets From The Past column. If any of you old timers have copies from the '50's, 60's, 70's, and '80's, please let me borrow them, so I can make some copies. - Ed

Transmission Workshop Seminar

On November 21, we held a transmission installation workshop seminar at Eddie's. In a classic case of the Shoemakers children having no shoes, we all got together to help put a five speed in Rick's car. Rick helps all of us out at one time or another, but his own car was wanting a five speed pretty bad. Below are a few images.....



The Master showing the students.



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2009 Veterans Day Parade

Every year, I am amazed by the turnout for the Veterans Day parade in Bakersfield. It is heartwarming to see so many families with their children out there honoring our Veterans. —Ed



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November 2, 2009

Dear Dan Foulk

Re: Newsletter Award

Congratulations

One of the greatest pleasures I have as MAFCA Chapter Coordinator is to inform you that the Sparton News will receive the Certificate of Merit Award for 2009. After reading almost 200 newsletters each month and grading them, I have tallied up the winners for the 2009 MAFCA Newsletter Awards.

I am sending out letters to award winners to let them know the results in the hopes that the editor would be able to attend the December MAFCA Membership Meeting to receive the award in person.

This year the meeting is to be held in Wisconsin on December 2 through 5. If you or a chapter representative would be able to attend, it would be an honor to present the award at the banquet

Please let me know if you are coming. If a representative is coming, please let me know the name of the person receiving the award for you. I may be contacted at chapters@mafca.com or by telephone, 409-753-2564.

Sincerely,

Garth Shreading
2009 MAFCA Chapter Coordinator

Since no one wanted to be the guest writer for December, you get to read the story I wrote for the Model A Touring Club newsletter on our Southern Oregon Tour. It was published in the Fall newsletter, so I am taking the liberty of re-printing it here for us. *Dan*

2009 SOUTHERN OREGON TOUR

By Dan Foulk

Redding was HOT! Redding California on the 15th of July is always hot. As it turns out, this 15th of July seemed even hotter than it was, because the next day was the day that we were to leave on our much anticipated Southern Oregon Tour. We were all booked into the Holiday Inn the evening before. Our first meal together (of many) was at Applebee's. We, being the anxious group that we were, decided to do a little site seeing in Redding that evening. We all drove our Model A's to the Sundial Bridge where we got to know each other better, and had a group picture made on the bridge. Those on the tour were: Leaders - Les and Leri Deedon, John and Judy Hulstrom, Dan and Shelby Foulk, Frank and Janice Gemmel, Ken Kenewell and Shirley Johnson, Clayton and Annette Wohlwend, Sammy Guthrie and His Mother, Bonnie, and finally Dave Chance.

The magical day of July 16th finally came, and it was off to the races. We saw so much, it is going to be difficult to do it all justice. On the first day, we saw Burney Falls, and visited the Lava Beds National Monument, drove by Tule Lake, and finally ended up in Klamath Falls Oregon. Burney Falls was spectacular, multiple falls with water coming out of earth faults, as well as over the top of the falls. The Lava Beds National Monument was

equally fascinating. We toured through the Lava tubes, actually going underground where the Lava flowed so many centuries earlier. After the Lava Beds Monument, we visited Captain Jack's Stronghold. Captain Jack's Stronghold is a part of the Lava Beds National Monument. Captain Jack was a Modoc Indian chief, who in spite of being outnumbered by approximately 10 to 1, held off a U.S. Army force in January of 1873 during the Modoc War. The Modoc Indians knew the terrain so well, that they easily out maneuvered and out smarted the Army force, until eventually, they were starved out. The Tule Lake area was interesting, it is a noted bird refuge, and each year, many duck hunters converge there. The area around Tule Lake is flat, and is an agricultural area.

The next day, it was on to Crater Lake. The beauty of

Crater Lake is legendary, and we found nothing to dispute that beauty. The drive was spectacular, one place of special interest was the J.F. Kimball State Park. After arriving at Crater Lake, we viewed the lake, then ate lunch in the old Lodge, one of the original buildings built at Crater Lake. After we had our fill of Crater Lake, we were again headed off. Our destination for the night was LaPine, Oregon, a nice little town just south of Bend, with a really nice Best Western Hotel.



Front Row L to R - Dan Foulk, Shelby Foulk, Shirley Johnson, Ken Kenewell, Judy Hulstrom, Janice Gemmel, Bonnie Guthrie
Back Row L to R - Dave Chance, Clayton Wohlwend, Annette Wohlwend, Leri Deedon, Les Deedon, John Hulstrom, Frank Gemmel, Sammy Guthrie



Burney Falls



Captain Jack's Last Stronghold



We improved the looks of Bill's driveway



Best seminar I've ever been to!!

The trip from Bend to Cottage Grove was scenic, and uneventful. We drove through Sisters, a very boutiqueie and upscale little town, very beautiful. We looked around for a while, took a few pictures, bought a sandwich, then left out. All of the time on this trip, we were following the McKenzie River. At about noon, we stopped at a waterfall on the McKenzie, and ate our sandwich. We continued on to Cottage Grove, to attend the NW Regional Meet. We got our selves registered. Then we decided to try to get on the wine tour that we were supposedly too late registering to get on. Hulstrom's and us waited around near the gathering place to try to get into a standby spot. We were successful doing this, so got to go on the tour. The tour was the King Estate Winery. We toured the winemaking process, then did a little wine tasting. We had a very interesting trip back to the hotel, with Les leading and the "Garmen Lady"(Lerri) doing the navigation.



Lined up in Sisters - Pickups Rule!!

The N.W Regional Meet was outstanding. The theme was Country Fair Days With The McKenzie 'A's. The theme was executed throughout the meet in many ways. Following is a partial list of all we did in the five days. We toured the King Estate Winery, we went to Carnival Days, we did seminars, we did fashion, we did raffles, we did Hubley Races, we did a Suitcase Swap meet, we drove in the Grand Tour Extraordinaire, we saw cars being judged, and we saw some excellent entertainment. Of particular interest was the Grand Tour Extraordinaire, the covered bridge tour. Approximately 750 covered bridges still remain, out of 10,000 in the 1870's. Most covered bridges still in existence are located in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Vermont Indiana, New Hampshire, and in Oregon. Oregon with 50 covered bridges has more than any other state west of the Mississippi. Of those 50 bridges, 20 are located in Lane County. We saw 4 bridges on the Grand Tour, all located within a 5-10 mile radius of Cottage Grove. Cottage grove ranks #2 in the most covered bridges near its city limits, outranked only by another small Oregon town. After the covered bridge tour, we had a BBQ in the Park, and listened to two groups, the Hanson Family Singers, and Lee Highway Bluegrass. Both excellent.



Some of our group at the King Estate Winery



Some examples of some of what we saw - Top a Traveler, Center Speedsters - Bottom L Roadster with a Donovan Engine for \$30,000 - Bottom R Beautiful 2 Door Phaeton

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