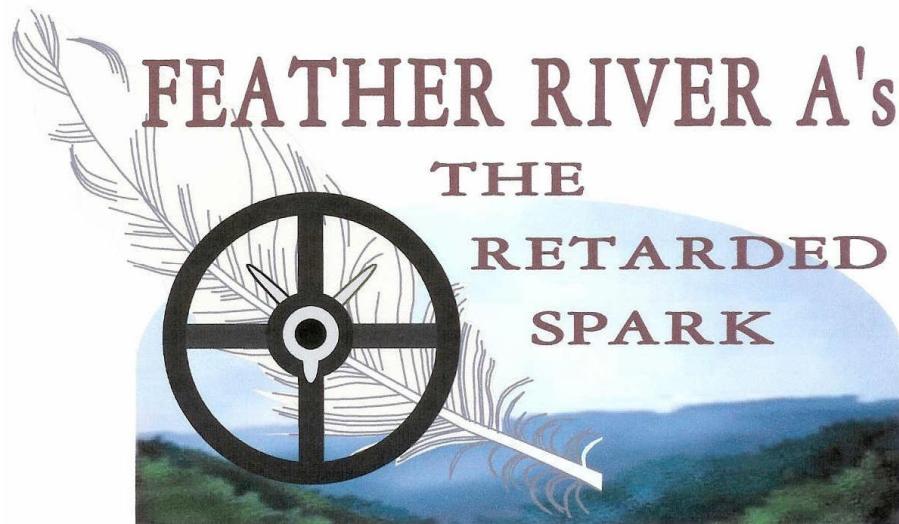


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THE RETARDED SPARK is being issued purely for our enjoyment and for those who wish to see what our MAFCA Chapter is doing to further the Model 'A' Hobby here in Quincy, Ca.

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From the Desk of the President(s)



Hello Fellow Members!

Boy is this year flying by. I cannot believe it is June already. Well for those of you who did not attend this weekends outing, you missed a fun informative event. There were 8 Model As and 1 modern car. It was nice to see all those cars on the road. The retirees are to have decided where we are going for the dinner so I hope you have gotten together and have come up with your desire. Dan and Penny have the outing for this month. It will be on the 22nd. Hope we can out do the last outing and have more cars attending. The meeting is at the same place, same time, we'll see you there This lady if very tired because it is late in the evening sorry early in the morning and time for her to go to bed---

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GETTING OUT AND HAVING FUN

May activities (in June)

Fosters Museum Cemetery Tour June 1st

May's event, was chosen by Rick and Paula. They had previous May commitments so we went on the 1st of June. (Almost still May, kinda). The trip was based on a Fund Raising Benefit for the Museum .

Some of us went to the Plumas County Picnic and Show and Shine for a morning of show and Tell



When it came to the trophy judging, some people hired models to pose on their cars in a vain attempt to tip the scales! (I don't think the judges were fooled)

At 1:00 we rendezvous'ed with the rest of the club at Safeway in preparation for our day's trip.



Eight A's and one modern!

Our first stop was at the Graeagle Fire station.



There we were given a presentation on the history of the Mohawk Valley by Scott Lawson, the Curator of the Plums County Museum.



That's not Scott!

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Then it was on to the highlight of the trip. The Mohawk Cemetery.



The A's led the way up the hill to the historic old cemetery where we were allowed premium parking at the entrance.

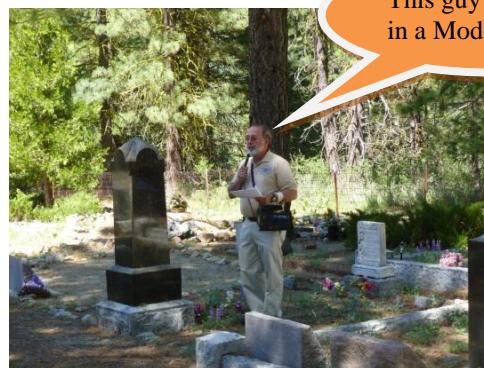


Jack unloaded a pile of dirt he has been trying to get rid of for months.



Dave and Bonnie enjoying the shade

Scott told the group about many notable and sometimes notorious individuals that are interred at this cemetery.



After we got our education, we went to Longboards Bar and Grill for a little liquid refreshment and some hors d'ovueres.



The highlight of the trip!
(did I already say that?)

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So, after having something to eat and drink, it was unanimously decided...

To go and have something to eat and drink!
Off to Neighbors BBQ in Cromberg.
The highlight of the trip!

What??



Hey! It
was on
the way
home!



The club has been here before and it just keeps getting better! Great food, cold drinks and we even got there in time for Happy Hour.

Such a Deal!!



Too many decisions

Another great trip and a great turnout. We really were “Lookin Good” caravanning down the road.

Thanks Rick and Paula!

To All You Dada's!



It's, Like, June the 16th, Man!

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1934 Christmas catalogue from
Montgomery Ward
UNBELIEVABLE!!!!!!
And made in America, too!



Ladies, Before you order the ice box, the pots and pans AND the dust mop, read this

Red arrow pointing to the "Easy Payment Order Blank" section of the catalog.

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Bill and Jennifer,
You should have waited for the ad to come out!

Dinner for the newly Retired was discussed at the May meeting. Seven suggestions were submitted for consideration on a venue for this auspicious occasion.

- Chester
- Olsens Cabin
- Drakesbad
- Lutheran Church
- Sardine Lake
- Greenhorn Ranch
- Westwood B&B

The pros and cons were weighed. Opinions voiced were deliberated and cross-examined. Arguments, for and against, were hotly debated and advantages and disadvantages of all venues were discussed at great length.

The final decision was to let the Retirees make up their own minds on where they wanted to go.

The kids, now, have their own text-speak. Acronyms to shorten text messages. We, of the elder persuasion, not to be outdone, have developed our own abbreviations to speed up texting.
(We need to speed up SOMETHING!)

ATDAt The Doctors
BFFBest Friends Funeral
BTWBring The Wheelchair
BYOTBring Your Own Teeth
CBMCovered By Medicare
FWIWForgot Where I Was
LMDOLaughing My Dentures Out
LOLLiving On Lipitor
TOT.....Texting On Toilet

Some Automotive Trivia In 1907

Vehicle production climbs to 43,000 passenger cars and approximately 1000 trucks.

This was during an economic recession

In spite of the recession, Ford posts a \$1 million-plus profit.

The first official White House Car, a White Steamer, is ordered by William Howard Taft
(And SO it begins!)

There are 140,000 registered vehicles now in the U.S.

Glencoe Illinois, is the first town to use “humps” to control automobile speed
Or were they “Undulations”?

Ford produces its final right hand drives, the models R, S, and N

The Brits never got the memo

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COMEDY CORNER

VINTAGE FORD HUMOR

Henry Ford was showing a distinguished visitor over his factory. The visitor was enthusiastic about the size and efficiency of the plant. As he was about to leave, he remarked to Ford that he had never ridden in a Ford car and would like to do so. Mr. Ford invited him to take a spin. After they had gone fifteen miles the car stopped and would not run any farther. Henry got out, cranked it until he was purple, but it wouldn't budge. He looked into the gasoline tank and found it nearly full -- cranked some more until the sweat ran down his face -- no use. Then he lifted up the hood and found there was no engine in it. It had run the fifteen miles on its reputation.

The Plumas County Sheriff pulled up next to the guy unloading garbage out of his Model A pick-up into a ditch. The Sheriff asked, 'Why are you dumping garbage in the ditch? Can't you see that sign right over your head'. 'Yep', he replied. 'That's why I dumpin it here, cause it says: 'Fine For Dumping Garbage'.

A Quincy redneck was stopped by a game warden recently with two ice chests of fish, leaving Bucks Lake. The game warden asked the man, "Do you have a license to catch those fish?"

"Naw, These here are my pet fish."

"Pet fish?"

"Yep. Every night I take these fish down to the river and let 'em swim round for a while. Then I whistle and they jump right back into this ice chest and I take 'em home."

"That's a bunch of bull! Fish can't do that!"

The redneck looked at the game warden for a moment and then said "True story. I can show you."

"Okay, I've GOT to see this!"

The redneck poured the fish into the lake and stood and waited. After several minutes, the game warden turned to him and said, "Well?"

"Well, what?" said the redneck

"Call back your fish"

"What fish?" says the redneck



June Annibirtharies

Nobody was born in June?



Joe and Heather Way ---
-- 12th
Andrew and Shannon Wright --- 12th
Pete and Joyce Dryer ---
----- 15th
Jennifer and Bill Seibold --- 16th
Bruce and Susan Robinson --- 19th!

UPCOMING MODEL ‘A’ TOURS and ACTIVITIES

June 4th Monthly meeting at Patti’s Thunder.
The day after Barney Oldfield was born in 1878!

Lambach’s June event June 22nd Antelope Lake and then Genesee for Lunch

Dave Boynton has the event for July???

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MODEL ‘A’ GARAGE CORNER

Or, stuff you already knew, and probably forgot

Oil Changes

How often are they necessary in a low mileage car?

“I don’t drive my car more than 1000 miles per year. According to recommendations, that would mean an oil change every three to four years!” Is this OK?



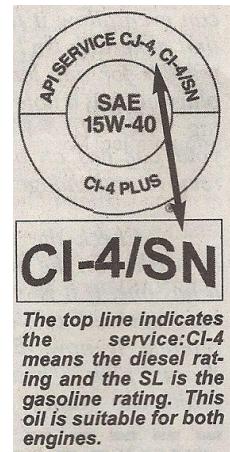
Absolutely not!

First of all, the moisture that collects in the oil is a corrosive. That water can rust or corrode internal engine parts and can mix with other engine/combustion by-products to form acid. There are two ways of getting rid of that water: changing the oil or driving the car until the engine is hot enough to evaporate the moisture. That means regular trips of 20 – 25 miles. Less than that and the engine and oil do not get hot enough, for long enough to evaporate the water.

Cars, especially in colder areas where they are ‘put away for the winter’ are particularly susceptible to moisture condensing in the oil.



The next reason is that an old car is not as efficient as today’s modern cars. There is more blow-by, less complete combustion and so, more contaminants getting into the crankcase. Most vintage cars do not have efficient oil filters (if they have any at all) and most of the older oil filters are not designed to capture anything other than floating particulates in the oil.



The API “starburst” carries a lot of information on what’s in the container. The bottom (CI) indicates whether the oil is energy conserving. The center indicates the oil’s viscosity. The top section will tell you what engine the oil is most suitable for.

- CI-4 refers to oil suitable for diesel engines
- SN refers to oil for gasoline engines.
- CJ-4 oils include all CI-4, PLUS performance requirements

Crossover oils (Recommended)

The first of the two letters, C and S, stand for “Service or Commercial”. Having both designations indicate that the oil is suitable for both applications. This is called a Crossover Oil. Regulations for diesel engines are not as strict as for gasoline engines meaning that there is a higher concentration of zinc and phosphorous (ZDDP – an engine lubricant). But the gasoline standards include the most up to date additives.

The best of both worlds!

One more thing!

SN Introduced in 2010, is designed to provide improved deposit protection for pistons, more stringent sludge control and seal compatibility with improved fuel economy and emissions.

CJ-4 For high speed, four stroke, diesel engines. Protection provided for control of catalyst poisoning, particulate filter blocking, engine wear, piston deposits, low and high temperature stability, soot handling properties, oxidative thickening, foaming and viscosity loss due to wear~!!!

Got all that???

**Thanks and a tip-o-Smokey’s fedora
To
“Skinned Knuckles”
March 2013**

