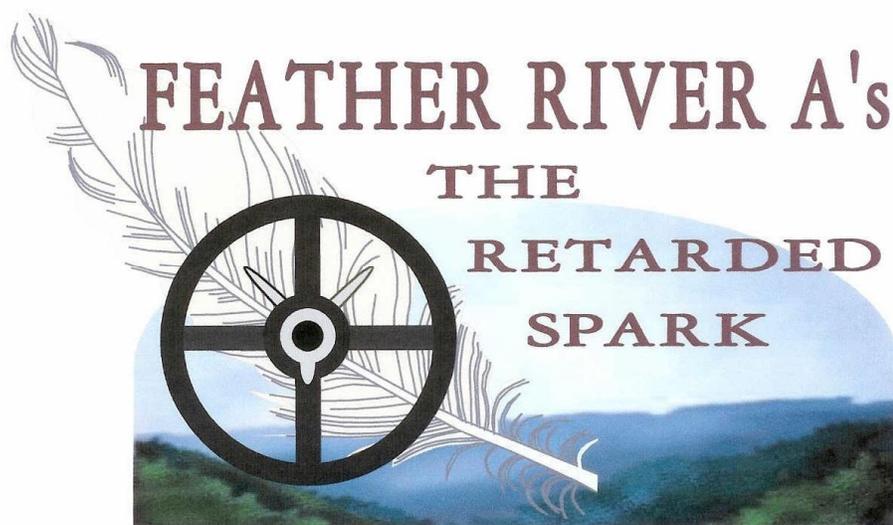


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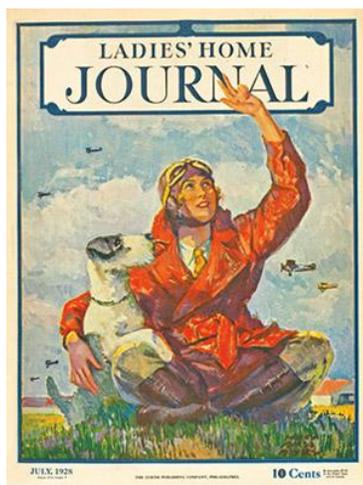
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From the Desk of the President(s)



Ladies Home Journal 1928



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FEATHER RIVER A's NEWSLETTER

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GETTING OUT AND HAVING FUN

June activities

Lambach's Antelope Gennese Tour June 22nd

The group met at Safeway and set out from there.



The road according to Dee!



Crossing the unknown bridge somewhere on the trip!



The morning rush hour at Evergreen!



The picnic

**COMMON SENSE
IS LIKE DEODORANT.
THE PEOPLE WHO
NEED IT MOST
NEVER USE IT.**

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FOR SALE

When we were at the Fathers Day Fly-in I was asked by some real nice folks if I knew anyone that might be interested in an AA truck. This truck is located in the Central Valley so it has not been in the freezing zone. It is pretty complete except for the bed and drivers door. Its been outside and suffers from oxidosis (rust) but it was driven to the spot where it now rests.



The engine looks like its all there although the fan bit the radiator at some time (no extra charge for the black widows)



A matched set of commercial plates in restorable condition is worth something!



The price is \$1500 and you pick it up yourself! What a great club project.

If this tickles your fancy, contact:

Gary & Lisa Hackworth
[acenflygirl@frontiernet.net]

I have more pictures available if you want to e-mail me.

Smokeypickett@hughes.net

SWAP MEET TIME

June 9th was the date of the Auburn Swap Meet. Dan, Dee and Jack met me here at Twain and we convoyed down to Oroville for breakfast at Cornucopia. Then we took the “Grandpa’s Shortcut” off through the boonies to the Auburn Fairgrounds.



Dan wants it but he already has one that he hasn't finished yet! (or two.. or three)

Lots of good stuff there. We bought some headlight buckets and a few other goodies. Then went back to Cornucopia for lunch!

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Report on Crow Kills

This is not a pretty story but it needs to be told. About 200 dead crows were discovered near Colusa California and there was concern for Avian Flu. The City Council had a Bird Pathologist examine the remains of all the crows, and he confirmed the problem was definitely NOT Avian Flu, to everyone's relief.

It was, in fact, collision with highway vehicles that had caused the demise of so many birds. However, during the study, he determined that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with trucks, and only 2% were killed by cars.

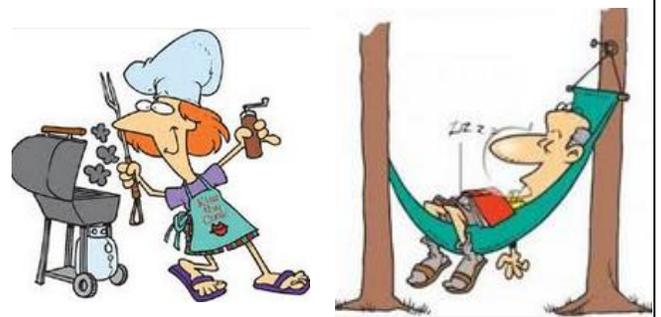
The Council then engaged an Ornithological Behaviorist to determine the disproportionate percentages for truck versus car kills.

The Ornithological Behaviorist determined the cause in short order.

When crows eat road kill, they always post a "look-out crow" in a nearby tree, to warn of impending danger.

His conclusion was that the lookout crow could say "Caw", but he could not say "Twuck."

Caw, Caw,
Haw, Haw!



The Retiree's dinner was once again the hot topic of the June meeting. The Retiree's themselves were not overly concerned about the destination of the event but have decided to go with the Olsen's Cabin venue in the interest of allowing more club members to attend. Dave Boynton volunteered to coordinate the entire event as his July pick but there was a problem with attendance in July so he said he would swap months with Brescianis and do it in September. Brescianis said they would be glad to take the event as their month and let him have July back! Then Bruce said he has another event from the 15th to the 19th of September so those dates would clash.

Our fearless leader stated that we would come to a decision if we had to stay there til breakfast! At last count, it will be coordinated by the Brescianis and will take place on the 8th of September. (Tentatively) Unless something else comes up. Maybe.

Right now the Persons Of Honor, Winner's Circle include, Rick Foster, Joe Way, Penny Lambach and Shirley Bresciani who will be honored at the special event / dinner and receive notable mention in this newsletter.

Sooo.. without further adoodoo,
I GIVE YOU
The Retirees!

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Joe Way

(As told by his lovely partner in life, Heather)

Joe has worked 20 years with Sierra Specialty Automotive, starting in 1993. 21 years before that with Western Pacific RR and Union Pacific RR.

Prior to hiring on with the railroad, he spent 4 years in the U.S. Air Force and 2 years at Feather River College to earn an AA degree.

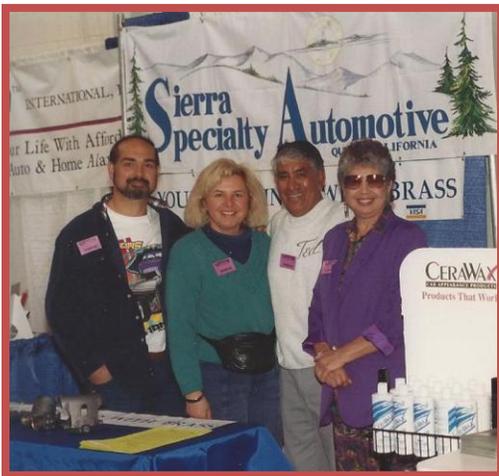
he also operated a successful part-time locksmith business for 9 years.



Joe, makin little chips out of big parts!

The last box was shipped out March 29th, 2013. The business was officially shut down as of January 1, 2013 but so many customers sent in work prior to the end of the year that it took three months to complete it all.

During the period from 1993 through 1998 we advertised the business by setting up our booth--often twice a month--through the spring, summer, and fall at Goodguys Car Shows and at automotive swap meets.



“Goodguys” Show, Pleasanton

It's been quite a journey. We met some wonderful people along the way that became good friends, offered advice and helped us find our way as we grew our small business. Joe has worked on easy parts, and on complicated parts that sometimes were a challenge. He always figured out a solution.



Joe lookin good! Model A lookin rough.

Joe got his Model A, when he was 15, from the son of the original owner as payment for helping his dad dig a 1500 foot ditch at Oakland Camp!



Now the Model A is lookin good Joe is lookin rough!

Heather, of course, is lookin better than either one of them!

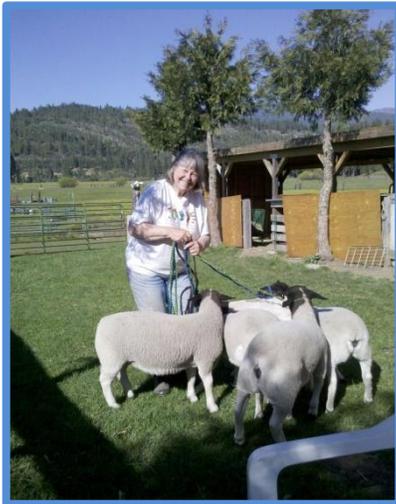
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Penny Lambach

According to Dan

Penny retired from the School District but Dan says she has been a farm girl since 1966.

Penny and Dan have been raising sheep since 1976. At that time they raised and sold Suffolks for meat and 4H market projects.



They were introduced to the Dorper Breed around 2002 and they purchased a ram and ewe with two offspring for pasture management. They were so impressed with the Breed that they started to upgrade and expand their herd.

They now raise Dorpers for breeding, stock and 4H market projects and have full blood and purebred Dorpers.



Don't laugh, Dan
You're next!

Penny and Dan both enjoy raising and improving their stock

Penny says now that she's retired, all she wants to do is Raise sheep and ride horses!



Wait a minute, That's what she's been doing!



And of course, Model A's!

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Rick Foster

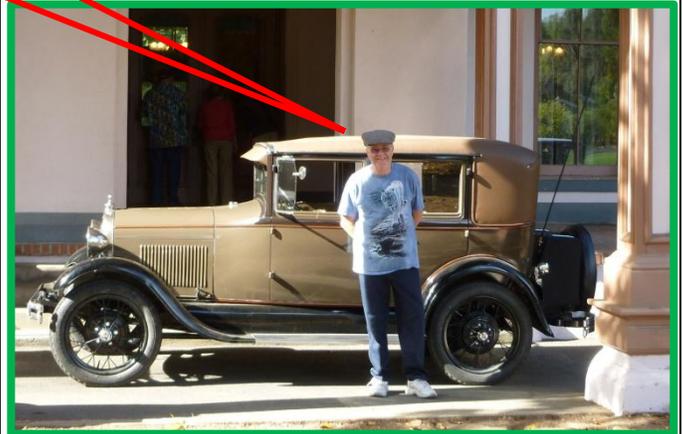
For 39 years, Rick’s been doing drugs, I mean selling drugs, I mean dispensing pharmaceuticals! Now he has pulled the proverbial plug and wants to do some RVing and of course Model ‘A’ing!



Rick, hard at work at Plumas District Hospital



Pharmacy Technician, Rick Foster 1965?



*Wow! Rick, looks like the graduates get the good looking chicks!
(the kid's cute too)*

Rick graduated from University of the Pacific Pharmacy School in March 1974 with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.



Rick and Paula at the Honey Run Covered Bridge

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Shirley Bresciani

Shirley retired from the County Probation Department after twenty nine years. During that time she worked as a Secretary, Probation Aid and finally as a Fiscal Officer. She bailed out on May 20th 2012. She says “I,m still working part time” Some people just have to keep busy!



Shirley at Brumits Brunch



Shirley and Penny
Two of our retiring ladies at the Brumit Brunch



Shirley and Phil On the Halloween Tour

Now she can stay home on the ranch and help Phil bale hay!



RIGHT!

Seems like all our retiree’s are “still working”!

Spouse it has something to do with a good background and work ethic???

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COMEDY CORNER

VINTAGE FORD HUMOR

They are contemplating making the Ford narrower so they can run on the sidewalks and get out of the way of the real automobiles.

"Gee! I had a peach of a girl on the string -- but I canned her."

"Why?"

"I found out her name."

"Why, what was it?"

"Iona Ford!"

Eight burning questions that have swept the Continent!

What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?

Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?

Ever wonder about those people who spend \$2.00 apiece on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards: NAIVE

Isn't making a smoking section in a restaurant like making a peeing section in a swimming pool?

Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery

There are three religious truths:

- a. Jews do not recognize Jesus as the Messiah.
- b. Protestants do not recognize the Pope as the leader of the Christian faith.
- c. Baptists do not recognize each other in the liquor store or at Hooters.

Whatever happened to Preparations A through G?

As income tax time approaches, did you ever notice: When you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "THEIRS"?

*(My apologies to the Baptists!)
(not the IRS!)*



July Annibirtharies

July Birthdays

Bonnie Norton ----- 27th
Joe Way ----- 30th
Shannon Wright -- 31st



Nobody got married in July either!

UPCOMING MODEL 'A' TOURS and ACTIVITIES

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Dave Boynton's July event

Bruce Robinson's Modoc tour September 15th

July 2nd Monthly meeting at Patti's Thunder.
This is the same day that they built the one millionth Corvette in 1992!

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MODEL ‘A’ GARAGE CORNER

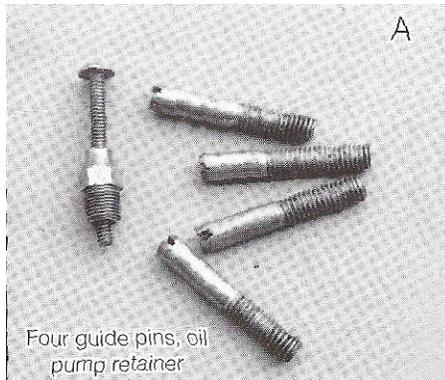
Or, stuff you already knew, and probably forgot

Leakless pan gasket?? (C’mon...)

The Model A can be plagued with oil leaks but it need not come from the pan gasket.

The following procedure can be used with the engine in or out of the car. *Hmmmm, if you discovered that your pan leaks, the engine was probably in the car?*

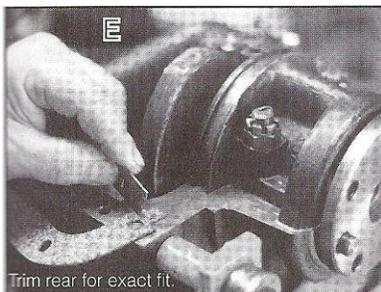
You will need to make four guide pins from some 5/16 x 18 bolts and a retainer to fit the 1/8 pipe threaded hole in the side of the engine to hold the oil pump in place. The retainer is a small pipe fitting tapped to hold a machine screw.



You need three types of adhesive, which will be used in VERY small amounts. This is the key, very small amounts. Permatex Aviation Form a Gasket, Permatex Ultra Copper and some contact cement.

Clean the surface of the block and the pan with lacquer thinner.

Using a cork gasket, check the fit against the main pulley at the front of the engine. Use a guide pin for positioning. The gasket must fit exactly up against the pulley and may have to be trimmed for an exact fit. This is critical for a leakless front seal.

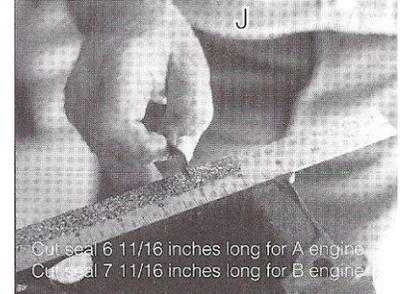


The gasket needs to be trimmed at the rear of the engine to fit into the groove of the rear main cap. Use a guide pin for this, also.

Apply a small bead of Ultra Copper, both above and below the tabs on the rear of the cork gasket.

A small bead of contact cement is applied to the block surface to hold the gasket in place. Use the guide pins for alignment, because once the gasket is in place it is not going to move.

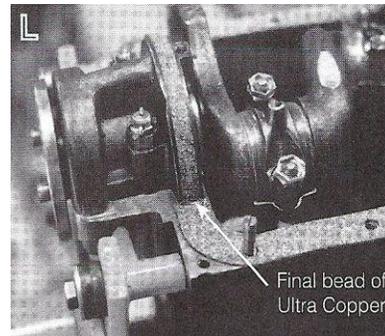
Cut the long rectangular cork seal at exactly 6- 11/16 inches long.



Sometimes it is a little too thick to fit into the groove.

If this is the case it can be compressed in your vise and will retain that shape long enough to install in the groove. Do not soak this seal in oil. It is only the rope front seal that gets soaked in oil.

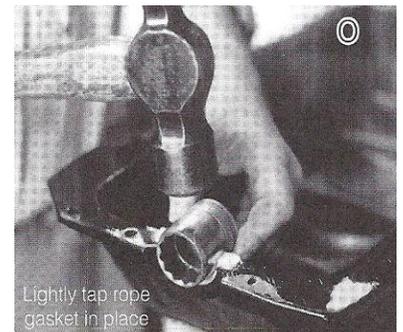
Apply a thin bead of Ultra Copper in the cap groove and fit the cork seal into it.



It may seem a bit long but it has to crush against the pan gasket as the bolts are tightened. After it is in place, put a small final bead of Ultra Copper at the joint between it and the pan gasket.

Notice that no other gasket compound is used. The pan gasket is put on dry on all other surfaces.

Now take the rope seal that has been soaking several days in a jar of engine oil and place it in the groove at the front of the pan. It can either be pounded lightly in place with a socket that is about the right size to fit the curve or rolled in with a round bar.



Trim the rope seal with a sharp single-edge razor blade about 1/16 inch above the pan surface. The same applies to the timing gear rope seal if you have had the timing gear cover off.

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Using the four guide pins in the corners of the block, the pan may be eased into place. If your guide pins are longer than 1 ½ inches, it may be difficult to get the pan past the front cross member. In this case, get the pan almost in place, insert the pins and then finish sliding the pan all the way home.

Put in the pan bolts and tighten them evenly. About five or six ft-pounds is enough without causing the cork to ooze out of the pan. It may be wise to install the flywheel housing dust cover prior to the pan bolts to avoid dropping any bolts into the housing.

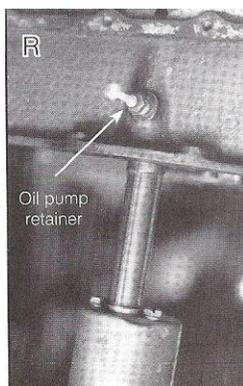
Any pan bolts that do not go into blind holes, should have a small amount of Permatex aviation Sealer on the threads to prevent oil from seeping out.

Remember that the rope seals have been soaking in oil and will weep a little over the first few miles of operation. After that you will have a truly leakless pan gasket, using regular materials and a minimum of adhesives.

There is no sticky goo oozing out of the side of your engine. There is no hard cement to remove or chip away at some future date when the pan is off for some other engine work.

Most of all! Your pan gasket does not leak oil.

Don't forget to remove the oil pump retainer and to plug the hole!



*Thanks and a tip-o-Smokey's fedora
To Frank Rosin
“How to restore your Model A”
Volume 8*

Some Automotive Trivia In 1908

Ford launches the Model “T” on October 1 with a formal debut at Grand Central Station on Dec 31st!

The rest is history

A 60 HP Thomas Flyer is victorious in the New York to Paris race, traveling 13,341 miles in 88 days!

Wait a minute! There's 3600 miles of ocean and only 111 miles of road between New York and Paris. How does that compute?

Ford's Model-Year production hits 10,202. That's 2000 more than the runner-up, Buick!

Oldsmobile introduces its first six cylinder. It is a 505 CID touring car priced at \$4500!

New models introduced in 1908 include:

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|----------------|---------------|
| Allen-Lingston | Bendix |
| Benner | Bertolet |
| Clymer | Famous |
| Garford | Palmer-Singer |
| Stafford | Sultan |
| Viking | WebbJay |

(among 32 others)

*Don't you wish you had a 1908 Bertolet to show off to Jay Leno??
(what the heck is a Bertolet??)*

Trivia Question

Who opened the first drive-in gas station in the United States?

Sorry, you have to wait until next Month to find out!