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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

NEW!

President



Hello Fellow Members!



We hope everyone is having a good New Year so far and staying well.

We are collecting dues and 'Can' money from everyone this year because the funds are getting very low. The dues are \$10 a couple and \$10 a couple for the Can. Please give your money to Holly. We are also requesting that anyone who cannot attend a regular Tuesday meeting to please let us know, even if it is that day. We have to give Patty a count so she knows how much food to make; so when someone just does not show up, she gets stuck with the extra food. Some members have been getting extra plates to go to make up for the people who have said they are coming up and don't show up. Shirley will be calling everyone each month to remind them of the meeting. We really appreciate your help with this.



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FEATHER RIVER A's NEWSLETTER



GETTING OUT AND HAVING FUN

“January Activities” The Brumit Brunch

This January event, was the annual feed and gab-festival at the Brumits.



Everybody!

The ladies all cooked up a storm and the result was wonderful as expected.



The Ladies (not all of them)



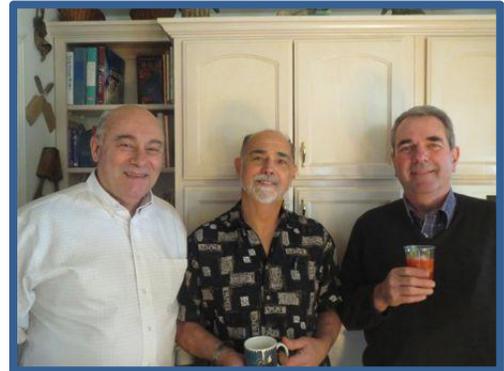
The trim trio!

HERE’S some more of em!

Jen, Pen and Sheila.

Then with all that food and drink available, we had to assign somebody to deal with the situation.

Enter “THE MEN”



The “not so” trim trio!

Rich hoists a glass in honor of the event.



I understand rick DIDN’T bring his pecan pie this time and won’t be allowed to forget that oversight but there was enough delicious goodies to go around.



The wood ducks had cause for celebration because they weren’t on the menu.

(Some Brumit room décor!)



And here's the reason for all the smiling faces.

What a Layout!

Here's some more smiling faces.



Our Gracious Hosts, Jack and Bernadette

Thanks for a great day, guys!

Is that a BandAid on your nose???

Tell ME you're not doing dishes!!

(they always say "it's just whipped cream")

UPCOMING MODEL 'A' TOURS and ACTIVITIES

**February 4th
Monthly meeting
at Patti's**

Thunder The day before "Ethyl" gas was first marketed, in 1923!

(don't forget to let Shirley know if your coming!)

Bill and Jennifer Seibold are having their annual Soup Swap on Sunday, February 16th at 12:00 noon at their home, 2670 LaPorte Road. Everyone should bring their favorite soup and/or bread. (And wine!) Please call Jennifer and let her know what you are bringing so she can coordinate the menu. This is always a fun event.

The Annual Spring Opener put on by the Lake County A's is being held April 25, 26 & 27, to be held in Lake County. The theme is "Back to the Model A Era." For more information contact Bruce Robinson. He has the registration forms, etc.

The Northern California Roundup put on by Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America is in May 2014. If you are interested in attending, or have any items to donate for their raffle, their email address is gmandere@earthlink.net.

Butch & Sheila will have an event in March, but they have not set a date and place yet.





Groundhog Day February 2nd

Punxsutawney Phil

Groundhog Day 2nd *Grundsaudaag, Murmeliertag* is a day celebrated on February 2. According to folklore, if it is cloudy when a groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day, then spring will come early; if it is sunny, the groundhog will supposedly see its shadow and retreat back into its burrow, and the winter weather will continue for six more weeks.

The largest Groundhog Day celebration is held in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Groundhog Day, already a widely recognized and popular tradition, received widespread attention as a result of the 1993 film *Groundhog Day*, which was set in Punxsutawney, PA (though filmed primarily in Woodstock, IL) and portrayed Punxsutawney Phil.

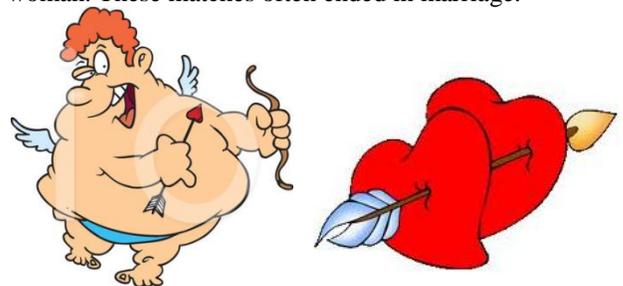
According to Groundhog Day organizers, the rodents' forecasts are accurate 75% to 90% of the time. However, a Canadian study for 13 cities in the past 30 to 40 years found that the weather patterns predicted on Groundhog Day were only 37% accurate over that time period—a value not significant compared to the 33% that could occur by chance. According to the StormFax Weather Almanac and records kept since 1887, Punxsutawney Phil's weather predictions have been correct 39% of the time. The National Climatic Data Center has described the forecasts as "on average, inaccurate" and stated that "The groundhog has shown no talent for predicting the arrival of spring, especially in recent years



February 14th

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. An imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl—possibly his jailor's daughter—who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today.

—others claim that the Christian church may have decided to place St. Valentine's feast day in the middle of February in an effort to "Christianize" the pagan celebration of Lupercalia. To begin the festival, members of the Luperci, an order of Roman priests, would gather at a sacred cave where the infants Romulus and Remus, the founders of Rome, were believed to have been cared for by a she-wolf or lupa. The priests would sacrifice a goat, for fertility, and a dog, for purification. They would then strip the goat's hide into strips, dip them into the sacrificial blood and take to the streets, gently slapping both women and crop fields with the goat hide. Far from being fearful, Roman women welcomed the touch of the hides because it was believed to make them more fertile in the coming year. Later in the day, according to legend, all the young women in the city would place their names in a big urn. The city's bachelors would each choose a name and become paired for the year with his chosen woman. These matches often ended in marriage.





COMEDY CORNER

VINTAGE FORD HUMOR

Mr. Neighbor: "Got room for another in your Ford?"

Other Neighbor: Sorry, old man, but since I've had this new car, I've had such a swelled head I can hardly get in it myself."

A sparrow was run over by a Ford one day. Its revenge came with its dying breath as it feebly called, "Cheap, cheap."

Cold is a relative thing ya know....

At 65 degrees, Arizonans turn on the heat. People in Quincy plant gardens.

At 60, Arizonans shiver uncontrollably. People in Quincy sunbathe.

At 50, Italian & English cars won't start. People in Quincy drive with the windows down..

At 40, Georgians don coats, thermal underwear, gloves, wool hats. People in Quincy throw on a flannel shirt.

At 35, New York landlords finally turn up the heat. People in Quincy have the last cookout before it gets cold.

At 20, People in Miami all die. People in Quincy close their windows.

At 0, Arizonans drive down to Mexico . People in Quincy get out their winter coats.

At 10 below zero, Hollywood disintegrates. The Girl Scouts in Quincy are selling cookies door to door.

At 20 below, Washington DC runs out of hot air. (Ya think? Nah.). People in Quincy let their dogs sleep indoors.

At 30 below, Santa Claus abandons the North Pole. People in Quincy get upset because they can't start the snowmobile.

At 40 below, ALL atomic motion stops. People in Quincy start saying..."Cold enough for ya, eh?"

At 50 below, hell freezes over. Quincy public schools will open 2 hours late.

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February Annibirtharies



Heather Way ----- 3rd

Erika Hansen ----- 12th



Phil and Shirley Bresciani ----- Feb 10th



Guess who is reliving their second childhood at Dizzknee-land??

Joe and Heather having way too much fun with their grandkids!

MODEL 'A' GARAGE CORNER

Or, stuff you already knew, and probably forgot

Restoring the Model 'A' Generator Part "Deu"

Rebuilding the armature

Drill out the four rivets holding the bearing retainer plate. If the bearing has been replaced before, the rivets were probably replaced with screws and nuts. The armature can be removed from the front end plate by gently tapping the plate off of the bearing. Do not use a hammer on the armature.

Remove the felt, felt seal and retaining washer and then remove the front bearing retaining ring with a small screwdriver. Remove the bearing spacer. It can be removed with the bearing, if necessary, using a bearing puller. Remove the retainer plate.



The bearing retainer ring can be removed, however it is not always necessary.

This completes the disassembly of the armature.

The armature needs to be checked out so that a decision can be made whether to use it or get a new one. The armature is the one part that cannot be repaired without the use of a professional.

Using a meter, place one probe on one of the armature segments and slowly roll the other probe on each commutator segment. When each commutator segment has been checked, move the first probe to the next



There should NOT be any continuity!

Now, place one probe on the armature shaft and perform the same continuity test on all the commutator segments.

There should NOT be any continuity!

Although these tests indicate that your armature is ok, it should be tested on an armature growler. I don't know if any automotive shops still have these testers but there is one place that I am sure does!

"Smokey's" garage! Always glad to oblige!



A "Growling" armature

After the above tests, the armature should be carefully cleaned. Do not use strong solvents as they can dissolve the insulation on the wires. If the commutator segments are severely worn, they may require turning by a qualified machine shop. Otherwise they can be cleaned up using 220 grit sand paper. Do NOT use emery paper. The armature segments should also be cleaned with sand paper to remove dirt and rust.

The mica between the commutator segments must be undercut approximately 1/32 of an inch. this can be done with a

homemade tool made from a thin hacksaw blade.

After undercutting, the commutator should be lightly sanded with the 220 grit sand paper again.



Mask off the commutator, the armature segments, the main shaft and the pulley end shaft. (This doesn't leave much to paint!). Soak all the wiring areas with several coats of CRC #02044 or Vanguard VSP-E-208 electrical insulating paint. Let this dry for a day.



Chase the threads in the threaded hole in the pulley end of the armature shaft. There were two sizes used, either a 5/16x24 or 1/4x28.

Install the rear retaining ring on the shaft, if it was previously removed.

Install the bearing retainer plate next, being sure to keep the four indentations facing away from the armature body so that the plate will sit flat on the front end plate.



Install a sealed bearing on the armature shaft. An 11/16 3/8 drive deep socket works perfectly to install this bearing. The bearing must be a press fit on the shaft so that the shaft does not turn in the bearing.

Install the spacer ring onto the shaft and then the front bearing retainer ring.

Install the bearing felt retainer, bearing felt and bearing washer.

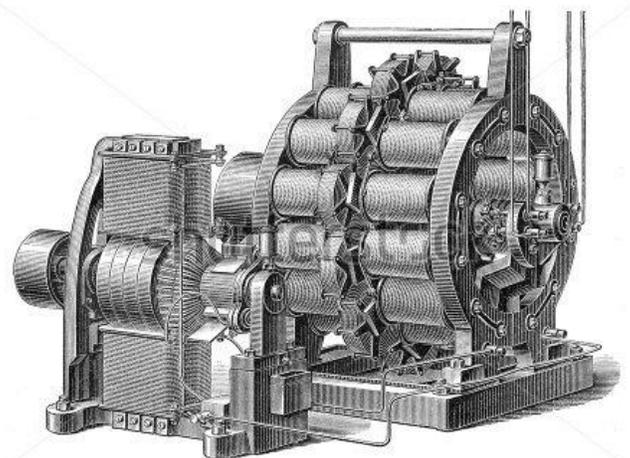
Fasten the front end plate to the bearing retainer plate with four pop rivets or the special screw-rivets (Bratton #18280 or Snyder #A-13011MB). The notch in the plate goes to the top of the front end plate so that the notch in the retainer plate allows room for the rivet holding the front end plate cover.

If the armature is the 29-30, install the rear bearing. Bearing is a SKF6202 2RSJEM

This completes the restoration of the armature assembly.



*Thanks and a tip-o-Smokey's
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To
"The Model A Generator"
Paul and William Mcree*



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Electricity creating machine!
(Won't fit in a Model A)



Nashville 1910



Jacksonville 1910

Trivia Quiz, questions and answers

Editors note: Since my source for trivia questions was discovered by an alert clubmember and all the answers were emailed to all members I have had to go to another, undiscovered source!

AH HA! I throw down the gauntlet!!

Q. What year and model auto was the first car to offer a V-8 engine in a production model?

Automotive Trivia 1914

“The Great War” World War I begins in Europe

The war fails to slow auto makers. Sales are up to 548,139 cars and 24,900 trucks.

308,000 Fords! Ford offers \$50 rebate to Model T buyers if 300,000 are sold in one year



Outside builders produced the bodies for Ford's “Depot Hack” in 1914

Besting the Model T by one, Chevrolet’s “Royal Mail” roadster can be had in plum as well as black

Henry announces the 8 hour day with a \$5 daily minimum wage for certain workers.

Keeping the “Industrial Workers of the World” the union, out and slowing worker turnover.

Construction of the “Lincoln Highway” from New York to San Francisco-begins

Cadillac introduces a “high-speed” V-8 in September for the 2015 year

February Trivia

Feb 7, 1942 Government orders car production halted and converted to wartime production.

Feb 12, 1908 Start of the New York to Paris auto race

Feb 17, 1934 First high-school driving course.
Yipes!!!

Feb 21, 1948 First NASCAR race Daytona, Fla.
No, Junior Johnson didn't win this one. He was only 17 then.