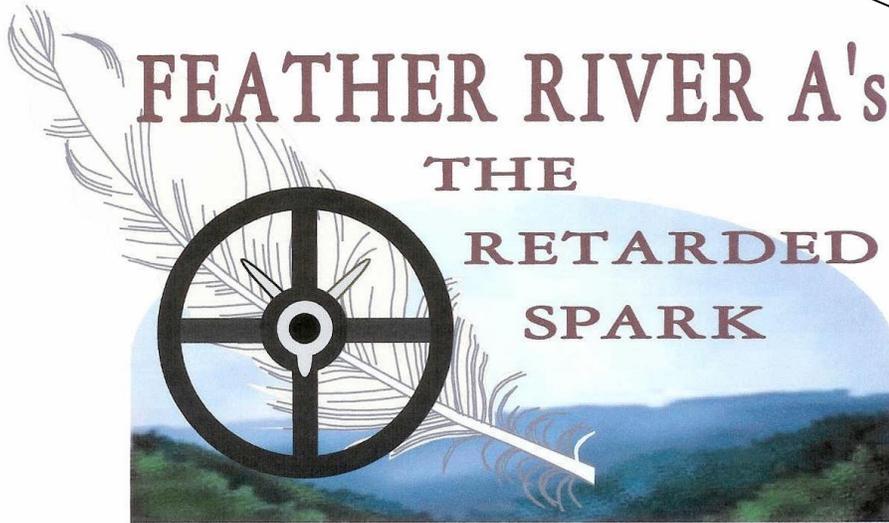


Achoooo!



May 2014

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



Hello Fellow Members!

Hope you all had a nice Easter and have been enjoying the beautiful spring weather in Quincy. Unfortunately, it looks like we are going back to cold weather again, at least for this week (starting April 21st).

Just a few reminders; Don't forget that our meeting in May has been changed to the second Tuesday of the month, May 13th, because Patty will be out of town May 6th.

Don't forget about the "Follies" that will be held in Quincy on May 16th and 17th. Some of our members will be entertaining us in the Follies. For questions about times, etc. talk to Sheila or Jennifer.

The County Picnic will be coming up soon, June 7th I think. We will need to know how many A's will be there so we can reserve a space for all of us. After that will be the July 4th parade in Graeagle (which will actually be held on Sunday, July 6th). We will need the names of everyone in our group who will be participating and driving Veterans; and which drivers are Veterans as well.

Hope to see you at the next meeting on May 13th.



Your Pres

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GETTING OUT AND HAVING FUN

“April Activities”

Bruce Robinson’s trip to the Coast and back!

April 25th, 26th and 27th



The club left on Thursday the 25th and drove straight to Ft Bragg. Everybody wondered why Dee brought along a case of Rain-X!



They all found out on Saturday

Apparently he planned on financing his trip through the sale of the Rain-X.

Sorry Dee, everybody brought their own!



A stop off on the return trip to HobNob with some other “A” owners.

All in all, a great rip in spite of the weather.



*Thanks and a tip-o-Smokey’s fedoraTo
Dee Barbea for the report and pictures*



Mother's Day
Sunday May 11th



Dia de la Madre

יום המשפחה

어머니날

Muttertag

Spanish

Hebrew

Korean

German

Gentlemen take heed!

Mother's Day in the United States is annually held on the second Sunday of May. It celebrates motherhood and it is a time to appreciate mothers and mother figures.

Many people send cards or gifts to their mother or mother figure or make a special effort to visit her.

Common Mother's Day gifts are flowers, chocolate, candy, clothing, jewelry and treats, such as a beauty treatment or trip to a spa.

Mother's Day is not a federal holiday. Organizations, businesses and stores are open or closed, just as they are on any other Sunday in the year.

However.....

Restaurants may be busier than usual, as some people take their mothers out for a treat.



May Day on May 1 is an ancient Northern Hemisphere spring festival and usually a public holiday, it is also a traditional spring holiday in many cultures



NOT!



Mayday is an emergency procedure word used internationally as a distress signal in

voice procedure radio communications. It may derive from the French expression "venez m'aider", meaning "come help me", the last two syllables of which sound similar to "Mayday".

WORDS THAT ARE DIFFICULT TO SAY WHEN DRUNK:

1. Innovative
2. Preliminary
3. Proliferation
4. Cinnamon
5. Indubitably

WORDS THAT ARE VERY DIFFICULT TO SAY WHEN DRUNK:

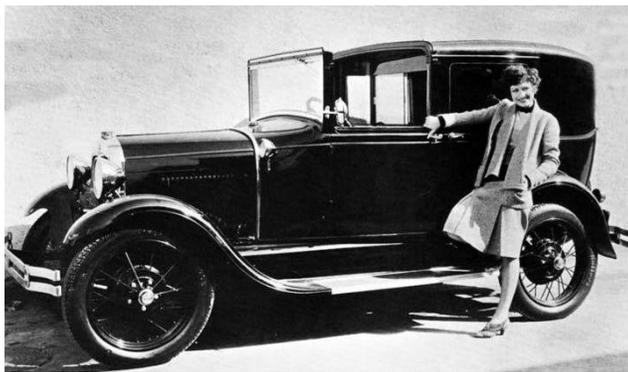
1. Specificity
2. Anti-constitutionally
3. Passive-aggressive disorder
4. Transubstantiate

WORDS THAT ARE DOWNRIGHT IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY WHEN DRUNK:

1. No thanks, I'm married.
2. Nope, no more booze for me!
3. Sorry, but you're not really my type.
4. No thanks, I'm not hungry.
5. I'm not interested in fighting you.
6. Thank you, but I won't make any attempt to dance. I have no coordination and would hate to look like a fool!
7. Oh no, I must be going home now as I have to work in the morning.

“Out and Around the Country Looking for A’s”

Guess who I ran into a few days ago. And she was nice enough to let me take her picture!



JOAN CRAWFORD WITH HER 1929 FORD TOWN CAR

I lied. I took that picture four years ago. This is the one I just took recently!



JOAN CRAWFORD IN HER 1933 FORD ROADSTER

Looks like Joan was our kind of girl, a Ford lover all the way.

This old workhorse is now a flower pot!



Reno, Nevada 1931



March 20, 1931 . Governor Fred B. Balzar yesterday afternoon signed the six-weeks divorce act and

another much discussed measure, the so-called “wide-open” gambling bill.

The gambling bill, signaling Nevada’s return to frontier days when poker, roulette and faro bank games flourished in crowded mining camps, becomes effective immediately.

The six-weeks divorce measure, designed to keep Nevada and Reno foremost in the business of serving unsuccessful marriages, will become effective May 1.

In Reno, which has been given the title of “divorce capital of America,” interest in the gambling bill threatened to overshadow the six-weeks residence law.

Hammers, saws and cement mixers were industriously at work last night as a night shift of workmen continued its rush toward completion of enlarging and renovating the Bank club, downtown gambling resort.

Other resorts were being enlarged and new tables were to make appearances in a number of places. Roulette wheels were being oiled up for usage after long years of idleness.



Above, Frank Sinatra and Ava Gardner dine together at Reno’s Riverside Hotel, where Sinatra was filling a singing engagement while fulfilling the six weeks residence requirement for a Nevada divorce, on Aug. 19, 1951. From 1931 to 1970, the height of the so-called “migratory divorce” trade, more than 325,000 marriages came to an end in the Silver State.



COMEDY CORNER

VINTAGE FORD HUMOR

A man who had recently purchased a new Ford car was out driving one morning when the temperature was below freezing. On arriving at his destination, he got out and covered his radiator with a robe.

Two small boys, who had been very busy watching him, hollered and said, "You needn't cover it up, mister, we know what it is. It's a Ford."

Butterflies have wings of gold,
Bees have wings of flame;
Bedbugs have no wings at all,
But they get there just the same.

Rich men take the trolley,
Hoboes take their 'caine,
The poor man buys a Ford,
But he gets there just the same

Plumas District Hospital terms

Artery
Bacteria
Barium
Benign
Caesarean Section
Cauterize
Dilate
Fester
Fibula
Outpatient
Node
Seizure
Tumor
Urine

Redneck "Model A Owner" definition

The study of paintings
The back door to the cafeteria
What doctors do when patients die
What you be after you be eight
A neighborhood in Rome
Made eye contact with her
To live long
Quicker "n" sum one else!
A small lie
A person who has fainted
I knew it
Roman Emperor
One plus one more
Opposite of mine



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May Annibirtharies



Gary Allan ----- 29th
Smokey -----31st



NO BODY!

UPCOMING TOURS and ACTIVITIES

**May 13th ...Monthly meeting at Patti's
Thunder.**

That's the second Tuesday!!

Dee Barbea has the event for May

THE WRENCH GUY



Amazing. Art with wrenches!!!!



**Hey Joe! And you thought
I took your 1/2 - 9/16 !!**



How cool is this guy?



He lives near Boort Victoria, and does it all by himself from a wheel chair...





New York 1913



New York Library 1915

May Trivia

May 14th, 1969 Last Chevrolet Corvair built!
(Boy, there's a huge loss)

May 24th, 1883 Brooklyn Bridge opens to traffic
(no Model A's were present)

May 27th 1937 Golden Gate Bridge opens to traffic
 Same year as the Feather River Canyon
(Probably some Model A's present)

May 31st 1927 Ford builds last Model T!
(Same as Smokey's birthday. The day not the year)

In 1902, T.H. Shevlin is fined \$10 in Minneapolis for traveling in excess of 10 mph over the posted speed limit.
(Dee, was that you or Dan?)

Automotive Trivia 1917

1,745,792 cars and 128,157 trucks are produced. A 15% increase over 1916 in spite of the war.

The first true Ford truck is built and 39,000 go to the Allied forces by the end of the war.

The Model T gets a facelift but sales still fall slightly to 622,351 units

Notable new names appear including Geronimo, Harroun and the short-lived \$12000 fageol luxury car.

Ford's Fordson division produces It's first farm tractor.

Chevrolet introduces an overhead valve V-8 in it's \$1550 Series D. It lasts for 2 years.

Trivia Quiz, questions and answers

Q. When and where was the first recorded stop sign in the United States??

A. The first recorded stop sign was installed in Detroit Michigan in 1915. This sign had black letters on a white background printed on a sheet of metal. In 1922 the increased use of the sign led to the development of a committee to establish a common design practice for traffic signs.



OK, you all got that one, Now.....

Next Month

Q. When and where was the first electric traffic light installed?