

*June 2014*

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### From the Desk of the President



Hello Fellow Members!

We just want to remind everyone about the upcoming events. June 7th is the County Picnic. Phillip will have his 'A' there. Hopefully every-one will be able to park together. There also will be a Graffiti night on Friday night, June 6th at the Elks Lodge. Everyone is welcome. There will be music and food available. It usually starts about 4:00 or 5:00 P.M.

We hope everyone has a great Memorial Day holiday. Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 3rd, same place, same time.

Your Pres

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GETTING OUT AND HAVING FUN

Dave and Bonnie have the June event which will be announced.

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In July we are invited to participate in the Mohawk Valley Independence Day festivities by transporting the WWII veterans in the Sunday Parade.



This is always a fun weekend with plenty to do and some excellent fireworks.

If you plan on watching the fireworks, Smokey and the gunfighters have a ringside seat with room for more!  
**Let me know early!**



**“May Activities”**  
*Dee Barbea's Gold Lake trip*

*Didn't PAll out!*  
Get it? Get it? Didn't pan out.  
Too much stuff going on in too many different households and Memorial Day Weekend starts on the 24<sup>th</sup>! Lot of family stuff going on then.

**Sooooo!**

Take a look at June.....

Lets make a good showing at the County Picnic



We don't want “Rusty” to be the only Model A there!



# June fun stuff!

Junes birthstones are the pearl, alexandrite and moonstone



Junes birth flower is the rose



Junes Zodiac signs are Gemini and Cancer.



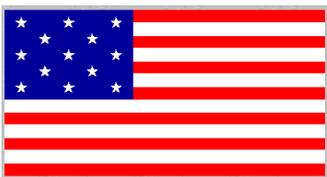
June is National Candy Month



June is National Dairy Month



On June 14, 1777, the flag of the United States was adopted by the Continental Congress



In the Georgian calendar, the calendar that most of the world uses, June is the sixth month. However, according to the early Roman calendar, June was actually the fourth month and had only 29 day. In 46B.C, Julius Caesar gave June 30 days instead of 29 when he reformed the Roman calendar. June was named after the Roman goddess Juno, who is the wife of Jupiter. However, others say that its name actually came from the Latin word iunioris. It means the younger ones, which is opposed to majors or elders which May's name was originated from. In June, spring ends and summer begins in the Northern Hemisphere. During this time, all the flowers and plants are very beautiful. In the southern hemisphere, winter begins in June.



## June 15th

Famous father's Day quotes;

**Mark Twain**

When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.

**Bob Monkhouse**

My father only hit me once -- but he used a Volvo.

**Bill Cosby**

My father confused me. From the ages of one to seven, I thought my name was Jesus Christ!

**Red Buttons**

Never raise your hand to your kids. It leaves your groin unprotected.

**Bill Hicks**

I never got along with my dad. Kids used to come up to me and say, "My dad can beat up your dad." I'd say, "Yeah? When?"

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

Or anything unique!



First self serv gas station (or were they all that way?)  
This obviously came about because.....



This poor guy was only making 4 cents a gallon and couldn't afford to pay his help!!



30 CCPU. Just a neat looking yard find



Ouch!!!

Well it's not a Ford, or even a restoration but it was a pretty wild pseudo cop car!



350 Chevy engine with a Turbo 350 trans and disc brakes.



And it can be yours for a mere \$13,000!

## FEATHER RIVER A's NEWSLETTER



## COMEDY CORNER

### VINTAGE FORD HUMOR

"I think there's a hack in your razor," said the man in the barber chair.

"Well, did you think you'd find a Ford auto in it?"

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A nervous gentleman, who had just dodged several Ford autos in crossing a street, remarked upon reaching the other side, "I wish those Fords were in hell."

A passerby who heard the remark turned and said, "My dear friend, you should not wish them there."

"Why not?" inquired the old gentleman.

"Because you might have to dodge them again," he replied.

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A single guy decides life would be more fun if he had a pet. So he goes to the pet store and tells the owner that he would like an unusual pet. After some discussion, he finally buys a talking centipede, which came in a little white box.

At home, he found a good location for the box, and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to church with him. So he asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go to church with me today?" But there was no answer from his new pet. This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked him again, "How about going to church with me today?" But again, there was no answer from his new friend.

So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation. He decided to ask him one more time; this time putting his face up against the centipede's house and shouting, "Hey, in there! Would you like to go to church with me and learn about The Lord!?"

A tiny voice comes from the box.....

"I heard you the first time. I'm putting on my shoes!"



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### June Annibirtharies



*To no one!*



*Happy Anniversary!*

- Joe and Heather Way ----- 12<sup>th</sup>
- Pete and Joyce Dryer ----- 15th
- Jennifer and Bill Seibold --- 16th
- Bruce and Susan Robinson --- 19th

### UPCOMING TOURS and ACTIVITIES

**June 3rd...Monthly meeting at Patti's Thunder.**  
*Same day Ransom Olds was born in 1864!*

Now! From the

## GEE, I WISH I HAD ONE OF THOSE!

Department.....

Our fellow Model A'er, Don Purke in Prescott Arizona is on the lookout for a Model A Speedster. 1928 to 31 regardless of condition. (Boy that leaves it open!) If anybody has two or three and would like to sell one, you can get in touch with him at 928-445-2048 or [purke@cablone.net](mailto:purke@cablone.net)

It doesn't have to be this pretty!



(but that would be great!)

Dwight Pearson of the Feather River A's is looking for a good reliable fordor he can haul his grandkids around in. Something not to high dollar. Maybe like an older restoration that still runs good.



Maybe not as nice as this



Maybe a little nicer than this!

You can reach him at 530-283-3429 or send him an email (with impressive photos!) at [dwightpierson@gmail.com](mailto:dwightpierson@gmail.com)

# The UP Word

This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is UP.' It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv], [prep], [adj], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are the officers UP for election (if there is a tie, it is a toss UP) and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? Å, We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is blocked UP.. We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with (UP to) a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, it soaks UP the earth. When it does not rain for awhile, things dry UP. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now . . . My time is UP!



**Wall Street 1911**



**New York 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue 1913**

### June Trivia

June 5<sup>th</sup> 1937 Henry Ford urges a 32 hour work week

June 6<sup>th</sup> 1933 First drive-in theater opens in Camden New Jersey. Originally called "Park-In Theaters"

June 16<sup>th</sup> 1953 Ford introduces "Master Guide" power steering

June 19<sup>th</sup> 1947 the Tucker premieres in Chicago.

June 30<sup>th</sup> 1969 The last Rambler rolls off the assembly line!

### Automotive Trivia 1918

The automotive industries output sinks, due to steel shortage and military production.

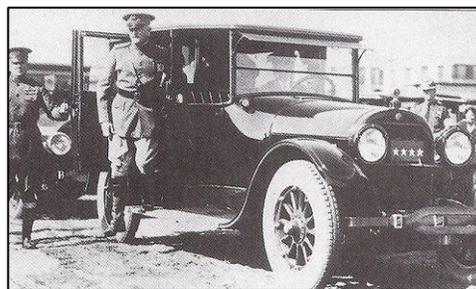
California gets the first section of highway built under the Federal Road Aid Act.

The first "hand out". No strings attached??

The Cadillac "Town Landulet" joins the line, featuring tilting headlights and costing \$4250.

To blind oncoming drivers?

The Armistice is signed on November 11 1918 but car prices fail to drop as quickly as anticipated.



General Pershing rides in a specially built 1918 Cadillac sedan.

### Trivia Quiz, questions and answers

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

**A.** The world's first electric traffic signal is put into place on the corner of Euclid Avenue and East 105th Street in Cleveland, Ohio on August 5th in 1914.



### Next Month

**Q.** When was the first all aluminum car built and who built it?