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From the Desk of the President



Hello Fellow Members!

We would like to remind everyone about the Graeagle Parade on July 6th, Sunday. We have paperwork for everyone who is going to be in the parade, so hopefully all of you will be at the next meeting on July 1st. Rick and Paula have the month of July for an event, but we do not have any details.

There were 4 or 5 members with their "A's" at the Fly-In in Quincy on Sunday, June 19th. We had some excitement that day - one of the planes taking people for rides came down (not on purpose) in our field in front of our house. Fortunately no one was hurt and the plane sustained very little damage. They had to tow the plane out of the field and down Quincy Junction Road to Lawrence Street to the airport. A very interesting day. Hope to see everyone at the meeting on July 1st.

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GETTING OUT AND HAVING FUN

“June Activities”

County Picnic June 7th



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

Who's the smiley cat with the old truck??



AND...que es eso????

What a cute little trophy, or is it a radiator cap?

The Fathers Day Fly-In

Created quite a stir when one of the site-seeing planes came down in the field in front of



Bresciani's house. (That is not a runway!) Nobody hurt and very little damage to the plane but a little excitement for the day.

Phil's cattle got a ringside seat to the show!



Ever seen an airplane going down Quincy Junction road??



That's not Quincy Tow!!!

Dave and Bonnie led the tour to Cuccia's Restaurant in Mohawk

Everybody met at Dave's house for snacks and drinks at 4:00 and then caravanned to the restaurant. The weather was nice and the food and company was great. The guy in charge of the Graeagle Parade (Dave) bought everyone a drink. I think we all had a very good time.

Don't forget!

In July we are invited to participate in the Mohawk Valley Independence Day festivities by transporting the WWII veterans in the Sunday Parade. Be sure to check with Phil and Shirley if you are going.

Thanks to Dan L. and Shirley B. for their contribution and photos!

What special days are celebrated in July?

I bet you guessed wrong! Independence Day may be the most commercialized holiday in July but there is a celebration for just about every day in the hot summer month of July. These are just a few of my favorites....

When : July 3rd

Stay Out of the Sun Day

Stay Out of the Sun Day encourages us stay cool in the shade, and to give our skin a rest from the hot, damaging rays of the sun. The sun is directly over head. We're in the middle of summer, when the temperatures are the hottest, and the sun is the brightest. It's not a bad day to take a break from catching all of those rays and stay out of the sun.

Find some fun and relaxing ways to stay in the shade. A hammock strung behind two shady trees sounds like a great way to go!



When : July 6th

National Fried Chicken Day

National Fried Chicken Day is day to enjoy crisp and tasty, finger licking good fried chicken.

Fried chicken is one of America's favorite meals. Sure, we all know that fried foods are not good for us. But, fried chicken tastes ohhhhh so good. We just can't resist having it on a regular basis.

There's just one thing you need to do celebrate this day: Eat some fried chicken. You can have it for lunch, dinner or cold leftovers as a snack. Better still, have it for lunch, dinner, AND for a snack.

The second week in July is

Nude Recreation Week

Really, I'm not making this up!

You can celebrate this any way you like. I don't want to know.

When : Always July 7th

Chocolate Day

Chocolate is America's favorite flavor. It's the flavor of choice in candies, ice cream, cakes, breakfast cereal, toppings, and a whole host of desserts. Unequaled in popularity, it certainly deserves a day in it's honor.

Did you know? Chocolate is a vegetable. It comes from the Cacao tree found in tropical rain forests. We don't need to tell you what to do to celebrate this day, do we? Eat Chocolate!

Here are some suggestions for your menu today.....

Breakfast: Your favorite chocolate cereal along with two or three chocolate cream-filled donuts. Wash it down with a little hot chocolate.

Mid-morning snack: A chocolate candy bar (with or without nuts) to hold you over and give you a boost until lunch.

Lunch: A big tall glass of chocolate milk is a must along with your meal. Try a piece of chocolate pie or pudding for dessert.

Mid-Afternoon: Eat healthy(???) with some chocolate covered raisins. This contains both vegetable and fruit.

Dinner: If you are an adult, sip a chocolate liqueur before dinner. Chocolate flavored coffee is a must with dinner. Dessert is none other than chocolate cake.

Nighttime snack: Chocolate ice cream, of course!

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When : July 27th

Take Your Pants for a Walk Day

Take Your Pants for a Walk Day is a great day to get some exercise. It's an easy day to celebrate. Simply go for a walk. Unless you are wearing a dress or a skirt, you probably are wearing pants. So, by definition, as you walk, they come along. Give your pants some exercise. After all, they are looking a little tight around the middle. The walk will do them good.

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

Or anything unique!

Don Purke has a “Model D”! (That’s a Model “A” with a Dodge sittin on it!)



He has restored it to look like a taxi cab.

Here is a picture of the body when he bought it. Looks like a lot of work WITHOUT trying to put a Ford under it!

This shows how the body fit over the model a rear spring



The 1925 Dodge body is so much longer than the Model A body that 2 of the cylinders are inside the cab.

He says that the body, sitting there, looked like a taxi so, its fate was sealed!

He used the 1931 Model A chassis for it's reliability but used 21 inch wheels and tires to fill the wheel wells.



Here is the cab about half finished. No roof, interior or glass.

He started this project in 2011 and finished in 2013! Now that’s commitment!



Here’s “Cabby” Don and his finished taxi. He takes her out to coffee often.



Loaded down with luggage and headed for the station! He has the old style taxi meter inside as well as a coin changer.



And so we’ll leave Don as he heads off into the sunset looking for a fare!



COMEDY CORNER

VINTAGE FORD HUMOR

John: "Yes, Anna, they told me if I didn't quit driving a Ford, it would make me foolish."

Anna: "Why didn't you?"

A gallon of gasoline and a quart of oil,
A piece of wire to make a coil,
An old tin can and a piece of board,
And there you are, you have a Ford.



Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?,

Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?

Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?

Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

If the Professor, on Gilligans Island could make a radio out of a coconut, why couldn't he fix a hole in a boat?



Just Wonderin!!



July Annibirtharies



Bonnie Norton ----- 27th

Joe Way ----- 30th

We all know that Joe is a diehard Model A man. Take a look at the article on the next page!



UH UH! Nobody took the bait in July

UPCOMING TOURS and ACTIVITIES

July 1st...Monthly meeting at Patti's Thunder.
Canada Day (do you care?)
Rick and Paula have July's event.

Now! From the
**GEE, DON'T YOU WISH YOU HAD
ONE OF THESE?**

Department.....



Ain't this a pretty one!

1931 Deluxe Coupe – multiple awards of excellence in touring class, Mitchell Overdrive and Mitchell Transmission, H&H Touring Engine, Snyder's High Compression Head, cast iron drums, Flathead Ted brakes, alternator, seat belts, turn indicators, it has it all. Drive this car anywhere a true run key. Featured in The Restorer Magazine in 2010. Stunning interior, paint and woodgraining. Built from NOS parts. Asking \$26,000 Contact Bob Grady, (925) 933-1154.



This one's not for sale but I just thought it was a great looking car!

Women are like volcanoes. Both stay calm for extended periods of time before exploding and killing everything. Then, there's calm again



Mrs. Denning Keith gave a farewell luncheon yesterday as a compliment to her mother-in-law, Mrs. Eugene Keith of Indianapolis. It didn't work

Life Magazine June 5, 1931

Famous birthdays in July

- [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#), American author, born July 4, 1804.
- [Calvin Coolidge](#), 30th President of the United States, born in Plymouth Notch, Vt., July 4, 1872.
- [P. T. Barnum](#), American circus owner, born July 5, 1810.
- [John Paul Jones](#), American naval hero, born July 6, 1747.
- [John D. Rockefeller](#) born July 8, 1839.
- [Elias Howe](#), American inventor, born July 9, 1819.
- [John Q. Adams](#), sixth President of the United States, born in Braintree (now Quincy), Mass., July 11, 1767.
- [Amelia Earhart](#), American aviator and first woman to fly the Atlantic, born July 24, 1897.
- Playwright [George Bernard Shaw](#) born July 26, 1856.
- [Gerald R. Ford](#), 38th President of the United States, born in Omaha, Nebr., July 14, 1913.
- [Samuel Colt](#), firearms inventor, born July 19, 1814.
- [Henry Ford](#), **American automobile manufacturer, born July 30, 1863.**

So who does Joe resemble more, this guy or P.T. Barnum?



New York 5th Avenue 1913



Washington DC 1913

**July
Trivia**

July 5th 1946 Following WWII, production of U.S. automobiles resumes.

July 16th 1935 Oklahoma City, OK gets the first parking meter in the U.S.

July 8th 1909 The first Hudson automobile is built.

July 24th 1929 The two-millionth Model A Ford is built.

July 22nd 1894 The first auto race (Paris and Rouen, France)

Automotive Trivia 1919

The end of the war and auto industry leaders see strong postwar demand for automobiles.

Ford produces 820,445 cars including the three-millionth Model T!

The General Motors Acceptance Corp. is formed as automobile financing gains popularity.

Must be because the big Buick was \$2585.00!

Oregon enacts the first state gasoline tax!

Thanks, Oregon.

A Duesenberg racing car with two straight-eight engines, sets the landspeed record at Daytona Beach reaching 158 mph.

Now, you can do that between Sacramento and Bakersfield in a Toyota!

Trivia Quiz, questions and answers

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

A. The Aluminum Corporation (later Alcoa) built 6 experimental cars from 1920 to 1922. They joined with Pierce Arrow in 1925 to produce more aluminum cars with the name of Pomeroy.



Next Month

Q. When did Ford install an electric starter as standard equipment?