

**August**

*August 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!

The Graeagle parade on July 6th was a great success. Thanks to all of the members who were in the parade. Now we have the Fair parade coming up on Saturday, August 16th in Quincy. The application has been sent in for the Feather River A's so all you need to do, if you are going to be in the parade, is show up behind Safeway about 9:30 to get in line with the other A's. Hopefully as many cars as possible will be there.

Paula and Rick's outing on Sunday, July 27th at Moons was great, and the food was good. Thank you Paula and Rick. Good idea.

Pete and Joyce's outing for August is coming up soon. Contact Pete for any questions regarding the outing.

Don't forget our next meeting is on Tuesday, August 5th at Patty's Thunder. Hope to see you all there.

Your Pres

**CLUB OFFICERS and MEMBERS**

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 Pete & Joyce Dryer  
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**GETTING OUT AND HAVING FUN**

**“July Activities”**

***Mohawk Valley Independence Day***

The theme of the entire celebration was aimed at honoring our Veterans. We have WWII, Korean and Viet Nam Vets as well as the boys and gals still serving! The A’s were given the honor of transporting the World War II Veterans through the parade and depositing them at the grandstand where they were presented with special recognition.



***Leading the group was our club President, Phil Bresciani***



***Looks like Bill’s passenger wants a little special recognition!***



***Here comes Dee Barba with his special guest.***

I think all the drivers were Vets themselves. That is a proud statement to be able to make about our Model A club members.



Al brought up the rear, or should I say he lead the golf cart brigade! The golf carts were donated by a local course to transport more Vets and the Active Serving.

All in all, a fun weekend with plenty of things to do and see and If you stayed until late on Saturday,

you got to experience some excellent fireworks



***Battle over the Civil War encampment***

Rick and Paula had the July event  
**Brunch at Moon's**  
 ( a restaurant somewhere in Quincy)



Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> was the date, 11:30 was the time although some folks get there a little early!

***First arrivals***

There was a new "ride" along the curb today. Clay and Janet Johnson have a shiny little coupe and are our newest members.



***Clay's new hot rod***



+ - = \$ 4 @ .05%

Here's Holly, our treasurer and Clay and Janet in the background.

Did you see the size of that beer??

And the starving continued to pour through the door! Or should I say the thirsty??



We put these guys over in the Bachelors corner. That way we can always deny that we know them!



Here's the proverbial thorn between roses!!



El Presidente Coming back from the bar

(empty handed?)

Everybody had a great time with some good wine and food. Hope we didn't scare you off, Clay!



**Thanks Rick and Paula!!**

# Left-overs from June!

June 28<sup>th</sup> was the annual Plumas County Museum Benefit Cemetery Tour.



There were eleven clubmembers attending, with three Model A's queuing up at Safeway!

A short but hot trip to Johnsville Cemetery. We were ushered into the cemetery where we were given premium parking



Our Host Scott Lawson introduced us to a couple of actors who portrayed historic figures interred there.

Here's a guy that looks like he just rose from the dead!



*I bet he drives a Model A!!*



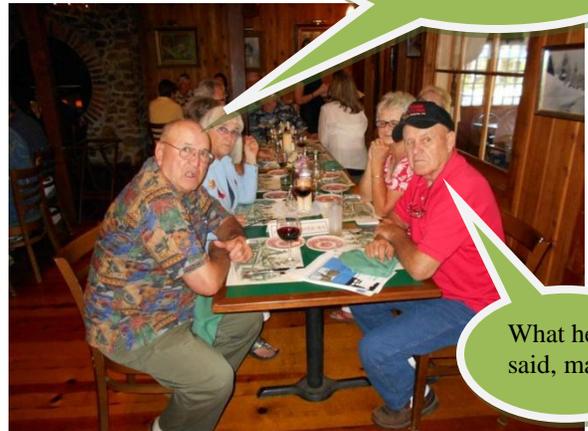
*Bill and Jen hiding in the shade*



We all went to the Iron Door restaurant for a free libation and some Hors doeuvres. The Iron Door was built in 1906 and housed a general store and Post Office. Converted to it's present use in 1961, it is the only business establishment in Johnsville today.

It only seemed natural that we all stay for dinner!

You toucha my dinner, I breaka you face!



What he said, man.

Steak, Veal, Salmon and Shrimp were all on the menu.

The only time you will witness this phenomenon in your life.

(Unless you're REALLY tough!)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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This year, the month of August will count 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. **This phenomenon occurs only once every 823 years.**

Chinese people call it: 'Pocketful of money!'

So... tell all your friends and in 4 days, you will have a pleasant monetary surprise...

Based on Chinese Feng Shui.

*Ya think So???*



August is the eighth month, renamed by the Romans from *Sextilis*, meaning sixth, to honor their emperor, Augustus.

August is the height of the summer time in the temperate zone of the Northern Hemisphere. The longest day of the year is passed, but the hot days remain. In the northern regions and mountains, cool nights and early frosts lets one know that the summer is about to come to an end. In the Southern Hemisphere, August means the winter will soon be over.



The birds are already planning to fly south for the winter. The insects are more noisier and numerous than in any other month.

This is perhaps the busiest month for businesses, since most people take their vacations in August.

*Time for a Model 'A' Tour!!!*

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# What happened in August?

- Lincoln penny issued **August 2, 1909**
- Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, on his first voyage across the Atlantic, **August 3, 1492.**
- Richard Nixon became the first U.S. President ever to resign from office, **August 9, 1974**
- Missouri became the 24th state, **August 10, 1821**
- Thomas Edison invented the phonograph, **August 12, 1877.**
- U.S. Social Security Act approved, **August 14, 1935**
- Panama Canal opened to traffic, **August 15, 1914**
- Hawaii became the 50th state, **August 21, 1959.**
- British troops captured Washington, D.C., and burned the White House, **August 24, 1814.**
- Amendment 19, giving women in the United States the right to vote, proclaimed, **August 26, 1920**
- Second Battle of Bull Run, or Manassas, ended in a victory for the Confederates, **August 30, 1862.**

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## Remember...

And this is important!

August 13<sup>th</sup> is Left Hander's day. So show some pity on those less fortunate than you and be nice to one of those poor individuals that use the **wrong** hand for everything!



## COMEDY CORNER

### VINTAGE FORD HUMOR

A Ford owner had no speedometer. "I don't need one at all. At ten miles an hour the hood rattles, at fifteen the radiator rattles, at twenty the top rattles and at twenty-five miles an hour the whole darn thing rattles."

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"Can a man be in two places at the same time, Ed?"

"Yes, he can. Last Tuesday I was on a trip in my Ford and I was home sick all the time."

*Huh???*

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Two Quincy rednecks are sitting in a boat at Bucks Lake. Cletus says to Billy Ray, "Why do scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats?"

To which Billy Ray replies, "You dummy, if they fell forwards they'd still be in da boat!"

*(Makes perfect sense to me!)*

A very elderly gentleman, very well dressed, hair well groomed, great looking suit, flower in his lapel smelling slightly of a good after shave, presenting a well looked after image, walks into an upscale cocktail lounge. Seated at the bar is an elderly looking lady. The gentleman walks over, sits along side of her, orders a drink, takes a sip, turns to her and says, "So tell me, do I come here often?"

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly." The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?" The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know... the one that's red and has thorns." "Do you mean a rose?" "Yes, that's the one," replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"



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### August Annibirtharies

Rich Schreiber ----- 1st

Ron Rude ----- 2nd

Rick Foster ----- 29<sup>th</sup>

Lynne Allan-----19th



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



**No August weddings in the past!**

### UPCOMING TOURS and ACTIVITIES

**August 5th...Monthly meeting at Patti's Thunder.**

*The day that Union forces won the Battle of Mobile Bay during the Civil War !!*

**August 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> ....Smokey's August tour to Downieville. BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!**



**Potato guy 1925**

### **Automotive Trivia 1920**

The “Jazz” age. A decade of silliness and sophistication, Prohibition the law, Speakeasies the rule. The automotive culture was emerging, no longer a frivolous plaything but now a virtual necessity.

After 67 years, Studebaker finally quits building carriages and to concentrate on motor vehicles.  
*Maybe should have stuck with the carriages??*

“The Roaring Twenties” begin with prohibition in force and women now eligible to vote.  
*Uh oh!...TWO strikes!!!!*

Flat windshields are slowly giving way to slanted glass and wire wheels gain favor over wood.

America now has 191 miles of highway!  
*WOW! That’s as much as Plumas County.*

### **Trivia Quiz, questions and answers**

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

**A.** The electric starter finally became standard in 1919 but the added equipment raised the price from \$645 to \$875!

*That’s an expensive starter!*



### **Next Month**

**Q.** If Ford was number one in sales and popularity in 1928, what auto company was number three?



**Chrysler Service Center in the “30”s**