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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.

From the Desk of the President



Hello Fellow Members!

We hope everyone had a fun New Years.

Jennifer and Bill graciously volunteered to have the January brunch at their new home instead at Brumit's home this year because of the passing of Bernadette's sister. Our condolences to Bernadette for her loss.

We want to thank Jennifer and Bill for hosting the brunch. It was a lot of fun, lots of food, and beautiful weather; and, Jennifer and Bill's new home is absolutely amazing and beautiful. And, they are still going to host their annual Soup Swap February 14th at 1:00 p.m. in their new home at 464 LaPorte Road. Please be sure to let Jennifer know if you are going to attend and what you are going to bring (soup, stew, bread or dessert).

If you have not paid your dues for the year (\$10), please bring it to the Soup Swap or to our next meeting, and give it to Holly.

The A's Officers will remain the same for this year as last year.

HOWEVER, after this year, someone else will need to volunteer to take over. You have 11 months to think about it.

Our next meeting will be February 3rd at Patty's Thunder.



CLUB OFFICERS and MEMBERS

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Brumit Brunch!

And club meeting?

Bill and Jennifer volunteered to have the Brumit Brunch at their house, due to Bernadette's unfortunate family loss. We didn't get any pictures but understand that it was great event. The weather cooperated and everyone had a good time.

As an added attraction, the event was held at their new house which has been long anticipated. (we don't have any pictures of it either!)

Welcome February!



Dave's newest toy/project!

These pictures are courtesy of Dan Lambach and are from October so I'm sure there has been some improvement since then but it looks like things were coming along nicely at that point.



This was after the paint job

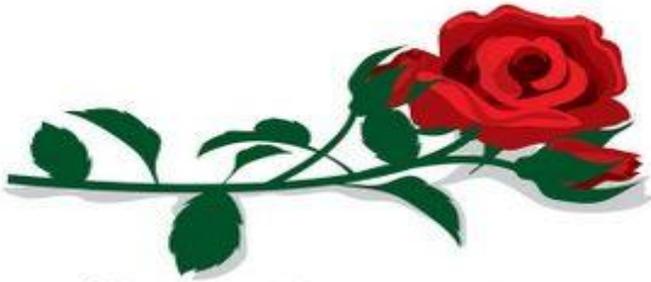


What a mill!!

This piece of history, contributed by Al Hansen



This 35 is the one my parents drove around the country while Dad was in the Army during the war. My cousin in Nebraska got it from Dad with the intention of restoring it. Don't think its going to happen but he did take the picture and added the caption. I thought it was clever.



Happy Valentine's Day
Hobbes Valentine's Day



These four pictures were taken from the January, 2015 "Cowlitz Valley A's News". You Notice that the A in the top picture has chains on the rear wheels and the others don't. I checked "Advertising the Model A Ford" and noted that nowhere in any of the factory ads is a car pictured in snow, no matter how deep, equipped with tire chains. I guess the advertising people didn't want potential customers to think that a little thing like snow would slow down the New Ford.

Anybody want chains for their Model A?? I have em!!



GROUNDHOG DAY



Speaking of Groundhogs, here's a pair!



Dan was visiting Ron at the Turlock Swap Meet. Hope you got some good deals, Dan!

"Many of the problems we face today exist because the people who work for a living are outnumbered by those who vote for a living."

FEATHER RIVER A'S

COMEDY CORNER

VINTAGE FORD HUMOR

"Passing a man who was busily engaged repairing his Ford near a street car line, I said to him, "Cheer up, old man, next year they are going to make the Ford car collapsible; then you can take it on the street car with you."

"Are you really insane, my poor man?"

"I don't know, madame."

"Why were you locked up in this institution?"

"I stole a Ford."

Tell that to Clyde Barrow!

A man desiring to secure space large enough to store two Ford cars, inserted an "ad" in the daily paper. He received the following reply -- "I think I have just the place you need: it is my dog kennel. My rat terrier has outgrown it and I will be glad to rent it to you."

ANOTHER KIND OF HUMOR

King Ozymandias of Assyria was running low on cash after years of war with the Hittites. His last great possession was the Star of the Euphrates, the most valuable diamond in the ancient world. Desperate, he went to Croesus, the pawnbroker, to ask for a loan. Croesus said, "I'll give you 100,000 dinars for it." "But I paid a million dinars for it," the King protested. "Don't you know who I am? I am the king!" Croesus replied, "When you wish to pawn a Star, makes no difference who you are."





February Annibirtharies



Heather Way ----- 3rd

Erika Hansen ----- 12th

Happy Anniversary

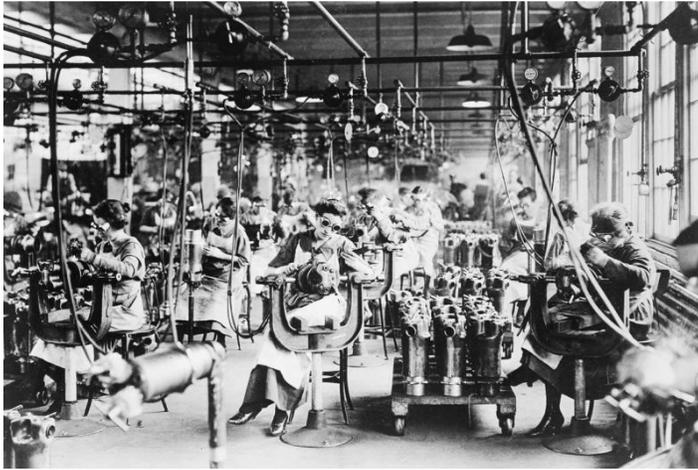
Phil and Shirley Bresciani ----- 10th

UPCOMING TOURS and ACTIVITIES

February 3rd....Monthly meeting at Patti's Thunder.

Bill and Jennifer Seibold are having their annual Soup Swap on Sunday, February 14th at 1:00 at their new home, 464 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.

I can't put my finger on the date for The Annual Spring Opener put on by the Lake County A's this year but I am sure that Bruce Robinson will have the information.



Lincoln Motor Co 1918



Times Square 1922



Inside the turrets of the USS Massachusetts, 1898.
(No, this doesn't have anything to do with Model A's)

Automotive Trivia 1926

Ford produces 1,426,612 cars, way ahead of second runner, Chevrolet, who puts out 547,724 cars.

Cadillac introduces shatter-resistant safety glass.

The electric starter finally becomes standard on open model Fords.

The Model T Fords come in a choice of colors for the first time since 1913, though fenders stubbornly remain black.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica contains a Henry Ford article on "mass production" formerly referred to as "Fordism"

Ford workers work week reduced to five days, from six.

The Fisher building in Detroit opens, attended by all 7 Fisher brothers. All but one were in the automobile business.

Trivia Quiz, questions and answers

Q. What car was the first production V-12 as well as the first production car with aluminum Pistons?



1915 Packard

The 1915 Packard Twin-Six, known as "the twelve Apostles" These motors, used in WWI, inspired Ferrari to adopt the V-12 in 1948.

Next Month

Q. What auto had the first manual spark advance?