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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 is having a wonderful summer so far. We want to thank Bernadette and Jack for hosting the July outing. We were not able to go, but we hope they had lots of fun.

Dave and Bonnie are hosting the event in August. They are planning dinner at the Nakoma Resort in Clio on Sunday, August 23rd. We will meet at Dave's house at 3:00 and proceed from there to the Resort. Dave will need a count of people who plan to attend as soon as possible.

We are hosting September, but have not made any plans yet. Don't forget about the Fair parade August 15th in Quincy. We would like to know who plans to be there with their A's. Phil will turn in the entry form for the A's this week.

We hope to see all of you at the next meeting on August 4th, same place same time.



August 2015

Questions, comments, suggestions, contributions...
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FEATHER RIVER A'S



GETTING OUT AND HAVING FUN

July Events

Brummits Fall River Mills Tour

Looks like an early morning start out of Quincy.

We're heading up to Fall River Mills. Haven't been there since 2011 so I hope it's still there.



Bill and Jennifer are ready to roll. They should get a medal for attending the most events!

Tour leaders Jack and Bernadette led the way.



Jack's son Michael and his friend Suzanne from the Watsonville area. Joe sez "Michael has great taste in beer and ladies--fathers might be another question.



Michael was driving Jack's pickup but he had a problem getting the CB to work so Jack was happy to oblige with a new larger antenna.



The tour stopped at the Fort Crook museum for a little history.



At the end of a "picture perfect" day, a "picture perfect" Inn for the tired wayfarers.



But, in the morning, it was all hands on deck for a sumptuous breakfast.

All the good kids got to go on a field trip to the Hatchery



Whaaaaat? No Fishin???

A trip to Fall River Mills wouldn't be complete without enjoying the Hat Creek BBQ Day



When I grow up, I want to be like one of them!



Justa Couple-a-Brumits!



Mike and Leslie
They do have a car!



NO! NO!....
Don't make me go up there again!!!!

Home by way of Lassen Park



C'mon guys. The sign says speed up, to 30



A "tip" of Smokey's Fedora... to Joe and Heather for the excellent photogs!

Thanks Guys!



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Lazzarino Machine Engine stand adaptor plate

Design by Smokey!

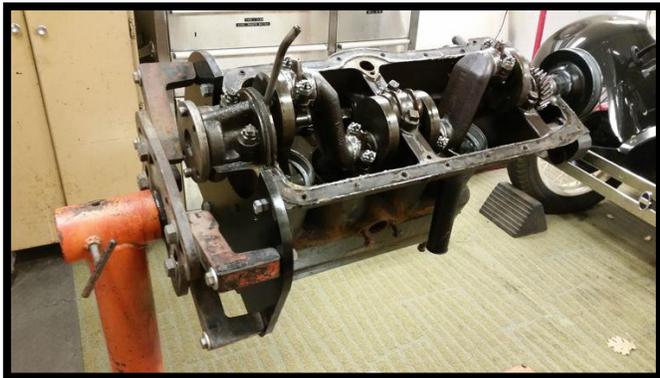
Jesse Lazzarino is now fabricating this engine stand adaptor for hanging a Model A engine on a standard engine stand.



This 3/8 steel plate has all the holes drilled in the right places to enable you to roll the engine with or without the head in place depending on how you adjust the engine stand.



Mounting to the back of the block with four 7/16-14 bolts (or six if you're a belt and suspenders kind of guy!)



I mean, you could hang a Chrysler Hemi on this puppy if the bolt holes lined up.

The cutout allows for removal of the rear main and crank.



Jesse gets \$125.00 for this massive chunk of pre-drilled high grade steel. (plus the shipping of course)

Just contact Lazzarino Machine Works, 530-283-1905 or email jesse@lzmachine.com

AUGUST IS VACATION MONTH!

Camping is always popular

ZZZZZZ



Pa sleeps-in while Ma makes herself beautiful

Off-Roading is fun



*The original
Hummer*

You could always go site seeing at Yosemite!

No, I didn't set the brake. I thought you set the brake!!!



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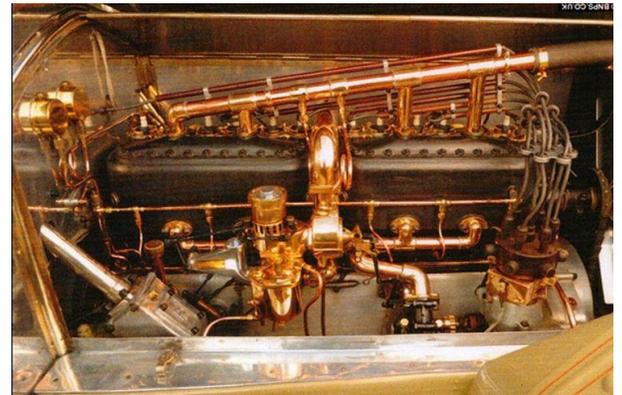
This 1912 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost has zoomed into the world record books, selling at auction for almost £5 million following a fierce bidding war making it the most expensive Rolls-Royce ever sold at auction.

The six-cylinder, 7.3-litre car comes with perfect provenance and is still purring smoothly, doing about 15 miles to the gallon and has a top speed of 60mph.



The car's distinctive cream and green design echoed the luxury 'Pullman' Railway carriages of the time, and it was known as a Double Pullman Limousine.

Its gleaming interior fittings are made of silver and ivory, while the door panels are embroidered silk, with brocade tassels attached to silk window shades for privacy. Each passenger footrest hides a full picnic set for four, a china tea service, complete with an alcohol-fuelled burner and kettle to heat the water.



Standing the test of time: The 7.3-litre, six-cylinder engine is still purring smoothly and is capable of doing around 15 miles to the gallon

ENGINE

- 7.3-litre engine with 60mph top speed
- Four-speed gear box. Chassis number 1907
- 50 brake horsepower



INTERIOR

- Door panels and window shades of embroidered silk, with silk tassels
- Silver and ivory door fittings
- Passenger footrest conceals full picnic set and china tea service for four, plus set of six decanters
- Luxury fabric seat covering

EXTERIOR

- Built by former royal carriage-makers Barker's of Mayfair. Distinctive design echoes luxury Pullman railway carriages of the era
- 29 bevelled glass windows, with wooden frames
- Inflatable tyres
- Original headlights, rear lights and carriage lights
- Private registration number, 1912 RR

THE CONTROLS

- 1 Bakelite steering wheel
- 2 Choke - alters air and fuel flow to engine
- 3 Ignition - controls spark to engine by pulling up or down
- 4 Handbrake, with gear lever (5) next to it
- 6 Hand throttle - known as 'The Governor'
- 7 Fuel gauge

COMEDY CORNER

VINTAGE FORD HUMOR

Editors note: I was rapidly running out of Vintage anecdotes and thought that soon I would no longer be able to amuse you with scintillating 100 year old jokes, and might possibly have to stop publication of the Newsletter due to a lack of authentic humor! Then Mr. Bruce Davis, of Grass Valley (former MAFCA President) came to the rescue with a little book entitled "Ford Smiles- all the best current jokes about a Rattling good car" Copyright 1917! I Now have 150 pages of hilarious gags and one liner's with which to regal you on into time immemorial. Aren't you excited?

Thanks again Bruce (I think)

One man invited another to ride with him in an old Ford. He got in. The man cranked up his machine. It began to jiggle up and down.

"Does it always go like this?" asked the man who had been invited to ride.

"No," replied the owner; "only when it is running

Mr. D_____ entered a restaurant and looking over the menu card, told the man to bring him a dish of soup.

As the waiter walked away, Mr. D_____ called after him, "Hey, I did not know you had frog's legs."

The waiter quickly turned and replied, "I haven't; I got them in that shape by riding in a Ford."

Undoubtedly a Closed Cab Pickup!

ANOTHER KIND OF HUMOR

Police are called to an apartment and find a woman holding a bloody 5-iron standing over a lifeless man.

The detective asks, 'Ma'am, is that your husband?'

'Yes' says the woman.

'Did you hit him with that golf club?' Yes, yes, I did.'

The woman begins to sob, drops the club, and puts her hands on her face.

'How many times did you hit him?'

'I don't know, she says, five, six, maybe seven times.....just put me down for a five.'

The bride came down the aisle and when she reached the altar, the groom was standing there with his golf bag and clubs at his side.

She said: 'What are your golf clubs doing here?'

He looked her right in the eye and said, 'This isn't going to take all day, is it?'



August Annibirtharies



- Rich Schreiber ----- 1st
- Ron Rude ----- 2nd
- Rick Foster ----- 29th
- Lynne Allan-----19th



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UPCOMING TOURS and ACTIVITIES

Aug 4th Monthly meeting at Patti's Thunder.

August 15th...Plumas Sierra Fair parade

August 22nd....Starry nights

August 23rd....Daves tour



Don't forget the Chico Swap Meet!



Forwarded from the Ventura Model T Club-

This car has 511 miles on it. I had it for sale for \$36,500 obo. The owner called me today and instructed me to lower the price to \$28,500 firm which I did this afternoon. It's one of the nicest A's I have ever photographed. I thought maybe one of your club members might be interested. My cell is 805 705-4924.



2015 August 16th

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Lots of good stuff for cheap!!

Dan and Penny's new ride



Hey! That's not a Model A.
Maybe he can use it to tow Rusty home!

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Girls delivering ice in 1918



Madison Square Park 1900



*Country store in July
1939. Gordonton, North Carolina*

More Automotive Trivia 1931

Chevrolet passes Ford's model-year production but both sink to nearly 620,000 units. Buick remains a distant third.

Chrysler launches its first eight-cylinder engines. They are L-head straight units.

Oldsmobile offers a "Synchro mesh" transmission for smoother, clash-free shifting - it will eventually become standard on most makes.

Packard and several other makes offer dashboard shock-absorber adjustment.

Twin-ignition Nash Eights adopt Bijur automatic chassis-lubrication systems.

A retractable hardtop convertible is patented by B.B. Ellerbeck

Trivia Quiz, questions and answers

Q. What was introduced in 1937 that would remain in place until 1952 on Ford automobiles?

A. The Two-piece Windshield



**1937 Standard
Tudor**

1951 Ford Coupe



**1952 Crestline
Victoria Coupe**

Next Month

Q. What year were de-mountable tires introduced?

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