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Questions, comments, suggestions, contributions...
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From the Desk of the President



Hello Fellow Members!

The April events were the Wine Tour hosted by Erika and Al, and the Spring Opener hosted by Bruce and Susan. We hope everyone who participated had a good time and hopefully had good weather. No one has volunteered to host an event for May so we thought we would have a get-together at our house on a Sunday afternoon for hors d'oeuvres and spirits.

We have not set a day yet because we are watching the weather

No one has volunteered to host an event in June or July either. Hopefully someone will volunteer. There will be the

County Picnic and car show June 4th. That might just be our event for June, but will not be hosted by anyone.

Please let us know who is going to put their vehicle in the car show soon because we need to submit the paperwork to let them know how many cars will be there.



Hope to see you at the next meeting,
May 3rd, same time, same place.

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GETTING OUT AND HAVING FUN

April activities

Al and Erika's Wine Tour April 20th

From Al:

We drove 89 from Graeagle to 49 to Grass Valley. Had to stay on 89 to Sattley as Lakes Basin Rd was still closed.

*Parking lot "Con-Fab"
After Sandwichs*



Spent the night again at the historic old Holbrooke House in Grass Valley.

Sat morning, took the Passport Wine Tour at 11 AM. Stayed Sat and Sun nights at the Cary House in Placerville.



Mike try's out his new hat? (and a glass of wine!)

The one winery, Nello Olivo is owned by the same. They have a godfather theme every year for this event and this year asked us to drive our cars up in front of the old mansion where they have their tasting room in Placerville. He calls himself the "Grapefather".



A couple a Da Boyz! "Youse guys wanna Beak?"



Bill has a problem



Jack and Leslie must have the solution!

Home Monday via Hwy 50 to Lake Tahoe and then 89 up west shore and home.

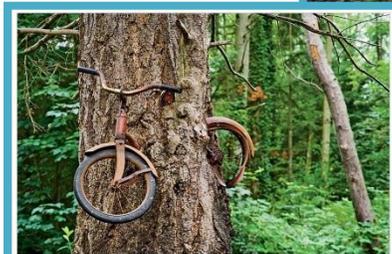


At the Overlook



A "tip" of Smokey's Fedora... to Mike and Al for the "photogs" and report!

Out and About “Runs good, Needs Work”



How the Internet started (Biblical version)

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a healthy young wife by the name of Dorothy (Dot for short). Dot Com was a comely woman, large of breast, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent. To prevent neighboring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew to The People (HTTP).

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. Indeed he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others."

And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or EBay as it came to be known, and he said, "We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied that they were, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators."

"YAHOO," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com. Abraham's cousin, young Joshua, being a Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside.

It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).

That's how it all began. I wouldn't make this stuff up.

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COMEDY CORNER

VINTAGE FORD HUMOR

A lady was telling her husband about the fine new automobile their neighbor was going to get.

“What is the name of the car?” he asked

“I can’t remember” said she, “but it starts with T.”

“That must be a Ford,” said he “All others start with gasoline.”

“What’s your name, little girl?”

“You will laugh if I tell you.”

“No, I won’t.”

“Iona ford.”

Hobbs – “I took a flight in my Ford this afternoon.”

Dobbs – “Whad d’ye mean, a flight?”

Hobbs – “I put her up to forty miles an hour, and she took the air on her fenders.”

ANOTHER KIND OF HUMOR

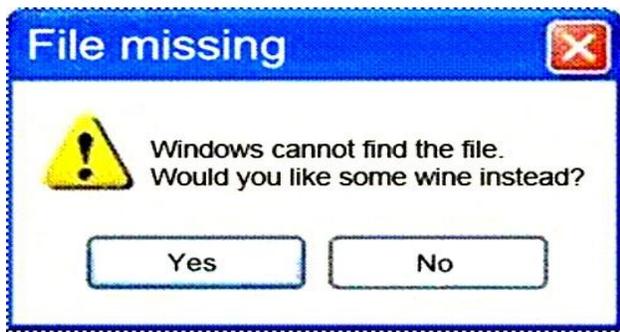
An Irish painter by the name of Murphy, while not a brilliant scholar, was a gifted portrait artist. Over a short number of years, his fame grew and soon people from all over Ireland were coming to the town of Doolin in County Clare, to get him to paint their likenesses.

One day, a beautiful young English woman arrived at his house in a stretch limo and asked if he would paint her in the nude. This being the first time anyone had made such a request he was a bit perturbed, particularly when the woman told him that money was no object; in fact, and she was willing to pay up to £10,000.

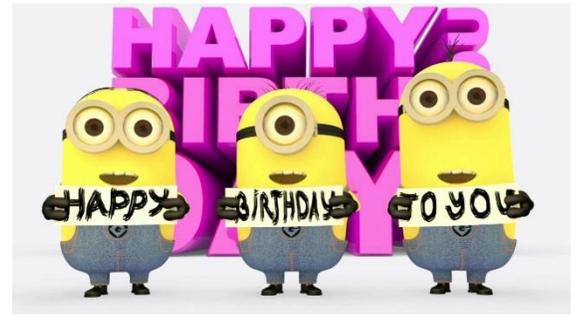
Not wanting to get into any marital strife, he asked her to wait while he went into the house to confer with Mary, his wife.

In a few minutes he returned.

"T'would be me pleasure to paint yer portrait, missus," he said "The wife says it's okay. "I'll paint you in the nude all right; but I have to at least leave me socks on, so I have a place to wipe me brushes."



May Annibirtharies



Gary Allan ----- 29th

Pete Dryer ----- 31st



No May Anniversary's!

UPCOMING TOURS and ACTIVITIES

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

May Sometimesomething



The night before prohibition began , 1920



Women were demonstrating for a very important right, 1933



End of prohibition December 5th 1933

Automotive Trivia 1937

Ford's 85 BHP V-8 in the standard Ford Tudor makes a formidable police vehicle but the public can still choose the milder V-8 60.

Chrysler products move to all-steel roofs and all around standard safety glass.

Striking union leaders are beaten by Ford thugs at the infamous "Battle of the Overpass" on May 26.

Unionized Autoworkers win their first major labor contracts.

Hudsons break 40 official performance records. One of them for 24 hours, covering 2104.22 miles a 87.67 mph.

Buick claims it's steering-wheel horn ring is a "first" in the auto industry.

Trivia Quiz, questions and answers

Q. What was the 1932 V-8 Model called and how did it compare with the Model B 4 cyl?



Ford launched a completely new model for 1932. The V-8 was marketed as the **Model 18** in its initial year, and simply called the **Ford V-8**. Ford sold 298,647 V8-powered 18s in 1932 and could not keep up with demand, dealers switched customers to the Model B from the V8, but sold only 133,539, in part because the V8 cost just \$10 more.

Next Month

What was the name of the forerunner of the economy class automobile?