



Welcome to the 2017 CCRG Jamboree

Porterville California

The Porterville Chapter of MAFCA and the Central California Regional Group is one of the smallest chapters in the CCRG but noted for hosting the Jamboree where people have the most fun. The Porterville area is blessed with its location near several National Parks and beautiful mountains where you can find the Sequoiadendron giganteum in abundance which is the largest redwood tree in the world. It is only 63.9 miles from the General Sherman tree to Porterville. An easy drive in your Model A.

We did not schedule any tours on Friday since we were unsure about the possibility of snow this early in the year and also we were a little short handed with enough members to be responsible for both Friday and Saturday tours. We hope you will arrive early on Thursday or Friday and take a nice drive into the mountains to see the redwood trees in Sequoia National Park and several other Redwood groves in the area. If the weather permits, you might also consider driving to Yosemite National Park or Kings Canyon National Park which are also within an easy day's drive.

Tours Saturday:

#1 We have several excellent tours for Saturday. The “**Wheels and Wings**” tour has taken a lot of planning and we have several classic airplanes that will be parked on both of the two airports' tarmac for you to see and even drive next to for a nice picture with your car. At the Porterville Airport a **private collection of classic cars and helicopters** will be open for us to view as well as several classic airplanes. The trip to the Woodlake airport will include a stop at Boling Brothers Early Iron Shop where their Model A Hydraulic brake kit will be on display along with several other cars under restoration in their expansive shop. The Woodlake airport will also have several classic airplanes on display including a 1932 Pietenpol airplane that originally was powered with a Model A engine. The Runway Café at the Woodlake airport will also provide their famous **Fish and Chips lunch** or second choices of Hamburger or Salad and drink for those with lunch tickets.

#2 The Saturday **tour is to Exeter**, which is another small town you definitely want to visit. Billed as the **Gateway to the Sequoias, Exeter, California**, has an extensive set of impressive murals scattered throughout the downtown area. The **murals** depict the agrarian, multi-cultural heritage of Exeter from the early 1800s to the present day. All of the murals are within an easy walking distance of each other. Exeter also has an abundance of boutiques and antique stores you won't want to miss. Several people from Exeter are available as guides and will be happy to provide guided tours of the murals. The Exeter Courthouse Gallery of the Arts and the Historical Museum will be the hub of this tour. After the walk to view the murals and spending some time in the art gallery and museum, you will be ready for a fabulous lunch in the basement of the museum. This is a very **special lunch** that has been prepared by Deby Cook with some help from others. In addition to viewing the wonderful murals, Exeter has several very excellent **Antique Stores** you don't want to miss. You will also be encouraged to visit a very unique private **Model A Restoration Shop** owned by John Cook who has an excellent reputation for restoring and selling excellent Model A cars, trucks, and speedsters. I highly recommend this tour.

#3 The third tour will be touring a very special collection of **General Motors cars in a private museum** with cars and trucks from 1914 to 1954. This collection is owned by Tom Mello who is the Regional President of the **Vintage Chevrolet Club** of America and he will provide a walking tour of his museum with stories and history about each of his cars and trucks. Following this Vintage Chevrolet museum visit will be a drive to the Eagle Mountain Casino for a **special lunch** and time to try your luck at the various types of games.

Seminar:

We hope that you return from your tour by 3PM and in time to attend the seminar by Dave Vestal on: **“MAFCA Restorer’s Class”** at the Fairgrounds. This is a chance for you to find out the original and not original things about the Model A. This new form of Model A Evaluation ... not judging ... should be very helpful to you as you learn more about the Model A you drive everyday.

Make sure you check out the **Raffle Prizes** which include a completely rebuilt Model A engine, Mitchell Overdrive, huge wrench and socket kit, handmade quilts and many more items.



The small group of Porterville Happy Honker members have worked many hours to try to make your visit to our city an enjoyable and pleasant week-end, but most of all we hope you ... **Have fun!!**