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Upcoming Events

December

Saturday, December 11
Annual Christmas Lunch
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Merry Christmas

Happy New Year



MONTHLY EL CAMINO A's BUSINESS

BOARD MEETING: The Monday before the business meeting
BUSINESS MEETING: Third Thursday of the month.
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December Birthdays



Corrina Alandt	2
Mike Anderson	2
Neil Chichizola	30

Free

Robert Alviso is offering the pictured parts as well as seven 21" MA wheels.

From Rick Black:



There are three shock absorber arms; the long ones are rear; short one is front
The other 3 are shock links, replacement style, called "dog bones" that were used instead of the stock 1928-1931 links.

These would be useful for someone who needs a replacement shock arm.

Robert is in Burlingame; his email address is rfa.851@gmail.com

Bill Welch sent the following email:

I sold my Model A's in 1962 to pay for college. What I have left is a set of original service bulletins that came with the cars at purchase. I am looking for a home for these plus a variety of brochures, manuals and bulletins that I collected over the years that I worked on restoring the cars.

If you're interested in service bulletins, call Bill at 650-678-6395

El Camino A's Board Meeting November 8, 2021 Minutes
Submitted by Bob Perkins

Present: Sam and Connie Asaro, Maureen Morley, Bob Perkins, Bob Reed,
Mary Anne Stergion, and Barbara Stouffer

Minutes from the last board meeting (September 13, 2021) were approved as written.

Treasurer's report

- We're still solvent.
- The bank doesn't charge a monthly fee, but might if we fall below some minimum balance.
- The Post Office Box rental has been paid for roughly another year.

Tours and Events

Christmas Lunch

Mary Anne Stergion has reserved the back room at Hobee's for 11:00 AM, Saturday, December 11. The most recent newsletter described the event and asked folks to respond to Mary Anne. As of this meeting eleven members planned to attend.

Mary Anne also canceled this year's reservation at the Basque Cultural Center.

Old Business

Bob Perkins sent an email to all members asking for volunteers for leadership positions for 2022. The email pointed out that the club was unlikely to survive without volunteers.

Five members responded, four in favor of carrying on. One thought they might organize a nominating committee. No one present at the meeting knew anything further.

No one has volunteered.

New Business

The board is obliged to present a slate of candidates for officers for 2022.

Given the response to Bob's email asking for volunteers, it's unclear how the board can meet that obligation.

Absent other candidates, and if the club carries on as a MAFCA chapter, Bob Reed will serve as Treasurer and Mary Anne Stergion will serve as Secretary. As reported earlier, Bob Perkins will step down as editor at the end of the year.

Bob Reed will, after we've eaten at Hobee's, make yet another plea for volunteers to lead the club.

Sam Asaro thought we should forewarn members planning to attend the Christmas lunch that
"Important decisions will be made".

El Camino A's

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Hobee's, Belmont

Saturday, December 11 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

We'll order from the full menu – no need to decide in advance.

RSVP to Mary Anne Stergion by December 8

Phone: 650 759-0798

[Remember to dial the area code]

Email: mas630@aol.com

Please bring an unwrapped toy for

Toys for Tots



Jim's Technical Tip 14

by Jim Cannon

Ignition Cam Screws



I have helped a few Model A owners with an unusual problem: For no reason at all, their distributor goes "out of time". They lose power and have to limp home. They reset the timing and the car runs great again, but after a while the same thing happens, and they limp home. Gremlins? No.

The problem is that the ignition cam screw may not hold the cam down tightly to the distributor shaft. After a bit of driving, the cam rotates into a more and more "retarded" position and the engine loses power.

In spite of getting out a big screwdriver and tightening the screw as much as possible, the cam still moves on them. Why is this? The SCREW that they are using is too long for the hole that is drilled and tapped in the top of the distributor shaft. Some reproduction screws are just too long. Or the hole in the reproduction distributor shaft is too shallow. Or both! Whatever the case, the screw bottoms out in the hole and jams up tight before the cam is properly locked down on the shaft. So, the cam moves.



The simple fix is to add a washer under the head of the cam screw. Now the cam will get locked down well before the screw bottoms out in the hole. You also want to inspect the underside of the cam; it should have ridges that help lock it down on the shaft. Once the screw is tight, put the rotor on the cam and gently try to turn it on the distributor shaft. It should not move.

If you or a friend encounters this problem with the engine going out of time, I hope my little tip does the trick for you.

Jim Cannon
Have a Model A Day

Are You Interested in Era Fashions?

Just Where Do You Start? If you are new to the hobby, and don't really know where to start, your first stop should be to read this article written by Capitol A member Peggy Gill. [Click here](#) to read this article.

Quick Reference Guide for Daytime Wear 1928-1931

http://mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Quick_Reference_to_Daytime_Wear.pdf

MAFCA's Era Fashion Committee has received many individual requests for a "portable" guide for shopping expeditions so that members have general information handy on what to look for in putting together an era-image outfit.

This new tri-fold brochure focuses on daytime styles and general hat information for both men and women and can be printed out and slipped into a purse or pocket. Make sure your printer is set for double sided printing!

Era Fashion Articles: http://mafca.com/ef_articles.html

Every two months, the Era Fashions Committee members write a new article for the web site. The current and past articles are listed for your education and enjoyment of Era Fashions. Topics include general information on styles to an in-depth exploration of specific topics. If you don't see something you are looking for, click on the link for the older Archived articles!

