

Henry's Horn

Henry's A's Monthly Newsletter

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For those of us that have lived a full life; we recognize that the friends and family that we shared this life are what the real blessings that we have.

Share as many moments with them as you can this holiday season to maximize your joy and theirs!

**Happy
Holidays
to
you
and
Yours!**

BOARD MEMBERS

President: Rick Mahan
Vice President: Greg Short
Secretary: Kathy Morte
Treasurer: Wes Nelson
Membership: Ed & Wilma Shannon
Activities: Dave McArthur
Editor: Wes Huffman

COMMITTEES

Refreshments: Paula Nelson
Historian: Rick Mahan
Sunshine: Barbara Mahan
Tech Advisor: Bob LaFollette
Raffleer: Bob LaFollette
Web Page: Aaron Louis
NCRG: David McArthur

GENERAL MEETING

General meetings of Henry's A's are held at 10 AM on the first Saturday of each month, **except December 3th**

Guests and visitors are welcome.

HENRY'S HORN is the monthly newsletter of Henry's A's Chapter, Model A Ford Club of America. We solicit articles and other items for publication in these pages; please submit, before the 25th of the month, to the Editor's e-mail address or the clubs mailing address:

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Livermore CA 94551

A signup sheet will be at the next meeting for refreshments for future club meetings.

Can you volunteer to bring refreshments for the next meeting?

Henry's A's Activities Report

Dec 3rd in lieu of the monthly meeting at Duarte's Garage

Henry's A's Christmas lunch 11:30 at Cattlemen's Restaurant, Livermore. (yeh, I know it has already happened)

January 29-30 2022 -- Turlock CA
Hosts: Modesto Area A's

Turlock Swap Meet



Your activities are important to our club. Please use your camera and record your holiday adventures to share them with our readers.

Henry's A's Meeting Minutes
Date: Saturday, November 5, 2022
The Duarte Garage, Livermore CA

The meeting was called to order at 10:44 by Vice President Greg Short. Guest, Dan Crawford was introduced. He is looking for a Model A to buy.

We pledged allegiance to the flag

Secretary Report: The minutes were approved as printed in the Horn,

Refreshments: Paula Nelson thanked Norma for bringing cookies

Sunshine Report: Paula told us that Jackie Roos is living in an assisted living home in Ripon near her daughter. Paula and Wes visited her and reported that Jackie is very happy there. It was suggested that we send Christmas cards to Jackie

Raffle: Bob LaFollette had many nice prizes for the raffle. He decided that he will do a 50/50 raffle only in January

Old Business: Kathy Morte reported that the NCRG mini roundup in Sutter Creek/Jackson was nicely done and a lot of fun. Next year, Sonora and Modesto will host a mini round-up in Sonora the weekend before Memorial Day.

New Business: We voted on next year's slate of officers:

President: Greg Short

Vice President: Bob LaFollette

Secretary: (Kathy Morte volunteered after vote)

Treasurer: Earl Minkler

As there were no nominations from the floor the slate was approved by acclamation

Committee chairs for 2023:

Historian:

NCRG: Dave McArthur

Refreshments: Paula Nelson

Sunshine:

Tech Advisor: Bob LaFollette

Website Manager: Aaron Louis

Vice President's Report: Greg Short - no report

Activities: David McArthur- no report

Tour to Lunch: 3 couples had a nice lunch at Polo's across from Duarte's garage

Gala Xmas Party December 3rd 2022Paula Nelson – **Lunch will be at noon on Saturday, December 3 at Cattlemen's. Paula needs payment of \$20 per person by November 28**...If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped \$20 gift... there will be a drawing for 4 \$50 gift cards... the members approved \$200 for expenses for a total of \$400 for gift cards and expenses for the luncheon.

Treasurer's Report: Wes Nelson reported that we are doing fine

Membership Report: Ed & Wilma Shannon reported that we have 23member families

Roster Manager: Wes Nelson sent out version 5 last time

Publications: Wes Huffman-no report

Technical Advisor: Bob LaFollette showed us pistons that came in the engine he just bought in Petaluma. He shared that there are 54 varieties of shocks.

Raffle

Adjourned at 11:30 for raffle

Respectfully submitted by
Kathy Morte
Secretary

DECEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Jenny Vahlstrom	3
4	5	6 Norma Clark	7  Full Moon	8	9	10 Ralph Bowling
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Hanukkah	19	20	21	22	23 Nan Huffman	24 Amelia Kraft
25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa	27	28	29	30	31

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Please help out one of the Monthly Horn readers

Hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family.

What insurance do you use for your Model A??

Have a great rest of the day and Healthy Christmas and New Year too!

God Bless,

Sunday and John Borges

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The awkward moment when you drive your Chevy to the levy and the levy isn't dry.



This is what happens when you're drinking whiskey and rye.



Food for Thought

A man was driving his Model A Ford down a neighborhood street, going a bit too fast, partly due to his stunning newly rebuilt four banger. He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. (Considering the Model A brakes I would guess he didn't slow down a whole bunch.)

As he passed, no children appeared. Instead, a brick smashed into the door of his shiny old Ford. He slammed on the brakes and backed the Model A back to the spot where the brick had been thrown. (This was obviously not Dave.)

The angry driver then jumped out of the car, grabbed the nearest kid and pushed him up against a parked car, what was that all about and who are you? Just what the heck are you doing? That's a classic car and that brick you threw is going cost a lot of money. Why did you do that? The boy was apologetic. Please, I'm sorry but I didn't know what else to do. I threw the brick because no one else would stop. With tears running down his face and off his chin, the young boy pointed to a spot just around the parked car. It's my brother, he said "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheel chair and I can't lift him up."

Now sobbing, the boy asked the man, would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me.

Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat. He hurriedly lifted the handicapped boy back into his wheelchair, then took out an old ragged handkerchief and dabbed at the fresh scrapes and cuts. A quick look told him everything was going to be okay. "Thank you and may God bless you," the grateful child told the stranger. Too shook up for words the man simply watched the boy push his wheelchair-bound brother down the sidewalk toward their home.

The damage was very noticeable, but the man never bothered to repair the dented door. He keeps it there to remind him of this message. "Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention!"

God whispers in our souls and speaks to our hearts. Sometimes when we don't have time to listen, He has to throw a brick at us. It's our choice to listen or not.

MAFFI Newsletter Minute

The seasons are changing. Our friends living in Hickory Corners have settled in on their winter hours. While a good portion of the country is still wondering why anybody would ever want a snow blower, these people are wearing them out trying to clear paths around the Gilmore Campus for the hearty crowd braving the ice and snow to visit the museum. There are those who have packed their Model A's away for the winter, those who barely see a change in the seasons, and those in between who continue driving our A's, but cuss them because there is no heat, or the heat is dispensed on the wrong side of the vehicle. It is the holiday season.

Let's not forget this is also a giving season. The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc draws revenue from several sources throughout the year. A popular source of this revenue is their memorial brick sales. This is a chance to preserve the memory of your club or one of its former members (current members for that matter) by having a brick cast in their memory in front of the Model A Ford Museum.

To help MAFFI grow, we are offering clubs a free brick for their help in signing up three new MAFFI Members. Three member applications, with their checks for \$25.00 each, and your FREE brick order should be sent in one envelope to:

MAFFI
PO Box 28,
Peotone, IL 60468-0028

Does anyone have a 1930-1931 Model A Tudor for sale? Wanted in in San Luis Obispo, CA

Contact Pete Peterson:
petenanc3744@att.net

One of our Charter Oak members is looking for a Phaeton (any year).....
Please contact me,

Phil Kneeland
(559) 679-1980
lindannphil@sbcglobal.net
Charter Oak Model A Club
Visalia, CA

The Nuanced Design of A 1929 Ford Model A Engine. Video of block being machined.

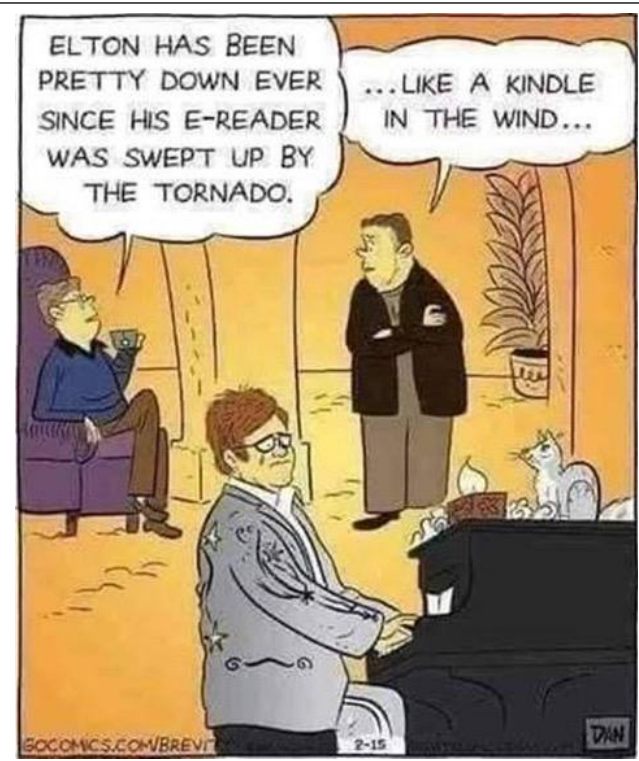
https://youtu.be/_ZESBbQ2dew



All I'm saying is, at any point during that ride through the desert he could have given the horse a name.



I just found this old tape, so I gave it a play. I don't recommend it at all. Head Cleaner - worst band ever...



To Overdrive, or Not to Overdrive...*THAT* is the question?

By Eric Engle

There seems to be a growing trend, for some **Model A** owners, to add an overdrive to their cars or trucks, and probably with good reasons. While some may think this to be a bit of an unnecessary expense, the benefits can be numerous.

It would seem that the most common misconception of having an overdrive is that they are **ONLY** used by those owners who are brave enough (foolish enough?) to venture onto the freeways. While it's true that it does make it nice to be able to cruise along at **55-60** miles per hour at times, the higher speeds are **NOT** the only reason for installing an overdrive into one's vehicle.

A bit over one year ago, I had my **Mitchell OD** installed because I did indeed wish to go on longer tours, which would certainly have meant going on the faster freeways and highways. And while it is **REALLY** nice for that, I have also found, through experience, that it's **NOT** the only reason to have one.

My very first experience with needing my overdrive was on the club's annual **Mount Baldy** tour. That is where my **26%** overdrive **REALLY** shined for the first time !!! Cruising up, or down, the mountain roads, second gear overdrive was a wonderful thing!! Yup...the **Mitchell** overdrive works in every gear...even reverse, if you're crazy enough to want to try that...but not me!!! But second gear in overdrive is just the right gearing for pulling most of those steep hills, or for holding the car from going too fast down hill. Saving one's brakes while going down hill is a **VERY** good thing!! Less worrying about overheating the brakes, which might lead to the dreaded brake fade.

The problem with going up a steep road is that, all too often, **2nd** gear is just too low, with the motor running at too high of **RPM's** ...But, **3rd** gear is too high and the motor simply can't sustain pulling in that gear... So the driver is having to constantly shift between **2nd** and **3rd** gears to drive up the mountain grades. That's where the **2nd** gear in overdrive really becomes a blessing!!

One more benefit to these overdrives...they are synchromeshed. In other words, they can be shifted in and out without double-clutch. Some owners use this as a means of shifting into first gear while at a complete stop. Leave the transmission in first gear, put the overdrive in neutral, then when the light goes green, simply push the clutch peddle in and shift the overdrive into direct drive. No first gear grinding! And with practice, the overdrive can also be used to downshift. Example: Driving in **3rd** gear and the driver needs to downshift to **2nd**...what to do?? The driver simply pushes the clutch peddle in, shifts the overdrive into neutral, waits for a moment for the engine's **RPM's** to come down to almost an idle, shift the transmission into **2nd**, and then the overdrive back into gear, and voila!!.....downshifting accomplished without needing to double clutch, **AND** without grinding. But it does take a bit of practice to put to memory the sequence.

While there are a number of manufacturers of overdrives, probably the most popular at this time are the **Mitchell** overdrives. Some of the other brands used are the **Ryan** overdrive, **Borg Warner**, and sometimes **Volvo**. But it would seem that, for the most part, the **Mitchell** is the "go-to" leader currently. Installation is basically a bolt in operation, with no special modifications necessary, other than making a hole in the floorboards for the extra shift lever.

These are only some personal observations of mine while using my overdrive. I am not recommending any particular brand, only bringing to attention the distinct advantages of having an overdrive unit in the car and how much nicer the driving experience becomes with one. And isn't that what it's all about....improving the experience of driving our fine old cars?!?!.....



Venice
Beach
trams,
circa
1965.
Model A
Ford drive
train.

<https://www.fordbarn.com/forum/attachment.php?attachmentid=504577&d=1670044239>



Tools
supplied
for the
model
A. To be
kept
under
the
seat,
and
used.



Fuel \$2.09 per/L

Full tank @ 128L = \$267.52

Drive away without paying: Court date 6 weeks later and \$80 fine.

Savings:\$187.52

Follow me for more fuel savings tips!!

If you get a LOAN at a bank, you'll be paying it back for 30 yrs.
If you ROB a bank, you'll be out in 10 yrs.
OLDTIMERS
Follow me for more financial advice

I FOUND A BOOK CALLED HOW TO SOLVE 50% OF YOUR PROBLEMS. SO, I BOUGHT TWO.

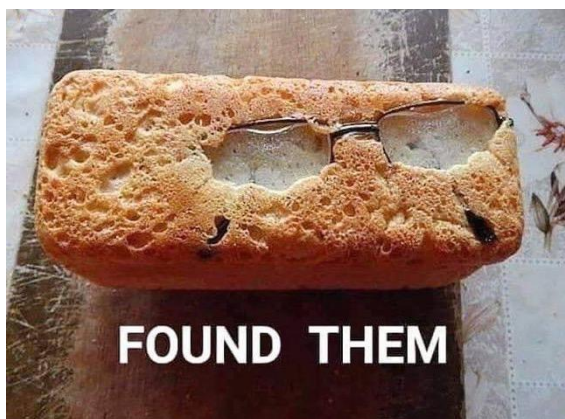
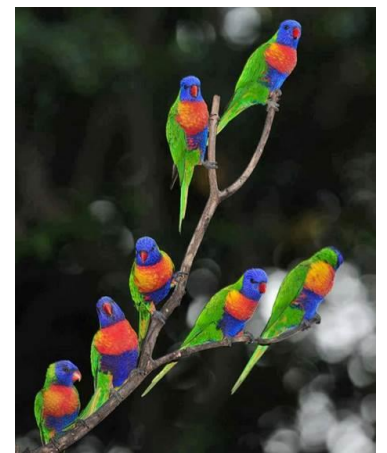
I found that I have been happier since I changed from coffee in the morning to orange juice. My doctor explained that it's the vitamin C and natural sugars but I really think it's the Vodka

Head Gasket Failure & Replacement Saga - The Ford Barn

Excellent discussion of installing a head.

<https://www.fordbarn.com/forum/showthread.php?t=320616>

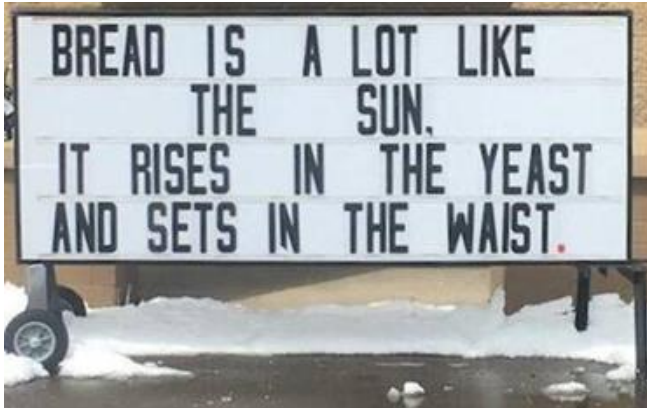
Pulled a nose hair out today to see if it hurt!
Judging by the screams of the guy asleep on the bus next to me! Yes it did hurt!!



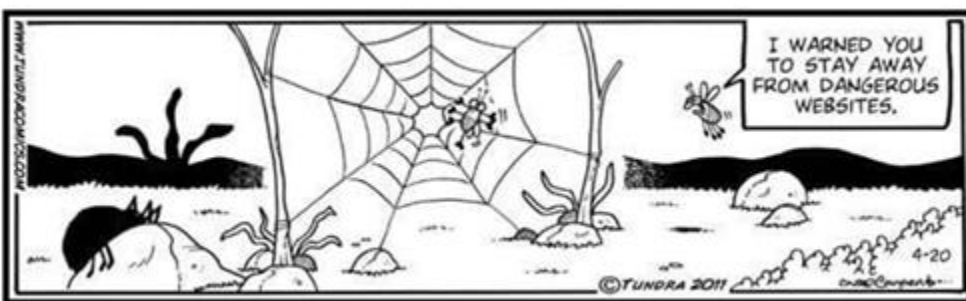
The distance it takes for me to forget a number between 1 and 10



Apparently you can reheat pizza by turning your toaster on its side... your welcome



Getting ready for a road trip in my Tesla 🤪🤪🤪



NURSE CAME IN AND SAID DOC, THERE'S A MAN IN THE WAITING ROOM WHO THINKS HE'S INVISIBLE, WHAT SHOULD I TELL HIM? THE DOCTOR SAID TELL HIM I CAN'T SEE HIM TODAY.



My emotional support dog after one day with me



I'M TAKING CARE OF MY PROCRASTINATION ISSUES; JUST YOU WAIT AND SEE.

Never ask a woman drinking wine straight from the bottle how she's doing.

I'M WORRIED ABOUT CRIME SO I ASKED A FRIEND FROM TEXAS WHAT I NEEDED TO PROTECT MY HOME



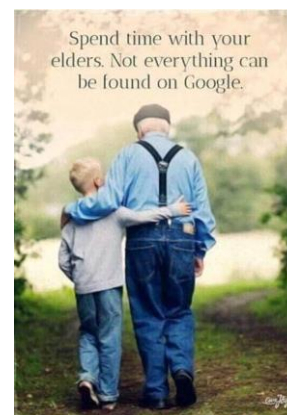
www.Facebook.com/DiedLaughing

HE SAID A 9MM, A COUPLE OF CLIPS AND A BOX OF SHELLS STILL NOT SURE HOW THIS IS SUPPOSED TO WORK

IF JESUSTRIED TO FEED THE 5000 TODAY...



Spend time with your elders. Not everything can be found on Google.



I'M SO OLD I REMEMBER MULTIPLICATION WAS CALLED "TIMES TABLES"

I CAN SMELL



THIS PHOTO



**I'M OLD ENOUGH TO
REMEMBER WHEN PAPER
BAGS WERE BEING BLAMED
FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF
TREES – AND PLASTIC BAGS
WERE THE SOLUTION!**

If I waited until I had all
my ducks in a row, I'd
never get across the
street. Sometimes you
just have to gather up
what you've got and
make a run for it.

- Judge Lynn Toler
@judgetoler | @judgetoler

DEAR ABBY ADMITTED SHE WAS AT A LOSS AS HOW TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Dear Abby, a couple of women moved in across the hall from me. One is a middle-aged gym teacher and the other is a social worker in her mid-twenties. These two women go everywhere together, and I've never seen a man go into or leave their apartment. Do you think they could be Lebanese?

Dear Abby, what can I do about all the sex, nudity, foul language and violence on my VCR?

Dear Abby, I am a twenty-three-year-old liberated woman who has been on the pill for two years. It's getting expensive and I think my boyfriend should share half the cost, but I don't know him well enough to discuss money with him.

Dear Abby, I've suspected that my husband has been fooling around, and, when confronted with the evidence, he denied everything and said it would never happen again.

Dear Abby, our son writes that he is taking Judo. Why would a boy who was raised in a good Christian home turn against his own?

Dear Abby, I joined the Navy to see the world. I've seen it. Now how do I get out?

Dear Abby, my forty-year-old son has been paying a psychiatrist \$50.00 an hour every week for two and a half years. He must be crazy.

Dear Abby, my mother is mean and short-tempered. I think she is going through mental pause.

Dear Abby, you told some woman whose husband had lost all interest in sex to send him to a doctor. Well, my husband lost all interest in sex and he is a doctor. Now what do I do?

Dear Abby, I have a man I can't trust. He cheats so much, I'm not even sure the baby I'm carrying is his.