



Acorn A's — Our 53rd Year

The Nutshell

March 2024

Vice President's Message

The year is starting out right and we are looking forward to the Valentines tour (rain or shine) this Wednesday, February 21. Providing the weather cooperates we will drive our A's for the first time in 2024. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate. We're a wee late this year but that's not a problem for us. Jim and Linda Rodrigues have promised us a nice sunny day so I expect a good turnout on Wednesday.



It was nice to see Max and Wanda at our meeting this month after some time on the mend. I sure hope Judy and Carl feel better soon.

On another note, we will once again join the Henry A's for the St. Patrick's Day parade. I think we should open all our tours to them because it just makes tours that much more fun.

I hope to see you all on the 21st.

George Diamantine

January Meeting Minutes

ACORN A'S GENERAL MEETING

February 13, 2024

George welcomed everyone with a HAPPY VALENTINE DAY!! 12 in attendance

Glen reported finances are good. Filed State and Federal taxes

Motion to pass budget approved.

No secretary's report.

Get articles in by the 20th of the month

Wanda reported on Birthdays Judy, Carl, Dahlia, we wish you a HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wanda sent Doris a Christmas Card, Doris is going through Cancer. Get well Doris. We miss you. No fashion report

No report on NCRG Roundup to be held in Carson City. Nevada March 16 St, Patrick Day Parade meet at Creekside check in 8:30 AM, George will lead the tour.

\$42.00 collected in the pot, No winner

Meeting adjourned 11:40

Linda Rodrigues



Tours 2024



2024 Tours

Tour Report

February – Valentines Tour led by Jim and Linda Rodrigus.

March – St. Patrick’s Day Parade – led by Bill and Kathy Morte

April through the rest of the year is open so put your thinking caps on and let’s get those cars out. Vice President George Diamantine has a good idea to invite the Henry A’s to come on the tours. More cars and people equate to more fun.

Last year Bill and Kathy Morte led a Pop-Up tour and what a great idea. If the weather is nice, I will help you call around to get others to come. Whether it’s something to see or just to get together for lunch It is always nice to get our cars out and get together.

Mona Diamantine, Tour Mistress

Contact Mona Diamantine at 510-632-0804 to schedule your tour or for suggestions or help.



Valentine’s Tour

Left to right: Tom McElveen, Catherine & Glenn Martin, Linda & Jim Rodrigues, Dahlia Amaral, George & Mona Diamantine, Kathy & Bill Morte

Ford Assembly Plant San Francisco



San Francisco, California - 2905 21st Street; built 1914, assembly relocated to Richmond plant June 1931; demolished following the Loma Prieta earthquake, now the site of an elementary school.

Photo: San Francisco History Center, SF Public Library

The Ford Motor Company's presence in the San Francisco Bay Area mirrored the company's national pattern of first establishing a branch agency and then a branch assembly plant. Ford's first San Francisco branch, located at Van Ness Avenue and Fell Street, opened in 1911. It received cars assembled in Detroit that had been knocked down for shipment by rail. Mechanics at the San Francisco branch put wheels back on the cars and readied them for sale at the branch or for delivery to dealers elsewhere in the area. In 1912, branch manager J.B. Lund hired Clarence Bulwinkel, a San Francisco native and recent graduate of Lowell High School, to work in the tool and stock department with the promise to move into an office job when an opening occurred. Shortly thereafter, Bulwinkel accepted a job as bookkeeper in the branch office. At about that time, the Ford Motor Company was making plans to build an assembly plant in San Francisco. Officials selected a site at Harrison and 21st Street, built a new five-story building, and hired local workers with no prior experience on automobile assembly lines. The new assembly plant was typical of Ford branch

plants of the 1910s: they were multi-storied and located along railroad tracks in the heart of the city, where they could serve as both assembly plants and sales branches. All manufactured car parts and components arrived from Detroit by rail. The new San Francisco branch assembly plant ran its first Ford car off the line in late 1913.

The company next decided to install an assembly line at the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco. Frank Vivian, who later would become important in the World War II activities at the Richmond plant, was placed in charge of the special exhibit in which Ford cars were assembled in public view and made available to car dealers waiting at the end of the line. Shortly after the exhibition ended, the San Francisco branch plant ceased selling cars directly and began serving only as an assembly plant and as a wholesale outlet for dealerships elsewhere. Bulwinkel worked his way up the Ford organization in San Francisco to the position of assistant manager before being transferred to Portland, Oregon, in 1926 to manage the branch plant there. He was transferred back to take over the San Francisco plant as manager in 1930, about the time construction of the new Richmond plant began. The San Francisco plant was producing about 200 cars per day in 1930, but by then it had grown relatively inefficient. As a multi-story building, it relied on elevators to move components and partially assembled vehicles from floor to floor. The freight elevators had been designed for the Model T, but by 1930 Ford was producing the Model A. Therefore, very little of the equipment from the San Francisco plant was moved to Richmond.

Recipe Corner

This month's recipe comes from Mona Diamantine

Italian Inspired soup

2 C escarole, chopped or 2 C chopped kale (be sure to cut out the stems of the kale as they are bitter)

2-3 medium garlic cloves, minced

1 C chopped onion

2 C spinach leaves, baby

2 small zucchinis, cubed

1 medium sweet red pepper, chopped

1 medium fennel bulb, thinly sliced

8 C beef broth

28 oz, canned diced tomatoes, fire roasted are best

2 tsp thyme, finely chopped or 1 tsp dried

1 tsp fresh oregano, finely chopped or ½ tsp dried

3 sausages each, Jenny O Turkey sausage, Hot Italian and Sweet Italian. Remove casing and make small meatballs out of the sausage. Cut small pieces then roll to make them round, drop them in the boiling soup to cook.

¼ cup each fresh chopped basil and parsley for garnish

Combine all ingredients except Turkey sausage, parsley and basil, cover and bring to boil, add raw sausage (sliced in small slices that cook up into tiny meatballs) reduce heat, partly cover and simmer for 15 minutes.

Add basil and parsley and serve.

Soup can be made with or without sausage. Without sausage add ¼ tsp crushed red pepper flakes and ¾ tsp salt and ¼ pepper.

Please contact Mona or David if you have a recipe that you would like to share.

Sunshine

If you know of a member who is under the weather call Wanda Romero

Monday Coffee

Every Monday, 9 AM at Rudy's Donuts in Castro Valley

March Meeting

Tuesday, March 12

11 AM

Harry's Hofbrau

March Birthdays

03/08 Ida Demello

03/26 Ken Demello



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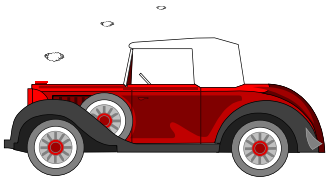
Max Romero

Web Master



The Nutshell

It's the journey, not the destination!



Meetings

The Acorn A's meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of
the month at 11AM at Harry's Hofbrau in San
Leandro. Club members meet every Monday at 9
AM at Rudy's Donuts in Castro Valley

The Nutshell is sent by email. The newsletter will only to members who request it and may not contain all pages

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