

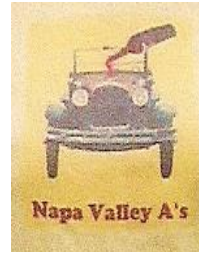


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A Look Back

Napa Valley A's History for January

January 21, 2011: Skip and Jean Keyser and Jim and Nancy Mounter attended the performance of "Run for Your Wife" at the Dreamweaver's Theatre in Napa.

January 28, 2011: At the January meeting Skip Keyser presented windshield decals to all who had participated in the Million Mile Challenge. Thirty two club members took part.

January 2016: The club did not have any events in January of 2016. There are no events scheduled in January this year, but that doesn't mean we can't have any. Following are some suggested activities for this month, we just need someone to step up and organize them!

This January, enjoy special menus and exclusive offers during Napa Valley Restaurant Month. For a list of participating restaurants, see <https://www.visitnapavalley.com/restaurant-month/>.

January 16-19: Tenth Annual Napa Truffle Festival. The Festival Marketplace will be open at Oxbow Public Market Saturday through Monday from 11:00 am -3:00 pm with free admission.

A Look Forward

January 22: Napa Valley A's Meeting, 7:00 pm at Creekside Church, 1050 Hagen Rd. Napa

January 24-25: Turlock Swap Meet, Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Turlock

February 7: Mardi Gras Parade in Yountville, 1:00 pm

Meeting Date

The first meeting of the new year will be on the fourth Thursday, January 22 at 7:00 pm at Creekside Church located at 1050 Hagen Rd. in Napa. There will be no refreshments as the club voted to discontinue the refreshments at the March meeting last year.

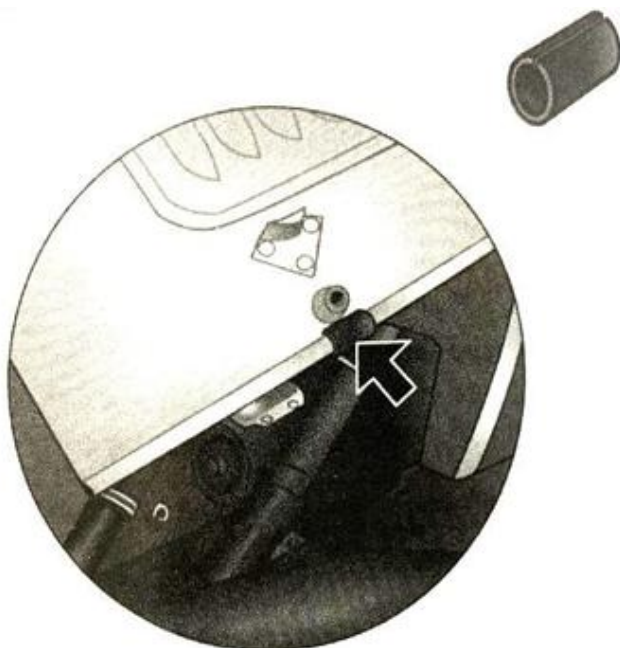
Mardi Gras Parade

The Yountville Mardi Gras Parade is scheduled for February 7 at 1:00 pm. This event is coming up fast and you should be looking for Mardi Gras decorations if you are planning to participate. The entry form is available at

<https://www.townofyountville.com/397/Mardi-Gras>

Hood Anti-Chip Protector

This tip comes from Ted Kucjhta, Centerville, OH and illustrated by Dick Lewis, Lawrenceburg, IN. A very simple solution to the problem of chipping the paint on your hood when latching the hood down with the hood handles is to cut four 1" to 2" lengths of fuel tubing, which are then cut lengthwise as shown. Slide the tubing over the rolled lower edge of the hood and secure it in place with a dab of silicone.



Q & A Section

Q: I will be attending the Turlock Swap Meet for the first time this month. The dates are 24 & 25 January 2026. Is it worth going on both days or just attend on Saturday?

Dave D'Addario

A: That depends on how much area you get covered on one day. There is a lot to see. A lot of times you get really good deals on Sunday because the guys don't want to pack it up and haul it out of there.

Todd Sgamba

A: Even on Saturday afternoon you'll see vendors packing up to go. Get there early, and go both days. But if you really need something, buy it when you see it.

Alton Southpaw Compasso

A: You can cover the parts vendors in one day at a moderate pace. Two days is nice if you like to stop and smell the roses.

Jordan Heath

Q: Where is Turlock?

Kenny Lauderman

A: About 10 minutes or so south of Modesto, California.

Todd Sgamba

A: It's a great swap meet!

Andrew McElhaney



Time For Birthdays

Pete Smith	January 4
Diane Mond	January 16
Jim Mounter	January 26
Cindy Smith	January 26
David LeCount	January ?



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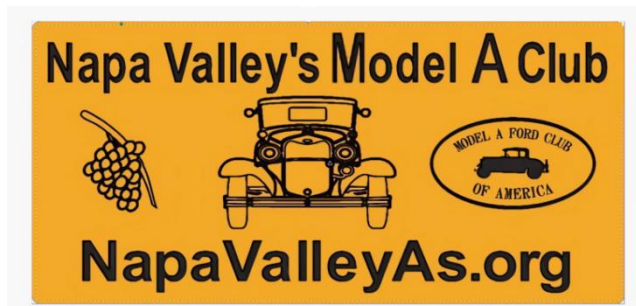
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Check out our website, napavalleyas.org, for more club information and activities.

2026 Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2026 were due at the beginning of the year. To renew your membership, send a check made out to Napa Valley A's for \$40 per family to the address listed on the form at the back of this newsletter or bring it to the January meeting. It is not necessary to complete a new application for renewing members. Membership dues for new members are waived during the first year.



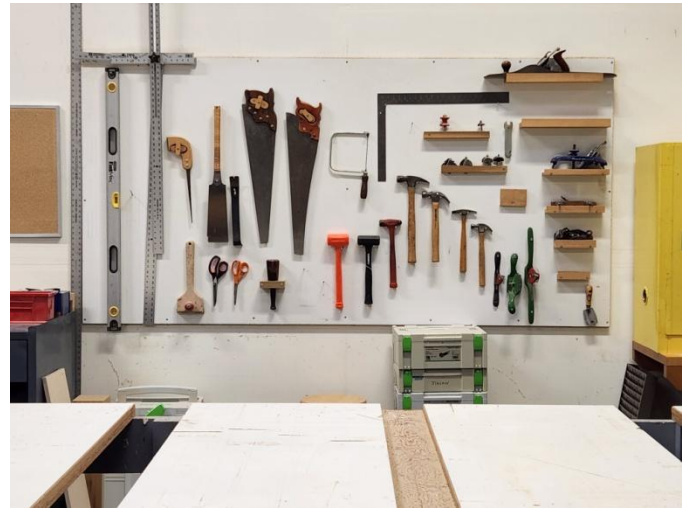
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Schoenstein Organ Company Open House

Schoenstein & Co. is the oldest and largest organ factory in the Western United States. The Schoenstein family has been building distinguished instruments for five generations. The firm started in the Black Forest of Germany in the mid-19th century with branches in Odessa, St. Petersburg, Berlin, and Stuttgart among others.

On November 16, Jim and Sheila Kanne, Matt and LeeAnn Pendergast, Skip and Jean Keyser, and Jim and Lynn Mounter met at the Benicia plant for their Open House. Generous quantities of light refreshments were served.

The work shop is spacious with many machine tools and specialized equipment. There is also room for a few hand tools, as some of the work is done by hand. This display is neatly organized and makes me wish my garage looked like this.



It's hard to imagine how large the organs are, but this picture will give some idea of the scale.



We were able to walk around on our own or join a tour of the facility. We could see the work in progress and hear the organ which could be played by anyone with the talent and ability to do so.

Friendsgiving Potluck

Matt and LeeAnn Pendergast hosted our first Friendsgiving Potluck at their home on November 20th. There was plenty of good food and good conversation in the living room and at the table. Following the meal, we played several rounds of bingo complete with prizes for the winners.



Thanks to Matt and LeeAnn for hosting this great event, and thank you to LeeAnn for taking the photos that you see here. (That's the reason you don't see her in any of the photos.)

Christmas Luncheon

Our Christmas Luncheon was again held at La Strada on December 13th. There were eleven of us at the table including Matt and LeeAnn, Jim and Sheila, Barbara, Martina, Skip and Jean, Jim and Lynn, and David. The food was very good and we enjoyed the treats that Barbara made for each place setting. Afterwards, we went to another room where a table was set up for us to play the gift exchange game. The game went quickly with each of us rolling the dice as fast as we could in an attempt to roll doubles. The gnome proved to be a popular gift and changed hands often.



Thanks to LeeAnn for making the reservations and to Barbara for the treats and to everyone who participated.



Jim's Tech Tip

Brake and Wheel Bearing Work

Whenever I pull a brake drum to inspect the brakes, replace worn parts, or to clean and repack the grease in the wheel bearings, I like to keep all of the parts clean and organized at each wheel. I also want to keep the floor of my shop clean.

I have found that the cardboard "flat" from a case of soft drinks, drinking water, etc., provides the perfect place to capture the wheel and brake parts as they come off the car. If the flat has a plastic wrapper over the outside of it, leave that in place to trap any liquids that might spill in the tray. I also line the bottom of each flat with newspaper.



I write on the newspaper with a big marker "RF", "LF", etc. to help keep track of which parts came off of which wheel. I dispose of the messy newspaper after the wheel work is complete, but I can reuse the flat box itself a few times.

Until next time,

Have a Model A Day!

Jim Cannon



January 3, 2026

Dear Napa Valley A's,

The Sonora Model A Ford Club is excited to invite you to our 2026 Mini Round-Up to be held on May 22-24, 2026. "Get Your Kicks in '26" will take place in beautiful Gold Country at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds, Sonora, California.

The SonoraAs.com website has a link to the Mini Round-Up registration information, local hotel accommodations and more. You have the option of: (1) mailing your registration form along with the signed MAFCA waiver and your check made out to "The Sonora As RoundUp", to P.O. Box 1537, Twain Harte, CA. 95383; or (2) registering online and paying by credit card. You will sign the MAFCA waiver when arriving at the Mini Round-Up. If you would like a registration form mailed to you, please contact mjdecesare@sbcglobal.net.

As part of the event, we will have the popular Pick-A-Prize room. If your club is able to contribute a prize item, we would greatly appreciate your generosity.

We hope to have you join us.

Sincerely yours,

Mike deCesare, Round-Up Treasurer

Napa Valley A's 2026 Membership Application

***** Membership Application/2026 Annual Dues Renewal*****

NOTE: Annual dues for 2026 are \$40.00 per family

Make check payable to **Napa Valley A's** and mail to: **800 School Street, Suite D, Napa, CA 94559**

(Mail your annual Model A Ford Club of America dues directly to: MAFCA, 250 S. Cypress St, La Habra, CA 90631.)

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