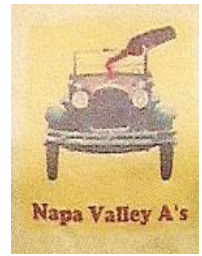




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A Look Back

Napa Valley A's History for March

March 9, 2011: Napa Valley A's enjoyed an Ice Cream Social at Fosters Freeze.

March 12, 2011: Ken Midile hosted a car clinic in which a Model A engine was installed. Several members participated, either by observing or helping. Virginia coordinated the pot luck lunch enjoyed by all.

March 10, 2016: The planned Ice Cream Social at Hop Creek Pub was cancelled due to rain.

A Look Forward

March 8: Cars n Coffee, 8:00 am at Brewed in the Napa Outlets, 865 Factory Stores Dr. in Napa.

March 17: Happy St. Patrick's Day



March 21: Martinez Horseless Carriage Museum Tour

March 26: Napa Valley A's Meeting, 7:00 pm at Creekside Church, 1050 Hagen Rd. in Napa.

March 30: Last Meal Ride to A&W in St. Helena

May 2: Cinco De Mayo Tour

May 5 – 7: Lake County A's Spring Opener

Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Napa Valley A's will be on the fourth Thursday, March 26 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.

Yountville Mardi Gras Parade

There were four Model A's in the Mardi Gras Parade on February 7, including Bill Ewertz from the Sonoma A's. Matt and LeeAnn Pendergast, Jim and Sheila Kanne, and Joe and Kathie Higgins also participated.



Happy to say we won first place in the Antique Auto Class. Here is a close up of Bill and Jan and his prize winning car:



Valentine's Day Luncheon

There were nineteen people at the Valentine's Day Luncheon at La Hacienda including Dave and Renee Lloyd and seven grandchildren. Matt and LeeAnn Pendergast, Jim and Sheila Kanne, Martina Midile, Barbara Fanucchi, Skip and Jean Keyser, and Jim and Lynn Mounter also attended.



Once again, Barbara provided sweet treats for us.





Time For Birthdays

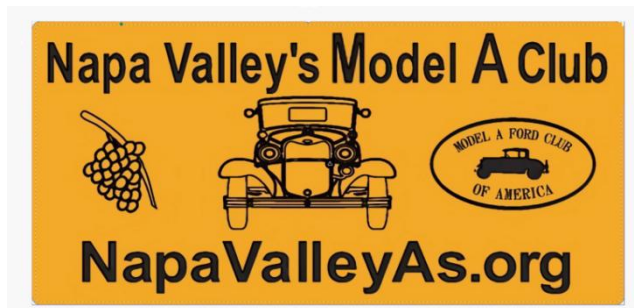
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March 25



Napa Valley A's

March 3



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 March meeting. It is not necessary to complete a new application for renewing members.



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History of Cheez-It Crackers

In 1841, Dr. William W. Wolf moved to Dayton, Ohio to practice homeopathy, a branch of alternative medicine that believes in the healing power of food. Hailed Dayton's "Cracker King," Wolf concocted the Wolf Cracker, a curious hard-butter snack made for medicinal purposes.

In the 1870s, while living on the barren plains of North Dakota, Dayton natives J.W. and Weston Green often longed for a taste of home. In those days food supplies were both expensive and scarce in that region, and the father and son regularly sent back to their old home city, Dayton, for those necessities that could not be obtained there. 'Invariably,' Mr. Green says, 'we would include in that order a good supply of ... the 'Wolfe Cracker' [sic].'

J.W. Green never forgot the savory, buttery, nut-like flavor of Wolf Crackers. In 1897, when Wolf died, Green purchased the Wolf Bakery Company, then enlisted his son, Weston Green, to join him in business. The Greens renamed the enterprise Green & Green Company, and while Wolf's recipe remained the same, they rebranded the doctor's famous treat as the "Dayton Cracker."

By the turn of the 20th century, Green & Green flourished, expanding its operations to nearby Springfield and Lima, and delivering baked goods across southwest Ohio. But soon, the company's crackers became more than a regional concern. During World War I, Green & Green fired up its ovens for the war effort.

Though far less tasty than the Dayton Cracker, Dayton's Fighting Bread sustained countless soldiers during the Great War. Typically made from salt, flour and water, Hard Bread—also known as hardtack, teeth dullers or jawbreakers—was often soaked in water before being served. If stored improperly, weevils and maggots made Hard Bread their home, prompting soldiers to dub the wartime ration "worm castles."

In 1921 Green & Green unveiled the "baked rarebit," known as the Cheez-It. "Welsh Rarebit, at its most basic form, is essentially a cheese sauce spread on toast," says Rachael Spears, a living history specialist at Dayton's Carillon Historical Park. "Some 19th-century English recipes specifically call for cheddar cheese. To this day, Cheez-It still advertises 100 percent real cheese, which draws a connection to its rarebit roots."



Cheez-Its kept Americans fed during the post-war recession, throughout the Roaring Twenties, and at the onset of the Great Depression. But by 1932, Green & Green packed up its last Family Tin and sold the business to Kansas City's Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company. In 1947, the Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company became the Sunshine Biscuit Company; in 1996, Keebler acquired Sunshine; and in 2001, Kellogg acquired Keebler.

The original Cheez-It packaging was green and white. In the 1930s, red was introduced into the brand logo, and by the 1940s, the box included the iconic red and yellow-orange colors that remain today. The general shape and look of the cracker has largely stayed the same.





Announcing: 2026 Model A Spring Opener

The Lake County A's would like to invite you to our **29th Spring Opener**. This year's Spring Opener has a few MAJOR changes to accommodate our new venue.

First, instead of our traditional date of the first weekend in May, this year the event will be mid-week. We have three days of fun planned for our Model A friends. The dates of this year's event are May 5th, 6th, and 7th, (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday), 2026. Registration is limited to 60 people, so it is best to get your [Registration Form](#) in early.

Second, the host resort for this year's Spring Opener is the [Skylark Shores Resort](#), 1120 N. Main St., Lakeport, CA (800-675-6151). Registration will be at the resort on Tuesday, May 5th, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Raffle prizes will be on display, and raffle tickets will be available.

A Tuesday BBQ Buffet is included in your registration fee. Social hour starts at 5 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m. Please see the [Registration Form](#) for a complete menu.

Wednesday morning coffee and pastries will be provided at the Resort for hotel guests only. Other breakfast restaurants are available nearby.

The line-up for the Wednesday Tour will be at the Resort parking lot at 8:40 a.m. Please arrive with a full tank of gas. The tour will depart at 9 a.m.

For additional information, see our [Spring Opener Welcome Letter](#) and be sure to complete your [Registration Form](#) and mail it by March 29, 2026. You can contact [Dale Morrison](#) at 707-489-0125 for more details.

February Meeting Highlights



Keith Euranius, owner of RPM Insurance Group, was a special guest at the February meeting. He gave a presentation on Hagerty Insurance for car collectors and answered questions from the club members. He explained that Hagerty is different from other insurance companies in that they offer an agreed upon value for your collector car. They offer under construction policies to insure your collector car while undergoing restoration and also feature cherished salvage. In the event your car is totaled, Hagerty will pay the agreed upon value and they will return your car to you at no cost. If you want to repair your car yourself after a minor accident, Hagerty will reimburse you for your time and expenses in lieu of having the car repaired at a body shop. Keith also conducted a Model A quiz about the Model A Ford and awarded prizes to the first person with the correct answer.

Jim Kanne shared the information that he has on the Martinez Horseless Carriage Museum tour on March 21. Jim will be providing more information via text as the event gets closer.

The club voted to end the raffle at meetings and instead have an "Up for Grabs" table starting next month. Here are some ideas on how this might work:

People would bring items they wished to donate and place them on the "Up for Grabs" table. During the meeting, when we would normally hold the raffle, the auctioneer will hold up each item and ask if anyone is interested in it. If more than one person expresses an interest, the item will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Otherwise, the item would go to whoever wants it.

Napa Valley A's
General Meeting Minutes - February 26, 2026

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Roll call: 11 members in attendance.

President's Report : Matt Pendergast

Matt reviewed February events for the club outings. The Yountville Mardi Gras parade was fun with Bill Ewertz taking first prize for his 1930 Boat Tail Model A. Valentine's Day brought the club out for Mexican food at Hacienda restaurant on Jefferson Street. Food was great and nice to socialize with everyone. Dave Lloyd brought almost his entire family, grandkids stole the show.

Where has your Model A been?

Matt and LeeAnn drove their car to Hacienda on Valentine's Day and the meeting tonight.

Secretary's Report: LeeAnn Pendergast

Last meeting's January 2026 minutes were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Skip Keyser

Skip shared current financials with attending members. Matt discussed annual dues of \$40 can be paid now. Skip reports 11 families have paid 2026 dues.

Media Committee: Jim Mounter, Ken Rands, and David LeCount.

Jim reports no further club pictures have been posted in the Marketplace magazine. Ken Rands and Skip discussed how they each are reviewing club emails that are received.

Steering Committee: LeeAnn Pendergast, Jim Mounter

Jim Kanne share an opportunity to visit a private collection, March 21st in Martinez of Norm's Horseless Carriages. Jim will text out details for the day.

LeeAnn reports out on March 30th Napa Cruisers have invited us to drive our cars to A&W for final meal before closing the next day for good. Meet up details at March meeting.

Pete will arrange a visit to Bally Keals Estates in Susuin for Spring time. They have multiple vehicle collections with beverages available.

Guest Speaker: Keith Euranius, Hagerty Partner 925-450-9350

Many topics and questions were discussed including:

- Cherished salvage
- Under construction endorsement policies
- Permissive use

2026 Club Activities:

Recurring events: Coffee and Cars: Every month on the second Sunday 8:00 am to 10:00 am @ Brewed 865 Factory Store Dr.

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March 21st - Martinez - Norm's 1900's Car collection and workshop. More details from Jim Kanne.

March 30th - Napa Cruisers have invited us to drive our cars to A&W for final meal before closing the next day for good. Meet up details at March meeting.

May 2nd - Cinco de Mayo ride. Save the date

May 16th - Suisun Marina Car show- flyer to come

May 22-24th - NCRG ROUND UP info in January newsletter

July 4th - Napa and Calistoga parades

July 25th - Pestoni tour with picnic (To be confirmed)

August 15th - Veterans home car show. Open to the public this year. Set up between 9-10:00 am.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Matt discussed upcoming car clinic at the end of March with Kenny to start work on Barbara's car. Details to follow.

Had group discussion on the interest in continuing the raffle. Matt floated the idea of having a "Up for grabs table". Others talked about doing a once or twice a year auction. Starting next month we'll try a first come first grab table. If you do bring something you'd like to give away and no one wants it, please take it home.

Jim Mounter requested our annual consideration of a donation to the church for their generous use of our meeting place. Matt requested \$250 to be approved. Approved and seconded.

Sunshine Report and Celebrations: Barbara was under the weather tonight.

Virginia and Kenny are on the mend. LeeAnn recognized Lynn and Sheila's recent birthdays and anniversaries for Higgins, Keyser's and the Model A club.

Shop talk:

Getting ready to work on Barbara's car in March Car clinic

Raffle: Sheila sold tickets and collected \$19.

Quote of the Month: "Don't find fault, find a remedy."

~Henry Ford~

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

LeeAnn Pendergast

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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