

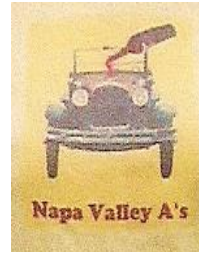


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A Look Back

Napa Valley A's History for April

April 13, 2011: The Ice Cream Social was held at Fosters Freeze.

April 16, 2011: Napa Valley A's enjoyed a great time at Tony and Karen Carafa's 1040 Barbecue.

April 21, 2011: The Ice Cream Social was held at Hop Creek Pub. The food was good, but it was quite noisy.

A Look Forward

April 12: Cars n Coffee, 8:00 am at Brewed in the Napa Outlets, 865 Factory Stores Dr. in Napa.

April 19: John Puccioni Swap Meet by Crusin' North Car Club, Veterans Memorial Building Parking Lot, 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa.

April 23: Napa Valley A's Meeting, 7:00 pm at Creekside Church, 1050 Hagen Rd. in Napa.

April 25: Shearer School Car Show

May 2: Cinco De Mayo Tour

May 3: Turlock Spring Swap Meet, Stanislaus Fairgrounds, Turlock.

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

May 16: Suisun Marina Car Show

May 22-24: NCRG Roundup, Sonora, CA

May 28: Napa Valley A's Meeting, 7:00 pm at Creekside Church, 1050 Hagen Rd. in Napa.

Meeting Date

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

Shearer School Car Show



Cars must be registered before April 10. For more information, email shearerpf@gmail.com. There is a minimum \$25 fee for entry.

Car Clinic

There was a good turnout for the car clinic held at the Midile's on March 28th. We worked on Barbara's car, so Barbara was there along with Sheila Kanne, and Martina and Virginia Midile. The ladies mostly stayed up on the patio while Jim Kanne, Matt Pendergast, Ken Midile, David LeCount, Jim Mounter, and Dave Lloyd were working in the shop. Ken and Matt were checking the bearing clearances on Barbara's engine while the rest of us worked to remove Ken's engine from

Barbara's car. The engine came out without too much trouble, but the rebuilt engine could not be installed due to a problem with the bearing clearances. We took a break for lunch with pizza and sodas provided by Barbara and then went back to work. We were able to remove the front axle and wish bone from Barbara's car and install a new front spring and wishbone before re-installing it in the car. The rebuilt engine will be installed at a later car clinic at a date to be determined. Hopefully, we will remember where all these parts go when we put it back together.





Time For Birthdays

John Davis	April 30
Ken Midile	May 3



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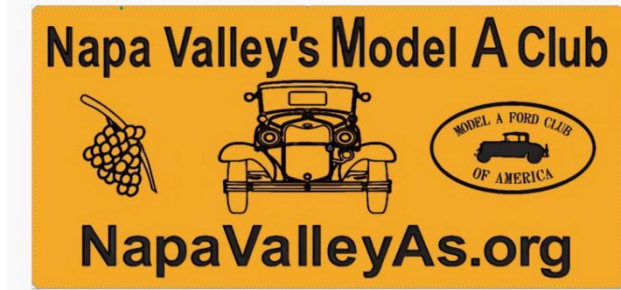
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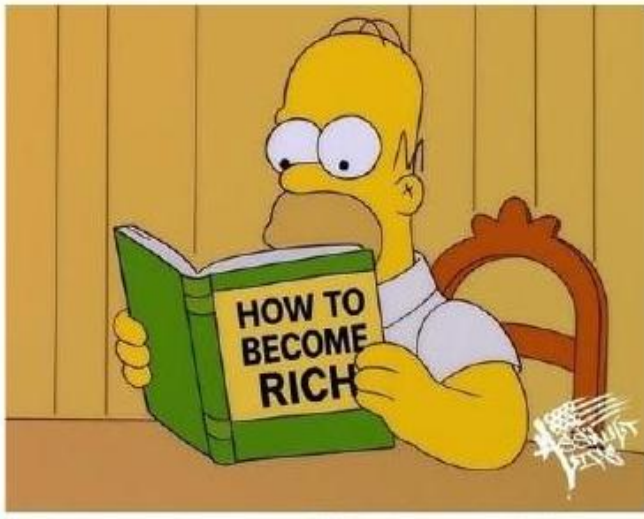
2026 Membership Dues

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



Check out our posts on Facebook. Just use the Facebook search engine and look for Napa Valley A's.

History of Twinkies



Thanks to Mark Kendall, Script "A" News



Twinkies were invented on April 6, 1930, by Canadian-born baker James "Jimmy" Alexander Dewar for the Continental Baking Company in Schiller Park, Illinois. Realizing that several machines used for making cream-filled strawberry shortcakes sat idle when strawberries were out of season, Dewar conceived a snack cake filled with banana cream, which he dubbed the Twinkie. He said he came up with the name when he saw a billboard in St. Louis for "Twinkle Toe Shoes".

During World War II, bananas were rationed, and the company was forced to switch to vanilla cream. This change proved popular, and banana-cream Twinkies were not widely re-introduced. The original flavor was occasionally found in limited time only promotions; the company used vanilla cream for most Twinkies.

Introduced in 1930, it was formerly made and distributed by Hostess Brands. The brand is currently owned by Hostess Brands, Inc., in turn currently owned by The J.M. Smucker Company and having been formerly owned by private equity firms Apollo Global Management and C. Dean Metropoulos and Company as the second incarnation of Hostess Brands. During bankruptcy proceedings, Twinkie production was suspended on 15, 2012, and resumed after an absence of a few months, becoming available again nationwide on July 15, 2013.



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.

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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 mjdeczare@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
General Meeting Minutes - March 26, 2026

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

Roll Call: 10 people in attendance.

President's Report : Matt Pendergast

Matt reviewed the March event for the club outing. Our club was invited by Diablo A's to attend a private car collection of Norm's in Martinez. Jim Kanne summarized the tour and all who went. Thought it was a great event.

Where has your Model A been?

Dave Lloyd attended the Coffee and Cars show and reports attendance is picking up.

Secretary's Report: LeeAnn Pendergast

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

Treasurer's Report: Skip Keyser

Skip shared current financials with attending members. Skip reports 14 families have paid 2026 dues. John Davis should be returning soon, making it 15.

Donation has been made to the church as requested.

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

Matt reviewed how club emails are received, Skip sometimes gets phone calls.

Steering Committee: LeeAnn Pendergast, Jim Mounter

Jim Mounter reviewed details for Car Clinic this Saturday at Ken Midile's house.

LeeAnn reports on March 30th Napa Cruisers have invited us to drive our cars to A&W for final meal before closing the next day. Little interest was shown. Anyone interested, call LeeAnn.

Jim Mounter's neighbor told him about a car show at Shearer School. Details updated below.

Save the date for a town tour and social on May 2nd. Meet up details to follow.

Ladies lunches will start in May.

2026 Club Activities:

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

March 30th - St. Helena A&W meet up for final meal before closing the next day for good.

April 25th - Classic car show at Shearer School 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, 1590 Elm Street. A \$25 per car fee. Good exposure for club interest.

May 2nd - Cinco de Mayo ride. Save the date. Details at April meeting.

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

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

July 4th - Napa and Calistoga parades.

July 25th - Pestoni tour with picnic, request has been made.

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

Old Business:

No updates from Pete on visit to Bally Keals Estates in Susuin for spring time. They have multiple vehicle collections with beverages available. Check for details next meeting.

New Business:

Matt led discussion on marketing our club to the community. LeeAnn suggested a Market Place ad. David LeCount will look into the cost to run an ad for the club.

Sunshine Report and Celebrations:

Matt recognized Gerri's recent birthday.

Barbara states Jean is under the weather tonight. Wishing her speedy recovery to feeling better.

Shop Talk:

Car Clinic this Saturday to work on Barbara's car, 9:30 am start time. Lunch provided by Barbara.

David LeCount shared about his latest car purchase, a 1968 Dodge Coronet Super-Bee.

Multiple chatting about Grayline app technology and other things.

Auction: Sheila won a bottle of wine at \$12.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

LeeAnn Pendergast

Quote of the Month: "Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is probably why so few engage in it."

~Henry Ford~

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm .

Respectfully submitted,

LeeAnn Pendergast

Aging is like owning a classic car. In order to keep looking beautiful, you'll need more than a few tune-ups and a fresh coat of paint.

The elderly man was an eyewitness to the car shop crime scene. When the police asked him to tell them what happened, he told them what he'd seen.

"The guy with the beer belly grabbed a wrench from the toolbox!"

"What happened next?" the detective asked.

"Oh man, it was a gut-wrenching moment."

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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