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THE HARD LUCK TROPHY CHANGES HANDS



Rich Gabrielson is the most recent recipient of the coveted Hard Luck Trophy. The qualifying incident had something to do with a dangling fender and a roadside repair with not duct tape or bailing wire, but... a dog leash! Yep, a perfect example of a Model A'er improvising a spontaneous repair to keep on rolling. The trophy was awarded to Rich at the November business meeting by Richard Giordanengo, who has been in possession of the beautiful prize for over a year (when the Tudor Sedan threw a fan blade on the outskirts of Yreka). Hopefully, this cherished artwork will occupy a place of honor in the Gabrielson home and be fondly looked upon for many years to come.

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The Model A Ford Club of America is a non-profit corporation of California and a national historical society dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the Model A Ford automobile as manufactured from 1928 through 1931

Mark Your Calendar

**Tuesday, Dec. 7th – Sis-Q A's Christmas Party and Gift Exchange. 11:30 a.m.
Strings Italian Restaurant, 322 W. Miner Street, Yreka.**

Saturday, Dec. 11th – Fort Jones Christmas Parade, 1 p.m.

**Monday, Jan. 10th – Monthly Business Meeting and Potluck Social
at the home of Mike Spiess and Pat Witt
109 Montair Drive, Montague**

January 29th & 30th – Turlock Swap Meet, Stanislaus County Fairgrounds

I've been thinking...

Winter is steadily approaching. The stove has been nibbling away at the woodpile, and in the clear and cold, pre-dawn, southwest sky, I see bright Sirius in the constellation of Canis Major, as the Big Dog faithfully trails behind Orion, who perpetually hunts his way westward. I had a keen interest in viewing the recent lunar eclipse, but our area was clouded-over and rainy. I guess I'll have to wait for the next one, six months from now. Meanwhile, I'm hopeful that the bouts of rain continue, the temperatures don't get too terribly cold, and the snowfall confines itself to the mountains.

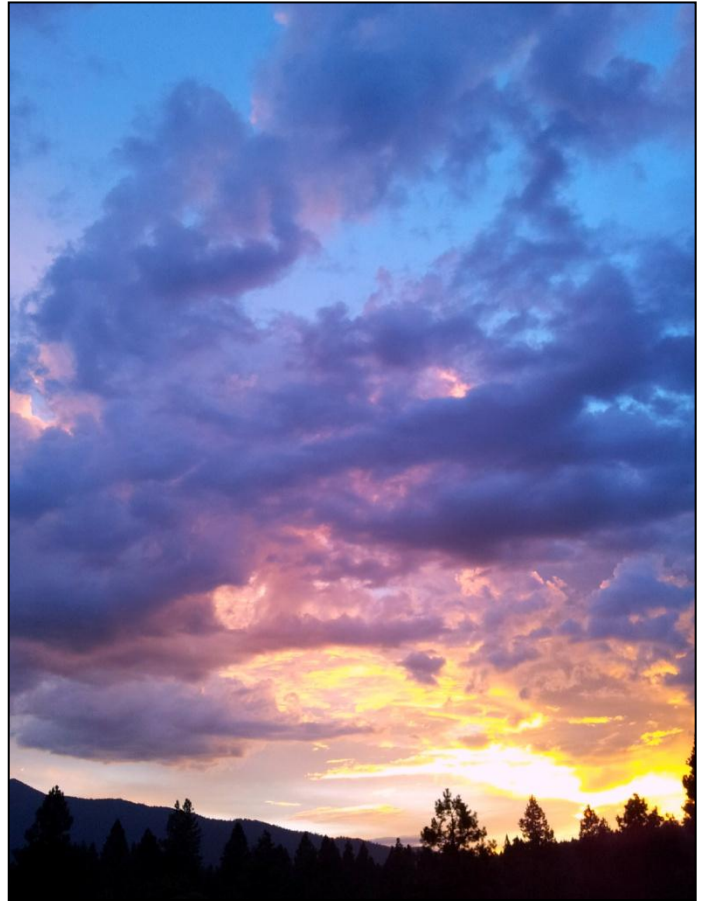
By now, we're all pretty much adjusted to Standard Time. I prefer it for no other reason than the noonday sun is at its zenith just as the hands are straight up on the clock's face. All during Daylight Saving Time the sun is lagging back 15 degrees to the east (the 11 a.m. position) at noon. That always bothers me.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and safe travels, if you were on the road. Great smells fill the home at Thanksgiving and are a powerful sensation with ancient roots, and I think of all the cultures all around the world, and for all time, which celebrate their feast days with savory, aromatic dishes and sacred rituals. It's a good idea to put the brakes on, now and then, and to sit down for a feast with the clan, and reflect on the good things and the good people in our midst.

Thank you, Rich and Pam Gabrielson, for sharing your home with us for the November business meeting and brunch. It's a beautiful location on the hillside overlooking a most scenic little stretch of the Klamath River. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves!

Our club Christmas Party is coming up quick. The suggestion was made, at our November meeting, to have the party at a local restaurant, as the club has enough money saved to offset the cost. After some checking around, Pam Gabrielson secured a reservation at *Strings*, in Yreka, for Tuesday, December 7th at 11:30 a.m. In addition to our gift exchange, Pam is putting together a "Guess the Baby Photo" contest. For past Christmas parties, we've had things like vintage hats, and ugly sweaters, so this should be fun. Vintage (but certainly not ugly!) baby photos - what could possibly top that? Except, maybe, photos of babies wearing vintage hats and ugly sweaters.

Let's start thinking about getting our Sis-Q A's membership dues paid for the coming year. Annual membership is from January- December, and is still a bargain at \$15 per family!- RG





**We'd most certainly
like to wish You
a very Happy Birthday!**

Lily Ashley, Dec. 2nd
Rich Gabrielson, Dec. 29th

Sis-Q A's Business Meeting, November 1, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m. by president, Richard Giordanengo, at the home of Rich and Pam Gabrielson. Members in attendance were: Mike Spiess, Russell Nussbaum, Bob and Ann Noel, Linda Ellison, Rich and Pam Gabrielson, Cindy Hammar, Richard and Nancy Giordanengo.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Linda made a motion (second by Cindy) to approve the October meeting minutes as printed in the Hot Babbitt News. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ann gave an update of the club's finances. Mike made a motion (second by Russell) to approve the report. Motion carried.

Old Business: The Scott Valley Veterans Parade date was given (Saturday, November 6). Some members will be out of the area and the weather forecast was rainy, so we decided to opt out of participation for this year.

New Business: The Fort Jones Christmas Parade date and time were announced (Saturday, December 11 at 1p.m.). Also, the Yreka Holiday Parade is the evening of November 27. We normally don't participate as a club in the Yreka parade (ever since this event was moved to nighttime) because it requires traveling home with the A's in the dark. The club Christmas party was discussed and it was decided to hold it at a local restaurant this year. The date was tentatively set for December 6 and Pam Gabrielson will find a venue and make the arrangements. In addition to the gift exchange, it was suggested to have everyone bring a baby photo of themselves (age 0-3years old) and have a "guess who" game played. Rich Gabrielson was awarded the Hard Luck Trophy for having his left, rear fender coming unattached and dragged along the road. A trip to Hunter's Orchard was suggested for a tour next fall. Mike Spiess offered to hold the January meeting at his home, where we will discuss next year's calendar of events and tour ideas. Time to start thinking about membership renewals!

Motion to Adjourn: The meeting came to a close after Linda made a motion to adjourn, and all voted "aye".

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Hammar, Secretary

CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE MUSEUM



Richard Giordanengo and his brother, John, were passing through Woodland recently, and had a little time to kill, so they decided to take a tour through the California Agriculture Museum.

The museum houses an enormous collection of farming implements and equipment, including several examples of early steam-powered harvesters, and gasoline-powered tractors.

Pictured here are a few of the Ford products on display in the museum.

Top: This 1931 Model A Ford Deluxe Roadster graces the museum lobby. At some point in the car's life, someone thought that a solid red paint scheme and a white interior was a good look.



Middle: This 1924 Fordson tractor is outfitted with the *Armstead Snow-Motor* conversion. The two counter-rotating pontoons "screw" the machine across the snow's surface. Also known as a "Snow-Devil" this particular vehicle hauled the mail sled from Truckee to North Lake Tahoe in the winters.



Below: This Model T Ford, like many thousands of others, was converted from a truck or automobile into a piece of farm machinery. All sorts of clever aftermarket suppliers provided kits for turning Model T and Model A Fords into tractors, snowmobiles, narrow gauge train engines, power generators, and more. This particular Ford has some sort of traction kit on the rear axle, and a custom wooden box and driver's seat reminiscent of a horse-drawn wagon.

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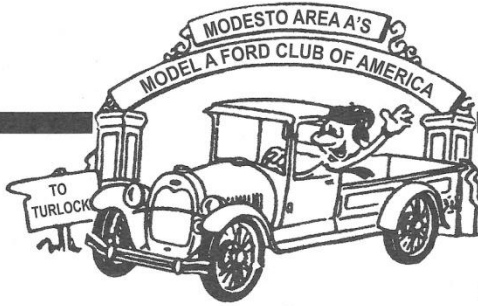
Mail to: Ann Noel, 2234 Owens Way, Hornbrook, CA 96044

One Man's Junk is Another Man's Treasure (?)



During a recent trip to the dumps, I drove out to “the metal pile” to throw out an old hot water heater for a friend. Whenever I pull up to the metal pile, I always scrutinize it for old car parts. I never find any - until this time. There was a heap of Model A era bits and pieces, including rotten and smashed hoods, door and body parts, frames, wheels, and assorted bits of junk. I grabbed a couple of interesting little relics and was about to leave, when I realized I was standing on a piece of heavy sheet metal covered with dirt. Thinking it might be an old, porcelain sign, I flipped it over and beheld the word “Firestone”! So, now it hangs up in the Ford Garage with a bunch of other old junk. Sometimes, one man's junk...just ends up at *my* house - RG

*Rain or
Shine Meet*



55th Annual

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**January 29, 2022 • 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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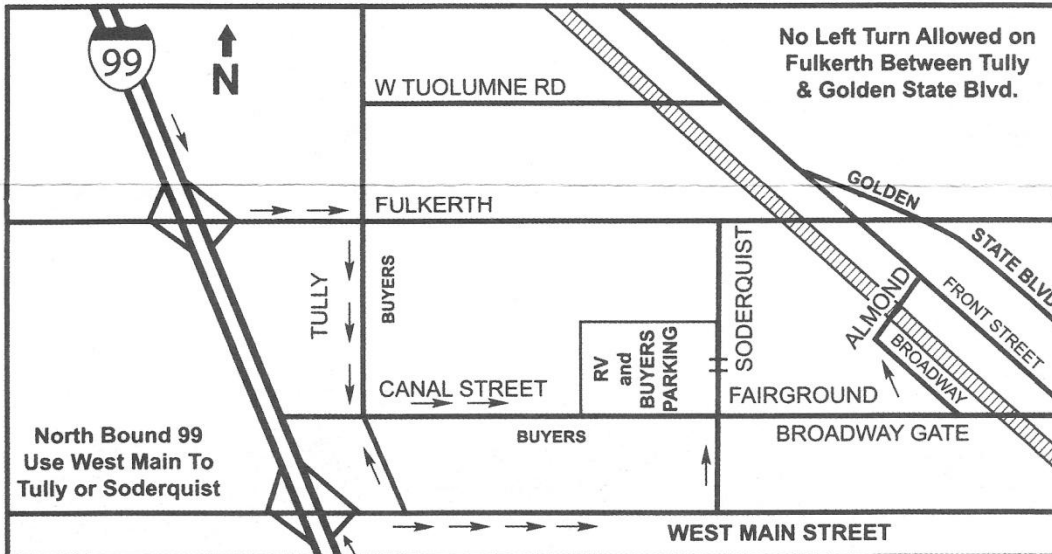
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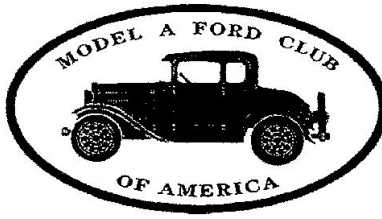


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