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THEN AND NOW

Same Old Buildings, Same Old Cars Different Century



Above: This photo, from 1936, features the Shasta National Forest Office, on Alma Street in Mount Shasta City. After merging with the Trinity National Forest, in 1954, the main office for the newly created Shasta-Trinity National Forest moved to Redding, in Shasta County.

Below: The same building, as it looks today, currently houses the administrative offices of the Mount Shasta Ranger Station.



The Sis-Q A's, of Siskiyou County, California, is a chapter of The MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA





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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

Monday, April 4th – Monthly Business Meeting and Lunch Jefferson's Roadhouse, Yreka, 11 am

Sunday, May 1st – Pleasure Park Rodeo Parade, Etna, 10:30am

Tuesday, May 3rd – Shasta Valley Yreka Trail Tour, 10am

Saturday, May 28th – Rain Rock Casino Car Show, 9am

Saturday, June 18th – Gold Rush Days, Broadway, Yreka

Sunday, June 19th – 40th Anniversary CHVA Father's Day Car Show Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds

I've been thinking...

The springtime weather we've been having certainly feels great, and I hope it continues. Some days are sunny, while others are cloudy or partly so; but none of them, even the occasional rainy ones, are very cold and many of them are, in fact, warm and cheery. And now that we're past the equinox, the midday sun is creating shadows that are shorter than the objects casting them, and the plants and trees are feeling the warming soil around their roots and the sun's power penetrating into their bark and buds. It's even getting nice enough to start opening up some of those windows that have been closed for the past six months.

I'm tempted to wheel the snow blower to the very back of the tool shed and put the



lawnmower in its place near the door, but that would be a sure invitation for a spring snowstorm. I know how these things work. The same with the barbeque. It's probably best to just leave the thing in the garage for another month. However, I did temp the weather fates the other day by nonchalantly hooking up a garden hose and casually trimming and raking up some stuff around the yard. Superstitiously, of course, I'm leaving a token snow shovel out by the front door as a magical charm to ward off foul weather.

It was nice to get the cars out for a little "shake down" cruise, and the weather could not have been better for the Scott Valley Spring Fling Tour! The first leg of the tour had the club meeting in Gazelle, on old highway 99, from both directions. The next leg was west, up into the Willow Creek drainage, which ended in the challenging climb up Gazelle-Callahan Road and down into the Scott River watershed, for a pit stop at the little town of Callahan. The Callahan Emporium is a fantastic little grocery/deli/ pub and the unofficial town center, where visitors and locals can always find good food, and refreshing, roadside cheer inside the store or out on the front porch. The tour wound up in Etna, with a hearty lunch and robust conversation at the Paystreak Brewery, where Altha Lindsay joined us! On the return road to Yreka, the sun shone brightly on the verdant pastures and the sleek cattle, and Scott Valley looked, as always, fruitful and serene.

April looks to be a quiet month for us, but the calendar for May is filling up quickly, starting with the Pleasure Park Rodeo Parade, in Etna, and our Yreka Trail Tour through Shasta Valley. The month of May concludes with the Rain Rock Casino Car Show.

Please, remember to send some good thoughts out to Brian Favero, who is recovering from heart surgery. He's not allowed to drive just yet, but I'm sure his A's are raring to go! - RG



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

Russell Nussbaum, April 1st

Bob Noel, April 2nd

Sis-Q A's Business Meeting, March 7th, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 11am by president, Richard Giordanengo, at the home of Wayne and Cindy Hammar. Members in attendance were: Linda Ellison, Wayne and Cindy Hammar, Eileen Mace, Bob and Ann Noel, Rich Gabrielson, Russell Nussbaum, Tom Peterson, Mike Spiess, Frank and Linda Spagnolo, Clare Thorne, Richard and Nancy Giordanengo.

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

Treasurer's Report: Ann Noel gave an update of the club finances. A discussion was held, and it was decided to keep receiving paper bank statements each month for record keeping. Eileen made a motion (second by Mike) to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Old Business: Linda led a discussion about the Gymkhana planning. A tentative list is being drawn up for the various jobs and responsibilities (cooks, game organizers, etc.). Mike made a motion (second by Linda) for Ann to secure the KRCE lodge with a deposit. Motion carried. We will have a business meeting and picnic lunch at the lodge in the near future, so we can all get a feel for the layout of the facility and grounds to help with our planning. **New Business:** Ann handed out a 2022 tour calendar to everyone, which will be updated from time to time, as dates and times for certain events are determined, and new events are added. Bob gave an update of the Scott Valley Tour. We will meet at Raley's, in Yreka, at 10 am. The tour will take us over Gazelle-Callahan Road and on to Etna where we plan on lunch at The Paystreak. Date and time for the Etna Rodeo Parade still in question. Our April business meeting will be at Jefferson's Roadhouse, in Yreka. Cindy made a reservation for April 4th at 11 am. **Motion to Adjourn:** Cindy made a motion to adjourn, which was approved by all.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Hammar, Secretary

Scott Valley Spring Fling Tour







Top left: After a twisting climb up and over the Gazelle Mountain pass, the Noels led the group through the old Parker Ranch on the way to Callahan.

Top right: The Callahan Post Office still features brass door, post office boxes, some with the original combination locks.

Below: State Highway 3 through Callahan is lightly travelled, even on the weekends, and the Callahan Emporium was a good snack and restroom stop. The club milled around "downtown" Callahan, remarking on the various historic buildings in various states of repair – and disrepair – before continuing on to Etna. (**More photos on next page**)







Final destination on the Spring Fling Tour: the Paystreak Brewery, in Etna.





Left: The town of Callahan (with stagecoach traffic!) as it appeared in more prosperous times. The photograph shows many of the same buildings that are present today.

The Baker Hotel, in the foreground, is the building where the Callahan Emporium general store is now located.

Across the road, you can still find the original buildings that housed the old Callahan Ranch Hotel, and Farrington's Store and blacksmith shop.