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THE HOT BABBITT NEWS 1

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, March 7th – Monthly Business Meeting and Potluck Brunch, 10 am
at Wayne and Cindy Hammar's
539 Kelsey Lane, Yreka (off Outsen Rd., across from Wal-Mart)

Sunday, March 13th – Daylight Saving Time begins

Saturday, March 26th – Scott Valley Spring Tour with lunch in Etna
Details at the March business meeting

Monday, April 4th – Monthly Business Meeting and Potluck Brunch

I've been thinking...

So, another month of clear winter skies has gone by. The dry weather, apparently, is due to something meteorologists call the *La Niña Precipitation Anomaly*. Whatever it is, it looks like it might be allowing a little rain to come in off the Pacific Ocean soon. I think we'd all enjoy that for a change. Till then, the late winter sun sure feels nice pouring in through the living room windows.

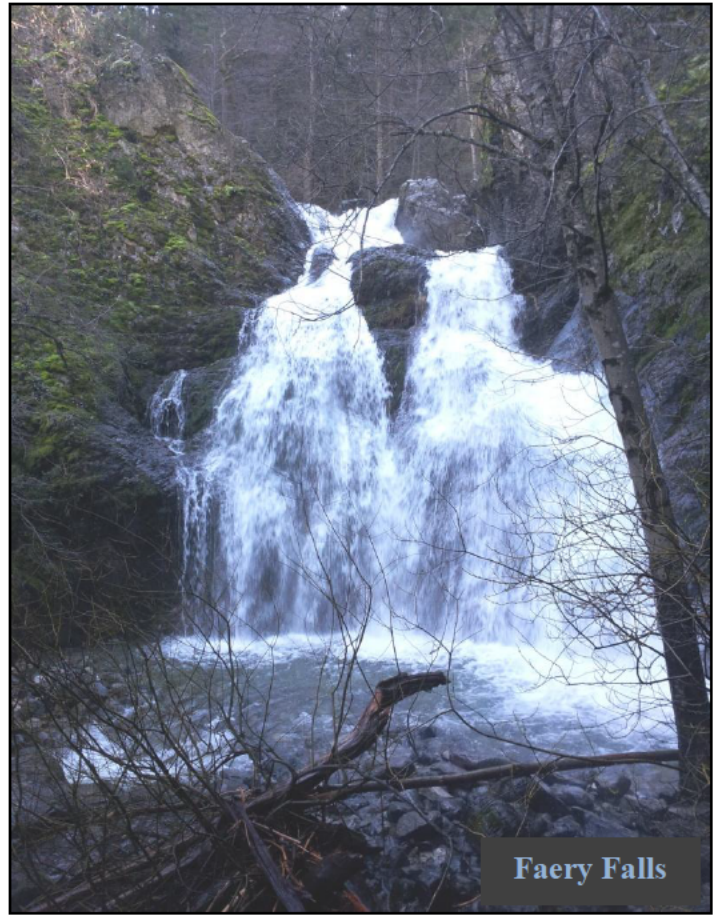
If you're an early riser, and you've taken a peek out into the morning darkness lately, you may have noticed the constellation of Scorpio slowly creeping along the southern horizon, marking the approach of Spring. The sun is a wee bit higher in the noonday sky than it was last month and, recently, I noticed a small flock of robins in the meadow down the road, and a tiny lizard darting around in the afternoon sun along the rocky shore of Lake Siskiyou. We're getting closer.

The humans are starting to get a little more active too, as the weather begins to warm up and the daylight keeps increasing. Plans continue to form and solidify around our club's tours and events for the coming months. If the weather continues to cooperate, we are hoping to get out to Scott Valley at the end of March, to kick off the start of our motoring season. We are still shooting for a tour through Shasta Valley in May, and plans for the CHVA's annual Father's Day Car Show are on track. It is our turn to host the three-chapter Gymkhana this year (scheduled for September 10th) and there is much planning to be done, so let's keep that on the agenda for each business meeting.

It's not too late to get a little Model A maintenance done before we start hitting the road. You might need to change the engine oil and check the coolant level as well as the transmission and differential oil levels, lubricate the usual moving parts on the chassis, check the fan belt, and air up the tires to 35 psi. (don't forget to check to spare). I know it's hard to get to, but remember to check the water level in the battery now and then.

It was a pleasure to finally meet Frank and Linda Spagnolo at our February meeting. I also was finally able to get out to McCloud recently to have a look at some of Frank's other classic vehicles. Good stuff!

And don't forget to set your clocks ahead when Daylight Saving Time rolls around - which steals an hour of light from the morning and gives it to the evening. I still don't get it. - RG





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

Cindy Hammar, March 16th

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

The meeting was called to order by president, Richard Giordanengo, in his kitchen. Members in attendance were: Bob Noel, Rich Gabrielson, Clair Thorne, Wayne and Cindy Hammar, Mike Spies, Russell Nussbaum, new members Frank and Linda Spagnolo, and Richard and Nancy Giordanengo.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Cindy made a motion (second by Russell) to approve the January meeting minutes.

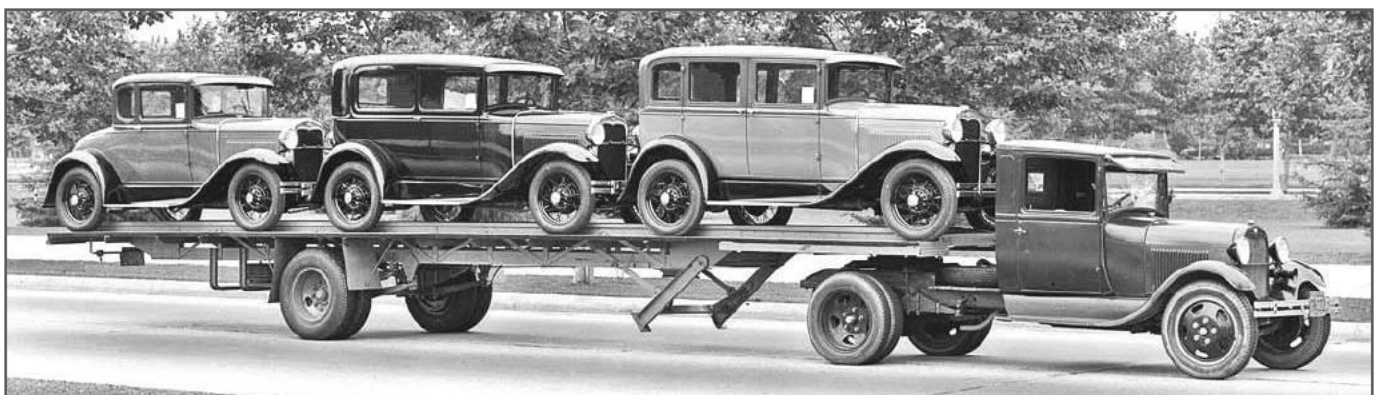
Treasurer's Report: Ann Noel was absent and no report was given. It was noted, however, that \$25 would be added to the treasury from the day's 50/50 raffle.

Old Business: The Scott Valley tour, for late March, was discussed. The CHVA club has expressed an interest in joining us on some of our outings, and the prevailing attitude from those present was "the more the merrier".

New Business: Rich Gabrielson reported that plans for the Father's Day Car Show are on track, but that a pancake breakfast will not be offered again this year. Bob Noel mentioned that no specific information is out yet for the Lake County A's Spring Opener (late April/early May?).

Motion to Adjourn: Nancy made a motion to adjourn (unanimously approved) and we all went out to see what was new in the taxidermy shop and the Ford garage.

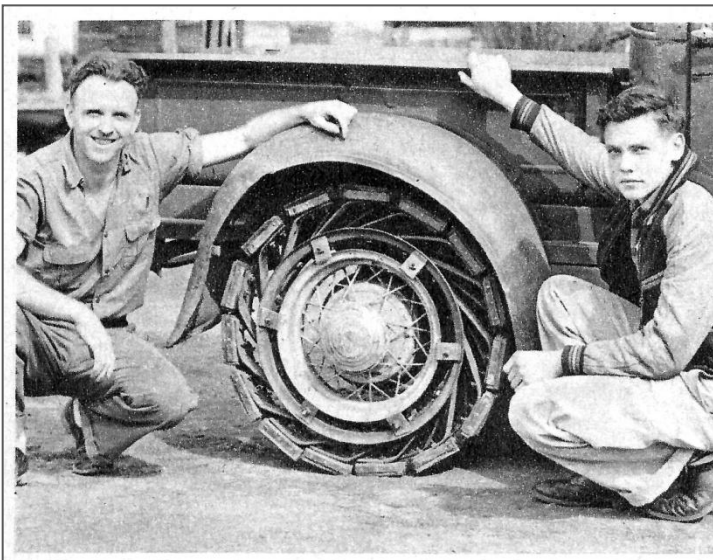
Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Hammar, Secretary



Sis-Q A's Membership Roster
Revised, March 2022

**This is the roster of members who are current on their 2022 dues.
For any additions or corrections, please contact Nancy G.**

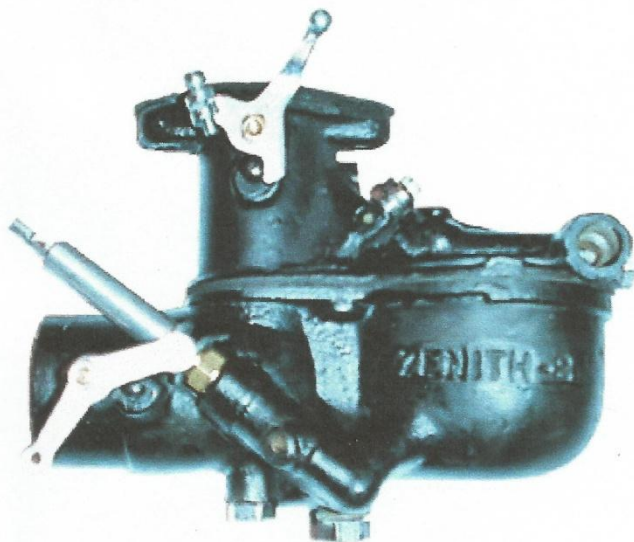
From *Mechanics Illustrated* July, 1942



**"Tire" Means Riding
On Springs Twice**

THIS substitute tire was made by Floyd Bradford of Portland, Ore., who cut auto spring leaves into 30 pieces and bolted them in two rows to an old tire rim. A separate shoe made from tire casing pieces is attached to the end of each section for traction. The "tire" can be driven 50 m.p.h. safely, the resiliency of the spring steel providing smoothness. Awful noisy, though.

Model A Ford, Zenith Carburetor Troubleshooting Chart



Common Causes

Common Symptoms

	Problems when driving over 30 to 35 MPH	Problems when driving 5-35 MPH	Engine won't idle smoothly at 350 to 450 RPM	Engine dies when vehicle comes to a stop	Gas Leaks from Carburetor	Low mileage / Sooty plugs / Mixture rich / Smell gas	Mixture lean and over heating	Back fires at high speeds	Miss and jerks on hard pulls at low speeds	Opening GAV does not provide extra fuel at low speeds
Loose fuel line fitting, drain plug, filter strainer, GAV, Passage plugs, etc..										
Float is set too high or a pin hole absorbs gasoline into float.										
Float Valve does not seat properly due to dirt, rust or material failure.										
Gaskets are not sealing properly.										
Gasket at Main Jet is too thick or multiples are used, resulting in tip being too low.										
Main Jet or Cap Jet Tip is not "dished" / "indented".										
Vacuum leaks at manifold gaskets, wiper line, or throttle shaft.										
Throttle Idle Adjustment Screw is mis-adjusted.										
Idle Air Adjust Screw is mis-adjusted or too short, collapsing spring before it seats.										
Upper Casting Idle Jet Passage is restricted to Idle throat port.										
Upper Casting Air Adjust Screw Passage is restricted to vent hole.										
Idling Jet Orifice contains dirt or rust, or is too small.										
Idling Jet Orifice is too large.										
Gas Adjusting Valve is open too much or seat is not honed to let needle seal.										
Gas Adjusting Valve Brass Seat is missing from carburetors built through 1929.										
Lower Casting Bowl Passage is restricted to Secondary Well via GAV Seat Hole.										
Lower Casting Comp. Jet Passage is restricted to Cap Jet via Secondary Well.										
Compensator Jet Orifice contains dirt or rust, or is too small.										
Compensator Jet Orifice is too large.										
Float is set too low.										
Lower Casting Bowl Passage is restricted to Main Jet & Drain Plug.										
Main Jet Orifice contains dirt or rust, or is too small.										
Upper Casting Fuel Line Passage is restricted to Float Valve via Filter Strainer.										
Gas Adjusting Valve Seat is blocked with dirt or rust.										
Air Filter is restricting air flow.										