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Newsletter of the Sis-Q A's, Yreka, California

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## “HARDLY JACK-ASSABLE” ROADS FROM THE STATE OF JEFFERSON



As this undated postcard attests, many of the roads in our area were rather primitive a century ago. The precise location of the scene (“near Yreka, Calif.”) is unclear. What is clear is the treacherous nature of this stretch of road for *any* wheeled vehicle, and the daring of teamsters and motorists who set out on journeys between towns and valleys on all the mountain roads like it.

Judging by the looks of the automobile, the photograph was possibly taken in the mid- to late-1910's, and the region's road conditions stayed relatively unimproved for several more decades.

In the 1930's the “State of Jefferson” movement gained enthusiasm with the residents of Southern Oregon and Northern California, whose litany of complaints against their respective states included criticisms of the roadways, many of which were “impassable, they're hardly jackass-able!” Most of our roads have vastly improved since then.

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

**Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Shasta Valley Yreka Trail Tour. LEAVE at 10am  
from Montague City Hall (230 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street)**

**Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – Rain Rock Casino Car Show, 9am to 2pm. Register by May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Mother Lode Swap Meet, Auburn, CA**

**Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> – Gold Rush Days, Broadway, Yreka**

**Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary CHVA Father's Day Car Show  
Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds**

**Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – Hornbrook Fourth of July Parade**

## I've been thinking...

On clear mornings, I like to mark the spot where the sun rises, and follow its progression along the east horizon through the seasons. In winter, the sun pops up far to the southeast before it begins its return trek northward, and down in our neighborhood, it slowly works its way back towards Black Butte then, day by day, makes the steady climb up its south flank and over the top to the other side. At this time of year, the sun breaks out right at the summit, just behind the old fire lookout.

Not surprisingly, winter weather made a brief resurgence in April, with cold rain and a couple inches of snow in some places, and a generous new coating of snow on most of the surrounding mountaintops. Little herds

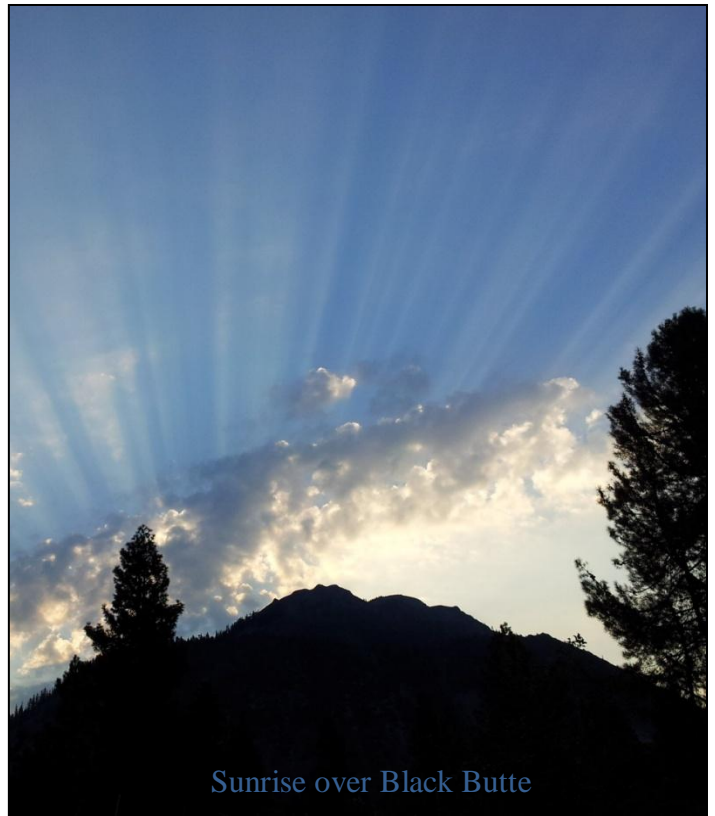
of deer have made their way back from wherever it is they spend the winter, and a few hummingbirds and little flocks of goldfinches have been stopping by, while the swallows are darting around, eyeing the nesting boxes on the gable end of the barn. I even spotted a pair of Canada geese the other day, with their brood of fuzzy yellow goslings, just off the edge of the road. I hope they all crossed safely.

The month of May has finally arrived, and honest-to-goodness spring weather along with it. I see lots of yard work being done, and some lawns are getting mowed for the first time in six months. Many folks have already been out cutting firewood for a while, now. I guess it's never too early to start building the new woodpile.

Our second tour of the year will be through the Shasta Valley, retracing portions of the old Yreka Trail. Mike and Bob have been busy planning the route, which will take in several historical markers and panoramic vistas. So bring a picnic lunch and a full tank of gas, and maybe a couple of lawn chairs. We will start and end the tour at the Montague City Hall, wrapping it up with an outdoor lunch and an open-air business meeting.

Rain Rock Casino leads off the county's car shows, with its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling Car Show in the casino parking lot in Yreka, on May 28. There is no charge for entry, but you must pre-register.

Former club member, Pam Weatherby, is slowly recovering from knee replacement surgery. I'm certain that Terry is adapting to his new role as nurse, physical therapist, and chauffeur. Please send some good thoughts and well wishes out to Pam for a complete recovery. - RG



Sunrise over Black Butte



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

**Pat Witt, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

## **Sis-Q A's Business Meeting, April 4, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 11 am at Jefferson Roadhouse. Members in attendance were: Bob and Ann Noel, Russell Nussbaum, Mike Spiess, Clair Thorne, Linda Ellison, Eileen Mace, Wayne and Cindy Hammar, Rich and Pam Gabrielson, and Richard and Nancy Giordanengo.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Ann Noel gave an update of the club finances. Ann paid the deposit to secure the KRCE clubhouse for the Gymkhana. Pam made a motion (second by Linda) to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** Ann passed out copies of the updated tour calendar. The Shasta Valley Yreka Trail Tour (May 3) meeting time and place will be announced soon. Due to a scheduling conflict, the Gymkhana date had to be changed to August 27. Pam volunteered her musical group (the Hornbrook Brigade) to perform at the Gymkhana. We will have to skip the Etna Rodeo Parade, as many of our club members have other engagements.

**New Business:** The Shasta Valley Tour will also include a picnic lunch with a roadside business meeting. We have been invited to display our cars for Yreka's Gold Rush Days in mid-June. Pam passed around a sign-up sheet for the Father's Day Car Show responsibilities. As always, we emphasized that the Sis-Q A's will be versatile and can make adjustments as needed during the event. Once again, no pancake breakfast will be served.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Linda made a motion to adjourn, and we enjoyed our lunch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Hammar, Secretary

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February 9, 2022

Sis-Q-A's  
Mr. Richard Giordanengo  
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Dear Richard:

Enclosed is the MAFCA 30 Year Longevity Award. This award represents our appreciation for your Chapter's long-term efforts in support of our great hobby.

The members of your chapter have continued the very important tradition of maintaining the history and heritage of the Model A Ford.

We look forward to many more years of your continued participation and contribution to perpetuating this noble pastime.

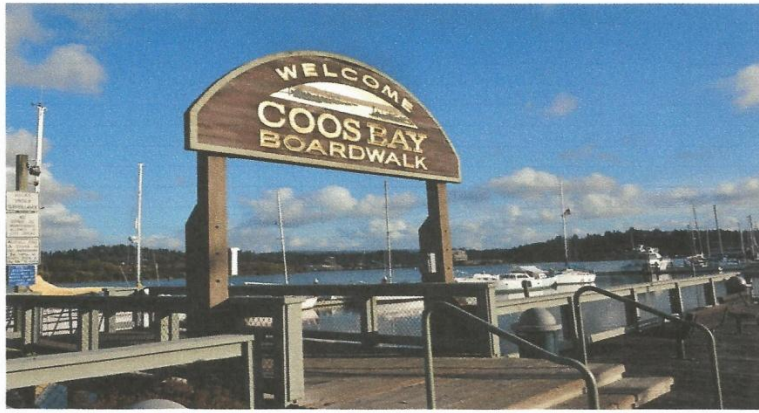
The MAFCA Board of Directors congratulates your entire chapter on achieving this milestone.

Very truly yours,



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**The Sis-Q A's received their 30 Year Longevity Award from MAFCA. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who was there at the beginning and to everyone who helps keep our little chapter ticking! - RG**



## 2022 OREGON TOUR

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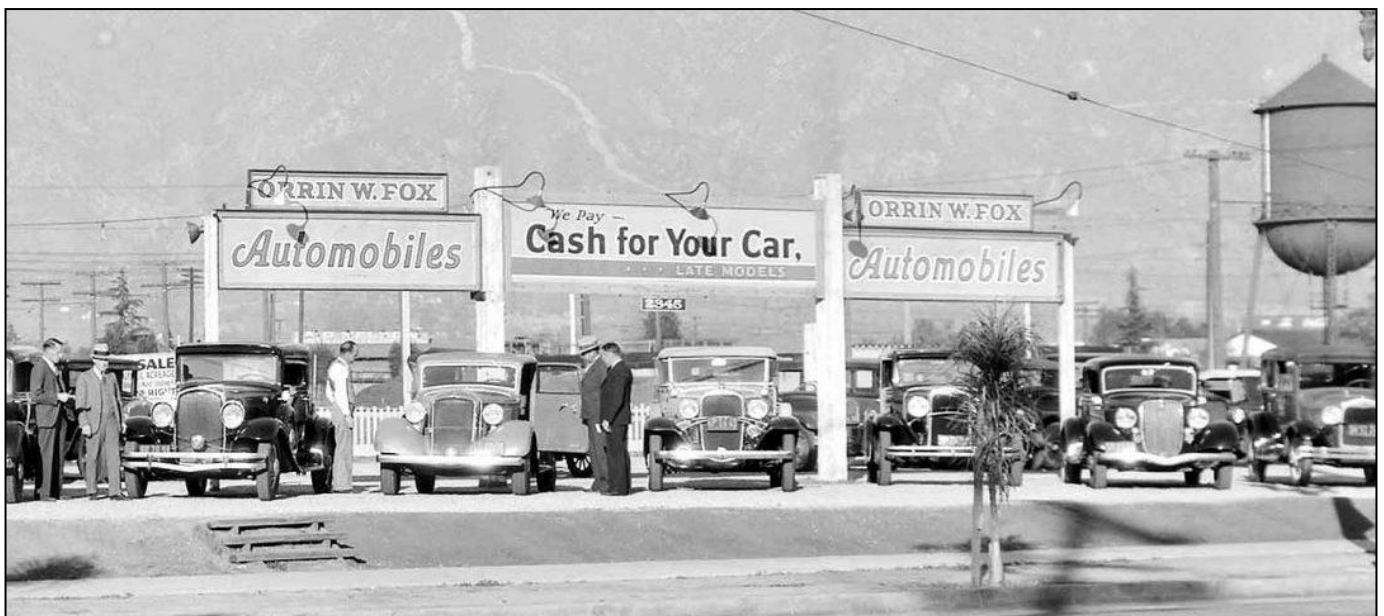
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JULY 7 - 10, 2022

Welcome old friends and new friends to the 2022 Oregon Tour which will be located in Coos Bay, Oregon and headquartered at the Edgewater Inn and Lucky Loggers RV Park. We will be touring for a short day Thursday afternoon, then two full days Friday, Saturday and a half day on Sunday. Tours will be through some beautiful back country of farms, woods and sea side on gentle country paved roads and very few hills.

The tour is dedicated to vehicles pre 1932 of any make. If you have something newer please call Mike McKey at 541-944-6491 or email at [mndmckey@msn.com](mailto:mndmckey@msn.com) or Dave Williams at 541-479-7580, email at [dave1911@msn.com](mailto:dave1911@msn.com) to let them know of your situation and what you would like to bring. We want you to participate, as we are here to have fun, enjoy the old vehicles, see some new country and meet new friends.

If you have any questions on the tour, vehicles, application, Resort, the RV Park or anything else please call Mike McKey at 541-944-6491 or email at [mndmckey@msn.com](mailto:mndmckey@msn.com) or Dave Williams at 541-479-7580, email at [dave1911@msn.com](mailto:dave1911@msn.com) or John or Nancy Firth at 541-474-1516, email at [jnfirth@charter.net](mailto:jnfirth@charter.net). Hope to see all of you for a fun weekend of touring.



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These fellows look like they were having great fun with their Model A sedan, and probably were happy just to scrounge up a little gasoline and maintenance money for it. Lack of a spare tire was, obviously, not as big a concern as amusing themselves (and shocking the adults!) with the garish and irreverent slogans adorning their beloved jalopy.