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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month is a busy month for all of us that want to show off our cars. We have choices of several car events. It's also a great time to just get our cars out and drive them. Unfortunately, our April tour was cancelled due to lack of participation, but that doesn't mean we can't still get out and about with our beautiful cars.

Several months ago, at one of our meetings we talked about our club getting a cruise to Cuba together. As it turns out next April KZST Radio will be hosting a cruise to Cuba. So better than us doing all the leg work, why not have our group tag along on a KZST cruise and let them do all the leg work?

I've arranged for Brent Farris from KZST to speak at our May meeting. He will explain all the who, what, when and where's of the Cuba cruise. Bring your questions and enthusiasm!

Our club picnic in July will be here before we know it. Now is the time to start thinking about what you want your Pinewood Derby cars to look like.

Our next meeting is **May 28th** after Memorial Day. I hope to see you there. And remember, we are a car club so let's drive our cars to the meeting and show them off.

Respectfully,
Linda Bare

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May Meeting

May 28, 2019

Round Table Pizza
2065 Occidental Road
Santa Rosa, CA
Dinner - 6 pm
Meeting - 7 pm

May Car Tour

June 2, 2019

Zig Zag tour to Occidental
Meet on Sonoma Avenue
More details on page 2

MAY CAR TOUR

Zig Zag Tour to Occidental ***June 2, 2019***

Driver's meeting at 9:45 am

Depart at 10:00 am

Please join us for the Redwood Empire Region of the A.A.C.A. May Tour June 2nd to Occidental via a ZIG/ZAG route.

We will take you on roads familiar and some you may never have been on before all on the same day. Lots of beautiful country roads with ever changing scenery and a grand view from Grandview Road. Ending up in Occidental for lunch "on your own" at about 12:30 PM-ish. Union Hotel, Negri's and Howard's Station are all good.

Meet at 9:30 AM on Sonoma Avenue near Santa Rosa Avenue. Drivers Meeting 9:45AM and departing promptly at 10AM. We would like the older vehicles to park up front so they may set the pace.

For any reason the "old car" isn't ready for touring, please bring a modern car.

Remember our alternate meeting place, 1111 Sonoma Avenue if needed.

PLEASE have a full tank of gas; gas stations are few and far between on the tour route.

Tour leaders,
Marilyn & Dave



JUNE CAR TOUR



Our June tour will be led by Gus & Allan St. Marie and Ron Fiori on June 30th (meeting at 9:30 am – leaving at 10 am) to Cornerstone Sunset Gardens + Marketplace, located at 23570 Arnold Drive, Sonoma (south of Schellville). This offers the following: beautiful gardens, wine tasting venues, shopping boutiques, arts, crafts, etc., picnic areas and a public restaurant on site. We are suggesting bringing a picnic lunch or planning to eat at the onsite restaurant. Admission is free and we plan on spending 1 – 2 hours there. This location is approximately 40 minutes from Santa Rosa.



NEW MEMBER ALERT

Roy Payment joined our club in April 2019, please give him a warm welcome!

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Roger Von Bergen	5/6
Ron Fiori	5/7
Norma Kniffin	5/18
Barry Power	5/28
Sharon Gehrke	5/30
Marilyn Chiotti	6/18
Laura Erikson	6/18
Tom Miller	6/23
James Bare	6/25
Cecilia Johnson	6/25
James Gehrs	6/28
Lynn Meister	6/28

Anniversaries

Ron & Lorna Fiori	5/1
Patrick & Marianne Cloonan	5/7
Amil & Sharon Gehrke	5/27
Bill & Jeannette Harm	6/3
Edward & Cynthia Petersen	6/18
Dennis & Sharon Olson	6/20
Clint & Lisa Petker	6/29

APRIL 2019 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Call to order – The April 23, 2019 meeting of the Redwood Empire Region Antique Auto Club of America was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Linda Bare.

Cell phone bulletin – A call for participants to silence their cell phones or be prepared to pay the hefty fine if it rings.

Scribe duties – Brian Bond reporting for duty!!

Guests/new member introductions – No guests or new members were introduced at April's meeting.

Approval of previous meeting minutes – No corrections to the March meeting minutes and they were anonymously approved by the group.

Treasurer report – Madam President Linda stepped in for a vacationing Pam to read the Treasure's Report and the new bills. Both were anonymously approved.

Old business – The group discussed the March tour to the Bale Gristmill. The tour guide Mario was excellent and knowledgeable and the store fun. None of the grain was sampled.

Sunshine report – Now that Spring has officially sprung and we are in Daylight Savings Time, it is bright and sunny and there is nothing cloudy and gloomy to report!

Website report – Website is up to date and running smoothly. Dave will be convening a website committee meeting soon.

Facebook/Newsletter report – Lisa announced that she inputted the Hall's anniversary incorrectly in the March newsletter; the correct date is April 24th.

New business –

- Cathy announced that new directories are available at the meeting, please pick one up on your way out. The directories were put together by Linda Hall, Barry Powers and Pam Von Bergen.
- A vote was taken as to who was participating in the April 27th tour to Sacramento; due to lack of interest among the group, the tour was cancelled.
- The May tour on June 2, is the "Zig Zag Tour to Occidental" planned by Dave and Marilyn Chiotti.
- Allan, Ron and Gus are guiding the June 30 tour to Cornerstone, Sonoma.
- Reminder - this is the season to buy your pinewood derby cars for our July Picnic races. Car kits are available at Fundamonium, Michaels and the BSA store.
- Cuba Cruise – April 29, 2020 to May 9, 2020. Brett Farris will be at our May meeting to tell us all about their Cruise to Cuba.

APRIL 2019 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

Non-club news and activities –

- Fred's All-American show is May 11, 2019. Room for 20 cars, 7:00am to 3:00pm, enter and leave when you want.
- Laguna Elementary School Founders Day Pancake Breakfast is May 11th. They are looking for cars to participate, start at 8:15am, car park on the field, walk around, eat pancakes and see what the kids have done. Ends at 11:30am.
- Maria Carrillo High School's Redline Carrillo CarFEST to benefit the Auto Shop program. New date, May 19, \$25 registration goes to the Auto Shop program. Culinary department will have goodies to purchase.
- Petaluma is having a swap meet on May 19, 2019.
- Oakmont Car Show is May 25, 2019. Meet at 8:00am on Sonoma Avenue.
- The Northern California Model A club will be at the Flamingo Hotel May 27, through May 30, 2019. Dave Chiotti has more information. All are welcome.
- The Great Race will be overnighing in Willits on June 29, 2019. It is a great opportunity to see all the race cars.
- The Green Music Center is having a Cotton Club themed evening on September 14th and would like 1920's to 1930's autos for display. If you are interested in displaying your car, you will be able to attend the second the performance of the night and the reception following the performances.

50/50 Drawing -

Roy payment drew the winning ticket that belonged to..... Jim Stewart!!!

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Bond

Scribe, RERAACA



Last month we asked if anyone knew the make and model of the vehicle in the picture. According to a Facebook post on the AACA National Facebook page, it is a 1909 – 1912 Hupmobile. Did you guess correctly?

Has Your Car Become a Shelf?

Myron Smith, AACA Secretary

Reprinted from the Winter 2019 Rummage Box

Has your once promising exciting car project now become a shelf? You know the situation, you either run into a problem you can't solve, run out of extra cash, or lose the passion you once had for that car, or have just become too busy with life. The car then gets shoved back in a corner and it becomes a place for the cardboard box of Christmas decorations, floor mats, semi worn out things that you just can't bring yourself to throw away, but don't know what to do with either. Or, sometimes it's a place to lay the parts you have found that you intend to use 'someday.'

Many of us have been there and to some extent, I still am. But there is still hope. Take heart, you do not need to sell or give away your project just because it's now a shelf. Over my time of stewardship of some vehicles, I've had two vehicles recently that have actually been transformed from a shelf back to a vehicle. In one case, the direction I had intended for the vehicle changed. We purchased a 1959 Impala 4 door hardtop in 1984. My intent was to do a body on frame restoration. Through the years of family and house responsibilities, and other car projects it got set aside as I collected New Old Stock Parts for it. Then one year the brakes went out and another the engine became stuck. Later, I learned the particular engine in this car is prone seizing even when properly 'stored' as mine was. It became a shelf, not for heavy things that would damage the body but light items I did not know what else to do with. I toyed off and on with trying to unstick the engine but nothing worked. Finally, time allowed me to get serious about it. I had the opportunity to trade engine work with a mechanic friend to get the engine back in running condition. After some setbacks we got the engine rebuilt. I then looked seriously at the body. All the years of being a shelf had not harmed the original paint, and it was 'pretty good' considering its age. Granted some minor touch up was necessary but my thought was, there aren't that many '59 cars that can still claim to be 'original.' I opted to keep it 'original' rather than just being another 'restored car. I have been very pleased with the results and enjoy showing it just the way Chevrolet built it.

My other example is a 1949 Studebaker pickup. My family acquired it in about 1970, in non-running condition, but just stored it. The pickup box made it suitable for collecting 'things' being even better than a 'shelf.' Then one summer a friend was looking for something for his 90-year-old father-in-law to do. He got it to run. Fast forward several years later, I started to rebuild the brakes. Then I remembered why the previous owner stopped driving it. He could not get the right rear brake drum off. With the help of a better mechanic than I am, he got the drum off and the brakes were rebuilt. It is a 30,000-mile truck that had not been cherished but not terribly abused. My next dilemma was that it had been parked too close to where a building was being painted and had white spots all over the driver's side. The paint was good on the truck including what was under the spots, but how to get the spots off was a problem. With the help of advice from "Old Cars Weekly" questions and answers, the spots came off leaving a very presentable original pickup. It also has been a fun thing to have.

My point in all this is: don't be too quick to fix something that may not need fixing and don't give up, even if you've been using it as a shelf, that stuff can easily go somewhere else.

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QUESTION OF THE MONTH:
Can you guess the make and model of
this car being mated to its chassis on
the assembly line?

Answer to be revealed in June's Newsletter

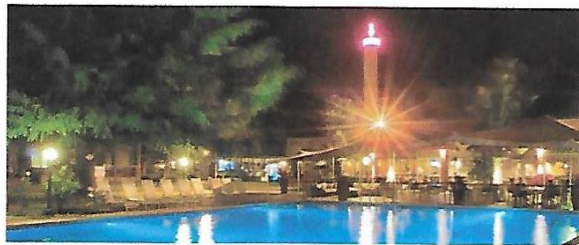


Early Bird Newsletter



2019 Northern California Regional Group Roundup Hosted by the Sonoma A's

In the recent "Best of Sonoma County" poll by the Santa Rosa Press Democrat newspaper, the Flamingo Resort and Spa was voted Best Hotel. It should prove to be the perfect venue for the 2019 NCRG Roundup. <https://www.flamingoresort.com>



Four nights under the bird refers to the brightly illuminated neon Flamingo atop the tower in the photo above. Pool side is beckoning for friends to gather and talk about old times and old cars. The Sonoma A's have plans for a traditional NCRG Roundup, the 56th since the first one hosted by the Modesto Area A's.

We'll welcome you on the evening of Memorial Day, Monday May 27, 2019. If you attended the MAFCA National Convention in Sparks you'll recall the Sonoma A's kicked things off with a great Welcome Party. You may also have noticed a lot of gray hair or no hair at all and a lot of trailers in the parking lot. We are a part of an aging hobby and many of us are sporting after-market knees and hips to keep us up and running.

Car Judging and Fashion Judging will return to the NCRG after a 3 year break. There will be MAFCA sanctioned car judging of the 4 classes; Restored,

Touring, Original, and Modified, and you can have your Model A Evaluated in the Restorer's Class.

Era and Era Image Fashions will also be judged followed by the Fashion Awards Tea where entrants will model their outfits and receive their awards. There will be Seminars, Hubley Derby, Gymkhana, Running Board Swap Meet, and Tours of beautiful Sonoma County. The Chief Fashion Judged is yet to be name but will be an experienced Master Judge.

Future editions of the Early Bird Newsletter will highlight individual events, tours and activities. We'll also provide lodging options, trailer parking information and release the Roundup Registration form in December ahead of the notice in the January-February issue of the Restorer and link on the MAFCA website.

There have already been inquiries about reservations at the Flamingo. You will need to be registered for the Roundup to be able to reserve a room at the meet rate.

If you have questions or want to opt out of the Early Bird, reply to Steve Lewis 707-829-9007 or email 2019ncrgroundup@gmail.com

COME AND PLAY WITH US

May 27 to 30, 2019

AACA Nationals & Tours

Always verify information. Notices contained in event registration materials take precedence. This information is for official use only and is not for public dissemination without the express permission of the AACA Vice President of National Activities (see page 6).

April 4-6, 2019

Southeastern Spring Nationals

Charlotte, N.C. • Hornets Nest Region • 704-847-4215

April 29 – May 1, 2019

Southeastern Divisional Tour (up to 1994)

North Carolina • Cape Fear Chapter • 910-471-0797

May 30 - June 1, 2019

Grand National

Auburn, Indiana • 717-534-1910

June 2-7, 2019

Founders Tour (1932-1994)

Nebraska • Nebraska Region • 402-429-0118

June 26-29, 2019

Eastern Spring Nationals

Parisippa, New Jersey • New Jersey Region • 609-240-1561

August 4-9, 2019

Vintage Tour (1931 and earlier)

Kingston, Ontario • 905-987-5552



September 22-27, 2019

Revival AAA Glidden Tour® (1942 and earlier)

North Carolina • Hornets Nest Region • 704-847-4215

October 9-12, 2019

Eastern Fall Nationals

Hershey, Pennsylvania • Hershey Region • 717-566-7720

October 23-26, 2019

Southeastern Fall Nationals

Mobile, Alabama • Deep South Region • 256-783-2261

November 6-9, 2019

Western Fall Nationals

Fallbrook, California • Fallbrook Region • 909-224-3045

February 6-8, 2020

Annual Convention

Philadelphia • 717-534-1910

February or March (watch for updated date)

Winter Nationals

Miami • South Florida Region • 305-978-8037

April 2-5, 2020

Southeastern Spring Nationals

Charlotte, N.C. • Hornets Nest Region • 704-847-4215

April 23-25, 2020

Western Spring Nationals

Show Low, Arizona • Tucson & Phoenix Regions • 928-537-4356

April 26-May 1, 2020

Founders Tour

Show Low, Arizona • Tucson & Phoenix Regions • 928-368-7442

May 13-16, 2020

Eastern Divisional Tour (up to 1995)

Maryland • Eastern Shore Region • 410-742-8342

May 28-30, 2020

Central Spring Nationals

Auburn, Indiana • 717-534-1910

June 7-12, 2020

Sentimental Tour (1928-1958)

Moorefield, W.V. • Mtn. State Classics Region • 703-869-8434

June 24-27, 2020 (preliminary date/location)

Eastern Spring Nationals

Daniels, West Virginia • White Water Region • 304-237-6351

July 9-11 2020

Grand National

Allentown, Pennsylvania • 717-534-1910

July 16-18, 2020

Southeastern Fall Nationals

Louisville, Ky. • Kyana Region • 502-933-7564

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2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTH	GENERAL MEETING	SPECIAL EVENTS	CAR TOURS
January	1/22/19		January 27 Memorial Tour Hamburger Ranch & BBQ The Bares
February	2/26/19		February 24 President's Tour Be Bop's Diner & Grace Hudson Museum The Bares & Walls
March	3/26/19		March 31 Bale Gristmill The Halls
April	4/23/19		April 27 California Automobile Museum The Johnsons
May	5/28/19		June 2 Zig/Zag tour in Occidental The Chiottis
June	6/25/19		June 30 Cornerstone, Sonoma Home of Sunset Gardens Ron Fiori, Allan and Gus St. Marie
July	7/23/19	July 21 Club Picnic at Riverfront Park	<i>Happy Fourth of July</i>
August	8/27/19		August 25 The Barndts
September	9/24/19		September 29 The Von Bergens
October	10/22/19		October 27 Kaslar & Connally
November	11/26/19		<i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>
December	No Meeting	December 5 Flamingo Hotel & Resort Holiday Dinner	<i>Merry Christmas</i>

Monthly meetings are held at:

Round Table Pizza,

Dinner at 6 pm, Meeting starts at 7 pm

2065 Occidental Road, Santa Rosa, CA

We look forward to seeing you on our
June 2nd car tour to Occidental!

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Can you believe it is almost Memorial Day!??? I can't wait to get our Camaro out and on the open road!! Hopefully once we do, we'll see you out on the open road too!! If you would like to submit items for the newsletter, please email them to me at lisapetker@outlook.com. Please submit items by the 5th of the month as the newsletter will be published to the group no later than the 12th of every month.