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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year Everyone,

I hope you all had a great holiday season. Welcome to 2020, XXXX, or Two thousand twenty, MMXX. However, you want to say it or write it, welcome to a new decade.

We are looking forward to another good year for our car club. Last year we tried some new things, like the 50/50 raffle at our meetings and had some outstanding tours. My wish is that we continue on this path this year.

Scott and I will be on a cruise during our January meeting so Cathy will be conducting the meeting for me. Gerry will be talking about possible tours we might take this year. Please bring your ideas to the meeting and a willingness to lead a tour. I'm sure Gerry will appreciate it.

I am looking forward to this month's tour to the Oxbow Market, CIA Kitchen and Copia Museum on **Sunday January 26th**. Scott and I will be leaving on our trip the next morning, but I am going to try my best to be on the tour.

Remember our meeting will be on **January 28th**, the Tuesday AFTER the tour. Have a great month!

Respectfully,
Linda Bare

UPCOMING EVENTS

January Meeting

January 28, 2020

Round Table Pizza

2065 Occidental Road

Santa Rosa, CA

Dinner - 6 pm

Meeting - 7 pm

January Tour

January 26, 2020

Oxbow Market Tour

Meet at Sonoma Ave at 9:30 am

Depart at 10:00 am

More details on page 5

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by Larry Barndt



I've been around cars all my life. My father was a car salesman at G.K. Hardt Motors and also had his own used car lot, Leo Motors on Santa Rosa Avenue in Santa Rosa, California (known as Automobile Row in the 1940s, '50s and '60s). He would drive a different car home each Sunday and we would go for family rides around the Bay area.

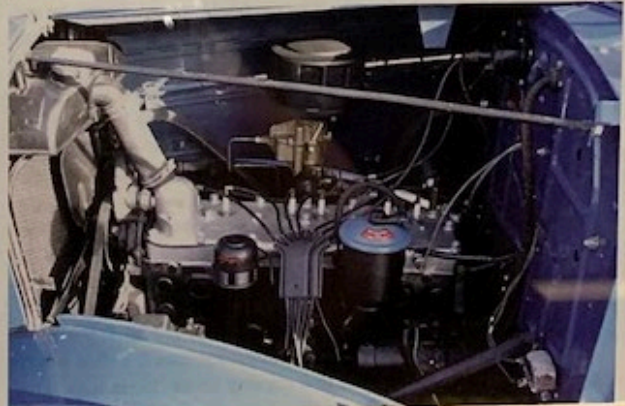
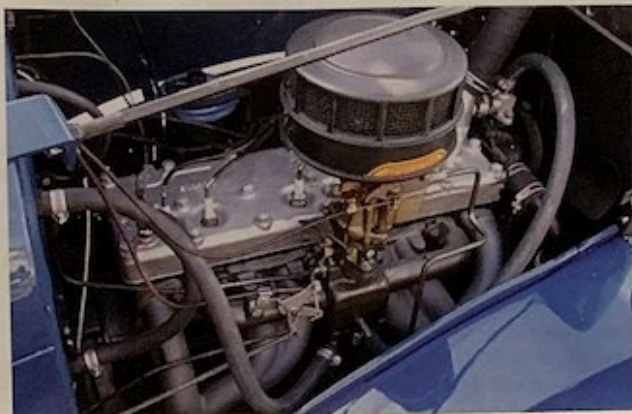
My first vehicle was a 1953 Dodge truck that I drove everywhere including a trip to Montana, which started my love for Chrysler products. In 2005, I bought a 1935 Ford truck from a friend who had owned it since 1958. My wife Cathy instantly fell in love with it and began to drive it around town to the nursery or market; there went *my* classic ride, but I was thrilled that she was enjoying it.

I continued to search for the perfect car for me, and in 2007 bought a 1934 Plymouth coupe from a gentleman in Kelseyville, California, my wife's hometown. I figured since Chrysler had been

so good to me in the past this would be a great car to have. As it turned out, the gentleman used to live on my wife's family ranch and that the license plates on the coupe were actually from a car that was discarded in a ravine on the ranch years ago. They were 1934 California plates that he found and cleared through the DMV. What a coincidence!

The coupe was in need of serious repairs, and not yet having retired, I started looking again, but for a restored ready-to-go car. In 2009 I bought a 1939 Plymouth business coupe in pristine condition from a gentleman in Texas. I instantly fell in love with it and decided to search for a set of year-of-manufacture California plates, which that year advertised the World's Fair that was held at Treasure Island in San Francisco. Coincidentally, my father was in the opening ceremonies at Treasure Island for the 1939 fair with the Sonoma County Cavaliers.

I decided to join AACA and the Redwood Empire and began participating in local activities. I enjoy taking part in the events and decided I wanted to add another car to my collection. This time I wanted something a little sportier. After searching for a while, I found a 1935 Plymouth convertible in Ohio, which was immedi-





ately shipped to my steel fabrication business. I was excited at the prospect of taking rides with my wife and friends around Sonoma County; little did I know of the ride the 1935 would take me on.

It arrived on a rainy January day in 2011, and even though there were a few dents and dings, I was happy with it. Since it was winter, it was a good time to have some repairs done so it would be up and running great by spring. It needed a new clutch and the transmission rebuilt, and when spring finally arrived the convertible was ready. On a Saturday afternoon I took the car into town to run some errands. When I arrived home, I parked it near the house and ran inside to drop off my newly purchased items. While talking with my wife and daughter, we all heard a loud *boom!* Thinking something fell in the garage, we ran outside and discovered that the car was gone. My daughter ran down the driveway toward the garage and quickly yelled for me to come. The car had popped out of gear and, since the emergency brake was not fully engaged, rolled backwards down the hill, hopped over a two-foot barrier and crashed into the front of the garage/work shop 300 feet away. The damage was extensive and I was devastated. I had only driven it a few times.

My friend Jerry Alward of Alward Classics was given the task of restoring the car. It was going to take a while, but I knew it was in great hands. After surveying the damage, we decided to repaint

the entire car, so the stainless went to be polished and the chrome went to be re-plated. The front end also needed to be assessed after jumping the retaining wall so it went to Chuck's Brake and Wheel in Santa Rosa, where it was realigned and assessed for any additional damage. With all these repairs underway, it was decided to take the car to Johnny Franklin's for a new exhaust system, and since the seats were out of the car, it only made sense to have them re-stuffed, so off to Randy's Recovery they went.

It ended up being nearly a full restoration, so the wheels were sent to Pac Powder of Arcata to be refinished. My crew and I also worked on straightening the rear bumper and fuel tank brackets and mounts. For paint work, the car was sent to Rob's Custom Paint and Polish, who did a wonderful job and the car turned out fantastic.

The car finally came home in August, just in time for the AACA national meet in Santa Rosa, my hometown. I entered the car to be judged and to my excitement was awarded a First Junior. The work and ride had been worth it.

Since that meet I have enjoyed taking the Plymouth out around town accompanied by my wife, with our Australian shepherd Kilee in the rumble seat. After retirement, hopefully sooner than later, I look forward to enjoying more rides as well as the journeys that the car may take me on.



**"The Largest Annual Antique Auto Show in the West."
A Living History Day**



Greetings Antique Auto Enthusiast and Friends,

The largest annual antique auto show in the West is scheduled for **Sunday, September 20, 2020. Save the date and also pass the date to your club members and friends.**

The 20th annual Antique Autos in History Park (AAHP), 635 Phelan Ave., San José, CA. 95112 ... a Living History Day... is presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San José. AAHP welcomes all period-correct pre-1946 vehicles.

In addition to many antique vehicles, there will be participation by the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association, displays of Early Crafts and Antique Collectibles, a Dixieland Band, Singers, Dancers, Barbershop Quartet, Blacksmith Shop Demos, Trolley Rides, History San José Open Houses, Kids Activities, Food and more.

Bring the family for a day of viewing, entertainment and fun. More information to follow.

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2019 AAHP Event

[Car Guy Channel Episode 137, 2019 Antique Autos in History Park](#)
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LAUGHTER CORNER

A lawyer, who had a wife and 12 children, needed to move because his rental agreement was terminated by the owner who wanted to reoccupy the home. But he was having a lot of difficulties finding a new house.

When he said he had 12 children, no one would rent a home to him because they felt that the children would destroy the place.

He couldn't say he had no children because he couldn't lie as we all know lawyers cannot and do not lie.

So, he sent his wife for a walk to the cemetery with 11 of their kids.

He took the remaining one with him to see rental homes with the real estate agent.

He loved one of the homes and the price was right -- the agent asked: "How many children do you have?" He answered: "Twelve."

The agent asked, "Where are the others?"

The lawyer, with his best courtroom sad look, answered: "They're in the cemetery with their mother."

MORAL: *It's not necessary to lie, one only has to choose the right words...and don't forget, most politicians are lawyers.*

NEW MEMBER ALERT

Jeff Barone joined our club in the month of January! Please give him a warm welcome!!



HAPPY NEW YEAR

By Stacy Zimmerman, Speedster editor
Reprinted from December AACA Speedster Newsletter

Tomorrow night is New Year's Eve. Most of you will be celebrating the end of 2019 and ushering in 2020 with friends and family in your own special ways. But this year we are not just simply flipping the calendar, we are in fact entering in to a whole new decade.

A lot happens in a decade. Think about it... Ten years ago, we didn't have Uber, Instagram or the selfie stick. We hadn't yet been introduced to Airbnb, Tesla or the iPad. You couldn't ask Alexa or Siri what the temperature is or to play your favorite song. Home delivery meal kits, grocery delivery or DoorDash hadn't even been thought of yet. At-home health care tests, consumer drones, self-driving cars and even the malaria vaccine were nowhere in sight. No one had video doorbells or robotic vacuums or Fitbits. You couldn't even order a Pumpkin Spice Latte at Starbucks. All of these things are commonplace today. And many of us can't imagine our lives without them.

What do you think the next decade has in store for us? It's an interesting topic to ponder. Let your imagination run wild and see what you come up with.

I know for all of us here at AACA, we are looking forward to starting the decade off right when we finally move into our new headquarters building. We are excited for all the new opportunities the new facility will bring throughout the next 10 years and beyond!

In the meantime, we wish you all the best for a happy and healthy new year! See you next decade!

JANUARY CAR TOUR



Oxbow Market Tour

Sunday, January 26, 2020

Meet at Sonoma Ave 9:30 am,
leave by 10 a.m.

We will be taking the scenic route over to Napa to visit the Oxbow Market, CIA kitchen and Copia Museum.

Maps and destination information will be provided at the drivers' meeting.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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QUESTION OF THE MONTH:
Can You guess the model and year of this car? For extra points, can you guess who the male club member is?

Answer to be revealed in February's Newsletter



2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTH	GENERAL MEETING	SPECIAL EVENTS	CAR TOURS
January	1/28/20		January 26 Napa Oxbow Market/ CIA Kitchens and Museum The Walls
February	2/25/20		
March	3/24/20		
April	4/28/20		
May	5/26/20		
June	6/23/20		
July	7/28/20	<i>Club Picnic?</i>	<i>Happy Fourth of July</i>
August	8/25/20		
September	9/22/20		
October	10/27/20		
November	11/24/20		<i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>
December	No Meeting	<i>Holiday Dinner?</i>	<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

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Larry Barndt 1/3
 Bill Shoemann 1/3
 Sharon Olson 1/8
 Marylou Beltrami 1/20
 Barbara St. Marie 1/30
 Jean Stewart 2/1
 Larry Ayers 2/4
 Gil DeMeo 2/5
 Margie DeMeo 2/19

Anniversaries

Tom & JoAnne Miller 2/14

We look forward to seeing you at the club meeting on January 28th!



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EDITOR'S NOTE

Thank you for a wonderful first year as Newsletter Editor!! I hope you have enjoyed what I have done with the newsletter in the past 12 months. I love the freedom to continually play with things (yet still meet the requirements of AACA), if you have suggestions or things you want to see here in the newsletter, please reach out to me privately and share your ideas with me!

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.