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Hobo Stew Outing

Sunday November 24

On November 24th, 31 Members in 14 Model A's, 2 Model T's, a 51 Ford Truck and a 66 Mustang set out to meet up at Udall Park at 9 AM for the annual Hobo Stew Outing. It was a cool morning, but quickly warmed up with coffee, doughnuts and great conversation! At 9:30 AM, we had a short meeting to explain the 3 different maps that were handed out. These maps were



made by David and Molly Ramsower, and they were made without street names! You had to follow the directions using only landmarks! After some driving fun, everyone made it safely to the home of Harvey and Betty Ross. The Club members were very impressed with the Ross home, which was designed and built by Betty and her son!! What an amazing place and great job!

Joe Findysz and Rey Brown prepared the Hobo Stew. We started out with 7 lbs of stew meat, 22 cans of gravy and assorted vegetables, which made 4 gallons of stew. There were lots of cornbread and desserts that were enjoyed by all!



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Hobo Stew Outing

Sunday November 24

There were 5 members (who shall remain nameless) who almost didn't get any stew because they were lost in conversation out in the garage!

We would like to thank Harvey and Betty for graciously opening up their home to us! And thank you to all that came out and enjoyed the day!



Submitted by:
Joe Findysz



Holiday Banquet

Saturday December 8

What a beautiful day it was, sorta, when 84 members, 9 guests and 5 children gathered at the Tanque Verde Ranch for our annual Holiday Banquet. They arrived in Model A's, Model T's and anything else that would get them there.



The meeting was brought to order by President David Ramsower with opening comments and a warning that we were not to eat the Christmas Tree-shaped table novelties which resembled cookies; they were actually made of soap. [Editor's note: I *thought* they tasted funny]. The Elves were very creative this year.

Bernice Edwards offer the prayer and blessing of the meal and for the club. Shortly thereafter everyone was let go, in an orderly fashion, to go to the serving line and eat what they wanted to. The selection of fresh shrimp, oysters, salmon, salads, potatoes and prime rib was very good. Oh yes, don't forget the desserts. Nobody went home hungry.



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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES December 8, 2019



Leland (Shorty) Allison introduced the proposed 2020 Officers and the 2020 Board of Directors. Two motions were made (Bob Karn made the motion to approve the officers and Kathie McWilliams made the motion to approve the Board), both were seconded, and both motions were unanimously approved by voice vote to accept the proposed officers and directors as follows:

<u>Officers:</u>	President:	David Ramsower
	First Vice-President	Sindy Osterman
	Second Vice President	Rey Brown
	Treasurer	Mike Liebert
	Secretary	Frank Pyrdeck
<u>Directors:</u>	Chuck Thim	Ray Feierstein
	Dan Jensen	Tom McWilliams
	Ernie Williams	Joe Findysz (Past President)

Next General Meeting January 7, 2020

Next Board Meeting December 30, 2019



‘Tis the Season!



The Holiday Season brings joy, fellowship and the giving spirit. It is also the beginning of 2020 DUES Season.

It’s that time again! Our Tucson Chapter dues for 2020 are **due by January 1st**. The good news is that our chapter dues are still \$10/individual or \$15/family. **You can pay your 2020 dues at any general meeting.** You can also mail your check, payable to “Tucson Model A Club” to our official address at 7060 E. 21st Street, Tucson, AZ 85710, or you can mail your check directly to our Club Treasurer for faster service:

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Got Questions? Call Mike the Answer Man at 520-444-5535.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday December 8 — Annual Holiday Banquet and club meeting. See minutes on page 6 and article on pages 5, 10, 11 and 12.

Tuesday January 7 — General meeting.

Sunday January 19 — Dillinger Days Car Show & Re-enactment (new date this year). Contact: Rey Feierstein 531-9724. See page 8.

Tuesday February 4 — General meeting.

Matt's Champion Spark Plug Story

Story and Photo by Matt Barrett, Shade Tree A's

On a tour to Aiken, SC several months ago I had an unexpected situation with not one, but two of my Champion 3X spark plugs on my Model A. Within two miles of the Aiken, SC bypass, I heard what I thought was either a bad tappet or stuck valve. I have had a fan blade go through my hood while traveling 50 mph and a rear axle break while backing up, but have never heard this while touring. Suddenly something blew and so I pulled off the highway for a "road-side technical session." What happened was the spark plug came apart. This has happened to one other club member, and he described the same thing that I experienced. This happened to me also on the way home, so I decided to replace all the plugs. While you are performing routine maintenance on your A, you might consider checking your spark plugs as well.



Dillinger Day

Sunday January 19

This year Dillinger Day is on a Sunday, January 19. The show runs from 9 AM to 4 PM. Vehicles should get there after 8 AM, but no later than 8:45 AM, as they will close you out and not let you in. If you want to park in front of Hotel Congress, do it. Others can park on Toole and on 5th. All vehicles should park facing the hotel. I will have parking helpers to show you where to park. There will be 3 shows, at 11 AM, 1:15 PM and 3:30 PM.

Thanks, Ray Feierstein
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December



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- Dec 4 – Don Vagasky
- Dec 6 – Paul Miller
- Dec 8 – Fred Zumwalt
- Dec 20 – Howard Beebe
- Dec 22 – Jack Stroehlein
- Dec 23 – Mike Liebert
- Dec 24 – David Drenzek
- Dec 25 – Gary Scheer
- Dec 26 – Si Burghaimer
- Dec 26 – Jeff Eppley
- Dec 26 – Ann Liebert
- Dec 26 – Gene Murphy
- Dec 27 – Nancy Lange

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday January 7, 2020

*Meeting Refreshments
will be provided by:*

Mike & Ann Liebert
David & Molly Ramsower



Happy Anniversary



- Dec 2 – Mike & Sylvia LeClair
- Dec 8 – Paul & Sarah Miller
- Dec 28 – Robert & Rose Saxwold
- Dec 30 – Vic & Linda Borg



Holiday Banquet

Saturday December 8

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Motions were made, Seconded and passed by the membership to accept the 2020 officers and board of directors. The meeting was turned over to David Ramsower, who presented awards to Norm & Christie Strong for being The Uber Driver for Gary Roberts, while in Kanab, UT, and to Joe Findysz (I forgot what his was).

Recognition was given to the members that were outing chairpersons and to the members that provided refreshments at the monthly meetings. Credit needs to be given to Chuck Thim that worked very hard to make the PowerPoint presentation; the pictures were fantastic and something that only a friend would do. Rey Brown and David Rivard do so much behind the scenes and need to be recognized as well.

A lot of recognition was given to the group that went to the Canyonlands National Tour. Joe Findysz was recognized for the his hard luck with his leaky fuel gage, as well as David Ramsower and his Flashing Tail Light award.

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Holiday Banquet

Saturday December 8

Shorty Allison received the Raccoon Skin Cap, while others received their Raccoon Tails for their participation in the Canyonlands Tour. Now we can make application to the Order of Raccoons.



Finally as the meeting starting to wind down there was one last award that needed to be presented and that was left up to David and Molly Ramsower, the 2018 recipients of the Sam Doty Award. They presented the Sam Doty Award for 2019 to Tom and Kathie McWilliams for their hard work and dedication to the success of the club.



A good time was had by all!!!
Shorty Allison

(more photos on next page)

Holiday Banquet Photos



HARD STEERING

If you feel that your Model A is steering harder than other Model A's, harder than it should, there are several things you can do to ease the problem.

1. Check your front end castor; too much castor (caused by sagging front spring) can cause difficult steering.
2. Improper steering adjustment; over-adjusting to remove play.
3. Worn front tires.
4. Low air pressure - 35 psi minimum pressure is recommended.
5. Lack of steering lubrication.
6. Improper steering box lubricant.
7. Worn steering arm balls.

If all the above have no effect, there is a product on the market to ease your steering. It is in kit form. It includes the replacement of the drag link and tie-rod ends with teflon, and can be obtained through your Model A outlet stores.

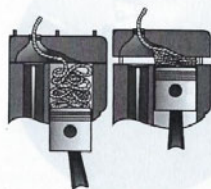
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SAFE AND EASY WAY TO REMOVE A STUCK HEAD

If you are trying to remove your Model A head and it is stuck - simply remove all head nuts, if you haven't already. Take out all spark plugs and using your hand crank turn the engine over until pistons #2 and #3 are at top dead center. A flashlight will aid in looking in the #2 and #3 spark plug holes. Take two pieces of 3/8" nylon or cotton rope, several feet long and feed one end of each rope into the #1 and #4 cylinders through the spark plug holes. Then simply use the hand crank to compress the rope and with a little force on the crank, the head will lift right up. Try to use about the same length of rope in each cylinder so as to lift the head evenly.



Submitted by Dan Ritt, Mt. Arab, Ohio
Illustrated by Dick Lewis, Lawrenceburg, Indiana

Jim's Tech Tip

by Jim Cannon, MAFCA Technical Director

Care of Nickel Plating

If you have a 1928 or '29 Model A, and it has nickel plating (as original), you may have noticed that the nickel is a bit more work to maintain than chrome. Don't let it go too long or you will have a hard time getting the finish back.

The best cleaner that I have found for nickel is a polishing paste in a tube out of Germany called "Happich Simichrome Polish". It also does a great job on chrome. Apply it with a clean cloth, work it in and clean the metal well, then polish with a microfiber cloth. Not only does it polish, it leaves a protective film on the metal to keep it looking nice longer.

Most of our Model A parts suppliers, such as Bratton's, Snyder's, and Mac's, sell it. Check with your favorite parts guys.

Have a Model A Day!
Jim Cannon





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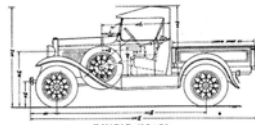
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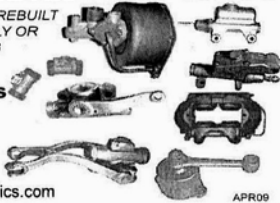
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