



## DIABLO A's

### General Membership Meeting

**Friday, Nov. 19, 2010** —  
The doors open at 6:30, Pie Social at 7:00 with meeting to follow at Faith Christian Fellowship Church, 860 Bancroft Rd., Walnut Creek. Guests are welcome.

### Special Attractions

- Christmas Holiday Party
  - Cal's Garage
  - Upcoming Tours
- Very, Very Last Laugh

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### THE MAKING OF A MYSTERY TOUR

#### The Visionary

Toward the end of the 2009 Mystery Tour, Roger (Staggs) spoke to Ron (Accornero), one of the Mystery Tour Leaders that year, and told him that he and Donna would be willing to lead the 2010 Mystery Tour. Ron announced it at the end of the dinner that night. A few days later Roger contacted the Neumanns and the Freemans to see if they would be willing to serve on the Mystery Tour Committee with them. We all said yes. Roger told us that he had a plan and would share it with us at our first meeting in February.



#### The Plan

As promised, Roger had prepared a complete package, including a budget, to present to us at our first meeting. He asked for our input, and we were off and running. Roger had several destinations for our consideration. We all agreed that Bodega Bay would make a great destination. We took turns hosting our meetings in our homes, and the hosts that month provided easy, delicious meals for us to partake of prior to our meeting. Boy did we look forward to those meetings!

We made a list of what needed to be done, and "divvied" out assignments for each of us. We all made numerous trips throughout the year, mapping out our routes and stops. As we mentioned, Roger was the mastermind behind the destination and even had the sightseeing stops mapped out too.

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### The Execution of the Plan

Marilyn prepared the Sign-Up Sheet and the Registration Form, which outlined the cost per person and collected individual preferences for hotel room, lunch and dinner.

We all came up with the clues that would be given out prior to the Mystery Tour.

Herb and Doug took on the routes and perfected them, making a number of Model A trips to make sure that the two routes would work well for everything we wanted to do. By the time they were done, they knew the mileage between stops, how long it might take for all of the cars to get from one stop to the next and most of all, when we could expect everyone to arrive at the hotel destination. Herb typed up the routes and Reyanne had copies made, compliments of her company's printer.

Roger was the negotiator with the hotel, the lunch at the Sonoma Cheese Factory and the side trips to the Sonoma Mission, the Barracks, and the Military Antique Store in Petaluma. He also worked with Starbucks to get the coffee and The Best Little Donut House in Town to get the fresh donuts we all enjoyed with the hot coffee before we started out on our tour.

Marilyn negotiated the dinner arrangements with Ricky, the owner at Dinucci's Italian Dinners in Valley Ford. We found Ricky and his staff very willing to accommodate our every need. For example, we budgeted for 20 bottles of wine and asked that the staff only pour wine when requested. We came in at 18 bottles of wine, two below our budget.

Reyanne did an amazing job of getting the goody bags, grand prizes and raffle prizes for women. She works for Brady Marketing, who are marketing reps for high end kitchen tools & table top merchandise. Through her contacts at Brady Marketing, she was able to get Kuhn Rikon to donate the goody bags for our mystery tour. Reyanne and Marilyn were responsible for the items to go into the goody bags. We included water, snacks, a map, one catalog from LeBaron Bonney (we didn't want to weigh the bag down with a lot of paper), and some water wetter from Redline Oil, courtesy of Dave Granquist.

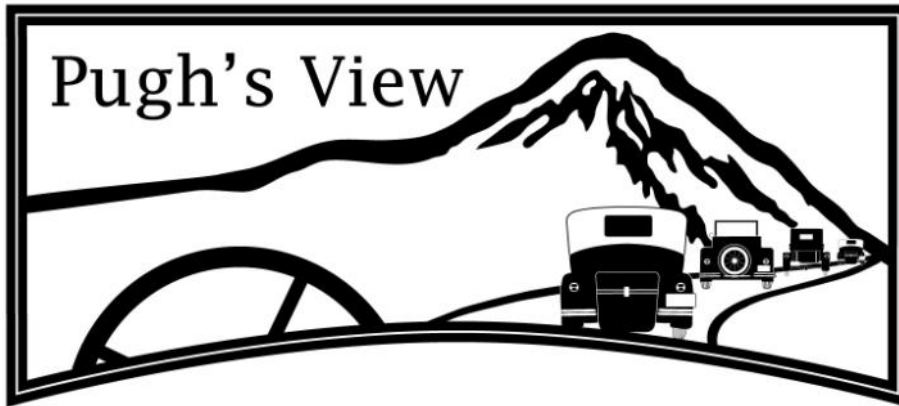
We decided to give one picture key chain per couple – the keychain would contain a picture of the couple with their model A. Marilyn found a company online and was responsible for uploading the pictures and ordering the key chains.

Reyanne had an idea for a button for each person, rather than the usual patch. She came up with the idea of a drawing of the Bodega School House, complete with a sky full of birds. She asked her brother, who is an Artist, to make a drawing for her. She then took the drawing to her IT Department at work. They enhanced the colors of the drawing and printed a number of the drawings per page to maximize the paper usage. Doug and Reyanne have a neighbor who gave them a large quantity of the plastic buttons to use. Doug cut out the drawings and put the buttons together. Essentially, the buttons did not cost us any money.

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Rose and Bob Estrella, Dee and Denny Desmond, Alex, Bill Truesdell and Bill Pugh



Once again, a month has slipped from our grasp. I will recall the good things as opposed to dwelling on the inevitable.

The mystery tour was great fun, in spite of the on and off rainy weather; it didn't dampen our spirits at all. As you probably have heard by now, we wound up touring to Bodega Bay and staying overnight at the Bodega Bay Inn, a very cozy place that is very near the waters edge. The anticipation of wet weather pushed most to drive more modern type vehicles. Deb and I wouldn't consider that and elected to stay the course in our trusty fordor. After more than a week of drying and airing out our steed upon our return, I think I have some sense of why the masses went modern. Sure we got a little wet with the usual weeping through and around the windshield at speed, but we also found out that the roof has a pin hole leak or two. Not enough to make a mess, just enough to get things damp. Does the smell of an old wooden boat give a sense of what the fordor smelled like the next day and for a week or two to follow. The only other couple brave enough to drive a Model A was Bob Reed and Lynda. I haven't heard if they arrived home with the old boat smell or not, but I do know they had big smiles Sunday morning when we were loading up to start for home. Our tour leaders, Roger and Donna, Herb and Marilyn and Doug and Reyanne did a fabulous job of guiding us in segments from Harbor Freight to Vallejo, then Sonoma, then Petaluma, then Bodega where the Hitchcock movie, "the Birds" was filmed and finally to the hotel. We had a wonderful social time in a very comfortable meeting room and even got to see the Giants win the final big game against Philly. Imagine that, the Giants go to the world series. Last Monday, I could hear Claire Bailey screaming in Benicia and I was all the way back in Chicago. What a game, what a series, what a team, the Giants are world champs.

As we get closer to the end of this year, don't forget to take advantage of the early bird special, get your dues in soon. The other item high on the list is that we are still looking for a Tour Leader, a fun job to really help the club. The position requires small chunks of time to coordinate and calendar our tours for the 2011 year, please step up.

- Bill

## Moto-Meter

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**Membership:** Membership in the Model A Ford Club is not a prerequisite to join The Diablo A's. Both MAFCA and The Diablo A's membership commence on January 1st, and expire on December 31st. MAFCA dues are \$40.00 (MAFCA, 250 Cypress Ave., La Habra, CA 90631, [www.MAFCA.com](http://www.MAFCA.com)). The Diablo A's dues of \$45.00 per family is payable to the treasurer. Subscriptions to the Moto-Meter are \$15.00 per year.

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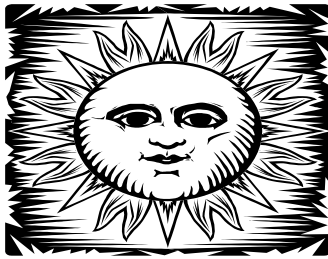
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We thank the various clubs for the use of the many articles, jokes, fashion and technical advice that we have used. We are glad to share any articles that would be of interest to other clubs providing proper credit is given.

# Sunshine Report

Elsie Boarman



I am very thankful the election is over and NO MORE political mail, messages on T.V. or phone calls.

It was good to see Imogene Thomas at Octobers meeting after her bout in the hospital.

Alicia Passalacqua has been having neck and back problems. She is unable to drive. We have missed her at the meetings. Hopefully, her husband Clinton, will be able to drive her to our "Pie Social" meeting. She will be having back and neck surgery in January, or hopefully, before. Congrats to Alicia and Clinton. Their daughter had a baby boy October 15.

It was great to see former member and ex-president (1978) Ron Wolfman, at our meeting. Ron and Katie even went on the Mystery Tour. Ask him about his Model A.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Debbie and Bill Pugh. Debbie's father passed away.

Donna Staggs was unable to go with Roger on he Mystery Tour as she wasn't feeling well. We hope she will be feeling better soon.

Thanks to our members that call and let me know that one of our "Diablo A's Family" need some cheering up.

Don't forget the Christmas Party.

Happing A'ing  
Elsie



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Welcome back:

Ron & Katie Wolfman



## Cals' Garage with Alex and Bob

The stethoscope was invented in France in 1816 by René Laennec originally it was made out of wood and overtime has evolved into the medical instrument your doctor uses today. Well, the stethoscope works great on your Model A as well. You can purchase one inexpensively at Harbor Freight or most auto parts store. It has a long probe on it that allows you to listen to valves and bearings in operation.

A club member's car was making a knocking sound and after using the stethoscope all over the care it seemed to be coming from the timing gear cover. Our first guess was timing gear, but when we reversed the timing pin and applied pressure with the engine running the knock didn't stop. We listed again and it was still coming from the cover.

The member was going to replace the gear, but when he had the cover off we stopped and did a close inspection. Well, when the engine was rebuilt the assembler used the original spring and plunger for the cam. The plunger was worn and scraping against the cover and "hanging up". A new spring and plunger plus cleaning up the cover solved the problem. Cost? About \$3 rather than the expenses of a new timing gear which still would not have solved the problem.

Thanks to the stethoscope and a close visual inspection we sent the car back down the road knock free.

You might want to add a scope to your doctor bag – oh, I mean tool bag.

# TECHNICAL SEMINARS 2010

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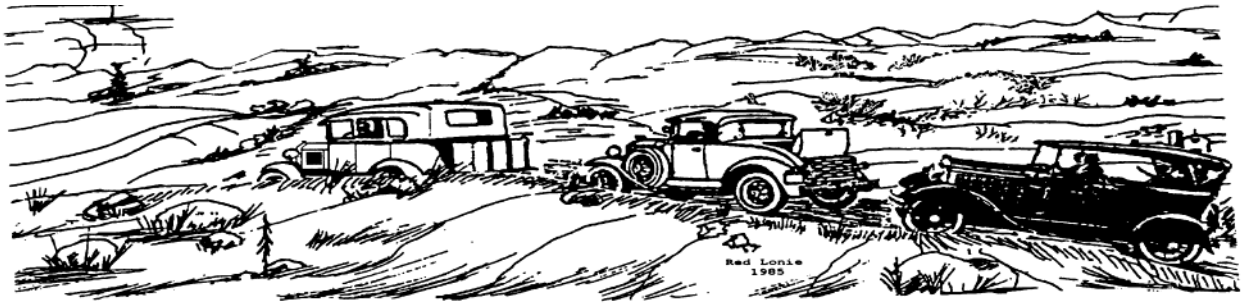


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## UPCOMING TOURS & EVENTS

- Dec. 4—Christmas Banquet—Back Forty Texas BBQ English's & Grady's**  
**Dec. 8-11—MAFCA National Banquet-Colorado Springs, Colorado-Pike Peak Chapter**  
**Jan. 23, 2010—January Brunch—Outback Whitehurst's & English's**  
**Jan. 29, 2011—Turlock Swap Meet & Eat & Shop TBD**  
**May 27-30, 2011—NCRG Roundup-Vallejo, CA.—Diablo A's Chapter**  
**Dec. 1-4—MAFCA National Banquet-Santa Rosa, CA.-Sonoma A's Chapter**  
**June 18-22, 2012—MAFCA National Convention-Marquette, MI-Superior A's Chapter**  
**TBA 2014—MAFCA National Convention-Tacoma WA.-Galloping Gerties Chapter**

### Board Meetings Schedule:

**Monday, Dec. 6, 2010**—Bill & Deb Pugh  
 Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. unless specified otherwise.  
 Please R.S.V.P.

For information on upcoming tours and events please go to our web site [www.DiabloAs.com](http://www.DiabloAs.com)

## PIE SOCIAL

November 19, 2010  
 It's that time again to enjoy the fruit of the harvest!!  
 Food assignment is as follows:  
 A-L Bring you favorite pie and serving utensil  
 Plates, forks, and whipped cream will be provided.



## Christmas Holiday Banquet December 4, 2010

Come join us at the Back Forty Roadhouse and Saloon for a fabulous Holiday Buffet  
 No-host Bar 6:00 pm—7:00 pm

Dinner @ 7:00

Cost: \$35.00 per adult  
 \$15.00 for children 18 and under

Please mail check to Wayne English  
 1744 Lemonwood Dr  
 Concord, CA 94519

The deadline to receive your check, payable to the Diablo A's, is November 18, 2010

100 Coggins Drive  
 Pleasant Hill  
 925 935 1440

We are encouraging ride sharing. Transportation should not be the deciding factor in whether or not you attend. Sharing a ride will make it possible for those that do not like to drive at night to share in the Holiday festivities and also make it easier to park as space is limited.

So call a member to offer or arrange for a ride or see Wayne at the November meeting.

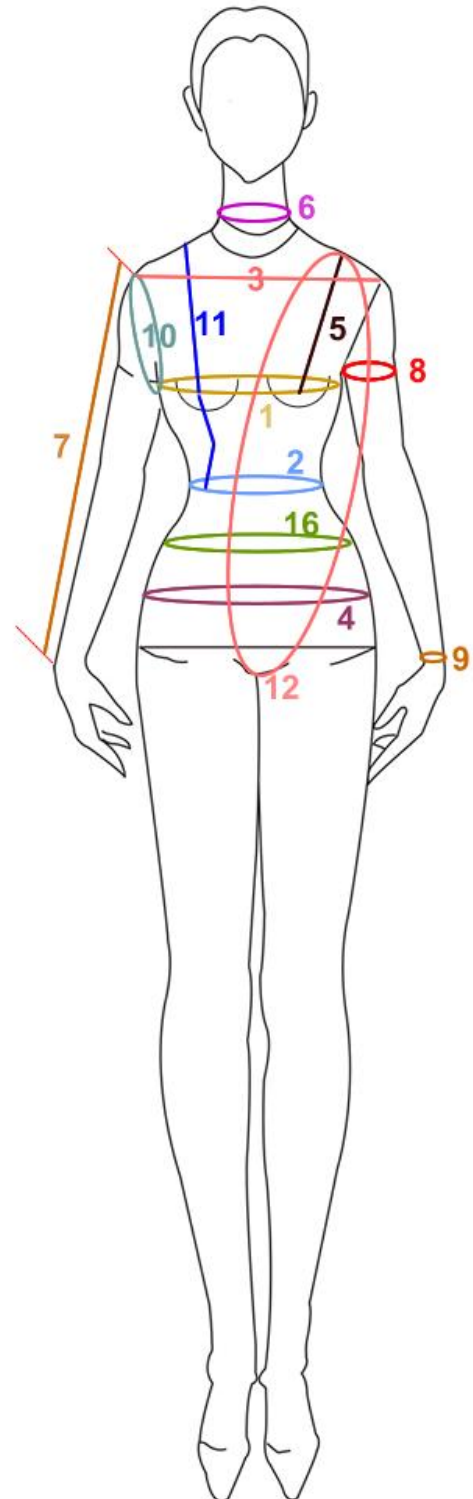


When shopping for era or era image clothing, this measurement chart may come in handy. Clothing sizes have changed dramatically over the last 80 years, so knowing the bust or hip measurement can help you determine if an item offered on EBAY will fit.

Use the diagram to take your measurements and keep them with you when shopping or close by before bidding on that 1929 bias cut evening dress!

### Measurement Chart

1	Bust	
2	Waist	
3	Shoulder Width	
4	Hip (7-9 inches below waist)	
5	Center shoulder to bust point ( Start near neck 1 inch)	
6	Around neck	
7	Sleeve Length (Shoulder to wrist)	
8	Biceps	
9	Wrist	
10	Armhole	
11	Center shoulder to Waist (over bust, Start near neck 1 inch).	
12	Torso (from shoulder over bust to crotch to shoulder. Start near neck 1 inch) .	
	Hat Size	
	Glove Size	
	Shoe Size	
	Hose/Stocking Size	



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Roger prepared the Panic Envelopes, complete with wax seal. Roger also prepared the meal tickets for dinner that night at Dinucci's.

Doug was successful in obtaining gift certificates from LeBaron Bonney, Bratton's, Snyder's and Kelsey Tires. We had budgeted \$200 for these. Doug bought a \$50 gift certificate from each of these companies and they in turn gave us a \$50 gift certificate, thus we had \$400 for a total of eight \$50 gift certificates.

Roger also purchased gift certificates from Starbuck's to give out as raffle prizes.

Marilyn found the little raven/crow earrings online, which gave us an additional lady's prize.

Marilyn was in charge of the table decorations (crows and bloody tablecloths were purchased at Michael's and Scary Halloween stores).

Marilyn, Herb and Reyanne shopped at Costco & Sam's Club for the water, beer, sodas and snacks for the goody bags and hospitality room.

Roger mapped out the logistics showing when and where we would all go throughout the day. Our cell phones came in handy for keeping in touch with each other.

The events of the day went off without a hitch, which made it lots of fun for all of us. We heard no complaints about the weather, and in fact, we really loved hearing the words of appreciation and praise. Kudos to the following club members who won the "Grand Prizes": Marty & Nancy Larsen guessed the destination; Bob Reed & Lynda Oliver guessed the mileage; and Bob & Lynn Grady answered all the questions along the route with 100% accuracy. Bill & Deb Pugh and Bob Reed & Lynda Oliver won prizes for "braving the elements" and driving their Model As in the rain.

We were saddened when we learned that Donna would not be able to be with us on the Mystery Tour. During this year, Donna helped keep us focused and in good spirits, and we will pray for her swift recovery.

### Afterglow

We had our post-meeting the next week after the Mystery Tour. We tallied up our expenses and were pleased to find out that we had money left over to return to the club's general fund.

The months leading up to the Mystery Tour flew by and so did the weekend itself. We are left with many good memories and warm feelings of friendship for each other.

We hope our experience will 'ignite a spark' to encourage the next Mystery Tour Committee.

The Staggs, The Freemans and the Neumanns



Nancy and Marty Larsen, Elaine and Ken Matheson, John and Marge Tait, Elsie Boarman came out to see us off, Steve Mick

## Diablo A's General Membership Meeting October 15, 2010

1. **Meeting was called to order** at 8:01pm by Bill Pugh  
Roger Staggs: The Million Mile Challenge ends with September 30, 2010, so get your miles recorded on the spreadsheet tonight
2. **Visitors and Guests** – Bob Rigor. Rejoining member, Ron Wolfman. Ron was Past President of the Diablo A's in 1978
3. **Membership & Public Relations** – Bob Rigor. No Report
4. **Secretaries Report** – Sharon Martorella. Motion to accept by Alicia Watson; Seconded by Marty Larsen; Approved
5. **Treasurer's Report** – Sue Olson. Sue was not present but she sent the Checkbook in with husband, Tom.
6. **Club Correspondence** – Alex Janke. MAFFI (Model A Ford Foundation, Inc) purpose is the preserve the history of Model A Fords. It is a 501() organization. Received their letter acknowledging our donation in Eileen Anderson's memory.
7. **NCRG 2011** – Alex Janke. In November we will announce and make available the registration form to the other clubs. Ron Accornero, Car Judging, will need help on Sat from 8 to noon: 2 people to receive and receipting the tools for display; 4 Runners to bring the judges score sheets to Bill Truesdell who will tabulate them. Also needs help building stanchions to hold tape outlining the area.
8. **Technical Seminar** – Alex Janke or Bob Grady. No report
9. **Sunshine** – Elsie Boarman
10. **Advertising** – Marilyn Neumann. No report
11. **ACCC** – Herb Neumann. A number of bills are being monitored. A couple passed with the Budget but have little impact on us.
12. **Webmaster** – Steve Mick. No report
13. **Editor** – Peggy English
14. **Tour Coordinator** – Wayne English. We need a volunteer for Tour Coordinator for 2011. Oct 23 Mystery Tour has 26 couple signed up. November – no tours; Dec 4 Christmas/Holiday Banquet; Jan 2011 Brunch tour will be at Outback at Pleasant Hill which will open just for us. Sign up by Next Meeting Nov 19
15. **Video Coordinator** – Bill Truesdell. New title in the works 'Fodor Roofs'
16. **Refreshments** – Jeane James. Need a Volunteer for 2011
17. **Old Business** - none
18. **New Business** – Proposal is to amend the Bylaws to allow another class of membership 'Senior' membership. The intention is to honor our long-term members and to retain their expertise in our club. We would exempt from paying dues those members 75 and older and 5 continuous years Diablo A's membership.

The process to amend Bylaws is: Proposal is made; Discussed at 2 meetings (October and November, 2010) and Voted on at a third meeting (January 2011) by the general membership.

Our dues (\$45 annual) along with our fund raising – Video Productions, Auctions, and Ticket Club -- cover the costs to run the club. In recent years, our efforts have produced enough to allow us to offer an 'early bird discount' for renewals prior to Jan 1 of the next year.

Discussions follow:

- Offer 'Scholarships' – those who find paying the dues a hardship, can apply
- Only a small percentage have the need to help – offering 'scholarship' may be the answer

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- Insert the word 'optional' in regards to the no dues payment
- We need to work out the scenario what it means to the Club financially over the next 5 years
- Moto-Meter. Peggy is able to work a deal at her office to get printing at a reduced cost. If we were to print at Kinkos, it would be over \$400 per month. We still mail out about 50 hard copies. If we lose Peggy's deal, we may have to institute a small fee to receive a hardcopy.
- Why don't Board members have a reduced membership cost – 501(c)(7) cannot offer this type of benefit to volunteers.
- Board could decide annually to reduce the Senior Dues but that does not truly honor our older members expertise
- Comments: email to president@diabloas.com

To Be Continued

### 19. Announcements

Board Meeting is Nov 1 at Tom and Sue Olson's home in Lafayette 7 pm

Next General Meeting is Nov 19 Pie Social

20. **Ticket Club** – Alicia Watson

### 21. Adjournment

#### Diablo A's Board of Directors Meeting

November 1, 2010

Location: Tom and Sue Olson's home in Lafayette

**Members present:** Roger Staggs, vice-president; Sharon Martorella, secretary; Sue Olson, Treasurer; Peggy English, Editor; Wayne English, Tour Coordinator; Bob Rigor, past president, membership chair, PR chair; Bob Grady, advertising co-chairs; Bill Truesdell, Technical Video; Alex Janke, NCRG, 2011 Roundup; Bob Grady and Alex Janke, Technical Seminars;

**Guests:** Tom Olson, Donna Truesdell, Ed James, Al Aldrich

Meeting was called to order by Roger Staggs, filling in for Bill Pugh.

**Approve 10/4/2010 BOD minutes as posted in Moto-Meter** – Motion by Bob Rigor; Seconded by Peggy English; Approved

**Treasurer's Report** – Sue Olson. Reviewed the financial results of the Mystery Tour with some of the seed money (\$150) being returned to the Club Treasury.

**Membership & P.R.** – Bob Rigor. We have a new member, Ron and Katie Wolfman, who are former members returning to the club.

**2011 Roundup Update** – Alex Janke. The registration form is done along with the information sheet. These will be posted on the internet soon. The MAGCA package for liability insurance is assembled and ready to go.

**Correspondence** – Alex Janke. Capital A's have sent a calendar which they are selling. We will raffle the one we received

#### Committees:

**Editors Report** – Peggy English. Newsletter items are due before Nov 6/7 weekend. This newsletter will include ballots for the Board elections for next year.

**Video Report** – Bill Truesdell. Just received a nice order for our reseller in England and, today, received a 12 disk order from another USA source. The new video title – 4 Door Roof – is available, bringing our count to 15 titles.

**Advertising** – Marilyn Neumann and Bob Grady. No Report

**Tours Report** – Wayne English. We need 2 volunteers: (1) Tour Coordinator for the Year; (2) Tour Leader for the 2011 Mystery Tour. It takes about 10 months of planning and arranging and Roger Staggs will provide some handholding to get you

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# November 2010

**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

	1	2 Election Day	3	4	5	6
7 End of Daylight Savings	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27
28	29	30				

**Birthdays**  
November

- 3 Florence Rose
- 6 Paul Kraintz
- 10 Ron Accornero
- 11 Wayne English
- 15 Cecilia Callister
- 22 Sandy Rollins
- 29 Paul Peterson



**Anniversaries**  
November

- 1 Nick and Peggy Houmis
- 6 Alex and Ruth Janke
- 8 Cal and Florence Rose

## November tour to the Black Diamond Mines.

DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2010

**MEET: 8:30AM** SAFEWAY PARKING LOT 5431 CLAYTON RD, CLAYTON  
CLAYTON STATION SHOPPING CENTER  
CORNER OF CLAYTON RD AND KIRKER PASS RD

**LEAVE: 8:45AM**

We will tour the mine area and graveyards. We have reservations for 15 people to actually take the underground mine tour at a fee of \$3.00 each. Please sign up at the November meeting if you want to take the tour.

We will have lunch after the tour and a scenic drive of the area.

More details at the November meeting.

Doug and Reyanne Freeman



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# THE VERY, VERY, VERY LAST LAUGH

## Actual Announcements from Church Bulletins

- ◆ Don't let worry kill you — let the church help.
- ◆
- ◆ Thursday night — potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- ◆
- ◆ A Bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music to follow.
- ◆
- ◆ At the evening service tonight, the sermon will be "What the Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- ◆
- ◆ For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- ◆
- ◆ Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- ◆
- ◆ The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
- ◆
- ◆ This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Greg Avrett

Mark Hurst

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started. We have a new tour for Nov. Christmas/Holiday party signups are due NO LATER THAN the November meeting. The January Brunch tour is a lunch and signups are due at the November meeting also.

**ACCC** – Herb Neumann. No report

**Technical Seminars** – Bob Grady. No report

**Webmaster** – Steve Mick. No report

**Sunshine** – No Report

**Refreshments** – Jeane James

**Old Business** – Senior Membership. Al Aldrich told us how the Bay Area Engine Modelers honor their older members by establishing a ‘Senior’ membership. It is not about the money (no dues for these members) but is about caring about the older members and honoring their contributions, fellowship, and gratitude for what they have contributed to the hobby over their long memberships. He has suggested that we establish a similar honorary membership for our older, long term members.

The proposal is to establish an additional class of membership – Senior Member – that would pay no dues.

The following is a collection of the comments and discussion we had at this meeting:

- Several Board members have had discussions with some of the members we intend to honor by establishing this class of membership. Comments have ranged from Foolish, it’s a hobby; Just flat out against; What would happen if the treasury goes broke; Just not how the Club should be spending our reserves; fine if your over 90 and been married to the same person for more than 60 years; don’t want that type of recognition.
- Proceed with caution – this can cause hard feelings
- National provides pins to recognize number of years of membership (starting at 25 years).
- We wonder why more of the senior members do not attend the Christmas/Holiday banquet and believe that it is because of the cost of the meal and many do not drive at night. The suggestion was made that we could offer a free Christmas/Holiday party to senior family or to all senior families. Also suggested was that we should be calling the senior members to see if they would like a ride to the banquet.
- If seems as if we are trying to solve a problem without knowing what the problem is: (1) need to define the problem (what we are trying to accomplish) and (2) it is apparent that the target members do not like the proposed solution
- Problem is that the Bylaws do not allow for treating certain members differently and would have to be amended to allow for different treatment
- Bylaw amendments are very dangerous and must be carefully studied to prevent unintended consequences.
- Process to amend bylaws: bring up on the floor and seconded; 60 day notification and discussion followed by a vote

To Be Continued

**New Business** – We received a request to put a link to Paving Green Roads on our website – will put it in the links section. This is a project which is recycling tires into road paving materials.

Next General meeting: November 19 Pie Social. Doors open at 6:30, Pie at 7; Meeting at 8

Next Board meeting December 6 at Bill and Deb Pugh’s home in Lafayette

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

## 2011 January Brunch

The Outback Steakhouse  
150 Longbrook Way  
Pleasant Hill

January 23, Sunday 11:30 am  
\$17.00 per person. Tax and tip included  
(Please bring the exact change, there is only one bill.)

Meal includes:

Aussie-tizers:

Blooming Onion or cheese fries 1 for every 5 people

Salad, bread and butter

Lunch selections served with potato or veggies

1. Outback Special 9 oz center cut sirloin
2. Chicken on the Barbie 8 oz chicken breast with BBQ sauce on the side
3. North Atlantic salmon 6 oz salmon lightly seasoned and grilled
4. Vegetables (the same as the side dish)

Dessert:

Cheesecake with raspberry or chocolate sauce

Non-alcoholic beverage

Sign-up at the November meeting or call or email Loretta Whitehurst to make your entrée selection.

Center Cut Sirloin    Chicken Breast    Grilled Salmon    Vegetarian

925.827.8929 or [noonie@astound.net](mailto:noonie@astound.net)  
Reservations must be received by January 15



# BALLOT

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In recognition of their participation, enthusiasm, contribution and unselfish support of our chapter during the past year or any time in the past, I / we do nominate:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please complete your ballot and return it to last year's winner, Roger & Donna Staggs, P.O. Box 1657, Brentwood, CA 94513- no later than November 19, 2010. The winner of the Outstanding Service Award will be announced at the Holiday Banquet on December 4, 2010.

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*Circle your choice or write in an alternative and return by the November General Meeting  
Or Mail to Diablo A's, P.O. box 6125, Concord CA 94524  
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### **Member Of The Year Award**

It's time once again to choose the Outstanding Member(s) of the Club to be honored at the Christmas Dinner. Be thinking about that person, couple or family that has most exemplified to you the spirit of the Diablo A's. Club members who have been honored with the Outstanding Service Award are as follows:

1983 Earl and Fay Fisher  
 1984 Howie and Elsie Boarman  
 1985 J.B. and June Gentry  
 1986 Cecil and Nita Kissinger  
 1987 Chuck and Jean Stewart  
 1988 Ron Accornero  
 1989 Welden and Adriana Shore  
 1990 Tim and Sue Lindstrom  
 1991 Harold and Anne Valentine  
 1992 Larry and Theresa Forige  
 1993 Al and Betty Glazier  
 1994 Cal and Florence Rose  
 1995 Herb Neumann  
 1996 Tom Jeanes  
 1997 Paul and Geneva Chiabotti  
 1998 Bob and Lynn Grady  
 1999 Howard and Elsie Goines  
 2000 Pete and Marianne Goodson  
 2001 Bob Reed  
 2002 Alex and Ruth Janke  
 2003 Steve Mick and Alicia Watson  
 2004 Bill and Donna Truesdell  
 2005 Bob and Sandi Rigor  
 2006 Marilyn Neumann  
 2007 Wayne & Peggy English  
 2008 Richard and Eileen Anderson  
 2009 Roger and Donna Staggs

Please be sure to complete the attached Service Award ballot and return it to Roger and Donna Staggs no later than November 19, 2010. Or bring to the November General Meeting.