



## MAFCA 2011 Certificate of Merit

### DIABLO A's

#### General Membership Meeting

**Friday, November 18, 2011** — The doors open at 6:30, meeting at 7:00, Pie Social to follow at Faith Christian Fellowship Church, 860 Bancroft Rd., Walnut Creek. Guests are welcome.



#### Special Attractions

- Upcoming Tours
- Tour Photos
- Very, Very Last Laugh

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#### 31st Mystery Day Tour

On Saturday October 21st we met at Harbor Freight, all 51 of us. It was a Bright and Shiny day. But first, there had to be a plan.

I waited until May to see if anyone would step forward to lead this year's Mystery Tour. But no one did. I was very inspired from last year's Mystery Tour and with encouragement from Barry Callister, I made the decision to take on the challenge once again.

At first I thought of the Livermore Valley Wine Country or perhaps Old Sacramento, but we decided on The Beautiful Napa Valley. I am glad we did.

After Coffee & Donuts we left Harbor Fright at about 9:am, Goodie bags for all, stuffed with water, candy bars, Cracker Jacks and a \$5 bill to get across The Benicia Bridge. 14 Model A's and a few modern iron's went north, not knowing where they would end up at. Oh my, I just love Mystery Tours.

We visited McDonalds in American Canyon, an antique store in Napa, on to lunch at Gott's in St. Helena, a stop at the Robert Louis Stevenson Museum, an olive oil store, the famous Black Stallion Winery on the Silverado Trail and on to The Front Room on the wharf in Vallejo.

All went well with the timing between the stops. Barry & Ceil did all the directions and timing. A job well done. The Wolfmans had a flat tire and a couple of others got lost. But nothing could stop all 51 one of us ending up at the Front Room for dinner.

The dinner was delicious, New York steaks, chicken and sea food plus a yummy desert. After 2 bells, Barry and I had tickets drawn for Gifts & Prizes. My special thanks to Wayne & Peggy English for a Mystery Gift, to Ed & Jeane James for a gift basket. To Donna for all her support and for stuffing the Goodie Bags, typing letters, shopping for gifts, etc. A very BIG thanks to

Barry & Ceil Callister for all they did to help make this Mystery Tour a success. Thanks to the Board for the money to buy the Gifts & Patches.

I want someone now to step forward to lead the 2012 Mystery Tour. It takes a good 9 Months to plan and execute it. Yes it's a challenge, but well worth it. It is also a lot of fun. Any volunteers?

Again, thanks to all who participated in this year's Mystery Day Tour.

Roger



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## *Rogers....Memories of time past*

Dear Friends,

Back in May I decided to do the Mystery Day Tour. With the help of Barry and Ceil Callister I am glad to say that it was a success.

As you know by now we did not go to Old Sacramento, but instead went to the Beautiful Napa Valley. It was a warm & sunny day, full of fun, laughter, good food & wine but most of all we were with friends. 14 Model A's and a few other trusty Irons made the 87 miles to the Front Room in Vallejo for dinner. My very special thanks to the Callisters in helping Donna & I make it all happen.

My call goes out to all to find that special couple to do next year's Mystery Tour and make it happen once again.

Our next big event is the Christmas Holiday Dinner on December 10<sup>th</sup>. I promise to make it fun for all, good food, plus some live entertainment.

So far we have only 48 People signed up. We need at least 60 to make this celebration a success. Send in your registration today. The deadline is December 1, 2011.

At our next Club meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> we will announce who will be our new Board members and Appointed Service members. It's also our Pie social. Meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

Remember this....Life is not a race- but indeed a journey. Be honest, work hard. Be choosy. Say "thank you", and "I love you", and "great job", to someone each day. Go to church, take time for prayer. Let your handshake mean more than pen and paper. Love your life and what you've been given, it is not accidental- search for your purpose and do it as best as you can. Anything the mind can conceive and believe it can achieve.

So long for now.....

Roger

# Moto-Meter

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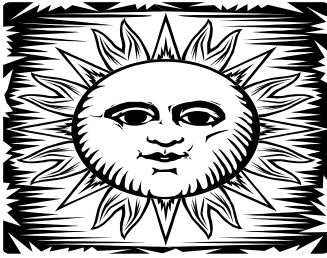
**Meetings:** Meetings are held on the third Friday of the month at 8:00 PM at Faith Christian Fellowship Church at 860 Bancroft Rd., in Walnut Creek unless otherwise indicated in the Calendar of Events. GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

**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.

#### **Diablo A's Model A Ford Club mailing address:**

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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**

The holidays are just around the corner. It's the time to be with family and friends.

It was good to see Marge Tait at the meeting after her fall.

Florence and Cal Rose are taking things a day at a time. Hospice comes 2 or 3 times a week. Some of our Diablo A's family went to visit Florence and it was very much appreciated.

Steve Mick is recuperating from his hip surgery and he and Alicia are planning to come to our November meeting.

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to Harold Hall. His daughter passed away.

It was so good to see so many members at the October meeting. Do you think it was the "Ice Cream Social"?

Ryanne Freeman announced the January Brunch will be at Cache Creek, January 22....So be sure to save that date.

Our club is very busy with so many tours. That's what makes our club so great. And, of course, all the friendly members.

Don't forget, the November meeting is LADIES AUCTION. You never know, maybe that vase Aunt Matilda gave you, and you don't like, some may bid Big Bucks for it. China, glassware, other goodies, our Diablo A's Ladies might want.

Happy Thanksgiving to you!

And Happing A'ing

Elsie

Harold (Hall) would like to thank all the Diablo A's members that called and sent cards after the passing of his daughter.

He greatly appreciates the kindness shown by all. He has taken this very hard as he as he is very close to his children.

He is keeping busy and taking one day at a time.

Imogene Thomas



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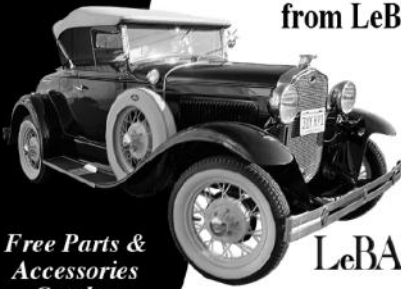
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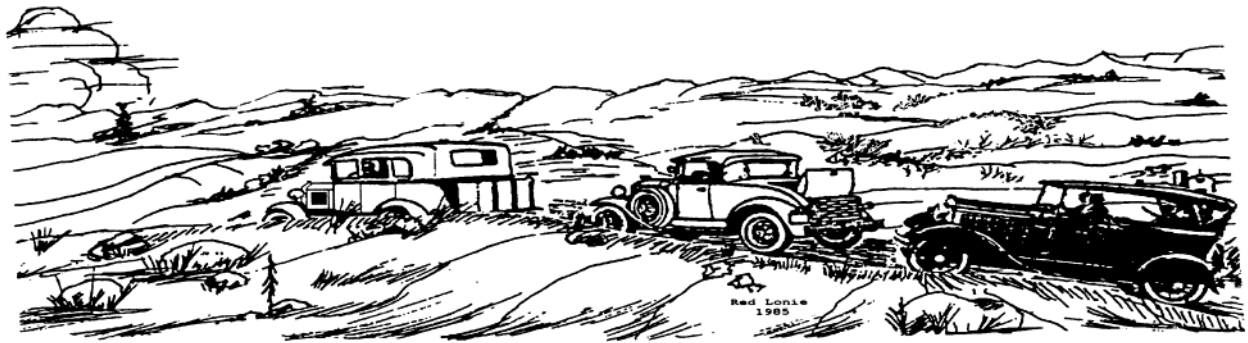
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### **UPCOMING TOURS & EVENTS**

**Nov. 30—Dec. 4—MAFCA National Banquet- Santa Rosa, CA.-Sonoma A's Chapter**  
**Dec 10—Xmas Banquet-Oakhurst Country Club Roger & Donna Staggs**  
**Jan. 22—January Brunch at Cache Creek Freeman's & Estrella's**  
**June 18-22, 2012—MAFCA National Convention Marquette, MI-Superior A's Chapter**  
**TBA 2014—MAFCA National Convention-Tacoma WA.-Galloping Gerties Chapter**

### **Pie Social**

November 18, 2011  
 Pies, cobblers, crumbles. It all sounds too good!  
 Food assignment is as follows:  
 M-Z Bring you favorite pie and serving utensil  
 Plates, forks, and whipped cream will be provided.



### **2011 Christmas Dinner Party**

The deadline to sign up for this year's Christmas Dinner Party is December 1st.  
 The party will be on December 10<sup>th</sup>, at the Oak Hurst Country Club, located at 1001 Peacock Creek Dr. Clayton.

Please get your reservations form, with payment, to Roger Staggs before the deadline.

### **Tour to MAFCA National Awards Banquet**

hosted by the Sonoma A's in Santa Rosa

When: Wednesday, November 30, 2011

Time: We will Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Harbor Freight and leave at 9:50 a.m.

We will be making some fun pit stops and lunch along the way.

Are you registered?  
 It's not too late

### **2011 Board Meetings Schedule:**

**Monday, Dec. 5, 2011—Wayne & Peggy English**

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**

### **Tour to the Nantucket Restaurant**

located at 601 Port Street in Crocket

When: Saturday, November 19, 2011

Time: We will meet at 10:15 a.m. at Harbor Freight and will leave at 10:30 a.m.



## Model A Museum News

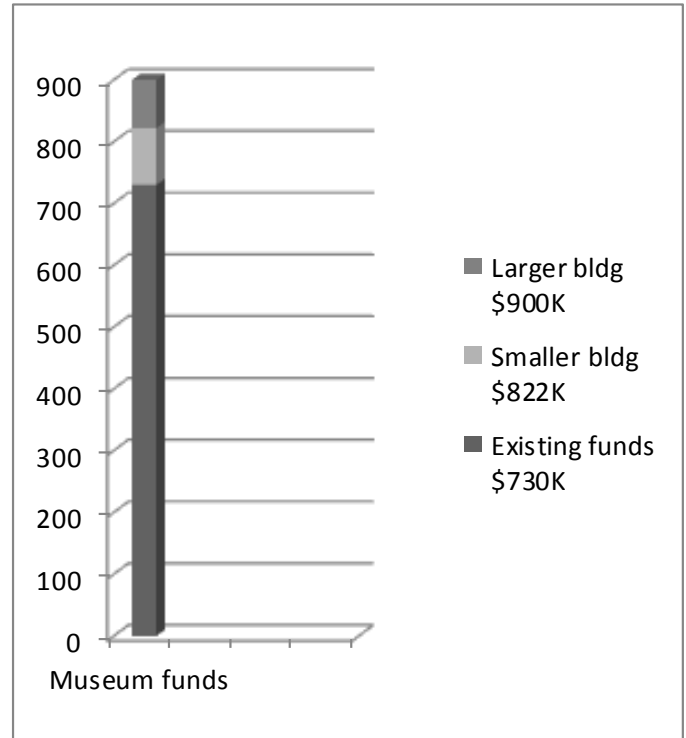
It's an exciting time for the Model A Museum – ground can potentially be broken in the spring of 2012. Between now and then the Model A community needs to finish raising the design and construction money needed. The fund raising target is based on the \$75/sf actual cost of the Franklin Museum which is across the street from the site of the Model A Museum. Using that cost, the available funds are less than the amount needed. The choice may soon be to delay the construction to raise more money, or reduce the building size to match a level of funding more within reach. The original target was a building 12,000 sf (150' x 80'). This resulted in a fund raising goal of \$900,000 for the construction phase but the current mu-

seum fund is now \$730,000. One solution is to reduce the building to 137' x 80' or 10,960 sf. The estimated cost for this smaller building is \$822,000.

Two major fund raising initiatives are underway. The first is the sale of engraved walkway bricks. Clubs and individuals are encouraged to buy their own \$150 piece of the museum, choose a 60 character message to have engraved on the brick, and have their own legacy, or a memorial to a friend, at the Model A Museum forever.

The second initiative is to encourage Model A'ers to match the offer of a generous Model A'er who has offered to donate \$50,000 if five other donations of \$50,000 are made. The donations can be made by individuals, clubs, businesses, or combinations of up to four donors per \$50,000. The donations can be made in two increments, the first in 2011 and the second in 2012. For example four individuals could each donate \$6250 in 2011 and again in 2012 to meet the challenge.

Another effective way to increase the available funds is for every individual and every club to donate what they can. One person has calculated that if everyone who owned a Model A would donate the cost of 5 gallons of gas, it would put the museum over the top – it would *top off the museum tank*. Please do your part to help preserve the Model A and its era. Send tax deductible donations to Model A Museum Fund, PO Box 95151, Nonantum, MA 02495. More info at MAFFI.ORG.



## Big IRA, Big Required Distribution, Big Tax unless.....

Many people have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), and some of them are sizeable due to smart planning. But it can't stay in the bank forever. When you turn 70, you must begin taking money from your IRA. This is called Required Minimum Distribution, or RMD. In the past, these distributions would add to your income and be taxable.

But a law passed in 2010 which allowed IRA holders to make direct qualified charitable distributions from their IRA and the distribution could be used to satisfy the RMD requirement for the IRA owner. This means that the IRA owner who doesn't need his or her RMD for income can direct their distribution to the charity of their choice. In addition, he or she will not have to recognize the distribution as income for determining Adjusted Gross Income. It is a great way to avoid taxes on your mandatory IRA distribution and can help the **Model A Museum** at the same time. That is the good news. The bad news is this provision is effective only through December 31, 2011. Whether it will be extended is unknown.

If you are in a position to not need all of the RMD that the law requires, you can at least avoid paying the taxes on the amount you donate to the **Model A Museum**. However, you cannot simply write a check from your IRA. You should request that your IRA trustee transfer the funds directly to the **Model A Ford Foundation Museum Fund**. The whole amount, with no taxes taken out, goes to benefit the museum.

Example: Let's say you are 72 years old and you have an IRA worth \$200,000. There is a formula that tells how much of your IRA must be taken out this year...Your RMD would be \$7,812.80 and you would have to pay taxes on it.

If you are in a situation where you don't need the money from the mandatory distribution, at least you have a way of not paying taxes on it.

## Homefront Festival by the Bay

5th Annual Celebration of Richmond's Special Role in the History of Modern America

The Truesdell's and I met at Target in Emeryville at about 0715 and had breakfast at Bette's Oceanview Diner in Berkeley. We then drove over to the former Richmond Ford Factory arriving around 0900 and parked near a beautifully restored 55 Vette. We were the only Model A's from the club, but another independent 1929 Coup joined in the party along with about 30 other unique automobiles including a 1935 Cadillac Limousine. There were low riders and even some modified and chromed bicycles. They staged us along the water front around 0930 and we settled in for the show. We had a great view of the bay, warm sunny weather and the people were respectful of the cars. Bill and I got many questions about the cars throughout the day. For some reason, my radiator was the hit of the day with lots and lots of pictures taken of the Oregon insects that I killed trying to enter California. We left around 1600 and I believe that everybody had a good time.

Mike



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BRUNCH TOUR

JANUARY 22, 2012

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DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Tour Leaders: Doug & Reyanne Freeman  
Bob and Rosemary Estrella



### Remember:

November General Meeting  
Pie Social  
Ladies Auction

Be there, or be square!

### **Is Your Picture on the Club Web Page?**

If not-----

I will, again, be taking photos for the website photo roster. Please see me after the November general meeting. I will take your picture and Steve Mick will attach it with your name to our site. This is a great way for club members to get to recognize other members and their names.

Ed James

**Diablo A's General Membership Meeting  
October 21, 2011**

**Call to Order:** President Roger Staggs called the meeting to order at 8:00pm.

**Guests:** No guests this evening.

**Membership:** Bill Pugh explained the dues for 2012.

**NCRG Roundup Final Report:** Bill Pugh reported that all checks had cleared and the checking account was closed.

**Secretary's Report:** Herb asked for approval of September's membership minutes as printed in the Moto-meter. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Sue Olson reported on our activity for the month and our bank balances.

**Correspondence:** Wayne English read a thank you letter from the 2013 National Convention for the donation of a Set of DVD's. We also received club newsletters and the flyer for the Turlock swap meet January 28&29.

**Technical Seminars:** Alex reported we will rebuild a front end in February.

**Sunshine:** Elsie Boarman reported Loretta and Marge are here tonight, a card is going around for Harold Hall, whose daughter has passed away. Elise reported that Florence has cancer. Steve Mick is home after hip surgery.

**Advertising:** Marilyn reported we are done for the year.

**ACCC:** Herb Neumann. No report

**Webmaster:** No report

**Tours Report:** Barry reported on upcoming tours: tomorrow is the Mystery day tour, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> is a lunch tour to Nantucket Restaurant in Crockett, Nov 30<sup>th</sup> tour to the National meeting and banquet, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> is our Christmas Party, and Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> a brunch tour to Cache Creek.

**Video Report:** Bill Truesdell reported on the release of a new Starter DVD.

**Editors Report:** Peggy English. No Report.

**Public Relations:** Bob Rigor showed the 1<sup>st</sup> place in classic car plaque that the club received at the Walnut Festival Parade.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Ladies auction next month. Pie social is next month.

**Announcements:** Next Membership meeting is Nov 18, doors open at 6:30, Meeting starts at 7:00, Pie Social after the meeting. Next Board meeting is Nov 7 at 7:00 at the Olsen home.

**Ticket Club:** Marilyn filled in for Alicia, Peggy was the lucky winner.

**Refreshments** –Ceil thanked Reyanne Freeman and Deb Pugh for the refreshments they brought.

**Good of the Order:** Ron Accornero and Melinda read a story about a courtroom scene.

**Auction:** Alex auctioned a few treasures.

**Adjourned** – 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Herb Neumann, Secretary

**Diablo A's Board of Directors Meeting  
November 7, 2011**

**Location:** Olson home.

**Members present:** Roger Staggs, President; Ed James, Vice President; Herb Neumann, Secretary; Sue Olson, Treasurer; Peggy English, Editor; Barry Callister, Tour Coordinator; Bill Pugh, Past-President.

**Guests:** Bill and Donna Truesdell, Wayne English, and Alex Janke.

Meeting was called to order by Roger at 6:57 pm.

10/3/2011 **BOD minutes** as posted in Moto-Meter – Approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Sue presented October month end statement. Herb to follow up on audit of 2010 books.

**Membership & P.R.** – Bill Pugh presented a list of club members with the date they joined the club as unknown. Bill would like to fill in these dates. Bill received data that 46 members have renewed their dues for 2012.

**Correspondence** - Wayne presented some newsletters and a DVD from MAFFI.

**Video Report** –Bill Truesdell presented the DVD sales report for October. Bill stated that Mac's in New York has spent \$1410 with Diablo A's since May. Bill suggested if you have a chance to order parts from them, be sure to say you are a member of Diablo A's and appreciate their business with the club.

**Tour Report** –Barry discussed up coming tours; lunch tour to the Nantucket in Crocket Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, National meeting tour Nov 30<sup>th</sup>, and Christmas Party Dec 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Editor's Report** – Peggy said Moto-meter deadline is Thursday. Peggy said she will have to step down from the Editor position by March, demands at work are increasing and she won't have time to do the Moto-meter.

**Advertising** – Marilyn reported, complete for the year.

**Technical Seminars** –Alex reported a Front end seminar at Bob Grady's in February.

**ACCC** – ACCC is planning a special 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in March.

**Webmaster** – no report.

**Sunshine** – Donna said she visited with Florence, hospice is helping.

**PR** – no report.

**Old Business** – none.

**New Business** – Wayne reviewed the PA system. The board approved paying Wayne approximately \$150 for the new mics. Alex reviewed MAFCA new liability insurance covering "wrongful acts" this insurance also covers chapter officers and volunteers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 to enjoy goodies prepared by Sue Olson.

Respectfully submitted, Herb Neumann, Secretary

# November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Daylight Savings Time ends	7	8 Election Day	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## November

### Birthdays

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

### Anniversaries

- 1 Nick and Peggy Houmis
- 6 Alex and Ruth Janke
- 8 Cal and Florence Rose
- 14 Bruce and Bridgette Nicolai

# December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Battle of the Bulge	17
18	19	20	21 Hanukkah	22 Winter begins	23	24
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31

## December

### Birthdays

- 1 Sandi Rigor
- 7 Jan Granquist
- 9 Tom Sharman
- 11 Nick Houmis
- 17 Deb Pugh
- 19 Bill Adams
- Morton Mitchell
- 19 Betty Glazier
- 23 David Antkowiak
- 24 Mary Kraitz
- 29 Richard Anderson
- 30 Bonnie Frye

### Anniversaries

- 7 Dave & Jan Granquist
- 10 Herb and Marilyn Neumann
- 26 Danny and Barbara Riggio
- 31 Richard and Irma Overmyer

# THE VERY, VERY, VERY LAST LAUGH

**Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.**

- ∅ The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on the list.
- ∅ Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- ∅ If I agreed with you we'd both be wrong.
- ∅ We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
- ∅ War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
- ∅ Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- ∅ The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- ∅ Evening news is where they begin with 'Good evening', and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.



Father of the Year



Peter, Peter pumpkin eater



**Lest We Forget — 9/11/01**

