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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THIS MONTH



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE EL CAMINO A'S



Is the first business meeting of the New Year on your calendar? Please come and join us on January 16 and see what's in store for our club this year!



January 18 10 a.m. Paul's At The Villa in San Mateo
Please come join us for the President's Brunch
4000 S. El Camino Real in San Mateo ph.#212-2643
PLEASE RSVP TOM at 925-408-7294 if you are coming!!



January 23 Host needed for 4th Thursday dinner.



January 30 Come help Lou Matas, our youngster, celebrate his 100th birthday!!! PLEASE RSVP Mary Anne at 759-0798 or e-mail her if you are coming!!!! Paul's at the Villa 11 a.m.

MONTHLY EL CAMINO A's EVENTS

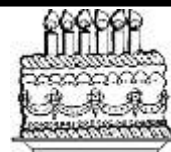
- BOARD MEETING:** First Thursday of the month at home of a board member.
Notification of meeting place is made in the Newsletter.
- BUSINESS MEETING:** Third Thursday of each month (except Dec.) at Burlingame Library, 480 Primrose Rd. Down the staircase to the Community Room. Meeting starts at 7 p.m.
- NEWSLETTER:** Mailed out one week before the business meeting.
Consult Newsletter for details.

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Have you heard the news?

Our youngster, Lou Matas will be turning 100 on Jan. 30th!!

Come join us for a celebration lunch:

When: Jan. 30, 2014

Time: 11 a.m.

Where: Paul's at the Villa in San Mateo

RSVP: Mary Anne 759-0798



EL CAMINO A's MEETING MINUTES-NOVEMBER 21, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm. Minutes of Oct. 2013 meeting read and approved.

Treasurer's report presented by Lowell Wolfe.

Newsletter Editor : MaryAnne Stergion called attention to 2014 signup sheets on table including signup for Lou Matas's birthday party.

Webmaster report: There was an inquiry from an insurance agent. No action.

Sunshine Report: Everyone OK

Membership: No report

NCRG/ACCC/MAFFI Reports: National meet in December will be in Austin, Texas. Turlock swap meet is January 25-26, 2014. Selection of newsletters on table to look at.

Upcoming tours: Christmas Banquet on Dec 14. 42 have signed up so far. Toys collected will be donated to Toys for Tots. Christmas Lights Tour on Dec. 19., President's breakfast will be in January. Date to be set. NCRG meet will be in Milpitas Memorial Day, 2014 National meet in Puyallup, Wa July 14-18, 2014

Tour Recap: The Rags to Riches event was a success. A short tour through Redwood City ended with a catered dinner at the Ferrari/Masserati dealership in Redwood City. Thank you Dianne Abrams for arranging this event.

Old Business: slate of officers were presented, passed by unanimous vote. They are:

President: Tom Jeanes

Joint Vice Presidents: Bill Kerns and Tony Rafello

Treasurer: Lowell and Jessica Wolfe

Secretary: monthly signup

New Business: George Stergion reported that MAFFI has requested further funds for operating museum. \$100 donation was suggested and approved by membership.

Entertainment: Yokahama Model A DVD was shown

Raffle: Many lucky winners tonight including: Karl & Lois P, Lexa, Vince P, Vince V, Lou, Martha, George, Jim Remington. Name badge: Marilyn P

Treats: Thank you Tom and Lexa

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 p.m.

Marilyn Perry, Secretary

TOM'S THOUGHTS

Happy New Year!!!! January is here. When we were all younger we wanted to stay up and enjoy all of the frivolity of ringing in the New Year....dinner, drinks, dancing and driving between parties. As we have gotten older and undoubtedly wiser, most of us will have a quiet dinner, share a drink or two with friends and barely stay up past the stroke of twelve. I hope everyone had a great New Year.

January is also the time for resolutions. The nature of our calendars helps to differentiate one year from the next but January is really just another month. Nevertheless, we make resolutions about our eating habits, about our exercise habits and about communication habits. As with the calendar, we want to start again, turn over a new leaf. We resolve to travel more, learn a new language, develop a new skill, compose a piece of music or write a good story to help us on our way to something farther away in the future. Resolutions are about recognizing those things in ourselves that we would like to improve or develop. We all have tremendous talent....the real trick is to marshal it and direct to in the proper fashion. I personally think that we ought to have more resolutions than we can possibly accomplish. If we come up short of accomplishing all of them, we can take pleasure in knowing that we have made the attempt at many of them and finished some of them. What resolutions did you make?

We have a new Board. Thank you all for giving your time and energy to the club. We will have the first tour of the year on January 18, 2014. Please check the newsletter for additional information. We will honor the past members of the Board and welcome the new members. One of the challenges we face as a club is having enough people willing to help. We all would like to have more interesting tours. Think of someplace that you have been that you would like to share with the club. A great destination and a good place to eat make a great tour. Share your thoughts with Bill and Tony. We also need an NCRG Representative for the upcoming year. Please talk to me if you would like to volunteer. Also, we will need Secretary volunteers to take minutes at the meeting. Please see Mary Anne for the sign-up sheet. Finally, we can use some help in providing entertainment at the end of the meeting. We have exhausted the Model A DVD's and other entertainment would be great. Perhaps a Hobby Night (what you do when you aren't under your car), a Craft Night (Quilts or other projects by our Crafty A's members) or a Guest Speaker or Technical Talk would be good option. Please let me know.

Just remember – life is what happens when you are planning other things. Be willing to learn new things and experience new feelings. We all share this life in the family of man. Don't hesitate. Grab a friend or someone in need. Grab your keys - your Model A awaits. Life is a journey not a destination. Once in a while instead of looking straight ahead, glance out the side window and see what is happening at the moment. Drive safely and remember to enjoy the view.

Traveling Tom

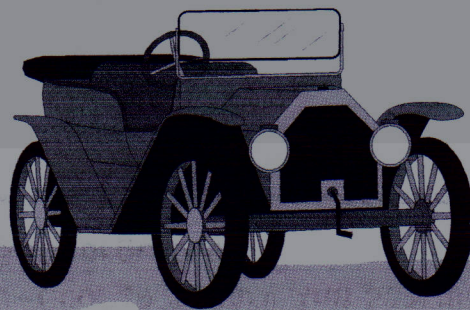
Sunshine News
By Marilyn Vitalie



Thinking of You and Get Well Wishes to-- Lou Matas, Bob Schoepner, Jack Wallace, and June Wallace

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Mike & Janis Chapman
1930 Murray**



**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!**

MAFCA AWARDS



50 YEARS--Neil & June Chichizola

45 YEARS--Ray Foppiano

25 YEARS--Richard Bordin

25 YEARS--Lou Matas

25 YEARS--George & Mary Ann Sterglon

25 YEARS--George Tuck



Canned Food Drive Update

The Club held an extra canned food drive during November. We collected an EXTRA 27 items weighing 28 lbs. and delivered them to the Second Harvest Food Bank in San Carlos. We beat our March collection efforts. We have collected a total of 1227 items weighing 1092 lbs. since we started the food drive in 2009. Good Job!! Thank you all for your generosity and support. Vince and Marilyn Vitalie

RAGS to RICHES TOUR

We met at San Carlos Train Station at 4:00
We started out with four "A"s and Mike in his 32 Phaeton and two modern cars, the
Hineman's and the Vitalie's.

Model "A"s
the Perry's, Stergion's, Abrams and Sam & Vince Asaro.

We intended to cruise downtown San Carlos and Redwood City.
We stayed together for 2 blocks.

Due to high traffic and lots of stop signs, we didn't stay together. So we abandoned the thought of caravanning. Fortunately Diane had given everyone a sealed envelope with the SECERT address of the final destination which was the Ferrari Silicon Valley Dealer.

Unknown to most of the people they have a delightful little cafe that is open during the week for lunch and special occasions. Such as ours. We spent about an hour GAWKING at the cars and some dreaming and drinking wine. It was great! It then came time to eat. Ceasar salad, meat filled Cannelloni Bolognese, green beans w/pine nuts, Tiramisu and coffee

WE ALL HAD A GREAT TIME DREAMING



Vince Asaro with tour leader Irwin Abrams



The group who enjoyed drooling over cars



Marilyn Perry & Mary Anne Stergion eyeing their new car!



Enjoying a delicious dinner next too luxuriant cars!

Annual Christmas Luncheon At The Basque Cultural Center



President Tom Jeanes



Host George Stergion & Hostess Mary Anne Stergion

Once again we had a great Christmas Party. It was the biggest one ever. A total of 53 dinners were served. I would like to thank all that came for making this annual event a success. I understand that all had a good time and we will come here again in 2014. Put the date on your calendar, Dec. 13, 2014 at Noon.

Thank you to Neil Chichizola and Don Hineman for taking care of all the Toys for Tots. Neil has taken them to the San Carlos Chamber of Commerce and they will disperse the toys to local children that need them. Thank you to all that helped with our Toys for Tots Annual Drive. I would also like to thank Martha Merz for once again being so gracious during her very busy bakery time to supply us with her wonderful cookies.



Thank you to Joanne Colgate for the potted plants as centerpieces for the tables. Thank you to my sister, Olivia Bagis, for getting the little stockings at each person's placesetting, and to the Crafty A's for filling them with treats.

I hope you all had a good Christmas and Happy New Year. George Stergion, your host



Jim Remington, Carl Pileri and Jim's Mom Beth



New V.P. Tony Rafello



Santa's elf Marilyn Vitalie



Diane & Irwin Abrams



Bob & Maureen Morley-Perkins



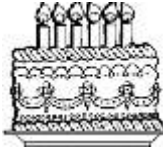
Sammuts & Puleos



Ray F. & Linda K.



Don H., Rick C., Barbara and Dennis



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jan. 1 New Year's Baby Kelly Moody



EL CAMINO A'S ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

2014

	January	February	March
Business Meeting	16	20	20
Treat	Bob Czinder	Colgates	Wolfes
Tour	Pres.Brunch & Lou's 100th		
Tour Date	Jan. 18 and Jan. 30		
Tour Leader	Tom Jeanes & Mary Anne		
Tour Meets At	Paul's At The Villa for both		
Dinner Host		Colgates	Sam & Connie Asaro
Secretary		Joanne Colgate	Jessica Wolfe
Board meeting	Tom Jeanes		
Crafty A's	Marilyn Perry Joanne Colgate		
	April	May	June
Business Meeting	17	15	19
Treat	Perrys	Carl & Lois Pileri	Sam & Connie Asaro
Tour			
Tour Date			
Tour Leader			
Tour Meets At			
Dinner Host			Wolfes
Secretary	Marilyn Perry	Lois Pileri	
Board Meeting			
Crafty A's	Barbara Stouffer Jessica Wolfe		
	July	August	September
Business Meeting	17	21	18
Treat			
Tour			Annual Beresford Park Picnic
Tour Date			Sept. 13 / Host George Stergion
Tour Leader			Sept 14 / Kelly Park
Tour Meets At			
Dinner Host			
Secretary			
Board Meeting			
Crafty A's	Maureen Morley Connie Asaro		
	October	November	December
Business Meeting	16	20	No Business Meeting
Treat	Vitalies		
Tour			Annual Christmas Luncheon
Tour Date			Dec. 13
Tour Leader			host: George Stergion
Tour Meets At			Basque Cultural Ctr. Noon
Dinner Host			
Secretary			
Board Meeting			
Crafty A's	Mary Anne Stergion Barbara Stouffer Connie Asaro		



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SWAP MEET 2014

Dear Car Enthusiasts:

Please include the following in your publication, bulletins or monthly newsletters.

The Modesto Area A's 48th Annual SWAP MEET will be at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Turlock, California, on January 25th and 26th, 2014. MODEL A FORD, Antique, Classic Cars, and Automotive Vintage items only. All swap spaces pre-registered. CARS FOR SALE: \$40.00 for cars 20 years or older, \$60.00 for cars 19 years or newer, (no parts or trailers). Must be driven to space. Pre 1969 models preferred. Admission \$10.00 for buyers on Saturday and \$5.00 on Sunday. Security on duty Friday and Saturday night. NO FIREARMS OR ALCOHOL. NO DOGS (except Seeing Eye Dogs). For more information please see our web site at www.TurlockSwapMeet.com

Thank you for your help and cooperation in making our past SWAP MEETS such a success.

Sincerely,

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Swap Meet Publicity Chairman
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Motorists Deemed Too Fanciful When Driving

MATTERS OTHER THAN DRIVING HELD TO OCCUPY MOTORISTS WHEN AT THE WHEEL; STUDY MADE OF BEHAVIOR OF DRIVERS IN THICK OF CITY TRAFFIC

Motorists have too much on their minds and have difficulty finding room for thoughts of safety because they carry their domestic and business troubles with them, in the opinion of L. C. Garlock, manager, Medford branch of the Oregon State Motor Assn.

The club, following the example of the more than 700 other automobile organizations affiliated with the American Automobile Assn., has been studying the behavior of motorists in an effort to discover why there is so much apparent carelessness. The preoccupation of the motorist's mind is one of the principal features thus far disclosed by the investigations.

"Motorists carry their business and domestic troubles with them," says Garlock, "and the result is there is very little room for thoughts of safety. The housewife does too much shopping while at the wheel. The business man puts over too many deals while he is dodging pedestrians. Altogether the situation is not conducive of safety."

How the local club official reached his conclusions is as interesting as the conclusions themselves, according to those who have been advised of the method used. Members of the safety and accident prevention committee of the club were commissioned to accept offers to ride with local motorists and to endeavor to discover what the drivers were thinking about. Almost invariably the drivers launch-

ed into a conversation regarding their respective interests. The assumption was that if there had been no one in the car to talk these matters with themselves, mentally.

"Only a small percentage of drivers tested talked about traffic, pedestrians, safety and precaution," says Garlock. "Thoughts were on matters quite unrelated to the task at hand, and observers noted that the drivers were inclined to be inadvertently careless."

Rick Black found this article from 1926 in the Medford, Oregon historical museum.