HAPPY HONKERS MODEL A CLUB
Porterville, CA
Hornblower Newsletter

MAY / 2024

President's Message

By Ray Ramos

I wanted to let everyone know that in the last meeting, an important vote was taken by the attending members, and as a result, the Happy Honkers CCRG in 2026 will be cancelled. On the other hand, Charter Oak's CCRG in 2025 will still be happening. Support from all is definitely encouraged, if able to do so, in order to assist the Charter Oak Club in putting on such a big event.

Now that the month of April is gone and May is fast approaching, there will be a very big three-day tour set up that we can look forward to. The "Mountains and Tunnels" tour will be taken on May 2nd through May 4th. Look out for Phil's emails regarding more information on this tour. The month of May will bring warmer weather, so we are hoping to take more tours before it gets unbearably hot.

I wanted to extend my "get well" wishes to those who are fighting any illnesses at the moment.

Thanks to Colonel Gordon for the refreshments at the last meeting.

Ray Ramos

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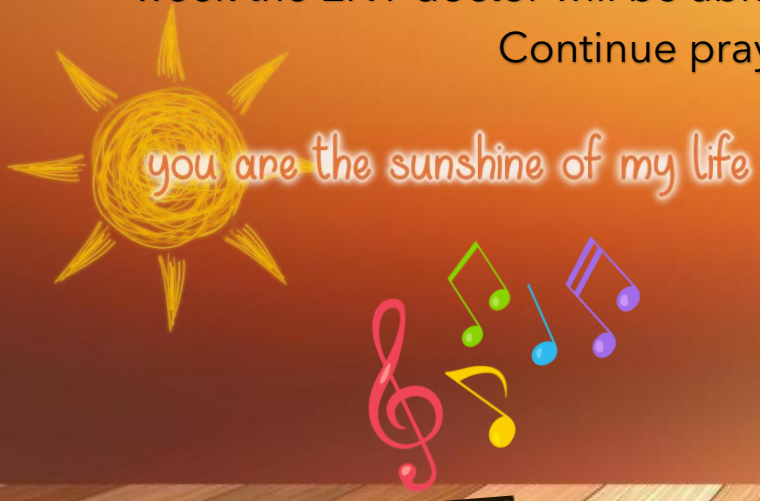
Sunshine Report

By Donna Williams

Karen Bockman will no longer be taking treatment and is now receiving hospice care. Karen has been strong and positive this entire time. God bless Karen, David, Jan and of course the rest of her family. Larry Mase is still recovering and feeling better. It was a great sight to see him at last month's meeting, fresh out of the hospital, where the Doctors had written him off, but a nurse took up his cause and got him on to the road to recovery.

We still have no answers for Larry's weight loss and sinus infection . . He saw an ENT doctor for last week. The plan is to get a scope into the sinuses to determine the problem and treatment. Hopefully, next week the ENT doctor will be able to go into the sinuses with a scope. Continue prayers for everyone.



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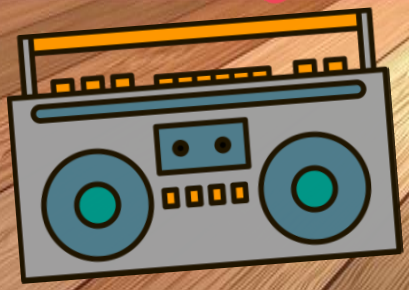
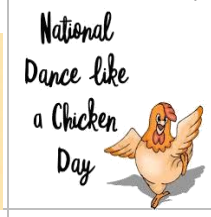


If you hear of any member who needs our prayers, please contact:
Donna Williams (559) 707-4424 or email Gordon Oakley at Gofyre@yahoo.com.

May

2024

Happy Honkers Model A Ford Club Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Eri ms	3	4 Famoso Pre-war Swap-o-Rama 7AM-4PM
5	6	7 Re tt	8	9 Martha Gallian Happy Honkers Exter 5:00p.m.	10	11 Huerta Joe Akkerman
12	13	14 	15 Shepard	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Memorial Day Parade Coalinga Starts 10A.M
26	27 Memorial Day Parade Famersville. Starts 10A.M	28	29 John Cook	30	31	

"The Hornblower" is the official publication of the Happy Honker A's. It is published once a month for the enjoyment of the members. Have all articles in for publication by the 20th of each month.

The Happy Honker A's is a chapter member of the MODEL A Ford Club of America. Although membership of MAFCA is not required, it is encouraged. The monthly meetings are normally held on the second Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm at the East Meet West Restaurant, 224 N. Kaweah Ave, Exeter, CA 93221. We thank various clubs for the use of the many articles, jokes, fashion, and technical advice.

COALINGA'S 87TH ANNUAL HORNED TOAD DERBY FESTIVAL
MAY 25TH - MAY 27TH 2024

★★★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★★★

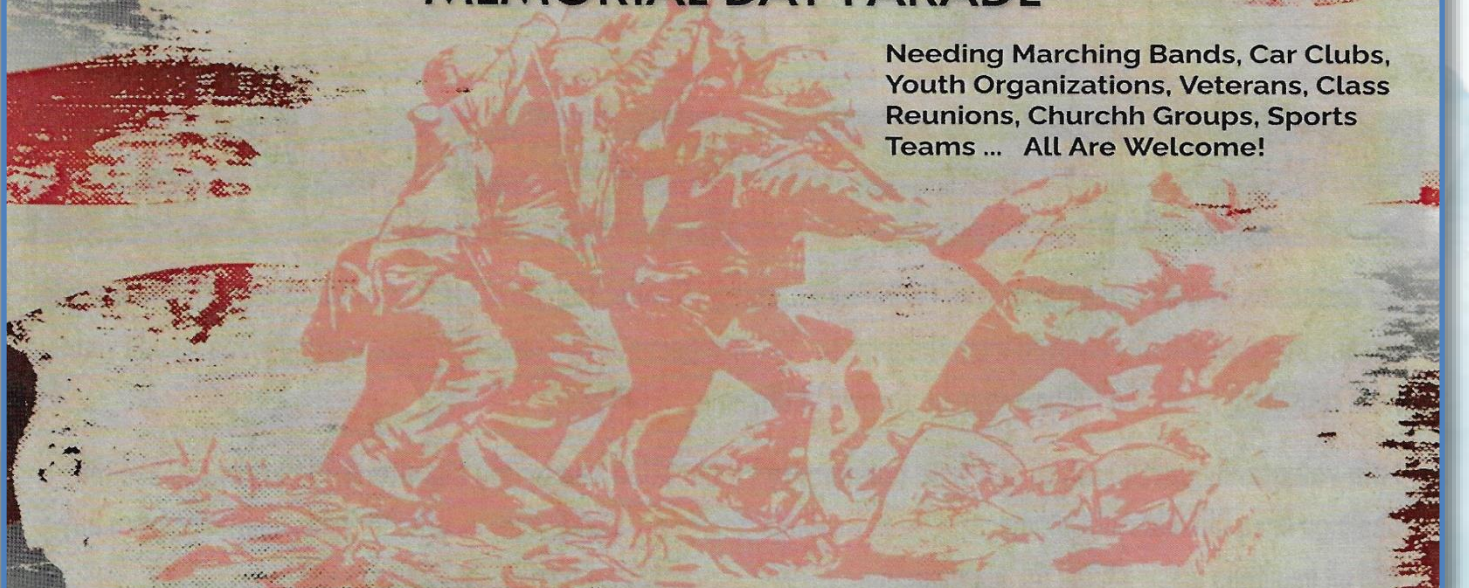
WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

SATURDAY MAY 25TH 2024 AT 10AM

WE WELCOME ALL COMMUNITIES & ORGANIZATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Needing Marching Bands, Car Clubs, Youth Organizations, Veterans, Class Reunions, Churchh Groups, Sports Teams ... All Are Welcome!



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BIG FRED MEMORIAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT * HORNED TOAD RACES * FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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Coalinga Area Chamber of Commerce Presents The
87th Annual Memorial Day Horned Toad Derby
Parade Entry Application Form

NOTE: PLEASE USE ONE FORM PER ENTRY (You May Photocopy This Form if Needed)

EACH ENTRY IS TO HAVE AN AMERICAN FLAG IN HONOR OF MEMORIAL DAY AND OUR VETERANS

Name / Title of Entry: _____

Contact Person: _____ **Phone:** _____

Mailing Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Email Address: _____

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY – INCLUDE ANY INFORMATION YOU BELIEVE MAY BE OF INTEREST TO THE AUDIENCE. THIS IS WHAT WILL BE ANNOUNCED TO THE CROWD AS YOU APPROACH JUDGES STAGE

ANNOUNCER INFORMATION: _____

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Must Provide At Time Of Submittal A Copy Of Valid Drivers License & Proof Of Insurance For The Person Who Will Be Driving The Vehicle. No Other Person May Drive. No Exceptions.

No Members of entry are permitted to throw anything (Candy, Trinkets, etc.) at anytime during the parade. Anyone doing so will be removed from the parade. You are permitted to have someone walking along beside your float **HANDING** items but nothing is to be thrown at anytime. **Initials Required:** _____

I am voluntarily participating in a free community celebration and by my signature, I hereby release the Coalinga Area Chamber of Commerce, City of Coalinga, their employees, agents, officers and volunteers from any and all liabilities arising from my participation.

Print Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____

DEADLINE: Wednesday, May 15th 2024 – Late Entries Will Be In The Last Division

HAPPY HONKERS MODEL A FORD CLUB
Meeting Minutes

Location: East Meet West Restaurant, Exeter, CA

Date: April 11, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm

Weather: Cool

Meeting Minutes

I. Happy Honkers President Ray Ramos opened our April 11th Happy Honkers Meeting, at 5:40pm, with 13 members present on a cool spring evening.

II. Flag salute was led by Gordon Oakley.

III. Secretary Phil Kneeland read the March 14, 2024, minutes which were approved (as corrected – one date was incorrect) by a motion from President Louie Armendarez and seconded by Vice President Gary Gallian.

IV. The 50/50 raffle of $13.00 was won by Larry Mase “AGAIN” and he donated it back to the Club, “Again”.

V. Treasurers report was not given as Treasurer Ofelia Armendarez was overlooked on the President’s agenda. Ofelia had previously handed out the Treasurer’s Report to all of the members present.

VI. Sunshine report was given by several members sharing that Donna Williams has been very ill but is feeling some better. Larry Williams is not doing well, and Karen Bockman is not receiving every member that would like to visit with her (some days are bad for her). Larry Mase is better now after a terrible time with his health.

Old Business

VII. Phil Kneeland talked about the St. Paddy's Parade which included about 8 Model A's.

VIII. Gary Gallian also spoke about the past Tours that have been put on by Charter Oak: Lycon Engine Tour, Land O'Lakes Tour, and the Exeter Mural's Tour.

New Business

IX. Phil Kneeland talked about the MAFCA MAYRA Youth Group letter that was submitted by President Ray Ramos. A vote was taken after a motion made by Phil Kneeland and seconded by Gordon Oakley to donate $100.00 to this Youth Model A Restoration group's scholarship.

X. Vice President Gary Gallian reported on the upcoming Tours and events including a fun Tour to a "Picker" in Tulare, Jerry Gimlin, Saturday, April 27th.

XI. Ed Lynn, a member of Charter Oak, came into our meeting with a F-100 Steering Box that he had just put together for Vice President Gary Gallian. He "Gave Gary The Shaft" at our meeting!! Gary gladly excepted it, also!!

XII. The subject of our proposed 2026 CCRG Jamboree was brought up and after a lot of discussion, a motion was made by Joanne Loewen and seconded by Linda Woodbury to abandon the idea. Then a vote was taken, and it was unanimously decided to "not" take on the 2026 Jamboree. The reason being, that we just do not have the willing help to participate in an event like this.

XIII. Linda Kneeland announced that the 2024 Christmas Party might be held on the second floor of Crawdaddy's Restaurant in Visalia. Further discussion will be held at a later date. It was approved by the membership.

XIV. The 2023 Refreshment Roster is listed below:

May 2024:	Larry & Dora Lee
June 2024;	Larry & Maria Mase
July 2024:	Louie & Ofelia Armendarez
August 2024:	Randy & Renee Pratt
September 2024:	Eldon & JoAnn Loewen
October 2024:	Cruz & Rosie Huerta
November 2024:	TBD
December 2024:	TBD

Adjourn

Editor Gordon Oakley brought the dessert of cake and ice cream. Thanks Gordon!

The meeting was adjourned by President Ray Ramos at 6:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Phil Kneeland, Secretary

April 2024

MAFCA President's Message

The Largest Car Club in the World Dedicated to One Type of Automobile

Issue #24-4

April 2024

For those that subscribe to the Flying Quail newsletter, I'm sure you've noticed the revised look and enhanced content. The new Flying Quail appearance is vibrant and refreshing. I would like to especially thank Will Langford, Chapter Coordinator Director and Gary Price, Secretary for their efforts to renew and revitalize the publication. I would also like to thank all those that contribute articles and material to be included in the newsletter. Keep those articles coming. If you do not subscribe, you should check it out. I think you will find it very informative and interesting.

A couple of months into the new year and I hope you haven't broken all your new year resolutions. I hope you are still getting that "little bit of exercise" each day, eating wiser and healthier and haven't slipped back into that bad habit you swore to yourself to stop. Staying true to the course on our new years' resolutions, as my father once said after trying to hit a golf ball for the first time in his fifties: "It's harder than it looks".

After a slow year in 2023, for Elaine and I at least, and driving our Model A only a little more the 5,000 miles my resolution is to drive my Model A weekly, weather permitting. Not to necessarily make it my daily driver but to get it out on a regular basis. So far, so good. Good 'ol south Texas weather makes that possible. Maybe not in your area, but good luck getting you Model A out and about on a more regular basis in 2024.

Now is the time for you to decide if you are interested in participating in MAFCA's leadership as a National Director. Information is available on the MAFCA website at: www.mafca.com/elections.html. Additionally, each Director is available to answer your questions and help steer you in the right direction to run for office.

Our 2024 MAFCA national convention, Southwest "A" ventures", is scheduled for June 23 – 29 and is being hosted by the Southwest Model A's. They have planned a great list of activities and are working diligently to put together a great outing. Check their webpage: https://www.southwestaventures.com for information on registration, including the registration forms, convention clothing items, raffle items and access to purchasing raffle tickets.

2024 MAFCA President Robert Bullard has been in the Model A hobby for over 40 years. He is involved at both the local and national level, driving 5,000 to 10,000 miles annually touring and organizing tours. He lives near Houston, TX with his wife of 50 years, Elain.

Sounds too good to miss, so start your planning now!

In prior years, MAFCA has clearly supported the concept that youth are essential to the Model A hobby's future and chapters are the means to introduce youth to the hobby. Establishing club activities that invite youth participation is a fundamental key to turning our youth into lifelong hobbyists. May of each year has been designated as Model A Youth Month. Now is the time for chapters to complete their planning and to begin publicizing their event. I look forward to reading about the many different ways our chapters are involving our youth in the hobby.

On another note, Bob Moore, President of the Model A Youth Restoration Award organization (MAYRA), provided me the following statistics: 2024 is the 30th year that MAYRA has been donating to youth. Through the last award in July 2022, they have made 105 awards to 85 youth. Awards have grown over the years, and in 2022, ten recipients each received $3,000 in gift certificates. Currently, MAYRA is pushing to get the word out that May 31 is the final date to apply for a restoration award. They would love to have 20 applicants this year. Information on the award is on their website at www.modelarestorationaward.org.

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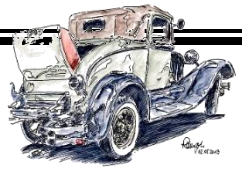
See you down the road!

Robert Bullard
2024 MAFCA President



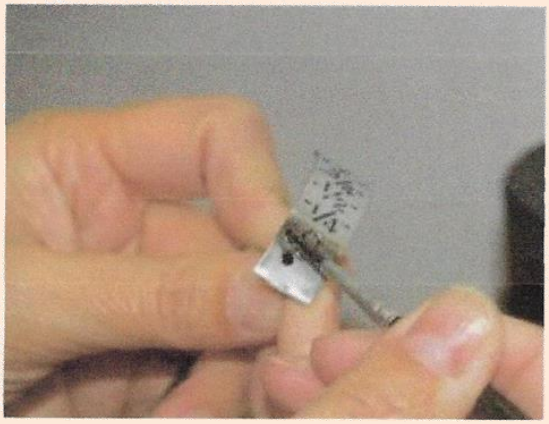
Tech Tips

Restoring Fuel Level Indicator

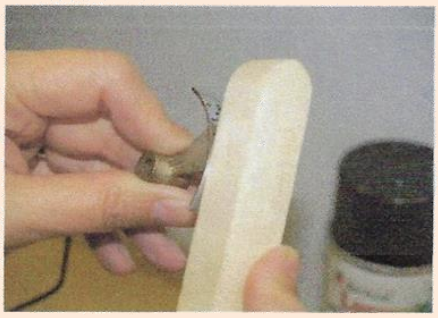
After spending over 80 years inside the gas tank of my 1930 standard coupe, the fuel indicator was looking pretty sad. Paint was missing from the numbers and the overall appearance was dingy and tarnished. I decided to see if I could bring it back to life.

Since the numbers are actually stamped into the indicator, lower than the surrounding surface, I figured I might be able to flow some new paint into the recesses, wait until it dried, and try to rub the paint off the top surface, leaving just the numbers painted. It worked like a champ. Here's what I did.

I gathered up a small artist's brush, a tiny cup, and some fuel proof paint. This is the same model airplane paint recommended to repaint your carburetor. After shaking the paint up for at least a full minute, I squirted some into the small cup.



Getting just a bit of paint on the tip of the brush, I let the paint flow into the recesses of the numbers where they had been chipped or eaten away over the years.



Once the paint had thoroughly dried, I looked around for something to rub the surface with. I decided against a cloth as being too floppy and might actually pull the paint back out of the recesses. I needed something smooth but stiff. A scrap piece of pine, from another project, laying on my work bench caught my eye. A sort of burnishing tool. Perfect!

I rubbed it over the now dried paint and it not only took off the unwanted paint around the numbers but it had a sort of polishing effect on the metal as well.

Whatever the surface of the indicator is plated with, it came right back, shiny as new and the numbers looked terrific (the lovely hands belong to my wife. I'm manning the camera.)

This is going to look great, even behind the old, original bezel.

After cleaning and polishing the inner and outer rings as best I could, my gas gauge is ready to be reinstalled in the fuel tank and give another 80 plus years of service.

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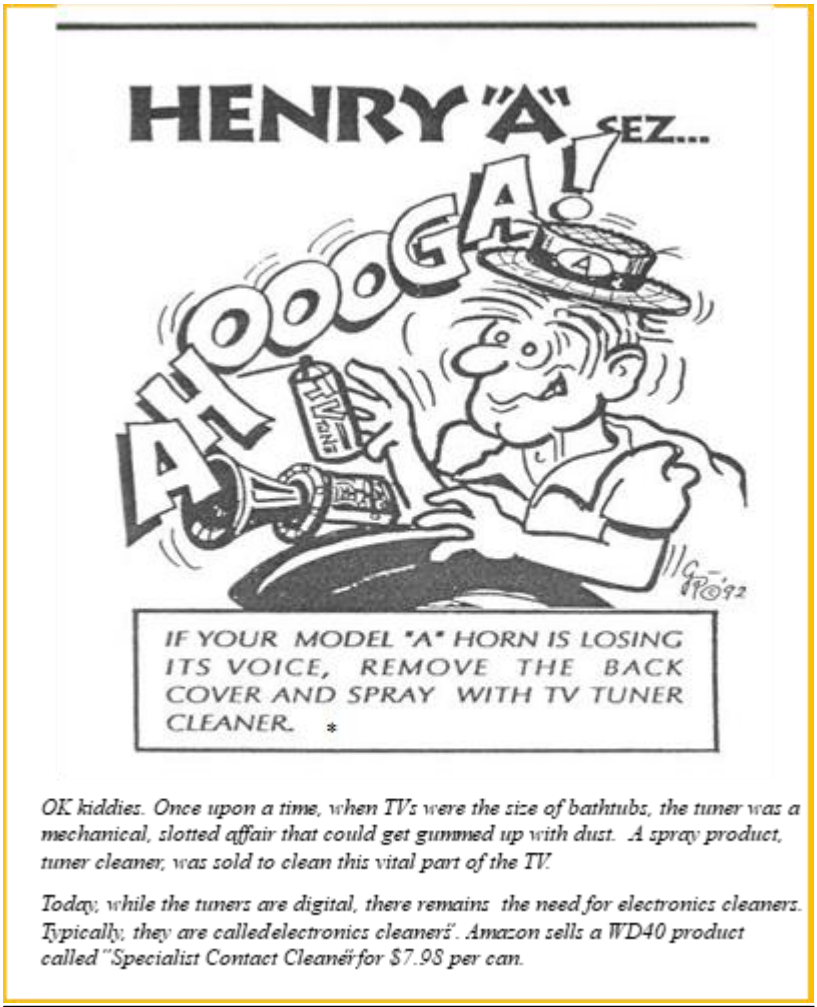
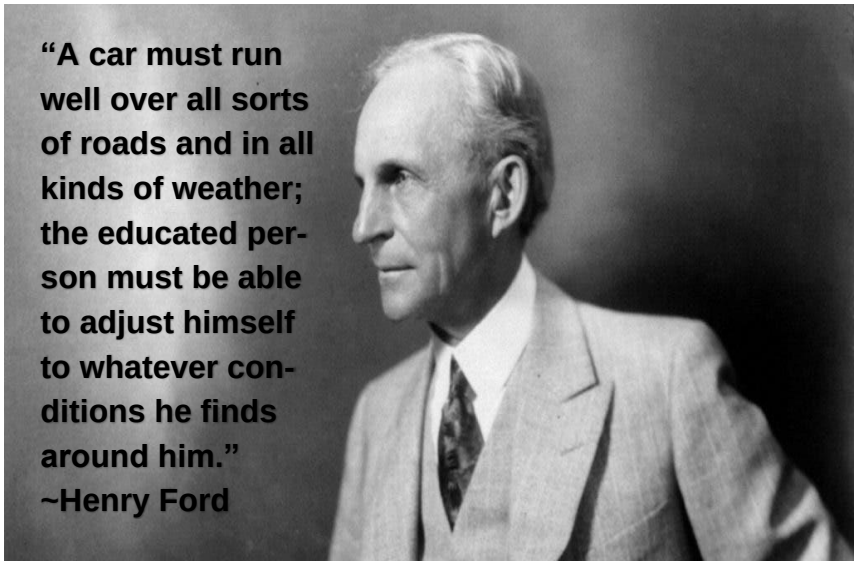


From the San Fernando Valley Club Newsletter, "The Rumble Sheet"

I bought a can of this WD 40 Product from Amazon this week and it still is $7.98 a can.
I used it and reoiled the horn, with '*Three-In-One Oil*'. And YES, it works.
My horn used to go AHOoo.
Now I got the OOGA back. I recorded the before and after sound. Come to the next Meeting May 9th, and I will let you hear the difference.



Editor's Page

May 2024

By Gordon Oakley

CCRG 2024 SIERRA CHAPTER

SMALL TOWN FORD DEALERSHIPS IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY Part 4

Eyman Motor Co., Parlier, CA

Edward R. Eymann Manager & Willard F. Eymann
(Photo taken in late 1927 celebrating *'Fordson Day'* in Parlier.)

This entire building was the Ford Dealership in Parlier when the Model A hit the streets. It is constructed of unreinforced masonary (brick). The showroom was on the left front as you're facing it.
(The part that is painted white.)

Well since it is springtime in the Valley, car shows and parades abound. It's our job to get out and find one. Oldcarsandmotorsports.com is good place to start.
Saturday, April 20th, I attended the Kingsburg annual Chamber of Commerce Car show. There were a handful of Model A's in attendance. Most were heavily modified.

However, I found three entries that are my favorites.

A 1929 on the left and a 1930 Tudor on the right. The 1930 has something bigger than a Pinto Engine….

I never said all my favorites were Model A's!

This 1966 International 'Howe' pumps 1,000 gallons per minute. International made two different cabs during their life, just for the fire service. This was their latter venture. This restoration, done several years ago, cost $100,000. The rig is labeled as **Engine 6**. Later it ran as **Engine 208** in Fresno, at old Station 8. My wife did her Paramedic internship at that station while this engine and an identical rig ran as **E-8**.

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