

2018 MAFCA National Convention

Reno, Nevada June 24-29, 2018

Nugget Hotel, Reno/Sparks, Nevada



The 30th MAFCA National Convention will be held in Reno/Sparks, Nevada next year, June 24-29, 2018. Hosted by The Northern California Regional Group (NCRG), this will be the third time we have hosted a National Convention and it promises to be spectacular. The beauty of Sparks, Reno and Lake Tahoe, and all parts in between, offers so much for all to see it would be a shame to miss it. Reno is surrounded by majestic mountains behind which spectacular sunsets are displayed each night. Weather is usually warm, but not hot in June; however, when the sun sets it cools down. The night lights up with the excitement of a bustling city with fine restaurants and all the excitement of an active setting. The Truckee river winds through the downtown with an invitation to stroll along the river walk and enjoy the sights.

Our host Hotel is the Reno Nugget. They are undergoing a massive renovation which will be completed this fall. With over 800 newly remodeled rooms, and updating of all the public spaces, including the convention floor, you are in for a first class experience. The cost of the standard rooms is a bargain at \$79.00 a night, the same price we paid in 1998. There are six restaurants in the hotel to choose from; a fabulous pool with eight personal hot tubs, indoors and outdoors; a new fitness center and walking distance to area restaurants. The hotel has guaranteed us the same rate for three days before and three days after the convention which gives you extra time to spend so you don't miss anything. The hotel offers free airport shuttle at scheduled times and free, secure parking at the hotel.

We'll kick off the Convention on Sunday evening with a fabulous Welcome Dinner in the newly remodeled Nugget Ballroom. The Sonoma A's has surprises and prizes and will highlight the many exceptional areas of Northern California and Nevada during this event.

We will have the traditional MAFCA events such as Fine Point Judging, Era Fashion Judging and the Restorer's Class Evaluations. There will be time set aside to view all the judged and evaluated vehicles and a magnificent fashion show and tea. Seminars, both technical and fashions, will be offered. Car games and Hubley races are always fun. A terrific Grand Tour is planned with a chance to drive your car on the backroads of Nevada. You will go from the floor of the valley to the summit of Mt. Rose, an elevation of 8,265 ft. for a breathtaking 360 degree view of the valley.

A brief description of the some of the tours; bus, and self- guided, follow. More detailed descriptions will be provided in the registration packets.

Scheduled Bus Tours

As this article is being written the schedule of bus tours is still being negotiated. Here's a peek at what we are working on. Look for the final list in the next Early Bird Newsletter.

Of the many sights in our area, arguably the most beautiful and largest Alpine lake in North America, Lake Tahoe, is a must see. The vivid colors change from emerald green to cobalt blue as the depth of the lake changes. The border of California and Nevada goes through the middle of the lake.

The Fallon Naval Air Station, home of the Top Gun training center, is a short distance. A trip there will allow you to tour the base where you will see the Tower and Air Park, four bombing ranges, the electronic warfare range and all of its other excellent training facilities. A buffet lunch will be served in the Officer's cafeteria.

Another trip we are working on is an excursion to Truckee for a short stop and then continuing on around Lake Tahoe to the historic Ehrman Mansion which was built as a private summer home in 1897. A picnic lunch is planned on the grounds of the mansion.

However, you are not limited to traveling on a bus. There are many self-guided driving opportunities for you to choose for your spare time. Listed here are a few. Many more will be described for you in your registration packet and issues of the Early Bird Newsletter.

See the fabulous National Auto Museum, home of the Harrahs car collection. The cars are staged in vignettes with sights and sounds to bring them to life. This is considered one of the five greatest automobile museums.

Just a short distance west of Reno is the historic town of Truckee and Donner lake, sight of the doomed Donner party. Travelers travelling to California from the east over the Sierra Nevada mountains came through Truckee and Donner. Today there are quaint shops and restaurants to visit. Continue on a short distance to the Donner Memorial State Park where you can visit the museum and Pioneer Monument and relive the story of those who experienced this journey. If time allows continue on to North Tahoe with beautiful beaches and luxurious homes. You can return to the hotel via several routes that will get you back to Reno.

Thousands of miners were drawn to Virginia City by the gold rush. At one time the streets were paved with ore, which was later discovered to be silver. The rush was on and drew such notables as Mark Twain and Brett Hart. Today it is a tourist destination with saloons, restaurants and curio shops. Just a short distance from Reno, it is a fun place to visit; don't miss the Bucket of Blood Saloon and the Suicide Table.

Animal Ark provides sanctuary to orphaned, injured and non-releasable wildlife. Animal Ark offers fun and educational events, tours and programs. Located on Highway 395 about 52 miles from Reno it's an interesting place to visit.

Portola Train museum is north on Highway 395 about 50 miles from Reno. An unusual museum that encourages visitors to get up close and personal; climb on the trains, sit in the engineers seat, touch and feel for a hands on experience.

The V and T Railroad in Carson City is an hour drive south on Highway 395. The V&T Railroad offers daily scenic, narrated steam and diesel train rides winding through the hills of the Comstock from Virginia City to Gold Hill and back. During the *Big Bonanza* in the 1870's, miners worked one of the richest deposits of silver and gold ever found. This shaped mining throughout the world over the next 50 years.

Shopping, shopping and more shopping. The Summit Mall, with over 60 stores, Outlets at Legends with upscale stores and restaurants, and Summit Racing are within ten minutes of our hotel. Cabela's and Scheels for sporting goods are both fun to visit. Antiques can be found in Reno and Sparks, south on Highway 395 to Carson City, Minden and Gardnerville.

The Registration forms will be released in September. For the first time they will not be printed in the Restorer. This will allow us to provide you more information on all activities in the Restorer. We will post them on the NCRG (ncrgmafca.com) and MAFCA (mafca.com) web sites, and the EarlyBird newsletter. If you do not have access to a computer you can have a copy mailed to you by calling the Registration committee at 707 829-9007 who will get one to you.

The Early Bird Newsletter is only available electronically and is free. If you haven't signed up yet you can do so by going to ncrgmafca.com. There is a link on the MAFCA web site also.

If you have any questions or comments please contact one of the following: Trudy Vestal, Chairperson, 530 626-5555, Jim Costello, Assistant Chairperson, 209-743-0971, Al Stoll, Treasurer, 530 878-2950 and Patti Stetson, Secretary, 209 479-4820.

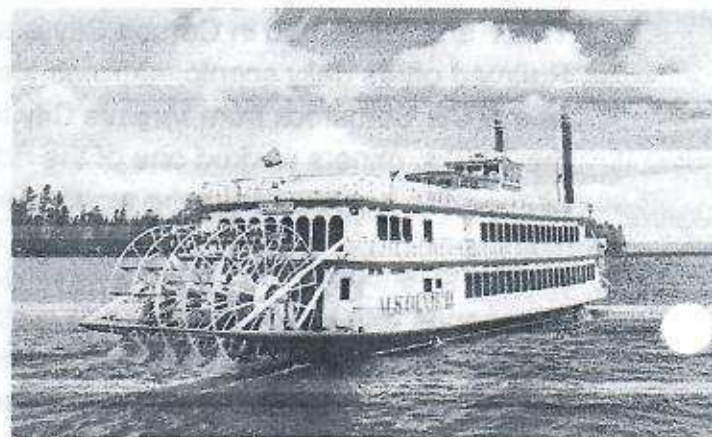
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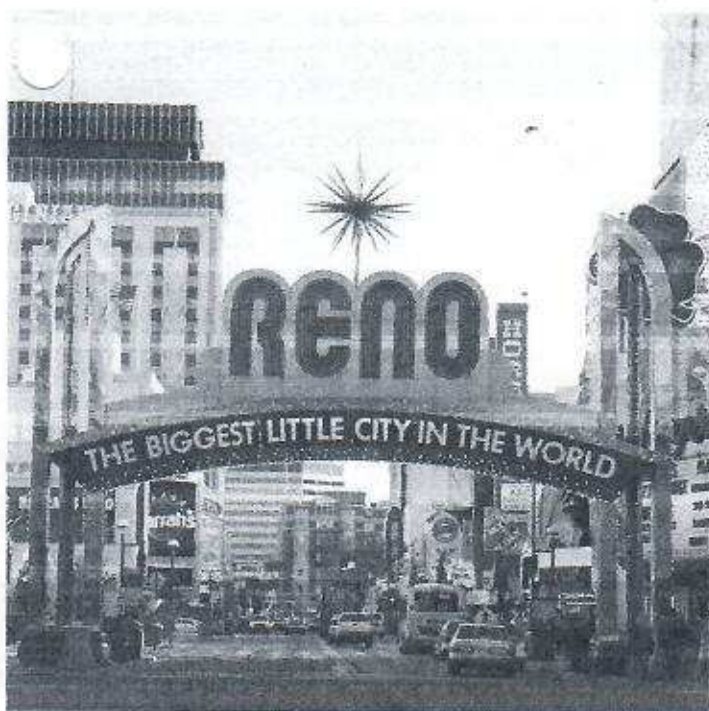
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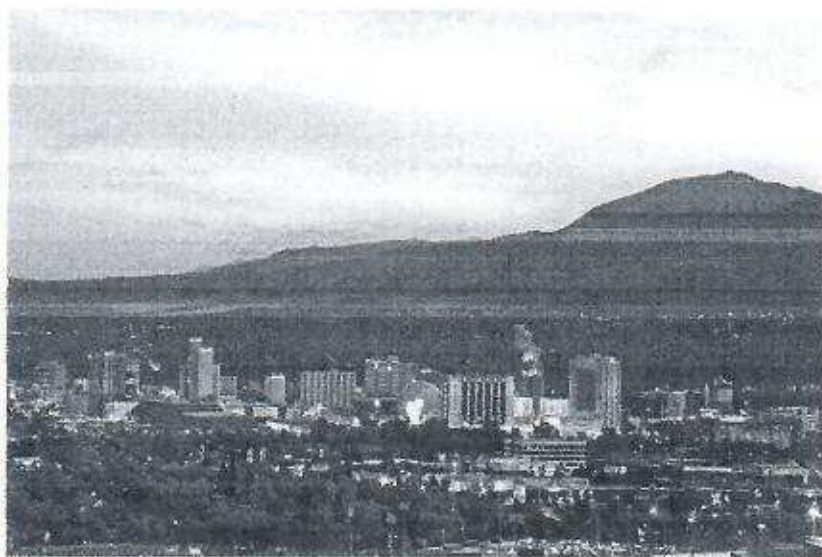
Nugget Hotel



Truckee, CA



Downtown Reno



Reno Sparks, Nevada

MAFCA National Convention, Reno-Sparks, Nevada
June 24-29, 2018

July 17, 2015

The first meeting of the 2018 MAFCA National Convention Super Committee will be Tuesday, October 20, from 1:00-4:00 at the California Automobile Museum in Sacramento. It will be in their classroom which will accommodate a meeting of 70 people. With 28 chapters in the NCRG we should have plenty of room for each chapter to bring 2 people to the meeting. If more will be coming from your chapter please let me know so we can be prepared. Please reply back to me with the name and contact information of the representative from your chapter. If I already have someone listed that is not correct let me know so I can change it.

At this meeting we will be establishing the structure of the committee and talk about the schedules of events and activities. I will have some information about the hotel and will have a floor plan of all the rooms. We will go over timelines and objectives. We will not do any promoting of this convention until the 2016 Convention in Loveland, Colorado. But we need to have it ready to go at that time. We've got less than 1 year for that.

It's important that we have a representative from each chapter in attendance at this first meeting. If your chapter has not yet decided who will be your rep or what area you would like to participate, please talk it over. I am attaching the latest information with the areas that are part of the meet, some unfilled. Please verify that the information is correct. If I've omitted anyone who has expressed a desire for a particular duty let me know. Keep in mind that you can team up with another chapter or two to accomplish the task. With all chapters participating, we will be able to cover it all and not be overwhelmed.

I will send the agenda out well in advance of the meeting so you can all be prepared for the discussions. However, some general information we will be talking about and hoping to make a decision on will be things such as logo and the theme. We're looking for your ideas, plan to offer suggestions and share your ideas. If you have ideas on the logo and want to bring a sketch, please do.

Keep a record of your mileage to the meetings. As we did in 1998, at the end of the convention if we have the funds we will reimburse you for your cost to travel to the meetings. We intend to move the locations of the meetings around so that sometime there should be a meeting close to where you live. If you have a suitable venue that can accommodate a large group for a future meeting let us know. We will have at least one visit as a committee in Reno.

If you've not attended a National Convention you're in for a real treat. If you plan to go to Colorado next year it will be a good look at what goes on. I'm sure there are lots of questions. Feel free to contact any of us and we'll do our best to answer them.

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NCRG 2018 Convention Super Committee Meeting Minutes
October 8, 10:00 AM, 2017
Nugget Hotel, Poolside Terrace Room
Meeting called to order by Trudy Vestal at 10:03 AM



Welcome-Trudy

Introduction of board and committee-Trudy Vestal, Chair; Jim Costello, Assistant Chair; Patti Stetson, Secretary; Al Stoll, Treasurer. Attendees introduced themselves, their chapter and event.

Roll Call of Committees present- 15 of 28 NCRG chapters present. See roll call sheet.

Review Objective of meeting- Primary objective is to establish the preliminary schedule

General comments- Committee members voiced comments and questions and they will be addressed by Nugget staff today.

- Noise in the East tower at night
- Will be working on early room assignments and registration to reduce congestion on Sunday at check in.
- Provide directions and access for those not familiar with Reno
- Address parking and unloading at the front door for all guests with specifics for those with disabilities and mobility needs.
- Trailer parking will be in the West lot. RV's can park there with 110 amp. electric hookup only.
- Financial information and hotel taxes/fees- Resort fee is included in the room rate of \$79.00. Taxes: 2% tourism city tax and state tax will be added to that cost.

Introduction of Nugget Staff- Trudy introduced Greg Weinbender, Director of Sales for 3 years. Sue Marquez, Convention Services Department was not able to attend. With few exceptions, the point of contact with the Nugget is Trudy Vestal. Please forward all requests to Trudy. This avoids multiple calls or emails to Nugget staff.

Tour of facilities- Question and Answer for Nugget Staff

Questions-

- Parking garage floors 4 & 5 are reserved. The 3rd floor will be available if needed as well.
- Trailers can be accommodated in the West lot. Plenty of room.
- Repair tent can be in the garage or in the West lot. Recommend committee contact nearby businesses in Sparks regarding oil changes.
- Maps of the hotel are on the Nugget website.
- Check in and disabled access-Nugget is looking at staffing needs including bell and valet. Friday is usually the busiest. Looking at speeding up check in with use of technology. Options reviewed such as drop off in valet, park & register; extra carts for self check in; additional bell staff; early check in on Saturday. Note: Sunday could have 1200 guests checking out by 11 AM with check in at 3PM or when room is clean and available. Include maps and directions in the registration packets. Suggest use of a NCRG greeter to direct guests. Gregg assures staff planning will be discussed to avoid bottleneck at check in. But, with the large number of people leaving and arriving and checking in, patience will be necessary.

- Expected registrations will be from 500-600. Nugget can accommodate more guests in guest rooms, meeting rooms for meals and breakout sessions.
- Greg gave an update on the new owner and upgrades to date and those in the planning. First remodel to be completed will be 800 rooms in the West tower by the end of March; 2nd floor convention rooms and ballroom, the lobby and casino by June 2017. Noise reducing double pane windows are in discussion. They are very aware of rail yard and freeway noise, especially in the East tower. We are slated to use the 800 rooms in the West tower.
- Will check on electronic signage and if we can use our logo.

Tour-

- Greg led a tour of the facility and answered committee questions along the way. We were able to view the garage, ballroom, break out meetings rooms and guest rooms.

Break for lunch – at 12:05-12:50 PM. Options available

Review of chapter duties and plans to date-

See attached Chapter duties spreadsheet regarding up to date information from each committee of all plans for the activity. Trudy had previously asked that each committee include room requirements & size, AV needs, anything that needs to be hung; such as banners, etc., food requirements, anything they need help with, and any miscellaneous needs.

1. Technical & vehicle seminars-Les Andrews, Auburn A's. Will be held on Monday, having 3 to 4 all in a row with breaks & lunch between sessions. Contact Les if you know of qualified speakers on any related topic; example: chrome plating. Will provide handouts. Will need AV equipment- specifics to be determined.

2. Program-Les Andrews, Auburn A's. Submit anything your event wants in the program, which he considers the center for convention information. Should we include details of tours & maps? It is up to the committee if they want a separate handout or booklet as well. Would like event chairs to contact him via email, phone or PO mail so he can draft a mock up. He will be soliciting vendor ads.

3. Early bird newsletter-Bill Truesdell, Diablo A's. Considers it a communication for selling the event. Handed out an Editorial Planning worksheet which includes a calendar for each issue with the lead story and a secondary story with the subject chair & deadline to editor. Forward any specific dates you would like to include for your event. See attached.

4. Raffle-Bob Ott, Modesto Area A's. Still looking for a club chair but he will be involved. Contact him if you or your club has an item to donate. Plan to set up on Sat. Will be in the Poolside Terrace room with Hospitality. Will have the same hours as Hospitality, whatever is set.

NOTE from Trudy: We can register 3 days before and after at the \$79 per night rate. We can set up rooms on Saturday. (Trudy will check specifics with Greg as time gets closer).

5. Gymkhana-Mike Long, Sparkin' A's. Planning 5 events including 1 poker event, 1 written event/test and 3 driving games. Will need lots of volunteers. Will be in East parking lot. Will have details of stations in the program book and expect participants to read instructions ahead of time. Auburn A's will

help. Will make the award trophies including 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and overall winner and will present them at the banquet. Any morning is fine. Will limit each registered car to go through only once.

6. Website-Steve Mick, Diablo A's & NCRG webmaster. Referred to the overhead of the NCRG website to locate current information including the early bird newsletter, calendar of events and contact information page. Submit any information or content that guests need before they get to the meet. General information is under calendar of events and will be updated as needed. He can add your name & email address on the contact sheet for people to contact your regarding your specific event.

7. Hubley-Jaye & Eldon Lowe, Capitol A's. Reporting for chairs Jerry & Barbara Luthin. Will have pre registration only including registration forms, guidelines/rules and information in registration packet. Will have a modified class. Submitted a copy of AV & room needs to Trudy. Jack Robinson, Redding Ramblin' A's will provide trophies for 1st 2nd, 3rd for adult, modified & youth classes. Awards will be presented immediately after the Hubley event and will also post the winners at the banquet.

8. Tours-Will Lancaster, Overall event chair, SCVC. Introduced co-chairs.

- Grand tour-Ted Kafer. Looking at options now. On Thursday. Considering a \$40 per person tri tip meal or box lunch for \$20 (but may need to pay for the site). Will be able to drive the route and not purchase the meal. Will be posting guides, signage, and sweep car.
- Bus tours-Helen Christensen. Met with Patty Drake of Patty's Tours yesterday. Handed out a list of 8 different tours & prices they are considering including Fallon Air Base, Nevada Wine & Spirits, Truckee & Lake Tahoe, Virginia City, Dangburg Ranch and Lake Tahoe MS Dixie Cruise with lunch or dinner (ship holds 300 max dinner, 400 max lunch). Planning a tour every day. Considering a pre-event dinner cruise on Sat. 4 PM. Helen made a motion to approve and place a ½ page ad in the Restorer to promote bus tours but withdrew the motion after discussion. We are allowed to advertise in the Restorer beginning a year before the Convention and can probably accomplish what they want in that time. They will advertise in the Early Bird newsletter, website & registration information.
- Self guided tours-Don Cole. Will be available every day. Looking at National Auto Museum, Virginia City, Portola & trains, Pyramid Lake, Carson City, and Lake Tahoe. Will be working with Carson Valley A's and Sagebrush A's and Jack Middleton (after they host the National Banquet this December 2016 in Reno).

NOTE from Trudy: We need to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2016 Super committee meeting held in Petaluma. Motion to approve as written by Steve Mick, 2nd George Fontaine. Motion carries.

9. Fashion seminar-Trudy Vestal, Hangtown A's. All seminars will be on Monday. The room will be set up with pipe and drape separating each presenter, with set up by the seminar leader as needed. 10 to 12 presenters. Attendees will be able to travel between seminars in the room as they please. Time will be 10-4 PM.

10. Trophies-Jack Robinson, Redding Ramblin' A's. Contact him for your needs. Will be working with Acorn A's. MAFCA will provide their own awards. Trudy is the contact person for MAFCA and will provide information on required MAFCA Awards.

11. Restorers class evaluation-Wayne Lyndon, Auburn A's. No report now. Can be any time.

12. Hospitality-John Guzetta, Sonora A's. Trudy reported that we just found out about a major change in the Nugget guidelines regarding outside food & drinks. We cannot bring in our own unpackaged food but still do not know the specifics. Jim Costello will be talking with the VP of Sales, appeal the guidelines and report the findings later. Hospitality details were not included in the written contract. There were conversations with Nugget staff and they will be revisited. Their policy and guidelines were one of the reasons for selecting the Nugget as the host hotel. A reminder that only registered guests are allowed in hospitality or to purchase raffle tickets. The SCVC will have a table daily in this room for information on available tours.

13. Swap meet-Tom Rut, Delta A's. Each vendor will run his/her own booth. Held 3 or 4 days, inside only in the Pavilion Rooms. Tom will be soliciting outside vendors. Sales tax is responsibility of the seller not us, which was confirmed by Al Stoll. The fee for vendors is \$25 for MAFCA members and \$50 for non MAFCA members. If not registered for the convention, they cannot participate in anything except the swap meet. (See previous minutes). Discussion and decision to offer all of the vendors the \$79 per night room rate. Trudy clarified that the Fashion swap meet is separate and there is no fee for vendors.

14. Car judging-Tom Jeanes, Hangtown A's. Steve Lewis reporting for Tom. No Chief judge yet. There will be an entrants meeting for 1 hour and the judges meeting with breakfast the day of judging.

15. Welcome Party-Dave Uhlig, Sonoma A's. Will be an all you can eat Italian pasta family style dinner. Plan a slide show of guests' trips coming to the meet, submitted by registrants along the way. Will be advertised in newsletter. Planning to have a Model A vehicle as the focal center piece in the room.

16. Banquet-Bill Pugh, Diablo A's. Absent. Trudy reported that they are making the centerpieces and taking care of the table sign-ups at registration and taking tickets at the door. The Executive committee will work with the Nugget staff to develop the menu which will include special needs of vegetarian and gluten free. The Nugget will take care of room set up and place centerpieces on the tables. The Nugget will supply 1 bar tender for every 150 guests in the room. There will be 1 hour of well drinks on the house, compliments of the Nugget. The program for the banquet and welcome party will be developed later, including award presentations.

17. Registration-Steve & Judy Lewis, Sonoma A's. Will have a preliminary registration form at the 2017 spring meeting. Will be responsible for printing tickets for meals, events and names badges. Will need help at registration table. Plan to be open on Sat. No goodie bags. Will be working with the Gills for merchandise distribution at time of registration.

18. Signage-Cindy Omoth, Sonora A's. Willing to make any event signs. Contact her for your needs. Will make directional signs, have professional grade break out room signage with the logo on paper or with electronics, if available. Need to check on Nugget policy about outdoor signage.

19. Merchandise-Trudy reported for Dave and Peggy Gill, Capitol A's. The Gills have volunteered to coordinate merchandise. The Steering Committee will be meeting with them to finalize colors and items for sale.

19. Goodie bags-Trudy. There will not be any good bags. Discussion and decision of the Super committee to forgo good bags for the event. Trudy has 1000 Hagerty bags in storage which we will use for merchandise. Registration material will be placed in large envelopes for distribution.

Review of Financials- Al Stoll. Al reviewed the policy and written guidelines drafted by the Steering committee. All attendees will receive a copy. This includes:

1. Activity expense

- Reimburse Super committee host club for meeting halls & snacks. This should be prearranged with Trudy.
- What is reimbursable? All expenses to put on the club's specific event such as signage, materials and equipment related to the event.

2. Travel reimbursement

- Reimburse meeting attendees who have driven round trip mileage. This will be only after the convention, if a profit is made and at a rate to be determined.
- Al asked that drivers sign in on list today with name, chapter and round trip mileage.
- Clarify all attendee drivers at the planning meetings are eligible, not only the chairpersons
- If attendee drivers do not enter mileage, Al will use Google map mileage.
- What is **not** reimbursable? Travel expense and mileage for a dry run, research or to obtain or purchase materials, supplies and equipment.

3. Brief Budget explanation- target date for budget info from Committees

Discussion and decision to have budget completed by February 1, 2017. Al has an outline form for developing your specific event budget. Contact him if you need a form or have questions.

Break.

20. Fashion tea- Bob Johnson, Ronni & Rich Zell, Marin A's. The fashion event will be a tea rather than a luncheon. Planning is underway and they are coordinating with Hangtown A's for the fashion award presentation at the event.

Preliminary schedule-Trudy has already started the preliminary schedule with some time slots filled in as requested by event committees.

- Bill Truesdell updated the overhead screen with group participation. Data includes: name of activity, preferred time slot(s), room assignment and # attendees starting with Day 0, Saturday, June 23 and ended with Friday, June 29. See attached.
- The revised preliminary schedule will be emailed to all attendees and Gregg at Nugget. (Remember to sign in on attendance sheet with Secretary, Patti Stetson).

Next Super committee meeting-Decision to tentatively schedule the next meeting on **Saturday, March 18, 2017**. Santa Clara Valley Chapter volunteered to host it and will research availability at Harry's Hofbrau in Santa Clara from 11 AM to 3 PM for a lunch meeting. Location and time will be sent when finalized.

Comp Rooms- Nugget contract includes 1 presidential suite at \$79 per night and 9 upgraded 1 bedroom suites at \$79 per night. Steering committee has made decision to allocate rooms to the Super committee members as noted below.

- The 1 presidential suite will be raffled off at the last Super Committee meeting to one NCRG chapter which is actively participating in a convention event and is in attendance at the meeting. The chapter will decide for themselves who will receive the room.

- The 9 upgraded one bedroom suites will be raffled off at the last Super Committee meeting to 9 committee attendees who are actively participating in a convention event and are in attendance at the meeting.
- Al reported that the Nugget is also providing us one comp room for every 45 registered room nights which comes out to about 50 room nights or about \$4000. (Note: We will not actually receive the comp rooms but will get a credit for these comped rooms on our master account with the hotel at the conclusion of the Convention).

Other business-None

Meeting adjourned at 5:21 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Stetson, Secretary

NCRG 2018 Convention Super Committee Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2017

Call meeting to order at 11:12 AM by Trudy Vestal, Chair

Introductions

Board: Jim Costello, Assistant Chair; Patti Stetson, Secretary; Al Stoll, Treasurer

Attendees introduced themselves, their chapter and event. 12 of 28 chapters present. Present: Auburn, Capitol-Hubley, Delta-Swap meet, Diablo-Banquet table signup and decorations, Hangtown-Fashion boutique, swap meet, judging, Marin-Fashion tea, Modesto Area-Raffle, Redding Rambling-Trophies, Sagebrush, Santa Clara Valley-Tours, Sonoma-Welcome party, Sonora-Hospitality, Merchandise-Peggy & Dave Gill, Website-Steve Mick, Program book & Seminars-Les Andrews, Lanyards for reg. pocket-Barbara Luthin, Multimedia-Kelly Bybee.

Absent: Acorn, Carson Valley, Chico, El Camino, Feather River, Gra Neva, Henry's, Humboldt Bay, Lake, Mother Lode, Napa Valley, Oakdale, Oroville Golden Feather, Sis Q, Sparkin', Tokay.

Approval of minutes from October 8, 2016 meeting. Changes or corrections-none. Motion to approve as written by Sharon Ott. 2nd Alex Janke. Motion carries.

Review Objective of meeting- Primary objective is to establish the Master Schedule and the preliminary Budget

Updates

NCRG Website, Convention site –Steve Mick. Up and running with Early bird newsletter & self guided tour information. Will focus on activities after this meeting.

Update of Nugget construction. Recent remodel completion of 2 floors on west side, ballroom and meeting rooms, including new lighting. If committees plan to visit Reno and want rooms at the Nugget, contact Trudy and she will see if discounts are available (not on holiday weekends).

Budget – Al Stoll. Detailed review and discussion of each line item of the proposed budget. See attached budget, reviewed in advance by the Steering Committee.

Early Bird Newsletter– Bill Truesdell. Handed out the latest schedule. Next issue is in May. 186 people have signed up for EB. No way to determine how many view it on the NCRG website.

Face Book – Jim Cannon, MAFCA director, has volunteered to post information on the MAFCA Face Book site. Bill will contact him.

Signage – Cindy Omoth. Will have 30 signs of various sizes inside (plus 9 blanks), 18"x20" outside signs, freeway signage. Discuss additional area needs-16 for grand tour arrows, parking for trailers, repair tent and Model A's, map in registration packet, activities board at registration, electronic boards, 8x11 signs outside of meeting rooms, possible announcement on Nugget TV channel. To revise budget and resubmit.

Multi Media, Photography – Kelly Bybee. Has a 15 minute video with sound under production for the banquet. Looking at a webpage link or drop box link for people to post personal picture & will work with registration on pre event travel photos. Discuss area needs with lead coordinators. Banquet will have 2 screens with running slide show, no sound. Review photo needs for fashion judging-5"x7" for awards, for Restorer, for judges to review; for car judging-at mandatory tour; will need to check on Restorer's

Evaluation needs. Need coverage at grand tour, Hubley and gymkhana. Will be operating his drone for aerial photos. Will adjust budget.

Merchandise – Peggy and Dave Gill. Needed to modify the logo for production (original logo would add \$15 per item). Working with a vendor in Shingle Springs which has been used by MAFCA & Hangtown A's. Will offer polo shirt, long sleeve shirt, t shirt, sweatshirt and hat, patches-all prepaid. Each registration will get one patch & additional ones will be for sale. Deadline for purchase by registrants to be determined-sometime in May 2018, which may tie to the late registration date. Will have a final quote of costs in January 2018 for production and material.

Meet Program– Les Andrews. Will have a 40 page program & solicit advertising from vendors. Reviewed each area with lead person at meeting and contact information. Needs 30 days lead time to print. Will have examples of program books at next meeting.

Tour book. Les will create a separate 20 page bound tour book. Work with SCVC members- Don Cole-Self-guided tours will have detailed information; Helen Christensen- Bus tours will have a brief description of each tour and instructions on the meeting place. Rodger Griffin- Grand tour will detail information. SCVC will hand out tour route maps at send off. The early bird newsletter and preregistration publications and announcements will have info but no pricing until finalized by event and steering committees.

Technical seminars– Les Andrews. Will have 3 seminars- Hubley speed shop; Chroming and judging requirements; Model A wiring. Will each be a separate ticketed seminar, 1 hour with ½ hour for questions-8-9:30, 10-11:30, 2-3:30.

Timelines

Early Bird – May 17, 2017 – Aug. 17, 2017 – Nov. 17, 2017 – Feb. 2018, May, 2018.

Articles for Restorer – each issue starting with Jul-Aug thru May-Jun 2018. Plan 2 pages to promote the convention, briefly describing tours, hotel, etc. Registration will be in Sept-Oct 2017 issue, keeping to 4 pages, with link to website. Discussion if we should print the actual registration form as usual or instead use the space for descriptions of convention events with the website address to download the form. Those not computer savvy would be directed to MAFCA office and a form mailed to them. Decision deferred to the steering committee.

Registration –

Steve and Judy Lewis. Working on the form. **Gra Neva A's** has members who will help. Contact Lewis' if other club members are able to assist. Will send out updated spread sheet to event coordinators- judging, Hubley, fashion, tours, meals, merchandise, etc. Provide colored tags for swap meet vendors.

Lanyards-Barbara Luthin. Displayed several samples at meeting. Have made 150 to date. Sign up list handed out if you are willing to make some. Will work with Lewis' for type and size of pocket holder.

Tours – SCVC, Carson Valley

Bus Tours-Helen Christiansen. Has details of chosen tours-Saturday pre-convention MS Dixie Cruise dinner cruise on Lake Tahoe, Tuesday daytime MS Dixie Cruise, Wednesday Fallon Naval Air Base, Friday-Virginia City & Carson City tour. Can accommodate disabled passengers but will lose 6 bus seats. Handed out comparison of attendance and charges for tours at past conventions. Decision to repeat the Fallon Naval Air Base tour on Fri.

Grand Tour-Rodger Griffin. A destination event is planned at Bower Mansion for lunch with a 90 mile 3 hour loop tour. Power point presentation given by Chuck Elderton of tour route & the mansion. Details-lunch served by staff from 11-2, budget for 800 but can increase, no need for parade permit, staggered departures with sign up at registration, overflow parking ¼ mile away & will have bus transport to the mansion, may need addl' chairs, bluegrass band playing for the afternoon. Return to Nugget is 15 minutes on the highway or ½ hour on the tour route.

Self-Guided Tours-Don Cole. Had a detailed display of planned tours at the meeting. Will try to obtain group discount rates for admissions.

Welcome Party - Sonoma A's

Dave Uhlig. All you can eat pasta dinner with 4 buffet serving lines. Will have door prizes. Will ask for agricultural products from NCRG chapters to showcase their regions and display on a Model A truck in the ballroom. Will check on hotel corkage fee. Looking at entertainment & a short program. MAFCA will present longevity awards. Registration will separate no-host social hour and dinner (not just snacks).

Repair Tent - Henry's A's

Dave McArthur absent. Trudy reported they will have daily coverage, Sun-Sat, until all A's are gone. Will try to find discounts at local businesses to change oil.

Fashion Events - Hangtown A's, Marin A's

Judging- Lynette Marcione. Entrants will automatically be entered in a drawing to receive \$100. The background display will be available to everyone to take self photos after judging is completed.

Expo- Lynette Marcione. Each station will have a host fashion person to answer questions.

Swap meet - Lynette Marcione. Will be on registration form.

Tea - Bob Johnson. Art deco-themed English tea. Will open to audience to showcase & model their era outfits. Gift is a deck of cards with fashion photos-looking for a Bill & Edie Jones photo.

Vehicle Judging - Tom Jeanes absent. No new information.

Raffle - Modesto A's

Bob Ott. Wants 5 big ticket items-to date has Mitchell overdrive, Mitchell transmission, Model A engine restored by Les. Planning 120-150 general merchandise items & will send request letters to all MAFCA chapters.

Swap Meet - Delta A's

Tom Rut. Set up on Sunday, indoor & outdoor meet M,T,W. Will have flyers at Turlock, mail out brochures, ad in Hemmings. Delta A has a table-club members will be selling their items at 10% contribution to their club. Other clubs may want to rent a table and do something similar. Mitchell will give seminars.

Trophies - Redding Rambling A's, Acorn A's

Jack Robinson. Making walnut plaques with the MAFCA logo and Model A tail light. Will check with Tom Jeanes about car judging participation ribbons.

Banquet-Diablo A's

Banquet centerpieces, table signup- Alex Janke. They are under construction and a surprise.

Meal and program. Steering committee will plan. 10 people per table. Guests can attend the awards ceremony even if they do not have the meal. Will have 2 screens at each end of ballroom for the video.

Hubley Derby - Capitol A's

Jerry and Barbara Luthin. Will be preregistered before the convention and contact entrants for Hubley entry form. Standard and a possible modified class. Will post rules ahead of time.

Restorer's Class Evaluation - Auburn A's

Wayne Lyndon absent. No report.

Trailer Parking and Security - Lake County A's

Gil Sessions absent. Trudy reported the parking garage will be reserved for Model A's on 4th and 5th floors, and 3rd if needed. Will confirm what Nugget means by "secured" parking.

Hospitality Room - Sonora A's

John and Judy Guzzetta. No refrigeration so food products will be limited. Hotel coffee is \$35 per gallon. Planning to purchase packaged foods locally and offer a variety each day except Thursday. Will purchase waters for the grand tour. Will be open in conjunction with raffle hours-32 hours total.

Gymkhana - Sparkin A's

Mike Long absent. No report.

Finalize Master Schedule. Committee members reviewed and revised each area as Bill Truesdell updated the overhead screen.

Meetings of Committee – schedule and location of next one. Decision to hold the next meeting before the MAFCA meeting in June so we can finalize details for approval of registration form by MAFCA. Scheduled:

In Sonora on Wednesday, June 7th from 11 AM-3 PM. Location to be determined.

Other business- None.

Adjourned at 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Stetson, Secretary

Saturday – Super Committee meeting, April 21, 2018

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes of October 15, 2017 meeting

Introduction of officers

Trudy Vestal, Jim Costello, Al Stoll and Patti Stetson

Introduction of committees and all present

Primary Objective of Meeting; get information from all committees to enable finalizing of room set-up, necessary AV equipment and anything else needed for the Convention.

Additionally - drawing for the upgraded rooms for committee members. (One upgraded Presidential Suite at the group rate and nine upgraded suites at group rate. Drawing will be at end of meeting.)

Al Stoll - Budget Report,

Reimbursement process and forms

Other

Bill Truesdell - Early Bird Newsletter

Steve Mick -Web site

Steve Lewis - Report on the latest figures for Registration and activities

Youth Activities – Jim Costello

Reports from committees

Hangtown A's – Fashion Expo and Judging - Trudy Vestal

- Vehicle judging – Tom Jeanes

Auburn A's – Restorers Class Evaluation- Wayne Lyndon

Technical Seminars – Les Andrews

Convention Program – Les Andrews

Capitol A's – Hubley's – Jaye and Eldon Lowe

- Beaded Lanyards – Barbara and Jerry Luthin
 - Steve Lewis to order name badge wallets
- Merchandise – Dave and Peggy Gill

Marin A's – Fashion Tea – Bob Johnson

Modesto A's – Raffle - Bob Ott

Sonora A's – Hospitality – John and Judy Guzzetta

Sonoma A's – Welcome Party – Dave Uhlig

- Signage – Cindy Omoth

Sparkin' A's – Gymkhana – Mike Long

Diablo A's – Banquet - Table Decorations and table sign-ups

Redding Rambling A's – Trophies – Jack Robinson

Lake County A's – Trailer Parking and security – Gil Sissions

Delta A's – Swap Meet – Tom Rut

Henry's A's – Repair Tent – Dave McArthur

3CVC – Tours – Will Lancaster

- Bus Tours – Helen Christensen

Agenda for April-20, 2018 Super Committee Meeting

Friday – Meeting with Liz Shepard, Nugget Convention Services and Catering Manager Discussion items and attendees

Chair and table set-up	Banquet - Diablo A's – Bill/Donna Truesdell, Alex/Ruth Janke Welcome Party – Dave Uhlig
Meals and special needs	Registration - Judy/ Steve Lewis Fashion Tea – Bob Johnson Banquet – Centerpieces- Bill/Donna Truesdell, Alex/Ruth Janke
AV equipment	Banquet -- Kelly Bybee – Video Welcome Party – David Uhlig Technical Seminars - Les Andrews Fashion Tea – Bob Johnson Hubley Races – Jaye/Eldon Lowe
Rooms	Table and Chair set-up for all rooms
Miscellaneous	Registration set-up- lobby – Steve/Judy Lewis Restorers Class – Wayne Lyndon Hospitality – room set-up, etc John/Judy Guzzetta

- ~~Self~~ - Guided Tours – Don Cole
- Grand Tour – Rodger Griffin

Multi Media and Photos – Kelly Bybee

Other

Drawing for comped rooms

Chapter duties for MAFCA 2018 Convention

Chapter	Event	Super Committee Rep	Comments	Additional Contact
Acorn A's	Trophies ?	Brian McGarry		
Auburn A's	Restorer's Class Evaluation Help with Gymkhana	Wayne Lyndon		
Capitol A's	Hubley Derby	Jerry and Barbara Luthin Jaye and Eldon Lowe		Paul Menz, Jerry Bengel
Carson Valley A's	Tours- help SCVC	Roger Gash, Harley Utz		
Chico A's				Louis Wilner
Delta A's	Swap meet	Tom Rut Corky Ensley		
Diablo A's	Banquet table signup & Table decorations	Ruth and Alex Janke, Bill Pugh		
Feather River A's				T. C Dennis
Gra-Neva A's	Help with Registration	Gary Spencer		
Hangtown A's	Host Fashion Coordinator Host Vehicle Coordinator	Lynette Marcione, Trudy Vestal Tom Jeanes		
Henry's A's	Repair Tent	Dave McArthur, Roland Smith		Richard Mahan
Humboldt Bay A's				
Lake County A's	Trailer parking and security	Gil Sessions		
Marin A's	Fashion Tea	Bob Johnson		Rich and Ronni Zell
Modesto Area A's	Raffle	Bob Ott		
Mother Lode A's				
Napa Valley A's				
Oakdale A's				Joe Engle
Oroville Golden Feather River A's				
Redding Rambling A's	Trophies	Jack Robinson		Don Nichols
Sagebrush A's	Help as needed	John and Nancy Jorgensen Judy and Gene Fox		Gene and Judy Fox
SCVC	Tour Coordinator Grand Tour	Will Lancaster Rodger Griffin	work with Carson Valley	

Chapter duties for MAFCA 2018 Convention

	Bus Tours Self-guided Tours	Helen Christensen Don Cole	
Sis-Q A's			Linda Ellison
Sonoma A's	Welcome Party	Dave Uhlig	Steve and Judy Lewis
Sonora A's	Hospitality	John & Judy Guzzetta	Jim Costello
Sparkin' A's	Gymkhana	Mike Long	John LaVoy
Tokay A's	Help as needed	Larry & Fran Rupley	Gary Floyd

Individual event coordinators

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Multi-Media & Photo-Kelly Bybee	408-348-4569 kbbybee38@pacbell.net	

MAFCA 2018 NATIONAL CONVENTION SUPER COMMITTEE AND ASSIGNMENTS

Hubley Derby	Vehicle Judging and events	Tours	Vehicle Games	Vehicle Seminars	Fashion Events
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define Racing classes 2. Identify facility 3. Establish process 4. Assign personnel to work 5. Ensure equip avail. 6. Write rules 7. Dry run Equip. <p>Capitol A's</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assign Host Vehicle Judging Coordinator 2. Request Chief Judge and MAFCA sanctioning 3. Include request for judges on registration form 4. Include place to check for having car judged on registration form 5. Coordinate driving tour requirements 6. Decide on method to distribute awards <p>Tom Jeanes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish tours to include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Grand tour 3. Daily local tours. 4. Bus tours 5. Self-guided tours. <p>Santa Clara Valley Chapter Carson Valley Chapter Will Lancaster-Chair Helen Christensen-Bus Tours Rodger Griffin - Grand Tour Self-Guided Tours Don Cole</p> <p>Work with Reno Convention Bureau for tours if help needed</p>	<p>Gymkhana</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. develop at least four games, 2. identify facility 3. assign team to work 4. dry-run games 5. provide equip. for games 6. decide when the awards will be presented and assign someone to hand out awards <p>Sparkin' A's Auburn A's help</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secure Seminar leaders 2. Verify all necessary items, AV, room set up, etc. are in place <p>Les Andrews</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request Chief Judge and MAFCA sanctioning 2. Include request for judges on registration 3. Include place to check for fashion entrants on registration form 4. Fashion awards event, center-pieces 5. Fashion boutique swap meet 6. Secure Seminar leaders <p>1-3, 5-6 Hometown A's 4. Main A's - Fashion Tea</p>

Swap Meet - Technical	Merchandise	Repair Tent	Convention Program	Signage	Contact Information for committee
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Select location 2. Prepare layout 3. Make team assignments 4. Provide tables if needed 5. Mark out area 6. Identify security 7. Make signs and post <p>Delta A's</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define merchandise 2. Obtain cost estimate 3. Give information for inclusion in registration material 4. Decide how to distribute <p>Peggy & Dave Gill</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define location 2. Assign team 3. Establish rules for repairs 4. Obtain necessary tools and tent, etc. 5. Secure parts vendor, if avail <p>Henry's A's</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Design layout 2. Obtain cost estimate 3. Gather material to be included 4. Arrange for printing <p>Les Andrews</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define requirements 2. Obtain cost estimate 3. Obtain signs 4. Deliver to appropriate team <p>Cindy O'moth</p>	<p>Contact Information for committee</p> <p>Trudy Vestal - 530 626-5655 vestal01@comcast.net Al Stoll - 530 878-2950 astoll12@att.net Jim Costello - 209-743-0971 jimcos@midode.com Patti Stetson - 209 479-4820 plstetson@isbodge.net</p>

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Chairperson(s)	Registration	Treasurer	Public Relations and Advertising	Multi Media & Photographer	Farewell/Awards Banquet
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Oversee all activities Establish communication with teams Negotiate contracts with hotel and other venue's anything else not assigned Insurance- Submit requests for Certificates of insurance where needed. Work with MAFCA Vice President or designee Wrap up Report for MAFCA at end of convention, Lessons learned 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare registration form Submit to MAFCA for approval and inclusion in Restorer via liaison Process all registrations when received Establish procedure for notifying all who need to receive the info, including payments Make name badges Check-in process Team Assignments & Training Goody-bags-suggest separate committee 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Set up. Bank Accts. Define Accts. Rec. Obtain cost estimate. Define Accts. Payable Prepare balance sheet Financial Reports Flyers for Restorer and other newsletters 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Early Bird newsletter Facebook updates Web site updates Records and Reports Post event articles Historian Obtain Donations, consider ads 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Promo Video- Bill Truesdell Coordinate multi media for seminar and hosted events Photography throughout the event and Banquet 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Table sign-up at Registration Work with hotel Food Service to establish menu table decorations, verify set up of room, including equip for the program Program
<p>Trudy Vastal Jim Costello</p>	<p>Registrar- Judy and Steve Lewis Gra Neva Help</p>	<p>Al Stoll</p>	<p>Steve Mick - Convention Website Bill Truesdell - early bird newsletter, video</p>	<p>Kelly Lybee Bill Truesdell</p>	<p>Table A's table decorations Table sign-up at registration</p> <p>Note: hotel will place table decorations on tables and handle all setup Executive Committee will negotiate menu with hotel Need to coordinate who is doing video</p>
Youth Activities	Trailer Parking and Security	Awards	Raffle	Welcome Party,	Restorer Class Evaluation
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Plan youth activities Determine costs coordinate with MAFCA- Merle Smith Award, Youth driving award <p>No volunteers to date</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Define location and identify where security is needed Prepare layout Make team assignments <p>Lake County A's - Gill Sessions</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Design and make awards for: Hubley races Vehicle judging Gymkhana (Sparkin A's to make these) Fashion judging Decide on any special awards Request MAFCA provided awards Bedding Rambling A's possible help from Acorn A's 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Raffle mgmt. Obtain raffle items Schedule staff Make posters Buy Raffle tickets Make containers for tickets <p>Modesto Area A's</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Establish details Work with hotel caterer to establish menu table decorations, set up of room, including equip for the program <p>Soroma A's</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Request Chief Evaluator and MAFCA sanctioning Include request for evaluators on registration form Include place to check for having vehicle evaluated on registration form Decide on method to distribute awards <p>Auburn A's</p>

In the interest of expediency I am sending this via email to you and Sandra.

As you are MAFCA's Vice President and our contact for matters involving the 2018 MAFCA Convention, please find attached our proposed Budget for the 2018 Convention. We have based the Budget on 500 registrations which we decided upon after reviewing the attendance at both the 2014 Convention in Puyallup, WA and the 2016 Convention in Loveland, CO. Given our proximity to the many MAFCA members in California, we suspect the final registration total may exceed this amount but do not believe it will negatively impact our bottom line as 500 registrations will cover the majority of our fixed expenses.

The format of the Budget attachment shows the entire Budget by major activity on the first page and more detailed cost information for each activity on the indicated page tabs at the bottom of the first page.

I would appreciate your review of the proposed budget and obtaining the approval of MAFCA's Board of Directors. Per our Contract, once this approval has been obtained, MAFCA will provide the second installment of the \$8,000 loan for the Convention. At that time I ask that you make a motion to send us the balance of the loan, \$4,000. Please send that check to our Treasurer, Al Stoll. We understand that this initial financing is a loan and we fully plan to repay it out of the proceeds from the Convention as shown in the Budget, with the agreed upon interest per our contract.

If you have any questions or need additional information on our proposed Budget, please call me at (916) 626 5555.

Trudy Vestal

Attachment: 2018 Budget

CC: Sandra Gomez

Update of 2018 Convention activities

The last Super Committee meeting was held on Saturday, March 18, 2018. At that meeting the Master Schedule was finalized and is now in the hands of the Registration committee for preparation of the registration forms. Steve Lewis presented a draft of the registration forms and will make the necessary changes and bring it to the June Meeting for approval. If completed at that time it will be sent to the MAFCA Board for approval. Our plan is to release the registration for the Sep-Oct issue of the Restorer. It will also be released for the Early Bird and the website at the same time.

Extensive discussion went into the budget and with input from the Super Committee we were able to produce a preliminary budget that the Directors have received for review. David White, MAFCA VP, will present a motion at the May meeting to the board to approve the budget and another to approve disbursement of the balance of the loan from MAFCA.

The remodel of facilities at the hotel is continuing and is ahead of schedule. They have begun projects that were not planned until next fall. We will have a spectacular hotel that will be mostly new.

The tours were voted on at the March meeting; however there are a few complications with the Bus tours and they will not be finalized until after the June meeting. Otherwise, all the activities in the Master Schedule are now final. That information will be released publicly when the registration is released.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Trudy Vestal

MAFCA 2018-Aces and A's Vehicle Judging

Final Report

The event was sanctioned by MAFCA about 8 months before the event was to take place. The Chief Judge was Robert Hess of Kansas City, MO. I performed the task of Judging Coordinator. My close proximity to Sparks allowed me to scout the location for various things important for the event such as photo location and mandatory tour route.

We assembled about 75 judges, several of who were Master Judges as well as a number of Apprentice Judges. A Vehicle Owners Meeting was scheduled for one hour to provide handouts to the owners, give them instructions regarding the schedule of the various parts of the event, and answer any questions they might put forward. Judges responsible for judging tools were contacted beforehand. Since they were also involved in the vehicle judging, they attended the Judges Breakfast and received a brief set of verbal instructions regarding vehicles and were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Prior to the meet I had printed all of the forms (placards, judging forms for all classes, tools sheets, mandatory tour route instructions, etc.). I had also ordered hats for the judges and arranged to have water in the judging area. The Fine Point Vehicle Judging was accomplished over a two day period with Area 17 - Tools judged the day before the vehicle judging.

The Tools judging is always a slow starting process. We schedule a three hour period for evaluation. We had 21 sets of tools to judge. We had one team leader not show up so the group was short. Fortunately, I was able to contact another seasoned judge to help. Nonetheless, what should have been about 8 to 10 minutes per set of tools, took about 15 to 18 minutes. Consequently, the process took longer. Finally, the tool pickup was a bit haphazard and efforts to contact owners to pick up their tools was often hampered by lack of a correct contact number. Contact information should be clearly recorded on the tool template and should include a cell number as well as room number.

We judged 26 vehicles: two Original class vehicles, two Modified class vehicles, six Touring class vehicles and 16 Restored class vehicles. Each vehicle lined up to complete the Start and Idle portion of the judging (this includes function testing of the wipers, the horn and the lights). The Lead judge in this area wanted to do a single line. This took longer than it would have taken had we used two lines or three lines. He also chose to use his own function form which was not part of the normal judging sheets. This issue needs to be addressed by the JSC for future meets. The vehicles were then released and sent on the mandatory tour and photo shoot. Two or three vehicles had some difficulties completing the Start and Idle and caused some problems. When the vehicles returned to the judging area they were backed into a parking space and given a few minutes to wipe down their cars. Judging commenced with teams of judges starting on different cars. We had one or two runners - we should have had more. Completed sheets were taken to the tabulation room. Despite our best efforts, there was a disconnect between the judges use of the 5000 point sheets and the tabulation volunteers...some sheets were filled out incorrectly and this caused confusion as to how to complete the tabulation forms. The tabulation forms do not keep track of completion progress for each car. This system did not work as well as expected and we had to revert to a more manual system of tabulation. This took a lot more time. The JSC will have to work on this so as make it work properly. I bought lunch at the local Subway at a somewhat lower cost than the lunch offered by the Nugget. Most of the judging was completed by 4 p.m. but Areas 11 and 12 are much more complex and time consuming. All judging was completed by 6 p.m. and tabulation was finished by 8 p.m.

The award presentations went well although there were two errors of addition to the total scores. However, they did not affect the placement of the cars in any way. Information was sent to The Restorer Editor with the corrected scores. I printed extra pictures that were sent to each vehicle owner after the meet.

I owe much of the success of the meet to those judges and helpers and runners and tabulators who were willing to get the job done. I think it was important to thank all of the wives and husbands who shared their other half for the day and a half that was required for judging.

There are always a few mistakes but I think that overall the event was a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Jeanes

Vehicle Judging Coordinator

2018 MAFCA National Convention

A few words from Henry's A's

David Mc Arthur, often referred to as The Ace Mechanic, and crew arrived with a trailer and tools to loan and the expertise to help get most situations under control so that all members attending the 2018 Convention could join in and enjoy all the events of their choice, We staked out a spot in the West Parking lot, under the Freeway, next to Rusty Lugs Parts from Vancouver, WA.

It was a bit noisy but being under the freeway gave us protection from the heat and the wind. We had room to park several cars close to the trailer and parts were but a few steps away with wonderful help from the entire family making it a pleasure to recommend doing business with them. They also had very good knowledge of the Model A's and soon were helping with a lot of the parts replacement and diagnosis of problems.

It was great to see the cooperation and how quickly problems were solved and most cars were back in operation very quickly. There were a few exceptions and I regret to admit one poor soul took her machine home on a hook. She had replaced a blown head gasket and apparently that didn't solve the problem as the new gasket soon blew out also. But the good news is there were not many serious problems and the few we had, with that one exception, all made it home on their own power. In 1988 we saw several engine exchanges and the rebuilding of a differential.

This time we had much better preparation by the attendees. Fewer cars had any type of problem and as in 1988 most of the problems were with aftermarket "upgrades to the stock Model A." I wish to thank all who spent time at the facility helping out and a special thanks to some of you, whose names I do not have, that also set up shop over in the main Model A parking area and helped so many people over there. That was beyond the call of duty.

Re: final info on convention

Hide Ad

Robert Ott <ottfarms.robert@gmail.com>

1:58 PM 

To Dave and Trudy Vestal

Preparations for the raffle should begin approximately one year prior to the actual event. It is helpful to form committees to share the workload. One committee should be in charge of vendors and begin the contact process in Nov Dec of the year prior to the event, letters were sent followed up by emails. Six months prior to the event letters were sent to every Model A club in existence soliciting items for the raffle. It is also important to utilize your local club to solicit gifts and merchandise from your local area. We also urged each member to individually donate an item, many times it was prize that was won at a prior function. Remember to gather the individual ticket containers as soon as possible, less stress later. Lastly use single ticket rolls and have the buyer write their registration number on each ticket, use signage to clarify that no registration number nullifies the the ticket ,it takes too long to register the actual ticket number .

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 26, 2018, at 1:53 PM, Dave and Trudy Vestal <vestal01@comcast.net> wrote:

Hello to all,

I am compiling the info on the booklet for the 2018 convention for MAFCA and need whatever you can send me for your event. Please send the info to me for the end of the year report on the activities you were in charge of. Any questions call me.

Thanks, Trudy

Ad Info

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2018 MAFCA National Convention
 June 22 through June 29, 2018
 Nugget Casino Resort
 Sparks, Nevada
 Hosted by Northern California Regional Group (NCRG)

EARLY BIRD NEWSLETTER

Post-Event Review

Bill Truesdell, Editor

Milestone	Description
1. Editor appointed	May 2016
2. Editorial Plan developed and published	September 2016 (See Attachment #1)
3. Review Editorial Plan with Steering Committee	October 2016
4. Budget identification	Policy decision made to distribute Early Bird Newsletter only through email. Therefore, there was no printing or U.S. Post Office mailing expense and no request for a budget.
5. Select a newsletter template	Using Microsoft online newsletter templates for MSWord, we selected the template we wanted to use for the newsletter. It had to be something that met the criteria of durability (it would be used on all issues) and holding reader interest (layout had to be versatile enough to hold reader interest for all issues). It also had to be free of any cost.
6. Policy on depth of story content	The steering committee accepted the recommendation to use the Early Bird Newsletter as a marketing tool. That is, stories should be enticing to readers and stimulate their registration for the convention. Detailed event content would be covered in a separate document to be issued with the registration form.
7. Photos	Photo selection was focused on Model A Fords, not so much on scenery. Unless committee chairs had specific photos they wanted to have run with their articles, the editor managed the photo content. Generally, we elected to show Model A's on tour and items of Ford history.
8. Published format	Each issue was constructed using MSWord and the selected template. Once done, it was saved as a PDF file and that is the format used to post on the convention web site and distribute to email subscribers.
9. Subscription management	A subscription form was developed on a single page, then converted to a "fillable" PDF by Bob Johnson so

subscriber information could be gathered. (See **Attachment #2**) Most subscriptions arrived by email, some by FAX and some on hard copy in the U.S. Mail. By the final issue there were 339 active subscribers on the email list. **Attachment #3** shows the individual country and state breakdown of subscriber counts. We maintained a hard copy of each subscription form with a written note for the date it was entered into the Excel subscriber database. (This turned out to be important when our data file was corrupted and we had to re-enter each subscription to re-create the spreadsheet.) A sample page of our database (Excel spreadsheet) is shown on **Attachment #4**.

2018 MAFCA National Convention
Early Bird Newsletter
Editorial Planning

Green = Completed

Updated: 4/27/2018

Issue Date	Lead Story	Subject Chair	Deadline to Editor	Secondary Story	Subject Chair	Deadline to Editor
4/22/16	Welcome	Trudy Vestal; Jim Costello	10/22/2016	Events You Will Enjoy	Bill Truesdell, editor	10/22/2016
				When Will Registration Be Available? Hotel Reservations?	Judy & Steve Lewis	10/22/2016
				Web Site	Steve Mick	10/22/2016
2/4/17	Vehicle Judging	Tom Jeanes	2/4/2017	Repair Tent	Henry's A's	2/4/2017
	(Description of Restorer's Class)	Wayne Lyndon, Auburn A's	2/4/2017	Welcome from Jim Costello	Jim Costello	10/31/2016
5/5/17	Tours (Self-Guided Model A Driving Tours) (Bus Tours not ready for publication)	Santa Clara Valley Chapter; Carson Valley Chapter	5/5/2017	Merchandise	Peggy and Dave Gill	5/5/2017
			5/5/2017	Raffle & Hospitality	Modesto A's	5/5/2017
8/4/17	Registration (Including registration form)	Judy & Steve Lewis	8/4/2017	Hotel Facilities, Amenities	Bill Truesdell, editor	8/4/2017
	Tours (Bus)	Santa Clara Valley Chapter	8/4/2017	RV Accommodations; Hotel Accommodations	Patti Stetson	8/4/2017
10/21/17	Fashion Judging; Fashion Tea and Awards	Hangtown A's; Marin A's	10/21/2017	Vehicle Games; Gymkhana	Auburn A's; Sparkin' A's	10/21/2017
	Hubley Derby	Capitol A's	10/21/2017	Swap Meet	Delta A's	10/21/2017
1/20/18	Vehicle Seminars	Les Andrews	1/20/2018	Parking (cars & trailers); Security	Lake County A's	1/20/2018
4/27/18	Registration Update	Judy & Steve Lewis	4/27/2018	Youth Activities	Jim Costello	4/27/2018
	Welcome Party	Dave Uhlig; Sonoma A's	4/27/2018	Banquet Sign-ups	Diablo A's	4/27/2018
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Issue #1

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Welcome to the First Early Bird Newsletter of the 2018 MAFCA National Convention

The Northern California Regional Group (NCRG) of MAFCA is again hosting the MAFCA National Convention. The 1980 and 1998 Conventions, held at the Hilton Hotel in Reno, offered fond memories for many. We hope to bring those memories back and to add some spectacular events that will forever remind you of the fun that can be had with a Model A during 2018 in Sparks, Nevada.

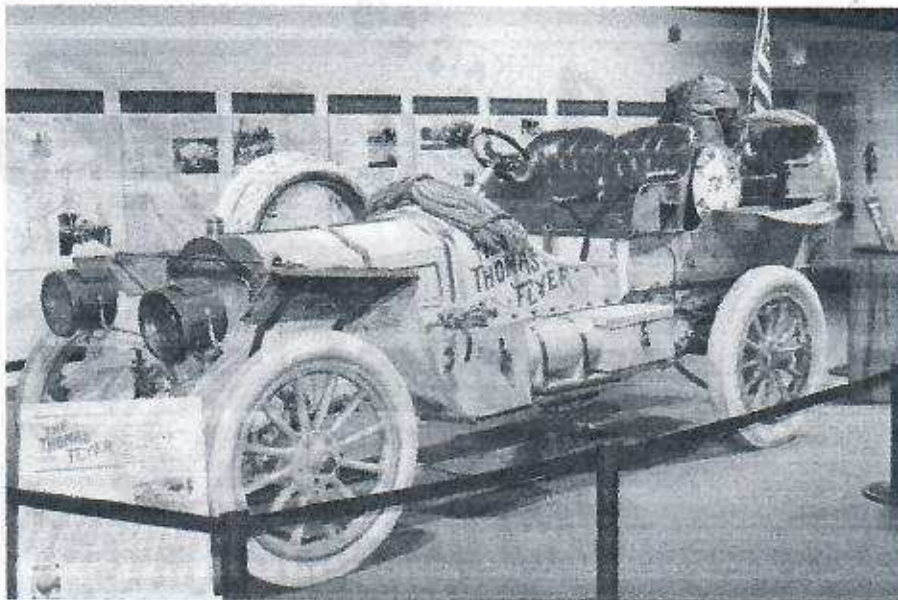
The host hotel will be the Nugget Hotel Casino, located right next to Reno in Sparks, Nevada. What began as a small casino in 1955 has expanded to two large towers, each holding over 800 rooms. The week we are there they will be rolling out the red carpet. We will be in the newly updated Convention Center and meeting rooms. The entire West tower, which is currently undergoing remodeling, will be ready for our arrival.

The Host group, NCRG, consists of 28 chapters that are planning the event. The final touches are now being put on the schedule with more activities than you can fit into a week. You may want to stay extra days or arrive early to do it all.

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Thomas Flyer, National Automobile Museum, Reno, NV

2018 MAFCA National Convention

Registration

With less than 2 years to go until the next MAFCA convention, planning is well underway. The Northern California Regional Group (NCRG) will be your host for what we expect will be a fantastic event in 2018. Ideas and input from most of the 28 NCRG chapters assures us that this will be a unique adventure to the high Sierra, and something you won't want to miss.

The Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks, Nevada is our host hotel where all indoor events will be located. There will be covered parking for Model A's in the adjacent garage, and additional parking in lots at both ends of the hotel with space dedicated for tow vehicles and trailers.

When convention registration gets under way, you will be able to fill out a comprehensive PDF form on line and mail it with payment to the Registrars. A scanned copy with your registration number will be emailed back to you as your receipt. You will need a registration number to reserve a room at the Nugget for the special meet price of \$79 per night. Be sure to note your MAFCA membership number that's printed on *The Restorer* magazine mailing label. MAFCA membership is required to attend the convention.

The convention officially begins on Sunday June 24, 2018, but there may be a bus tour on Saturday for those arriving early. The hotel will honor the special convention room rate for 3 days prior and 3 days after the convention.

Steve & Judy Lewis, Registrars

Welcome

There is so much to see in the area, our tour leaders are proud to show you the sights. There will be bus tours, self-guided tours and the Grand Tour. This year all the tours are being planned by two Chapters, the Santa Clara Valley Chapter and the Carson Valley Model A Club. You will hear full details in future Early Bird Newsletters.

The Welcome Party is still in the planning stages, however, the Sonoma A's will welcome you in style. Those who attended the 1998 Convention will remember the welcome party.

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Nugget Hotel Casino

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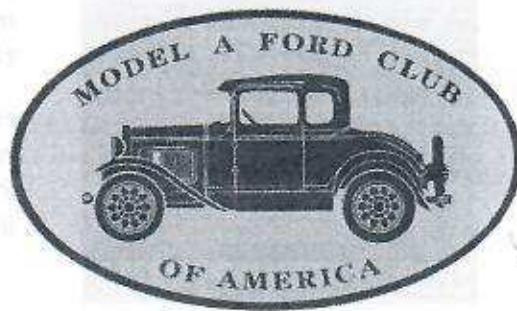
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An Exercise in Fine Point Vehicle Judging

Fine point vehicle judging has been a major component at every MAFCA National meet since 1955. The MAFCA National meet in Sparks, Nevada in 2018 will be no exception. The MAFCA National Meet in Loveland, Colorado had a wonderful selection of vehicles including coupes, town sedans, closed-cab pickup trucks, seldom seen deluxe utility trucks and AA trucks. There were vehicles in each classification: original class, restored class, touring class and modified class. Every owner spent a considerable amount of time and money on their vehicles and this was evident from the finished product.

Vehicles are judged in accordance with a set of standards jointly developed by MAFCA and MARC. Vehicles are compared to the way they originally came from the factory not against each other. The tool for judging is "Model A Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards (RG&JS)." It is important to note that this is a collection of the best information available on the Model A Ford. There are 23 areas covered plus an additional area addressing Canadian Model A Fords, Mail Trucks, Convertible Sedans, Heavy Commercial Vehicles, and Cabriolets. The RG&JS contains pictures, drawings and descriptions of almost every part of a Model A Ford. There have been four revisions to the RG&JS. The 4th Revision was released in December 2016 and is available from the MAFCA store (https://mafca.com/cart/index.php?show_price=yes).

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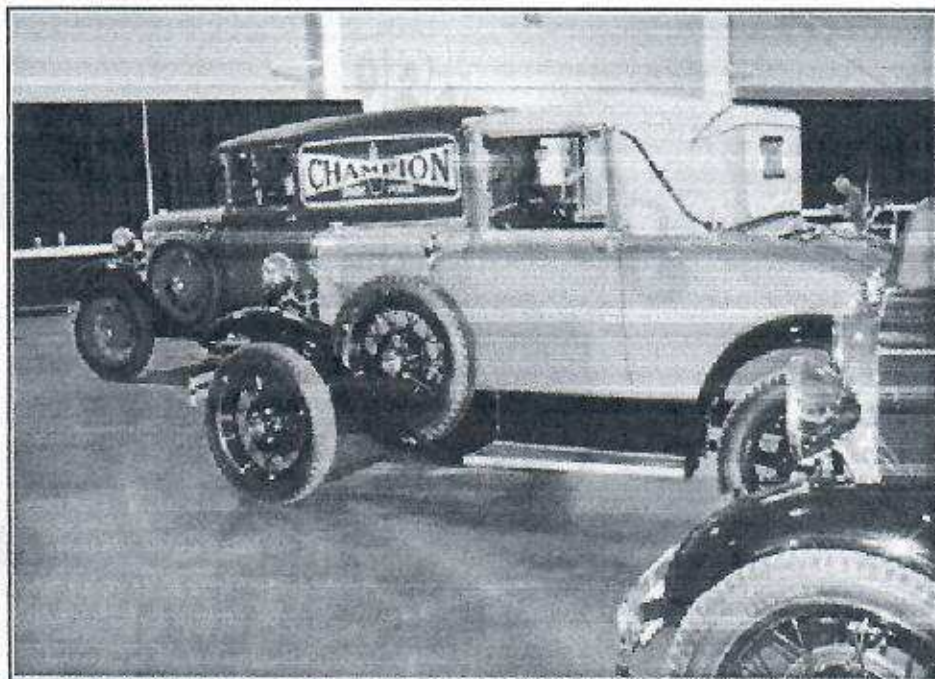
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Vehicle Judging at 2016 Loveland, Colorado MAFCA National Convention

Restorers Class to be Offered at 2018 National Convention

The Restorers' Class will be offered at the 2018 Convention in Sparks, Nevada. This class is growing in popularity and had 33 vehicles evaluated at the 2016 National Convention in Loveland, Colorado. I think the best part of participating in this class is the fact that it is for cars that are being driven and enjoyed, rock-nicks, bugs and all. The cars do not have to be perfect.

There are seven basic criteria that the cars must meet in order to enter the Restorers' Class.

1. Vehicle owner shall be a current MAFCA member
2. Must be a Model A car or truck as defined by Ford Production
3. Engine block is a Model A or B
4. Good reproduction or original parts for the year and model
5. Paint should be Model A era correct color for the year and model
6. Vehicle must be licensed and roadworthy
7. No fiberglass fenders or body parts

The vehicles will be evaluated and given points based on originality, finish and general condition. The point system begins at 0 and works upward to a maximum of 450 points. Points will be awarded on era original and good reproduction parts.

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Fine Point Vehicle Judging

These guidelines enable the owner to restore their vehicle to the same condition as when it rolled off the factory assembly line. We use a 500 or 5000 point scale to judge a vehicle in the 23 areas. All vehicles start with a full score, points are deducted when items on a particular vehicle are not consistent with the standards – for example rubber valve stems rather than the original metal ones.

Our Chief Vehicle Judge for 2018 in Sparks is Bob Hess. He will oversee the event and provide guidance for the meet.

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Henry Ford (Circa 1919)

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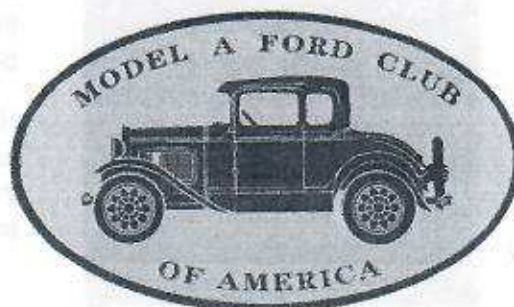
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Self-Guided Model A Driving Tours

Santa Clara Valley Chapter has worked hard to develop tour options that will amaze you and excite the explorer within your Model A heart. If you would like to drive through the scenic Reno-Lake Tahoe region there are some wonderful chances for you to see exceptional features. And, bus tours are available to take you to places you might otherwise not go. It is sure that these tours will give you some very long-lasting memories of your visit.

Self-Guided Model A Driving Tours

These tours are designed to permit you to travel at your own leisure without having to keep up with someone in front of you. Unless you want to travel as a group member. You can put your own group together and have fun exploring.

- ♦ **Virginia City**—Tour back in time to a boomtown, when silver was discovered in the Comstock Mine and Virginia City sprang up almost overnight as a result. At its peak, as many as 25,000 people lived in Virginia City in the mid-1870's. By 1878, the silver was running out and the city was dying. Left behind, for you to enjoy, are all its old buildings, stores and mines. The V & T Railroad offers daily rides pulled behind a vintage steam engine.
- ♦ **Truckee and Donner Lake**—Take an enjoyable ride along the Mount Rose Highway through Crystal Bay and Kings Beach. Then, traverse Highway 267 into Truckee and Donner Lake.

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Donner Lake

Self-Guided Model A Driving Tours

- ◆ **Pyramid Lake**—Another spectacular vista can be found at Pyramid Lake. Spend a few minutes (or longer) in the Visitor Center and learn about how Pyramid Lake is the largest remnant of ancient Lake Lahontan, the colossal inland sea that once covered most of Nevada.
- ◆ **Portola Train Museum**—Now known as the Western Pacific Railroad Museum preserves and operates historic American railroad equipment. Trains run weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day and operate between locomotive rentals, from noon to 3:30 pm. Train rides are approximately 1 mile in length and take about 10 minutes. If you wish, you can rent and drive a locomotive.
- ◆ **Lake Tahoe**—Travel completely around this lake shared by California and Nevada. Along the way there are opportunities for tram rides to the top of Heavenly Valley ski area, casinos at the south shore, and a boat museum in Tahoe City that has both antique boats and an amazing collection of outboard and inboard motors.
- ◆ **National Auto Museum**—One of the finest auto museums you will ever visit. And, it is only a short way from our host hotel to this Reno location. You'll see more than 200 eye-popping cars with authentic street scenes and sounds. Allow two to three hours to take it all in.
- ◆ **Animal Ark**—Delight at all the rescued wild animals at the Animal Ark.
- ◆ **Outlets at Legends**—An enclosed shopping mall in Sparks, not far from our host hotel, that is known for its upscale stores.
- ◆ **The Summit Shopping Center**—An open-air shopping mall with over 60 stores and seven restaurants not far from our host hotel.

There are an unlimited number of additional areas you can explore if you want to create your own tours. These self-guided tours will get you started. There will be more information available about self-guided tours with the registration package you will receive when you arrive at the convention.

Convention Merchandise

All of the gorgeous vistas you will see while at the convention will be reflected in the merchandise we will have available for you.

Summer days in Reno can be warm by mid-day, but cool off as you drive to higher elevations around Lake Tahoe and Mt. Rose. Evenings cool nicely. A good rule of thumb is to dress in layers. Our merchandise selection will enable you to do this in a number of ways.

The convention ball cap will keep the summer sun off of your head so you are shaded and cool. We will also be offering T-shirts in a variety of styles, Polo shirts, and a long-sleeved button down shirt.

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National Auto Museum - Reno, NV

Restorers Class

Reproduction parts as identified will receive one less point. Areas of evaluation include engine compartment, body, interior, exterior, painting, wheels and undercarriage. Operation of the equipment is not tested.

Evaluated items allowed but not awarded points are as follows: overdrive, alternator, era air cleaner, air conditioner, trailer hitch, accessories, radial tires, and bolts. Safety items such as turn signals, cushion tires, drums, seat belts, hydraulic brakes, additional rear view mirror, right hand tail lamp and bracket also fall into this category. The awards given fall into four categories:

Gold 400-500 points
Silver 400-425
Bronze 375-399
Participation 349 or less

For those of you who plan to go to the Northwest Regional meet in Oregon on June 22/24, 2017, a seminar is being offered on Friday where you gain information about entering your car and how to become an evaluator. In 2018 in Sparks it is anticipated that we will need more evaluators than ever so please e-mail or call me if you are interested in being part of the evaluation team.

Wayne Lyndon
Restorers Class
Coordinator



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Fine Point Vehicle Judging

Vehicle judging will span two days with participant's and judge's meetings, vehicle and tool check-in and judging. Vehicles will be staged on Monday, June 25th after completing a short mandatory tour and photo shoot. The judges' breakfast meeting and vehicle judging will take place on Tuesday, June 26th. All vehicles will be available for viewing after judging has been completed.

Judging is a wonderful chance to learn more about the Model A Ford. In Loveland, there were 72 judges ranging from Apprentice Judges to Master Judges. We hope to have as many or more in Sparks. As a judge you see rare parts and multiple body styles up close and can then really understand these beautiful little cars. When I was judging many years ago, the 20 Millionth Ford was on display. As a judge, I was honored to sit inside and experience the craftsmanship of this beautifully restored vehicle. At that same meet, I sat inside an original 1930 Briggs Town Sedan whose only sign of age was the wear to the black paint on the rear fenders; wear that had been the result of constant care by the owner.

Would you like to judge in 2018? It is very easy and very rewarding. You will be part of a team of judges with differing levels of experience. The Judging Tests are available on the MAFCA website (http://www.mafca.com/v_tests.html). Complete one or two and become an Apprentice in Training Judge. You will have fun and learn a great deal.

**Tom Jeanes, Vehicle Judging Coordinator
2018 Sparks Convention**

Become a Restorers Class Evaluator

Simply go to www.MAFCA.com and take the open book test to qualify. When registering at the 2018 National Convention, vehicle owners will be able to sign up for a time and day to have their vehicle evaluated. Restorers Class evaluation is different from fine point judging.

Repair Tent at the Convention

Throughout the convention, Henry's A's of Livermore, California will be staffing a repair tent. They will offer a space so you can make emergency repairs should your car break down. If you need major repairs, such as exchanging an engine or transmission, please arrange to transport your vehicle home to perform the work. The repair tent is for minor repairs. You will be able to borrow many types of tools from Henry's A's. They can be used while you are at the repair tent. You must do the work yourself. Henry's A's will not be working on your car. They will provide tools and work space only.

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A Personal Invitation to the Convention

I am excited to be supporting our 2018 National Meet Chair, Trudy Vestal, as her assistant. She calls me her Co-Chair but I prefer to be a little more behind the scenes. I have her back, but make no mistake about it, Trudy has the helm. With that said, if anyone needs help and can't get ahold of Trudy, please feel free to contact me. If your question is about registration, contact Steve and Judy Lewis.

It is time to begin the preparation to get that Model A on the road again. We, my lovely wife, Pam and I, drove our 31 Slant Window Sedan 6000 miles round trip to Marquette in 2012 and 3000 miles round trip to Puyallup in 2014. We missed Colorado due to illness but will drive to Sparks in 2018. (a whopping 450 miles round trip.) The distance doesn't really matter, well maybe if you are coming from Florida. The point is; driving to a National Meet is indeed a rewarding experience. But your car must be ready. You know the drill: tune-up, brakes, tires, wheel bearings, radiator/water pump, and greasing all the zerks. Start now. If you find you need to do some major repairs, give yourself time to locate the parts, install and test drive. If you don't already have it, sign up for AAA long distance towing insurance. You don't want to change an axle on the side of the road. Finally, as my friend Alex Janke always says, "Check your lug nuts everyday."

If you are not up to a long drive in your Model A, don't stay home. Look at the options. There are buses, trains, and airplanes all headed to Sparks at the same time as you want to go. The 2018 Meet will be spectacular and we really want to see you there.

Jim Costello, Convention Co-Chair

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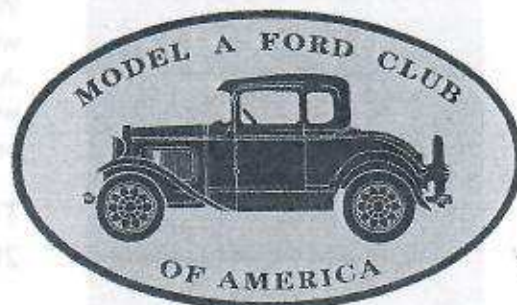
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Special Convention Bus Tours

There are some destinations that can best be enjoyed by taking a bus tour. The Santa Clara Valley Chapter has put together a medley of tour opportunities that can be enjoyed both before and during the Convention.

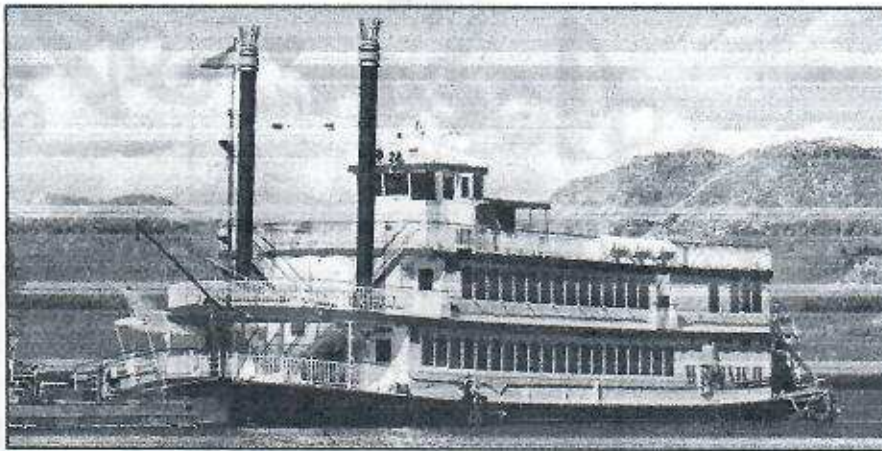
Special Convention Bus Tours

Each of these tours will give you access to some remarkable venues. Please see the Event Information package for more information about each of these bus tours.

- ♦ **Pre-Convention Lake Tahoe Dinner and Dancing Cruise** — From the Nugget your bus will travel to Lake Tahoe, past Squaw Valley, home to the 1960 Winter Olympics. At Zephyr Cove you will board the historic paddle wheeler, M.S. Dixie. Enjoy this fabulous cruise across Lake Tahoe and Emerald Bay while you dine on a scrumptious meal and dance the hours away. (4:00 pm to 10:00 pm, June 23)
- ♦ **Naval Air Station, Fallon, NV** — Special access has been arranged for our Convention group. You will see where our Top Gun naval aviators train, developing combat proficiency. **A special security submission is required by the Navy in advance. (See page 10 of the registration forms file)** Lunch will be included. Space is limited. There are two tours. One on Wednesday, June 27 and the second on Friday, June 29.

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Paddle Wheeler MS Dixie on Lake Tahoe

Special Convention Bus Tours

- ◆ **Cruise Lake Tahoe onboard the Paddle Wheeler M.S. Dixie –** Your bus will pick you up at the Nugget and journey to Zephyr Cove at Lake Tahoe where you can take photos for your memory book. You will enjoy a cruise over the waters of this famous alpine lake. The lake tour is fully narrated. Food can be purchased on board the boat. (9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Tuesday, June 26)
- ◆ **Truckee, Lake Tahoe and Mansion Tour —** Visit the historic town of Truckee, California. Then, make a stop at Tahoe City for a wonderful view of famous Lake Tahoe. A special stop at Sugar Pine Point State Park and the Hellman-Ehrman Mansion will give you a peek into the way luxury vacations were taken in 1897. The Mansion tour and a picnic lunch will be included. (9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Friday, June 29)

Please see the additional materials available in your registration forms and information package. You can use them to help you make your selection of the special sights you wish to see while in the Reno/Sparks/Lake Tahoe area. These special bus tours have been arranged in conjunction with Patty's Tours in Reno.

Free Airport Shuttle Service

The Nugget offers a free shuttle to and from the Reno airport. It departs the Valet parking area every hour on the hour and picks up at the airport every hour on the half hour outside door "D" of the baggage claim area. Service is available from 5:00 am to 11:30 pm every day.

Nugget Amenities

While you are at the Convention you will be able to enjoy many newly remodeled hotel facilities.

All rooms will have been updated with new appliances and furniture by the time we arrive. These spacious guest rooms offer a comfortable king bed (or two queens). Beds have a 13-inch plush mattress with triple bed sheeting and there is a High Definition TV in each room. The wood laminate floors in the entry way create a mountain lodge feeling, fitting perfectly with the region's high desert views. There is a spacious full bathroom and a Keurig brand coffeemaker in every room. Resort Tower guest rooms permit guests easy access to the full-service gym and indoor atrium pool. WiFi access is complimentary.

All service animals are welcome. Just tell the clerk when you make your reservation. Other pets are not permitted.

See *Nugget Amenities* on Page 3



Nugget Buffet

Convention Merchandise

The Nevada desert is at its best at sunrise and sunset when the skies deepen in vivid color, leaving a lasting impression of solitude and serenity. In those quiet times before the sun is at its peak, you will want to have one of our zip-up hooded sweatshirts.

All of our merchandise will bear the "Aces & A's" convention logo. Shirts will have the logo on the left chest.

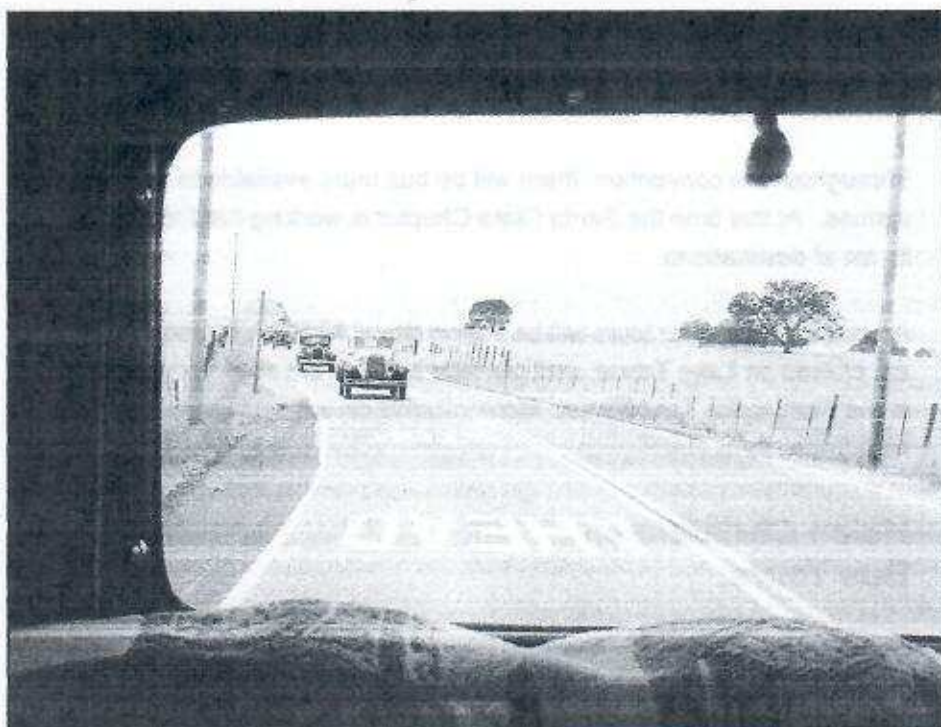
Each convention registration will include one tour patch. If you would like more than one, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional patches.

All merchandise must be ordered in advance, so look for the special order form when you register for the convention.

Merchandise orders must be received no later than May 1, 2018.

We will look forward to seeing you in Sparks.

**Peggy and Dave
Gill, Merchandise
Chairs**



Model A's on Tour

Grand Tour

You will begin at our host hotel, the Nugget in Sparks. Your trip will cover 90 miles at a leisurely pace that will return you to the Nugget. The journey will require 3 hours plus the time you spend at lunch soaking up Nevada's wonderful vistas.

Lunch will be included at the Bowers Mansion which was built in 1863 by Lemuel "Sandy" Bowers and his wife, Eilley. It is the finest example of the homes built in Nevada by the new millionaires of the Comstock mining boom. Lunch will be served by staff from 11:00 to 2:00, so your arrival time can be quite flexible.

The mansion, designed by J. Neeley Johnson, a builder and ex-governor of California, combined Georgian and Italianate architectural styles. It was modeled after a design conceived by Eilley based on her recollection of elegant buildings in her native Scotland. The Bowers actually employed stonecutters from Scotland for the construction of their new home, which eventually cost \$400,000 to build, an exorbitant sum in the 1860s. At the Bowers Mansion you will be serenaded by a bluegrass band that will guarantee toe-tapping enjoyment. After lunch you can return to the Nugget in 15 minutes by taking the highway, or on a more laid-back pace, take 30 minutes on the rest of the Model A tour route.

**Chuck Elderton & Rodger Griffin
Grand Tour**

Bus Tours

Throughout the convention, there will be bus tours available to special venues. At this time the Santa Clara Chapter is working hard to expand its list of destinations.

Among the hoped-for tours will be Fallon Naval Air Station, historic Truckee, cruises on Lake Tahoe, and perhaps some of the most famous homes in the Reno-Lake Tahoe area. More information will be available on your registration form.

Helen Christensen Bus Tours

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Raffle and Hospitality

The folks in Modesto Area A's are in the midst of making plans for some wonderful raffle prizes. Already, they have arranged for a Model A engine, donated by Les Andrews, and a Mitchell overdrive. You never know, there may also be a Mitchell transmission.

You will also find era fashions, furs and jewelry. Any individual or club that would like to donate items to the raffle should contact Bob and Sharon Ott at 209-578-1372.

Get ready for some tantalizing refreshments in the hospitality room throughout the convention. You will always be welcome.

We'll see you there!

Bob & Sharon Ott Raffle and Hospitality

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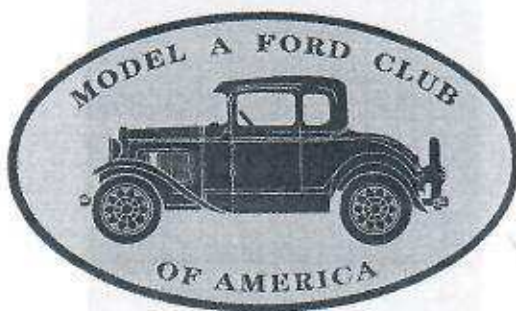
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Be In Fashion

There are several options for those interested in era fashions. The judging competition is only one of those options.

Fashion Expo

This one-day event will offer several seminars rolled into one venue where you can learn, shop, and win prizes. You will be able to examine era garments, and accessories. Perhaps you will discover just what you have been searching for to complete your latest ensemble. Among the offerings will be women's hats, footwear, and era patterns. Don't forget to look for special men's fashion offerings as well. You will be able to shop for it all as you browse among the booths. There will be subject matter experts in each booth to answer your questions. You will be automatically entered to win several prizes during this event. If you have an era fashion outfit you would like to share, there will be a fashion show that will offer you a chance to walk the runway without participating in judging.

A fashion tea is a highlight of every convention and the place to wear your special outfit for others to see. Fashion judging awards will be presented at the tea and winners will be wearing the same outfits they wore for the judges. Be sure you visit the Pick-A-Prize room on the 5th floor and put some tickets into the can for the special item donated by Trudy Vestal. It is a complete Model A Era Image outfit, including dress, shoes, gloves, hat and all the necessary accessories, all correct and ready for judging. You can expand your love of the Model A hobby by beginning your participation in these era fashion activities.

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Hubley Model A Ford Metal Kits

Hubley Derby

Someone may ask What is a Hubley Derby? Well here is some background about the sport.

The Cars

In the 1950s and 1960, there were two key companies that made scale models of Model A Fords. Hubley was a brand name of the Scale Models division of Joseph L. Ertl, Inc. of Dyersville, Iowa. The other company was Gabriel Industries, Inc. of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Hubley was the trade name used by Scale Models. Like Kleenex has become synonymous for all facial tissues, Hubley has become the generic term applied to any metal scale model of the Model A Ford. These little cars used a 1:20 scale. The bodies are made of cast aluminum. Wheels, seats and other components are cast plastic. Tires are rubber. The kits have to be assembled, painted and adjusted for the best friction-free rolling performance.

There are seven Model "A" Ford body styles available: Four Door Sedan, Station Wagon, Coupe, Roadster, Roadster Pickup, Victoria, and Phaeton. It does take some time to clean up all the pieces and paint them, but the results are well worth the effort. This is a great family participation project that can include younger family members. Everyone who races a car must be involved in some part of the building of it.

Originally only appearing in local and regional MAFCA events, the "Hubley Derby" came into the national spotlight when it was an official event at the 1994 Tacoma MAFCA/MARC National Meet. **Pre-registration is required.** Late entrants will NOT be accepted at the time of Check-In. This allows us to have your car already in the database. Check-In is for weighing and attaching the number to your car.

Racing Your Hubley

There are rules that outline how Hubley cars are to be constructed, lubricated and how much they may weigh. That is so each racing competition is equal and fair. Cars may weigh up to 21 ounces. (1 lb, 5 ozs)

On page 11 of the convention registration forms file is a form you can use to indicate your interest in racing your Hubley car. Be sure to include it in your registration so on race day you will be on the list of participants.

The races will take place on Wednesday, June 27 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. There are two classes for cars.

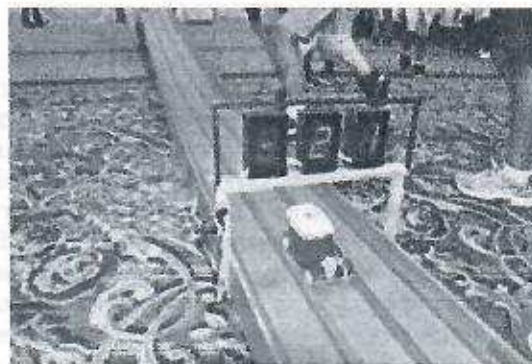
Class 1: Standard

- Age Group 1: Youth – Under 10 years old
- Age Group 2: Youth – 10 to 17 years old
- Age Group 3: Adult – 18 and over

Class 2: Modified

- All Ages in One Group

The track is 3 lanes wide and 40 feet long. The format is side-by-side racing on the 3-lane track with single elimination races until the age group champion is determined. Gravity does all the work. Good Luck!



Hubley Car on Race Track

Nugget Amenities

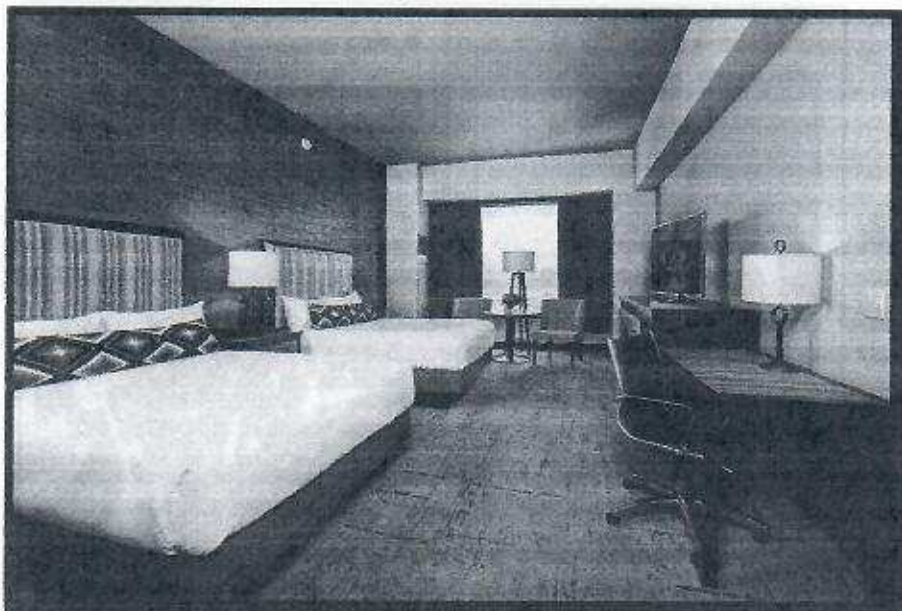
There is a Skywalk Arcade to capture the attention of your little ones and teenagers. Kids and teenagers can earn tickets for wine redemption later.

There are complimentary wheelchairs available at the Bell Desk. Electric scooters are available on a limited basis if you wish to rent them. The Bell Desk can help you with your rental. Scooter is \$20 for 4 hours or \$35 for 4 to 24 hours. Amusement Rides. First come, first served.

If you wish, you may continue your normal exercise program in the Nugget's Fitness Center. You will find all the latest state-of-the-art equipment. And you can enjoy gorgeous scenic mountain views while you work out.

No matter what it's like outside, it is always the perfect weather for a dip in the hotel's atrium-style indoor pool. Located on the fifth floor, there are also eight individual hot tubs and an oversized jacuzzi spa. You can even use room service to order sandwiches and cocktails poolside.

You will find free wifi service in your room and at Starbucks in the lobby. Everything you need to stay in touch while enjoying the Convention.



Remodeled Nugget Hotel Room

Nugget Amenities

There is an indoor parking garage available for our Model A's during the Convention. And, a special portion of the garage will be set aside for vehicle judging so both judges and vehicles will be shaded during the event.

If you are inclined, there is a spectacular casino available on the first floor where you can try your luck at all the typical games like slots, card tables, dice tables and wheel of fortune.

A special parking area has been set aside for Model A trailers just across the street from the casino/hotel.

The hotel gift shop is the perfect place to pick up everything from toothpaste to sunscreen and gift items.

And, best of all **the Convention room rate is only \$79 per night** (which includes the resort fee — taxes are extra).

RV Accommodations

Many people prefer their RV to a hotel. If you are one of them and would like information about locating RV facilities in the Reno / Sparks vicinity, look at the information in the registration file called "Accommodation Information." There you will find a list of some close-by RV parks.

Since the beginning of construction on the Sparks Tesla battery factory, space at some of the RV resorts has been taken up by long-term workers on that construction project.

Be sure to call early so you can get a reservation at the park you find most attractive. The Nugget even permits some limited RV parking, although it doesn't offer hookups.



Henry Ford Stamping Model A Engine #1

Registration Forms and Information Package

The Convention registration form package is attached to this edition of the Early Bird Newsletter. As a subscriber to the Early Bird Newsletter you are receiving the registration information in advance of it being released to the general membership.

There are four files in the complete registration package.

1. **Registration Forms** — 11 pages of forms for your use and submission with your payment.
2. **Registration Forms Instruction sheet**
3. **Accommodation Information** — Contact information for making hotel reservations or for setting up space at a local RV park.
4. **Event Information** — Information you will want to have for all Convention events including Welcome Party, Vehicle Judging, Fashion Judging, Tours, Hubley Derby, Gymkhana, Awards Banquet and much more.

You may make your hotel reservation at any time. Call 1+800-843-2427 and use the code "GMODEL." The cost for a standard room, containing either a king bed or two queen-size beds, will be \$79 plus tax each night. That includes the resort fee, but taxes are extra. If you wish a premier room, please tell the booking agent when you call and they will give you a price. In addition, the discounted Convention room rate is available for 3 days before and 3 days after the Convention.

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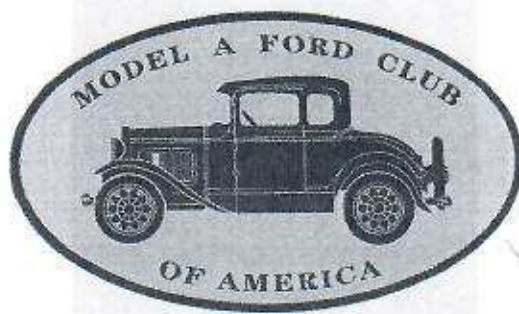
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Technical Seminars

Model A Electrical Wiring and Troubleshooting

Presenter: Alex Janke

A complete description of the Model A wiring, how to install it and how to troubleshoot and test each harness. How to physically identify the wiring harness to the schematic. Learn how to trace voltage through the harness. Learn how to isolate and troubleshoot the electrical problems (lights), isolate and troubleshoot ignition wiring, and isolate and troubleshoot the charging system wiring. Also learn about wire sizes, connection types and routing.

We have all seen a schematic of Model A wiring, but where do those wires really go? How are they supported? What does the switch look like for real? Where are all those connections?

This seminar will examine Model A wiring from the diagram to the car. We will look at the inside of the light switch, the various wiring harnesses (yes, there are more than one), and other components. This seminar is for car owners and restorers who want to better understand Model A wiring and how to correctly wire their own cars.

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Nugget Parking Garage for Our Model A's

Parking for Model A's, Tow Vehicles and Trailers

The 2018 MAFCA National Convention in Sparks, Nevada is just a few months away!

One of the accommodations we have been working on is parking. Not just parking for your "A"...but for those who will be towing their "A," we are set for you to park your tow vehicle and trailers.

Directions to the convention site are pretty simple. Driving East from Reno on I-80 you quickly come to Sparks. Take the Rock Blvd / Nugget Ave exit. Go straight at the bottom of the exit and immediately you will see the Nugget parking lot for trailers. This is the West parking lot and is one level only. Our personnel will be in the lot helping direct Convention traffic. Pull your rig in here and unload your car. The lot is adjacent to the casino for easy transfer of your baggage. The lot you will park your "A" in is on the far side of the casino and is the five story parking lot. (See photo above.)

Please park your tow rig and trailer within the lines of the parking spaces. There are 150 pull-thru spaces in this West parking lot and we will be able to accommodate all rigs if each person takes up only one space. We are approaching 100 reservations at this writing. While we are on the subject, if you intend to bring a trailer and tow vehicle, please let Registrar Steve Lewis know right away. He is keeping a list of reservations for the parking lot.

We are planning on staffing Convention volunteers at the West lot to help direct traffic when trailers and tow vehicles arrive. At some times, there may be quite a few people arriving all at once. We ask you to be patient. If you are planning to participate in the Lake Tahoe dinner-dance cruise on Saturday, you might want to arrive a couple hours early so you will have enough time to park, register in the hotel, and get to your bus by 4:00 pm.

Please note... This is a public parking lot. There are no fences around the lot. There is no full time security on duty at the lot. Please use good judgment with your equipment and things left in the tow vehicle. We suggest locking the tow vehicle and locking the trailer to the tow vehicle for extra security. The casino has roving security patrols that include the parking areas.

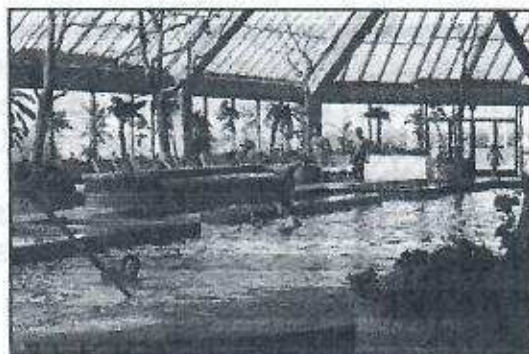
Some spaces will require you to separate your trailer from your tow vehicle. If that happens, please be sure to have a trailer hitch lock with you so you can secure your trailer when you leave it in the parking lot. You can then park your tow vehicle in the parking garage.

Finally, we encourage you all to check our Convention web site frequently for last minute updates for schedules and tips.

<http://www.ncrgmafca.com/2018MAFCAConvention/2018index.html>

We look forward to a great time together in Sparks in June!

Gill & Judy Sissons
Lake County A's



Nugget Indoor Pool

Bus Tours Filling

The response to conventional bus tours has been wonderful. Here is the latest status.

Fallon Naval Air Station

Both tours have been filled. And, there are a sufficient number of people on the waiting list to fill any openings that might occur.

Lake Tahoe Dinner Cruise

There are only a few seats left before the maximum of 230 people is reached. If you plan to arrive on Saturday, June 26 and would like to experience Lake Tahoe in a unique way, register for this tour right away. The openings won't last much longer.

Tuckee-Ehrman Mansion Tour

There are fewer than 100 seats remaining on this tour. Get your registration in today!

See the latest status for all tours on our web site.

http://www.maford.com

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Model A's on Tour

Parts Swap Meet

If you have some special Model A parts that you won't use in your own projects, perhaps the Convention swap meet is a way for you to get some money for them and keep them in circulation within the Model A family.

Swap meet set up will happen between 1:00 and 4:00 pm on Sunday, June 24. The parts swap meet will run from 8:00 to 5:00 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This event will take place both inside the hotel and in the Northwest area of the parking lot. The inside room will be locked when not in use providing security for your items.

If you want to participate, complete page 11 in the registration forms file. Then get ready to say, "Show me the money."

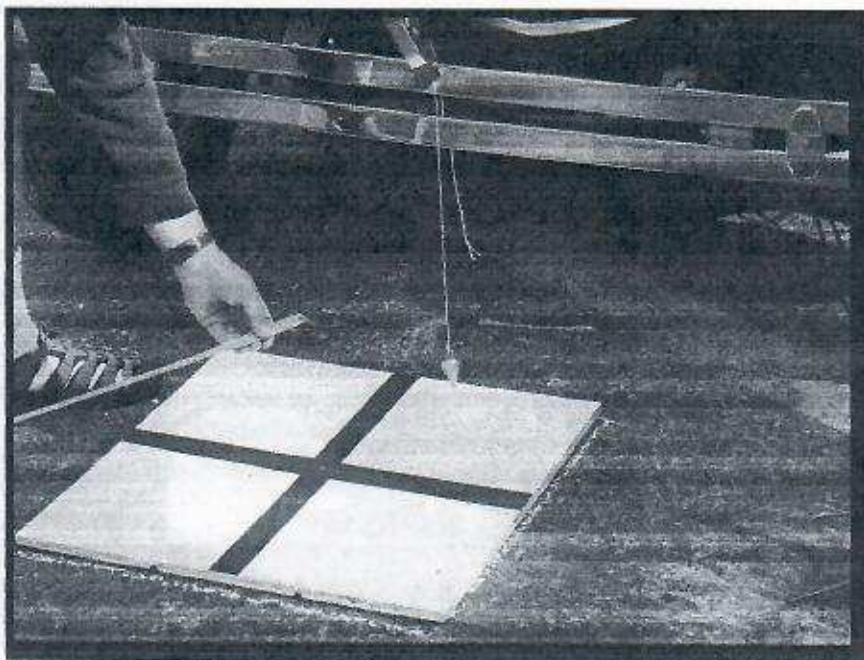
Pick-A-Prize

Donations are rolling in. There will be plenty to choose from. And you may go home with something special.

Major contributions include

- Rebuilt engine donated by Les Andrews
- Rebuilt transmission donated by Les Andrews
- Mitchell overdrive donated by Mitchell Manufacturing
- Complete fashion ensemble including dress, shoes, gloves, hat and all the necessary accessories, all correct and ready for judging donated by Trudy Vestal
- Two-night stay at Rocky Point Ranch, a B&B in Thompson Falls, Montana, for two people donated by Patty Jones and Sam Bernhardt
- Complete set of 22 DVDs on the restoration and maintenance of the Model A Ford donated by Diablo A's

The raffle committee is currently soliciting gifts for the Reno Convention. We are accepting donations of money and merchandise. Please call Bob Ott at 209-495-8176 or 209-578-1372 for details. Thank you for your support.



Measuring Driving Accuracy During Gymkhana

Gymkhana—Vehicle Games

One of the highlights of Convention activities will be the vehicle games called Gymkhana. These games are designed to test driving skill. There are no longer timed events in gymkhana. Now, you may find yourself and your passenger facing a challenge to balance a stack of items out the window while driving over bumps in the road, or seeing how close you can come to placing a plumb bob at the center of a target lying on the ground at the front bumper. There are dozens of possibilities for these skill tests. You may even be asked to drive onto a teeter-totter platform and balance your car there. Which events will be included in this gymkhana will be a carefully guarded secret until the events take place on Friday, June 29 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. Auburn A's and Sparkin' A's are hosting this event.

Convention Name Tags

Did you register as Robert but your friends call you Bob, or Jim not James, Bobbie not Roberta.

Let the Registrar know how you want your name on the name badge you'll be wearing at the convention. **If you haven't sent your registration form yet, enter your chosen name on the top of page 1, but sign your legal name at the bottom of pages 1 and 5.**

Email requests to the Registrar at 2013mafcaconvention@gmail.com or call Steve Lewis at 707-829-9007

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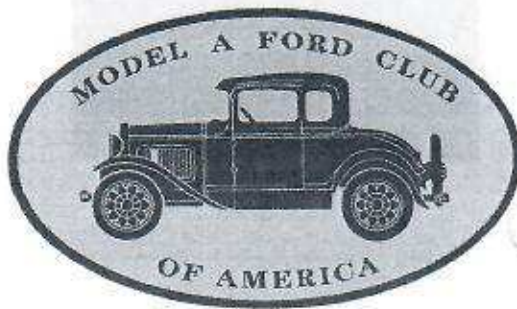
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Welcome Party

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Welcome to the 2018 MAFCA convention and the Welcome Party, hosted by the Sonoma A's! As you relax after your trip to Reno/Sparks with a refreshing beverage from one of our no-host bars, prepare to enjoy being the star of our show as we present photos of your adventure on two giant screens in the Nugget Ballroom. Using the miracle of modern technology, we will feature a slide show made up of the photos we receive up to the last minute. Send your photos and videos to ncrgpics@yahoo.com from your smartphone. Photograph whatever captures your interest on your route to the convention such as roadside attractions, interesting sights, breakdowns and emergency repairs, or UFO sightings. We want it all! Don't forget to program the email address into your phone so you'll be ready to share when the unexpected happens.

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This is our final issue of the Early Bird Newsletter for 2018! See you at the Convention!



Have an unusual experience on the way to the Convention?

Welcome Party

Driving an A can work up an appetite, so enjoy the all-you-can-eat pasta buffet, prepared just for us by the Nugget's renowned culinary staff, with delicious choices sure to satisfy the most discerning palate. Leave room for dessert!

Be sure to try your luck at the Wheel of Fortune, with prizes featuring the agricultural bounty of the Northern California and Nevada region, home of the Northern California Regional Group.

The Welcome Party is a great opportunity to greet old friends and make new ones. We look forward to seeing you on June 24th!

RV Park Discount

For everyone planning to stay at the Grand Sierra Resort RV Park, should you be a veteran, ask for the Veteran's discount. If it is still being offered, it is a better discount than the Good Sam rate of 10%.

Youth Activities

Due to the limited number of young people registered and the range of their ages there are no youth activities organized at this time.

We are inviting all youth and their parents to a pre-conference gathering at the **Terrace Pool on the 5th floor of the convention center at 3:00 PM Sunday, June 24.** At that time, we will outline all activities that are available in the hotel and around the area that young people might be interested in. This will include activities like bowling, a water park and fun center, and the hotels game arcade. Pizza will be provided at this meeting.

MAFCA nor NCRG can be responsible for the implementation, transportation or supervision of the chosen activities. This will be the responsibility of the parents or designated guardians.

However, we want everyone to have a good and safe experience and will do everything we can to help.

Banquet Table Sign-Up

When you pick up your registration materials at the registration desk, be sure to stop at the Banquet Sign-up Table next.

You will be able to reserve seats for everyone on your convention registration number. You will not be able to sign-up for other people.

Each table will seat 10 individuals. Bring your menus so you can all sign up for the same table at the same time.

Our banquet table reservation desk will be open when the Convention registration desk is open.

If you need help with your table reservations please talk with one of us at banquet table sign-up desk. Thanks for your cooperation. See you at the banquet.



Find something interesting on the way to the Convention?

Registration Update

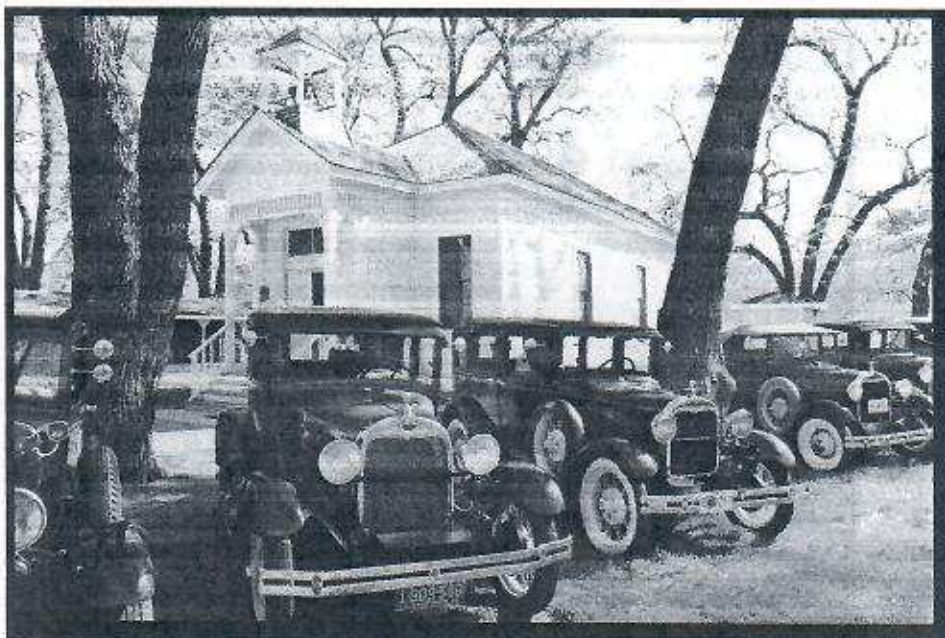
It's the end of April and we're close to our estimate of 500 registrations for the convention. We've mailed 25 registration forms and a like amount have been emailed to people with computer issues or no computer at all. We've enjoyed talking to many of you on the phone and look forward to meeting you at the convention.

Judy will have a special Registration Desk position at the convention to resolve overpayment and underpayment issues, for getting required signatures and emergency contact information. She will contact you prior to the convention. The other Registration Desk stations will be staffed by volunteers from several NCRG Chapters.

If you are going on the Lake Tahoe Dinner Dance Cruise on Saturday, please plan to arrive early and make the Registration desk your first stop.

Steve & Judy Lewis
Registrars

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Model A's On Tour

Bus Tour Update

The time published for each bus tour is the departure time for the bus. **Be there 30 minutes early** to check in and then begin loading. The buses will load and unload between the Hotel and the Parking Garage. If you are arriving on Saturday and have signed up for the **Saturday night dinner cruise**, be sure to allow enough time to meet the 3:30pm check in time. The tour buses will depart on time, and like airplanes, they will not wait for you.

Those taking the **Ehrman Mansion/Truckee Tour on Friday** please check when you get to the Convention for your departure time since the buses will be staggered to accommodate the Mansion tours.

All sales of the bus tours will close on June 15th.

Helen Christensen
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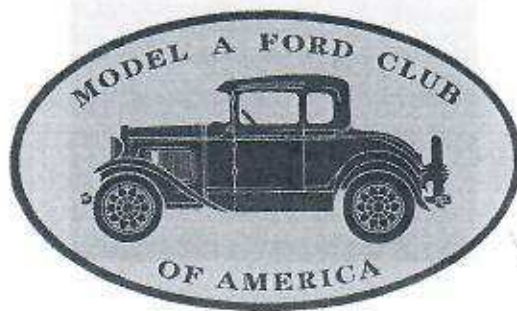
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To Ace's & A's Convention Team,

Regarding the success of Self Guided Tours & Poker Hand. We were repaired to handle all entries if necessary. The turnout was less than stellar. With only 37 entries drawing a card for a poker hand and 27 entries completing a full hand, (less than 15% of entries par took in game) it was a bit of a letdown regarding the poker hand game.

The poker hand game is probably not a good measure of how many entries did the self guided tours.

Many enjoyed the tours we sought out and did not play the poker hand game.

One problem we found with the game was the large amount of time needed to man the game table.

We used over 20 volunteers to man the table for the week long game. Don't get me wrong, we enjoyed those who brought in pictures of their adventures for proof of completing each tour. Those who played the game had fun doing so.

The reason we used the self guided tours format was because Parade Style tours were impossible from the Nugget Hotel. Do to at least 10 signal lights in any direction. Parade tours would have gotten broken up as soon as we got started.

I felt the Early Bird Newsletter was too light on building up the Tours. More pages in the newsletter could have built up the tours better. More pages in an Email content doesn't cost any more and more pages could have helped in promoting the tours better.

Another thing I noticed was there was no recognition at the Banquet of the Grand Tour event or the Bus tours.

Recognition of those who put in hard work to bring a great event to fellow Model AR's like a Grand Tour and Bus tours need to be Rewarded with some recognition.

In all I think the Self Guided Tours format worked fairly well and should be used again if Parade style tours can't be done.

These are my own thoughts and views and not those of my Self-Guided Tour team.

Donald Cole
Self Guided Tours and Poker Hand
SCVC of San Jose

MAFCA National Convention Notes on Hospitality Duties

Every chapter that volunteers to host the Hospitality Room will bring its own character to the job. Locality will play a role in the fare offered, because local contacts often donate edibles native to the area. Other factors affecting the menu will be the availability of refrigeration, venue restrictions on the type of food that can be furnished, and considerations for storage of edibles from day to day.

It's important to consider the convention's registration for an accurate projection of purchases. Also, current tastes tend to be swinging away from canned soft drinks, and toward water, juices and diet drinks. Coffee is always a staple, and we found that providing regular brew with a lesser quantity of decaf during the morning hours only was successful.

We found that a variety breakfast menu of fruit, melons, nuts, granola bars, muffins, etc was a very satisfying presentation. Be prepared for an onslaught when the doors open in the morning, and you will soon be able to monitor the traffic demands. If you over-load the tables with food, some people will automatically pile their plates to the point of waste, or start filling their shopping bags. Hospitality is for refreshment and conversation. Provide paper plates that are snack sized!

Try to vary your menu for the afternoon. Again, your offering is dependent on your refrigeration and storage capacities. Monitor your usage of commodities and plan to make local runs to vendors based on your projections. It's important to know beforehand where your best-value sources are located and have your transportation assets available.

Don't forget the mundane things...paper products, mixing bowls (trail mix is a favorite), scoops, tongs, wet wipes, towels, trays, etc. Determine your operating hours, and remember that various groups (judges, repair tent personnel, registration people) may request a quantity of food and drink from your sources. And don't forget the ice! Where to get it, how to deliver it, and when to replenish it. Remember your requirements for tables and chairs to accommodate the room size, and plan practical traffic flow patterns to the food and drink sites.

A good group of volunteers committed before-hand is the key to a successful hospitality experience. We had an excellent group of co-workers at the 2018 Sparks convention.

John & Judy Guzzetta

SONORA MODEL A CLUB

Merchandise 2018 National Convention - Final Report

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Summary: Overall, about 30% of the registrants ordered merchandise in 2018. (In Colorado, 2016, that number was 35%.) We opened the Merchandise Pick-Up at the same time that Registration was open for the first three days and this seemed to work well. Members were positive about the logo look on the shirts, both the embroidery and the silk screening. We did have a number of people asking if we had other items for sale, particularly the ball caps, but we were very comfortable and pleased to only have to deal with the pre-ordered merchandise.

Working with the Steering Committee, we decided early on what merchandise to offer. We also ordered the tour patches that were included with registration, as well as the hats for the Fine Point Judges and the Restorer Class Evaluators. The costs for these items were not included as part of our estimated budget or in the Merchandise final accounting, as they were attributed to their own categories.

Regarding the Tour Patches: We were told by a number of vendors we initially contacted that it would be much cheaper for us to direct order online from companies based in Asia for the patches and/or lapel pins. We looked into this, and preliminary quotes from *The Studio* were a little more than half the cost we were originally quoted with the vendor markup. However, due to the complex logo we were working with, we opted to have our vendor contract with their source for patches to ensure that they were the same as the logo on the hats and shirts. Ultimately, our vendor also used an overseas source for the patches, and charged us \$1.99 each (before tax). We felt the quality on the patches was much nicer than the other embroidery work. To estimate how many patches to order, we took the Number of Registrations X 2 (2 tour patches were included with each registration), added 150 (our approximate guess that we would get about 75 more registrations between our cut off date and the event) and then added the additional orders we received. We ordered 1,100 patches, and had only 11 left over.

The 2018 Steering Committee decided not to have lapel pins available, and we were told we were not responsible for ordering the license plates.

We offered the following items for sale: Additional Tour Patch, Ball Caps, Zip-up Sweatshirts, Polo Shirts and Long Sleeved Easy Care Shirts (both in men's and ladies' sizing), Unisex T-Shirts, Youth T-Shirts, Ladies V-neck T-Shirts. Although offered, no sales of youth t-shirts were made.

The cost to reproduce our logo was on the higher end. The embroidery work for our logo was \$8 per item, but we believe our vendor gave us their wholesale price; the silk-screening was \$5.00 per item.

Our goal for Merchandise was to break even or possibly make a small profit for the club. We were pleased when the final accounting showed a small profit.

This report that follows includes:

- The Merchandise Process
- Merchandise Comparisons from Previous Conventions
- Initial Budget Projections
- 2018 Merchandise Order Form
- 2018 Convention Merchandise Order

The Merchandise Process:

1. Developing the logo for the event
2. Choosing the merchandise to offer, including the projected cost for each item
 - a. Patches and/or Pins
 - b. Hats or Ribbons for Fine Point Judging and Restorer Class Evaluations
 - c. License Plates
3. Initial Budget projections
4. Obtaining a vendor to work with
5. Developing a Merchandise Order Form
6. Early Bird Article for Merchandise
7. Tracking Merchandise Orders
8. Placing the Merchandise Orders/Pick Up
9. Packaging and Dispersing Merchandise to Membership

1. Developing the Logo for the Event:

The Merchandise Chairpersons should be involved with the logo discussion process from the beginning. We took on the role of Merchandise Chairpersons later in the process of planning for the Convention. The issues we encountered throughout this process stemmed from decisions made prior to our involvement, and were directly related to the logo design and the cost to replicate that design as embroidered artwork and silkscreen printing. It is critical that the cost of replicating the logo is considered when selecting the logo. The bottom line....

*Develop your logo design...then Simplify it by at least 50%...and then simplify it
AGAIN!*

Embroidery Work: In 2018, embroidery costs on each piece of merchandise ran about \$10 for the first 10,000 stitches, plus \$1 per 1,000 stitches over that. Each revision in the logo results in an additional fees for the digitizing file.

We were told that optimal stitch count is 10,000 or less, and worked hard to get our logo to at least 12,000. The original logo had over 25,000 stitches and was estimated to cost \$15 per logo. The final logo used for Aces & A's had over 15,000 stitches, even after stripping the car and cards to the minimum.

Silk-Screening: The standard screening rates are for six colors or less. Try to stay within these guidelines for best prices.

2. Meeting with the Steering Committee and Choosing the Merchandise to Offer:

We met with the convention Steering Committee to clarify our responsibilities as well as their preference of available merchandise. Questions we asked:

What is the goal? Do we want to make a profit, and if so, how much?

What do we want to sell? Color selection?

Do we want to sell only pre-ordered or have other merchandise available at the convention?

Are we responsible for ordering the patches, pins, license plates, judges/evaluators caps or ribbons?

We also requested that we were the sole point of contact with the selected vendor in order to avoid any confusion.

For the 2018 National Convention, it was decided that we would like to make a small profit, and we aimed for 10%. We sold merchandise that was pre-ordered only, and did not have any available for sale at the convention. The exception to this was due to a vendor error in printing so we did have a small number of ladies sizing shirts available for sale that we did not have to pay for.

[Note: Colorado 2016 did offer merchandise for direct sales at the event; they ordered 20%-25% more of the more popular items ordered and sold everything.]

3. Initial Budget Needs and Projections:

We were asked to develop a proposed budget for merchandise. Our initial budget projects were pretty close as far as what we figured the cost would be. However, we were overly optimistic and overestimated how much we would sell. We based our initial budget needs on what was sold at the two prior convention merchandise sales in 2014 and 2016.

4. Obtaining a Vendor to Work With:

Plan to get estimates from three to four vendors, as the prices vary greatly. We used the information from the last two conventions to estimate how much merchandise we could realistically sell, and set up a spreadsheet that we supplied a prospective vendor with, along with the initial logo design. We compiled the bids into a single spreadsheet and presented our information to the Steering Committee for their final choice.

Ask the vendor what the *lead time* is that they require for processing the order. Take this number (usually 4-6 weeks) and add an additional week or two for added cushion for your "order deadline" date. You will need this information for the Merchandise Order Form, as well as the Registration information. We also found that many vendors were surprised that we were working to get logo work and pricing done so far in advance.

Good communication with the vendor is critical. We tried to use email as much as possible so that we would have a written record of our conversations.

Things to consider: Proximity to your location. Even if you don't plan on multiple trips, longer driving distances to meet in person or pick up merchandise can be an issue.

5. Developing a Merchandise Order Form and Setting Prices:

There is no standard on the form, so we did what made sense to us. Managing the order forms would be less bulky if it could be kept to a single page. If we had not included pictures and descriptions it probably could have been done with one page. However, by including the pictures we were able to provide membership with information needed as far as fabrics and sizing. As a result, we did not have any pre-order questions. There was some confusion still filling out the form, and clarification was sometimes needed which is why we requested a phone number/contact information for member.

Setting prices to sell the merchandise was challenging. We needed to have the order form finalized in the fall before the next spring event, and were told by many vendors that prices usually increased in January. To set our prices and to compensate for this possibility, we took the price from the clothing catalog (or the one given to us by the vendor), added 10% for price increase estimate and the cost of the logo, then calculated the sales tax for our county. We then rounded up the total to the next dollar and added an additional dollar for profit.

It is important to state clearly on the order form:

- Whether or not merchandise will be available for sale at the event.
- How many patches are included with the Registration fee.
- Place for Registrar to enter registration number.
- Place for phone/contact information of buyer.

6. Early Bird Article for Merchandise: Be prepared to provide a write up about the merchandise that will be available. Be sure to include the deadline information in your writeup.

7. Tracking Merchandise Orders:

We worked closely with the Registrar to get the actual merchandise orders from them in a timely manner. The exchange was done at meetings we were both attending until the last two weeks before the cut off date. At that point, the order forms were scanned and sent to us electronically until midnight of our cut off date. Orders received after the deadline we not processed, and members were refunded their monies.

Original order forms were kept in a binder alphabetically. Also included was a tab for cancelled registrations.

We developed a spreadsheet using Excel to track the merchandise. Columns were set up to have each item available, color coordinated to color and size available. Formulas were set to total rows and columns automatically.

We double-checked our data entry. One of us entered the information from the order form itself into the spreadsheet. At a later date, one of us read the orders and a second person confirmed the items ordered were entered on the spreadsheet in the correct columns.

8. Placing the Merchandise Orders/Pick Up:

Using the totals from the spreadsheet, the total quantities were transferred to a form we developed that listed the item, including the brand and item number, color options, and sizes. Check....and double check your entry numbers, making sure the totals for each type of merchandise and the grand total match your spreadsheet numbers.

Keep a copy of this sheet and compare it to the order acknowledgement form the vendor provides to you. We found a few significant errors on the vendor's form that we were able to catch before the actual order was placed.

When picking up the merchandise, be sure to take your order form sheet to verify the correct amounts of each item are received. It is critically important to physically count each item and check for quality before leaving your vendor's place of business.

9. Packaging and Dispersing Merchandise to Membership:

We had a team of ten volunteers from our local club help stuff the merchandise into bags. Tags were made in advance that included the registration number and last name, as well as the merchandise ordered. These were double checked for accuracy before our baggers arrived.

Our stuffing process:

Merchandise was set out by item/color/size around the room. Each item type was "staffed" by a volunteer (Persons 8, 9, 10).

Person 1 had the master spreadsheet and tags (in numerical order).

Persons 2, 3, 4 picked up a tag and confirmed the registration name, number, and items ordered. Then each went to each item area to pick up items ordered. Then they took the order to the bagging station.

Person 5 and 6 at Bagging Station confirmed the correct item/size/color was picked up. These were put in the bag and tagged.

Person 7 took the tagged bags and put them in boxes in numerical order.

IMPORTANT: Mark the box with the registration numbered bags that are in that particular box. This makes set up pretty easy.

At the National, we had three to four people helping with dispersal. Bags were set out on tables behind the pick-up table, in numerical order. We probably could have used three or four tables. As members came over to pick up their merchandise, we asked for registration number and last name. Person 1 got their bag; Person 2 pulled their original order form from the binder. We had the member verify that what they ordered was what was in the bag, and then initial or sign on the form itself that they received it. By having them verify the original order, we were able to prevent any misunderstandings about the wrong size or item being ordered.

Merchandise not picked up: After the first two days, we posted our phone number in hospitality on a sign that said who needed to pick up their merchandise. Every effort was made to connect with members. This was a bit of a problem but eventually worked out after we made phone calls to people. We did mail some merchandise to a few who had cancelled due to illness; others were sent home with fellow club members.

Merchandise Comparison from Previous Conventions:

Note: The numbers for Puyallup and Colorado are correct to the best of our knowledge and were taken from prior report information provided to us.

MERCHANDISE 2018

	Puyallup 2014	Colorado 2016	Colorado	Projected Reno 2018	Actual Reno 2018
	Regis: Unknown	Regis: 586	Notes	Regis: 500	Regis: 534 (after Cancellations)
Ball Cap	42 Pre-ordered Actual: 60	263 Pre-ordered	Ordered 288- Min. Req.	200	81 Pre-ordered
Judges	60	Included Above		50	80 Fine Point
					27 Restorer Class Eval
Tour Patch - 1 inc. w/ regis Puyallup & Colorado; 2 inc. w/ regis. Reno		129	800 - for price break	700	10 Pre-ordered Total ordered for Regis: 1,100
Tour Pin - 1 inc. w/ regis		130	800 - for price break	700	N/A
T-shirt w/silk screened logo*	125	165		150	93
Polo*	67	180		150	89
L/S Button shirt*		N/A		100	38
Sweatshirt	36	130		100	28
Fleece Vest	N/A	69			
Gatsby Cap	43	N/A			

*Mens and Ladies Sizes combined
Puyallup offered other items as well

Initial Budget Projections:

NOTE: The initial budget estimate below lists "Estimated Sales in Reno" as part of our projection. At a later Steering Committee meeting it was decided that we would offer pre-order merchandise only.

2018 MERCHANDISE BUDGET ESTIMATE

	Estimated Projected Sales in Reno, NV Reno				Estimated Cost Inc. logo		Estimated Price/Item Inc. tax		Total Estimated Cost	Proposed Selling Price	Projected Income	Projected Profit
Ball Cap	180	20	Port & Co-Twill, Hook and Loop Closure, mid purple	CP82	\$11.50	\$1.04	\$12.54		\$2,508.00	\$15.00	\$3,000.00	\$492.00
Tour Patch - extra sales	25	0			\$1.70	\$0.15	\$1.85		\$46.25	\$5.00	\$125.00	\$78.75
T-shirt silk screened logo	150	30	Port & Co-Cone Blend, 5.1 oz., 100% snail cotton; ladies V-neck; 65/35 poly cotton	PC81 LPC81 V	\$11.20	\$1.00	\$12.20		\$2,196.00	\$16.00	\$2,880.00	\$684.00
Polo	150	30	Port Authority-Rain Resistant Polos, 5.6 oz, 60/40 cotton/poly	AS20	\$29.77	\$2.67	\$32.44		\$5,839.20	\$34.00	\$6,120.00	\$280.80
L/S Button shirt	100	20	Port Authority Wash/Wear, 4.5oz 55/45 cotton poly	SG8	\$34.17	\$3.07	\$37.24		\$4,468.80	\$39.00	\$4,680.00	\$211.20
Sweatshirt	40	8	Port & Co-Twill, mid purple cotton/poly fleece, pill resistant finish, metal zipper	PC780	\$31.54	\$2.83	\$34.37		\$1,649.76	\$35.00	\$1,778.00	\$128.24
									\$16,708			
Estimated tax due for items sold in Reno at the convention @ 7.75%									\$350.00			\$350.00
Administrative costs for packing/distributing merchandise (labels, etc.)												\$50.00
Merchandise for sale to membership									\$17,058.01		\$19,538.00	\$1,424.99
Vehicle Judges Ball Cap	50		Budget to Vehicle weighing		\$11.50	\$1.04	\$12.54		\$627.00			
Restorer Class Ball Cap	15		Budget to Restorer Class Evaluations		\$11.50	\$1.04	\$12.54		\$188.10			
Tour Patch Registration	1000		Budget to Registration		\$2.65	\$0.24	\$2.89		\$2,890.00			
Total Cost of Merchandise including registration patches and Judges caps									\$20,763.11			

**Logo at \$10.00/item embroidered.

**Budget estimate based on 2017 catalog prices plus added 10% for anticipated price increases in 2018.

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2018 Merchandise Order Form:

NOTE: Add a place for Registrant's Cell Phone/Contact info.





2018 Convention Merchandise Order Form

Order your Convention Merchandise in Advance!

Limited quantities and selection will be available at the meet.

****For shirts that come in two colors, place the number wanted for each color then total up the number and enter total under quantity.**



Item	Size	Quantity	Price	Total																		
Cap  Color: Khaki only - Embroidered Logo	Fits All	_____	\$15.00	\$ _____																		
Tour Patch Two patches are included in your registration packet		_____	\$5.00	\$ _____																		
Zip-Up Sweatshirt  <i>Port and Company brand</i> 7.8 oz., 50/50 cotton/poly fleece, pill resistant finish, metal zipper <i>Embroidered Logo on left chest</i> Color: Red only Men's Sizes only (women order accordingly)	Small Medium Large X-Large 2XL 3XL 4XL	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	\$36.00 \$36.00 \$36.00 \$36.00 \$38.00 \$38.00 \$40.00	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____																		
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Registrant's Name _____





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Regis. # _____

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Item		Size	Quantity	Price	Total
Long Sleeved Easy Care Shirt  Red	Women's Sizes Port Authority brand - 55/45 cotton/poly, traditional relaxed look, open collar, no pocket <i>Embroidered Logo on left chest</i> Color: Red or Stone	Red			
		Stone			
		X-Small		\$39.00	\$
		Small		\$39.00	\$
		Medium		\$39.00	\$
		Large		\$39.00	\$
		X-Large		\$39.00	\$
		2XL		\$41.00	\$
		3XL		\$41.00	\$
		4XL		\$42.00	\$
Unisex T-Shirt  Sand	NO Pocket Port and Company brand 6.1 oz., 100% soft spun cotton Adult Sizing-See chart below <i>Silk Screened Logo on left chest</i> Colors: Aquatic Blue or Sand	A Blue			
		Sand			
		X-Small		\$16.00	\$
		Small		\$16.00	\$
		Medium		\$16.00	\$
		Large		\$16.00	\$
		X-Large		\$16.00	\$
		2XL		\$18.00	\$
		3XL		\$18.00	\$
		4XL		\$19.00	\$
 Aquatic Blue	Youth T-Shirt - No Pocket Pre-Orders ONLY <i>Silk Screened Logo on left chest</i> Colors: Aquatic Blue or Sand				
		Small		\$12.00	\$
		Medium		\$12.00	\$
		Large		\$12.00	\$
		X-Large		\$12.00	\$
 Ladies V-Neck	Ladies Sizing V-neck T-Shirt Port and Company brand 4.5 oz., 65/35 poly/cotton, countoured fit <i>Silk Screened Logo on left chest</i> Color: Aquatic Blue only				
		X-Small		\$16.00	\$
		Small		\$16.00	\$
		Medium		\$16.00	\$
		Large		\$16.00	\$
		X-Large		\$16.00	\$
		2XL		\$18.00	\$
		3XL		\$18.00	\$
		4XL		\$19.00	\$

Sizing Information: Please Note--Adult Sizes are Men's and Unisex

ADULT SIZES								
	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
CHEST	32-34	35-37	38-40	41-43	44-46	47-49	50-53	54-57
WAIST	26-28	29-31	32-34	35-37	38-40	41-43	44-47	48-51
LADIES SIZES								
	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL
BUST	32-34	35-36	37-38	39-41	42-44	45-47	48-51	52-55
WAIST	24-26	27-28	29-30	31-33	34-36	37-39	40-43	44-47
YOUTH SIZES								
	S	M	L	XL				
SIZE	6/8	10/12	14/16	18/20				
CHEST	26-28	28-30	30-32	32-34				

Qty. Total

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Subtotal

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Subtotal

Merchandise
TOTAL

(Transfer to Registration Form, pg. 4)

- Merchandise will be available for pick up at registration.
- Merchandise orders MUST be received no later than May 1, 2018.
- Colors shown on the order form may be slightly different from the actual product.

Registrant's Name and Phone #

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Regis. #

Qty:

Pick Up

Initials

2018 Convention Merchandise Order:

This is what was submitted to our vendor, and what we used to confirm correct items when picking up the merchandise.

2018 Convention Merchandise Order



Item	Size	Quantity	
Cap  Outdoor Cap: BCT-600 Color: Khaki Color: (FP Judges) Red Color: (Restorer Class) Khaki w/ Black brim		81	
		80	
		27	188
Tour Patch	Reg x 2+150 (est. additional registrations) + additional patches ordered by attendees	1100	1100
Zip-Up Sweatshirt  Port and Company: PC 787H Color: Red Embroidered Logo on left chest	Small	1	
	Medium	5	
	Large	11	
	X-Large	8	
	2XL	3	28
Polo Shirt  Celadon Blue Men's Sizes Port Authority: K510 Embroidered Logo on left chest C Blue Stone 0 0 Small 4 2 Medium 10 10 Large 21 6 X-Large 9 4 2XL 1 0 3XL 1 0 4XL Women's Sizes (relaxed fit) Port Authority: L510 Embroidered Logo on left chest 0 0 Small 4 0 Medium 7 4 Large 5 1 X-Large Stone Long Sleeved Easy Care Shirt  Men's Sizes Port Authority: S608 Embroidered Logo on left chest Red Stone 0 0 Small 1 2 Medium 3 1 Large 6 6 X-Large 0 7 2XL 0 0 3XL 0 1 4XL Women's Sizes Port Authority: L608 Embroidered Logo on left chest Red Stone 0 0 Small 0 1 Medium 1 0 Large 6 2 X-Large 0 1 2XL Unisex T-Shirt  NO Pocket Port and Company: PC61 Silk Screened Logo on left chest A Blue Sand 2 0 Small 1 1 Medium 7 7 Large 8 16 X-Large 3 5 2XL 2 0 3XL 0 0 4XL Ladies Sizing V-neck T-Shirt  Port and Company: LPC54V Silk Screened Logo on left chest Aquatic Blue 5 5 Small 5 5 Medium 10 10 Large 14 14 X-Large 5 5 2XL 2 2 3XL 0 0 4XL		0	68
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		14	
		5	
		2	
		0	41
		TOTAL:	1536

Aces & A's Swap Meet

Final Report

The swap meet was organized, run and staffed by the Delta A's of Stockton. Many members contributed their time and effort as well as contributing parts to the meet.

Our goal was to provide a larger and more diverse swap meet for the convention attendees than has been provided at recent MAFCA conventions. We believe we achieved that goal even though our recruitment of vendors was hampered by the timing of the MARC convention held the same week as ours.

Our initial thought was to have a totally indoor swap meet, but one large local vendor refused to participate if he couldn't have an outdoor space. That necessitated holding an indoor and outdoor swap meet. The hotel was very accommodating, making changes on the fly when things didn't work as planned or could be improved. They lived up to the commitments they made during our negotiations. They did mislead us on one item, though, by stating in an early meeting that the doors to the indoor swap meet were lockable when in fact they were not. Having made commitments to the vendors that their products would be secure overnight, we were compelled to hire security for the overnight hours. Fortunately, the hotel was able to provide reasonably priced security guards. This one item was the cause for us to overrun our budget.

Summary:

Inside -

14* vendors in 18 spaces.

*Glenn Johnson did not show up to use his 2 spaces.

Outside-

3 vendors in 8 spaces.

Note: We provided a complementary space for Rusty Lugs to sell their vintage parts. Rusty Lugs chose to sell their vintage parts from tables under the freeway next to the parts trailer and did not use the space we provided.

Based on stated sales for the Nevada sales tax and my conversations with the vendors, most of the vendors had a successful meet and were happy with the facilities. Three vendors came to supply information for future sales and were happy with the traffic and interest they were able to generate.

I did receive 2 complaints from an outside vendor. First, he thought we did not provide enough advertising for the outside vendors and didn't think enough of the conventioners got to the outside swap meet. Second, he thought that some potential patrons who made it to the parts trailer thought the Rusty Lugs vintage parts were the

outside swap meet and never made it one parking lot over to our vendors. Probably legitimate complaints, although I am not sure how we could have promoted better.

Overall, I believe the swap meet was a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Rut

Chair Delta A's Swap Meet Committee

Event Summary
2018 MAFCA National Convention

Aces and A's

July 8, 2018

Submitted by Lynette Marcione- Host Fashion Coordinator

The Host Fashion Coordinator is responsible for the direction of all fashion related events. A complete list of duties and general information can be found in MAFCA publications Fashion Guidelines (1-24) and the Fashion Judging Procedures Manual.

The following is a brief summary of each event within the responsibilities and oversight of the Host Fashion Coordinator.

Fashion Entrants Meeting: The meeting was held prior to fashion judging. Each entrant, judge, and support staff was invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting was conducted by the Chief Judge and the Assistant Chief Judge. Hotel requirements for room setup were provided by drawing to the hotel convention coordinator weeks in advance of the event.

Fashion Judges Meeting: The meeting was held directly after the entrant's meeting. This meeting was for judges and support staff only. The same room was used.

Head to Toe Fashion Expo:

This event was an enormous undertaking. It replaced fashion seminars, where guests could see era or like era items, speak to subject matter experts and do it at their own schedule and on a single day. There were individual booths representing each major area of fashions.

Booth hosts provided all items for display within the booth. Tables were set up according to each booth host requirements. Booth were individually identified by signage and separated by pipe and drape provided by an outside vendor. Each booth host was a subject matter expert. Each host set up and took down their own booth displays. This was a ticketed event for \$10. Door prize drawings were given to attendees. Three hours were needed for setup, and 1-2 hours for take down by booth hosts. Room set up for each booth and overall scheme provided by individual and entire room drawing to the hotel and equipment rental company weeks in advance of event.

Fashion Boutique

Members, and a single non member sold their era related merchandise at this event. The vendors supplied their own bags, and completed their own sales. Nevada sales tax was collected by the meet treasurer close to end of the all day event. Two sellers moved to the "parts" sales area to continue their selling for additional days. The boutique was located next to the expo and was free to the members. Separate entrances were for these two events. Selling areas were designed by each vendor and communicated to the hotel by drawings. The hotel supplied the tables, and set up. Security was provided at both venues. However, four swimsuits were stolen and reported to hotel security.

Fashion Judging:

This event was conduct in accordance with MAFCA Fashion Guidelines, and the Fashion Judging Procedures Manual. Complete instructions are in these documents.

Fashion Tea:

The responsibility of the fashion tea oversight belongs to the Host Fashion Coordinator. The Marin A's hosted the tea, and will be providing their own report. I worked closely with their chairperson to insure all guidelines and expectations were a collaborative effort.

Skills Needed:

Organizing and Planning

Communication with members and outside vendor and suppliers

Ability to work with multiple requirements simultaneously

Average computer skills

People Needed

There should be at least 2-4 people acting to assist in this capability.

Be sure your chapter understands and is committed to a two year planning and execution, and are willing and able to attend and work at the convention sharing the responsibilities.

For Budgeting see the Treasurer's summary. The uniqueness of the fashion expo influenced the budgeting for that event and would not necessarily be held at subsequent conventions.

MAFCA 2018 National Convention

Trophy and Award Costs

Jack Robinson,

Cost by Award

Award	Total Cost	Qty.	Unit Cost	Notes
Car Judging Ribbons	\$ 500.00	50	\$ 10.00	\$0.00
Car Judging Awards	\$ 2,000.00	40	\$ 50.00	\$1,783.73
Hubley Ribbons	\$ 400.00	40	\$ 10.00	\$0.00
Hubley Medals	\$ 600.00	60	\$ 10.00	\$42.15
Hubley Car Cases	\$ 30.00	3	\$ 10.00	\$0.00
Car Games Trophys	\$ 500.00	20	\$ 25.00	\$0.00
Longest/Road Story	\$ 50.00	1	\$ 50.00	\$330.33 **
Photographs	\$ 100.00	40	\$ 2.50	\$0.00
Fashion Photos & Plaques	\$ 1,500.00	30	\$ 50.00	\$517.50
Best Poker Hand	\$ -	1	\$ -	\$28.18
	<u>\$ 5,680.00</u>			\$2,701.89

I was asked to make two of these trophies

** only one was awarded

Jack Robinson,

Helen Christensen

Bus Tours for MAFCA National Convention – Sparks, Nevada June 2018

Santa Clara Valley Chapter of MAFCA was in charge of all tours for the 2018 National Model A Meet. A monumental job especially since we live 250 miles from the site of the convention. Taking on the bus tours I started by contacting the bus company recommended to us. While describing our needs and visions they said several times "you need Patty's Tours can I give you her number?" Finally, I agreed to take the contact number and contacted Patty's Tour. I worked with Patty Drake, the owner of Patty's Tours, which is the only way I survived this job. She knows the area and has contacts at all of the sites. She knew the policies of the bus company including their high standards of maintenance. She has worked in the area for years, is well known and respected. Probably the biggest concern was the costs of the tours. However, the good participation as shown in the final numbers, gives the clear vision that our members like to see the areas around the convention site and leave the driving and planning to someone else. Cost appeared to not matter. Patty was also a big help to those planning the Grand tour.

The surprise was that we had lot of "fail to show". Reasons for not taking a prepaid tour; 1. Reno area is at about 6,000 feet altitude and most of us do not live at that altitude, 2. We are generally an older membership, 3. Illness was most often cited as a reason for "missing" the tour. Some cancelled early enough for a refund but 5% missed a tour with no refund.

This job could not have been accomplished so smoothly without the wonderful communication and hard work of the registrars, Judy and Steve Lewis.

Our club opted to offer homemade cookies on some of the tours. About 450-500 bags of cookies (2 cookies per bag) were available on 6 buses (a bag of homemade Gluten Free Cookies was included for each bus). About 30-35 bakers /cookie baggers helped with this part. Water was provided by the bus company.

There are many ways to organize bus tours. I felt most comfortable with assigning people to a bus and providing the bus hosts (their bus tour was free for their efforts) with a list of passengers that included their emergency contact information. Bus hosts were also provided contact information of the executive board members in case of an emergency. Passengers that inadvertently got separated from their friends and were upset about it were accommodated on a case by case basis. Registration packets were marked with the bus number. Patty Drake and I had master lists of the bus lists to help people load quickly. No tour was delayed by this method. Advertized ahead of time; buses leave on time just like planes. We did not leave early but did not wait for missing passengers.

Recommendations:

If a tour is very limited and fills up early we recommend preparing some people on the wait list to fill in at the last minute. This is more complicated with those tours that have requirements that need to be completed before boarding the bus ie; security clearance on Military Bases.

Decide how to load buses early, certainly before the bus tickets are printed.

A pre-convention tour continues to be a popular event, regardless of cost. This also helps get attendees in town early, helps with the check in at the hotel and with the trailer parking.

Tours

4 different Tours on 4 days = Saturday - (pre-convention) Lake Tahoe Dinner/Dance cruise at sunset, Tuesday - Daytime Lake Tahoe Cruise, Wednesday - Fallon military base, and Friday - 1. Fallon military base and 2. Erhman Mansion/Truckee

Total Buses – 13 Bus Hosts – 26

Total expected passengers – 615 Total passengers who checked in – 584 Difference – 31 failed to show

Rodger Krupper

GRAND TOUR 2018 – FINAL REPORT

First item to decide was what kind of a tour would this be?

- Simply a round trip from and return to the host hotel?
- A destination tour?
- How many miles and how long should the tour be?
- Which day to hold the tour?

Secondly we began to look at routes that would be suitable for A's to travel in a half-day of driving and it was decided that it would be a destination event with entertainment.

Finally we explored facilities that could serve as a destination;

- Places that had parking for ± 400 cars
- Places that had shaded areas as Nevada is known to be hot in June/July
- Historical places if possible

The Committee discussed routes and a preliminary decision was made to visit Lake Tahoe;

- Route was evaluated for the amount of traffic that would be encountered
- Route was also reviewed for the number of turns, both left and right.
- The original direction of the loop was reversed when we realized the one of the turns would be a left across a major highway with no stop signs to pause the traffic.

Next we looked at potential rest stops along the route

Finally we requested volunteers from SCVC to do test runs on the loop in their A's

- Fine-tuning
- Tracked the time to drive the entire loop

Following the test runs, we contacted the Nevada Dept. of Transportation, City of Reno and City of Sparks to alert them that there would be $400 \pm$ Model A's on the road in one day beginning around 7AM.

We noted areas of road construction and any delays for time estimates. Around Lake Tahoe there are "Two Seasons," winter and Road Repair!

A caterer was hired that could handle nearly 800 people for lunch. Lunch details were finalized with limited options available to serve a remote location.

The Bowers Mansion was selected because it was historical, had the needed parking area and shady areas of mature trees. Note; the walking distance from parking to lunch area turned out to be a significant issue for many MAFCA Members. We would look for alternatives to reduce the separation if we could do a do-over.

The Mansion was to be open for our guests to explore, however after all the meetings, phone calls and site visits, 10 minutes before the Mansion was to open, we were asked how we wanted the visitors to pay for admission! Turns out that the Mansion and Washoe County are two separate things and they wanted \$6 per person admission. After a few phone calls to Washoe Co.

Administration and the head Ranger, an on-the-spot decision was made to pay from convention funds. We settled on a Senior Price for all at \$3.50 per person and they would track the numbers then we would settle up at the end of the day. Approximately 495 guests toured the Mansion. That was an additional \$1,732.50 in surprise costs.

- Be sure to verify all costs are accounted for by any agency
- Be sure that any use fee includes use of all needed items in the facility
- Confirm that rest rooms are sufficient or if portable facilities are needed

We are glad we handled it as a group as our guests did not get surprised with a charge at the door and slow up entry. We had many people say how much they enjoyed touring the historically furnished Mansion.

Parking at the site was tight and we prepared detailed studies of how to arrange the A's as they entered. We first looked at bringing them in at the entrance immediate to the Park entry, which did not allow space for stacking of cars waiting to access the parking lot. It was decided to reverse the parking entry to the far end of the lot so that A's could stack up along the frontage road.

However, that turned out to put the first cars further away from the Mansion and caused a few hard feeling to be expressed. As it turned out we had plenty of parking as cars arrived in spurts and evened out the demand.

One big issue arose the day before the Tour, when we were alerted by the Nevada Dept. of Transportation that they would be doing road repair of "chip & seal" on the road section that ran in front of the park entrance. After many phone calls including appealing to the Nevada Governor's Office, the Dept. yielded and moved their road maintenance to the opposite end of the road for that day.

HUBLEY DERBY REPORT

The Numbers:

156 pre-registered participants

25 no shows

5 participants wanted to register at the weigh-in. We could not accommodate them.

Our Hubley committee was a group of volunteer club members. Our club has hosted quite a few Hubley Races over the years, so we used our performance history to establish our Crew. I determined the positions that needed to be filled by our club volunteers. They in turn signed up to fulfill the job they wanted to do.

As a Crew we had 2 practice sessions to make sure everyone knew their position well as we prepared for the many races we would be running.

Our track is 3 lanes wide and 40 feet long. The format is side-by side racing on the 3-lane track . We chose to do single elimination races until the champion was determined.

We chose to have pre-registration only for race participants. This was because we needed to add the participants into our racing software. We did have late arrivals which we had to turn away.

We had 2 classes of racing. Standard and Modified.

The Standard Class:

We chose to modify the age groupings from the published 4 to 3 as youth participation was not that prolific. We grouped them as follows:

Youth Under 10

Youth 10-17

Adult 18 and over

The Modified Class included ages.

Awards were presented immediately after the races. We actually did the youth awards just before the Adult races in case it was late for the kids.

Each age group was awarded trophies for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. For youth under 10, we had only 4 participants, so we gave the 4th youth a participation "gift". We didn't want to upset/discourage a little person.

When working with the Hotel for the Hubley room space, be sure to include spectator accommodation. We allowed for 325 and there was also standing room. Most seats were filled. We also asked for a water station in the room. It came in handy for the workers setting up the track.

The weigh in time was 5:30 pm and races started at 7:00 pm. The event lasted until 9:30.

We had a repair table available for participants if they needed to make any corrections to their car at the time of weigh-in. After weigh in, no further repairs were allowed. Our experience with hosting Hubley Derbys prompted us to not allow repairs because of crashes or mishaps during the races. This has a profound effect on the length of the entire Derby. This also made us favor single elimination running.

Submitted by Jaye and Eldon Lowe
Sacramento Capitol A's

2018 MAFCA Convention, Reno

Restorers' Class Review by Wayne Lyndon

This was my first opportunity to participate in a MAFCA Convention. Because of my personal interest, I volunteered to chair the Restorers' Class. This class is to recognize MAFCA members who use their Model A's as drivers and we had over 70 cars participate in Reno.

The committee chair's job is to provide the equipment for use in the evaluation area. The Chief Evaluator provided a list of needs, including such items as tables, chairs, signage, trash cans, water, etc. The Chief Evaluator also provided all the necessary materials and forms for the actual evaluations. This simplified my job.

There were two things that soon became apparent when we were on site.

1. Even though we had a great covered area with plenty of room, it was next to a freeway which created too much noise. Fortunately, we were able to move to the other side of the parking lot where it was quieter.
2. We needed a dedicated printer. When it came time to tally the results and print them out, we had to wait until a printer was available which really slowed down the process.

I enjoyed the experience and working with the other committee chairs. I was glad to be a part of such a successful event.

MAFCA 2018 convention Welcome Party

Dave Uhlig, Sonoma A's

The Sonoma A's were privileged to host the Welcome Party at the 2018 Reno/Sparks convention. We were fortunate to have the support of many chapter members, both during the planning process and at the convention itself. We were also fortunate to have a convention venue, the Nugget Casino and Resort, which was cooperative and professional in dealing with inexperienced hosts. While our chapter has hosted both regional and national events in the past, this party was larger in scale and physically distant. Fortunately we had excellent coordination with, and support from, the rest of the committee.

Our core group of volunteers numbered about fifteen and met about eight or nine times over the course of two and a half years. We soon settled on an Italian themed sit-down event with plenty of food, as we had all experienced the frustration of arriving at a convention welcome party after a long day's drive to find that refreshments were meager or nonexistent. The host hotel accommodated us with an all-you-can-eat buffet that promised no one would leave hungry. We were able to do this for \$25 per person, and the food was universally acclaimed.

Table decorations were supplied by volunteer labor and at minimal cost, and the host hotel supplied labor to place the centerpieces. They even lit the little electric candles on all eighty tables at the appropriate moment! The banquet staff seemed to get into the spirit of what we were trying to achieve, even holding the crowd at the door until the loaves of bread could be placed warm on the tables.

Entertainment proved to be one of the more difficult agenda items to resolve. Once again, we discussed our personal experience with having attended many large events where attempts were made, with varying success, to entertain several hundred people who are busy catching up with old friends and too far from the talent to focus their attention. It was decided to have a "wheel of fortune", actually two, in keeping with the gaming theme of the convention location. Each person received a ticket with their paid admittance and lined up to spin the wheel for a chance to win one of many prizes displayed around the room's centerpiece, a "farm fresh" Model A pickup. Winners were given a token to redeem a prize. The prizes featured the agricultural bounty of the NCRG regional clubs' areas, and were generously donated by members of the clubs. Operating this attraction took some seat-of-the-pants guesswork, as we didn't know until the day of the event how many prizes we had to give away, and thus how to set the odds on the wheels. We also had to arrange a signal from those giving out prizes to those across the room attending the wheels so the process could stop before we ran out of prizes. In the end about 10% of attendees won prizes, ranging from bags of nuts to bottles of wine. The wheels themselves were rented locally at nominal cost.

Those less technologically challenged among us were invited ahead of time, via announcements in the early bird newsletter, to send smartphone photos from the road, documenting their trip, to a dedicated web address. We were able to collate these photos into a slide show projected onto two large screens during the event. Once again, we had no way of knowing in advance how successful this would be, so we stocked the show with photos taken at prior events as well as some taken by our volunteers on the opening days of the meet.

Ultimately we fed and entertained eight hundred MAFA members. Cost of food paid to the hotel was, as mentioned previously, \$25 per person. Use of the hotel's AV equipment, other rentals and decorations amounted to about \$4 per person. Our budget projections were based on attendance of 700 people, so we realized some economy of scale as far as fixed costs.

Everyone I spoke with enjoyed the party and there were few complaints. Our greatest advantage was the willingness of our club members to participate in the process, and to contribute selflessly to it. Without this support it would not have been possible.

2018 Convention Registration Final Report – Steve & Judy Lewis, Sonoma A's

As President of the Northern California Regional Group (NCRG) for 4 years, I was involved with the decision to host the 2018 MAFCA National Convention in the Reno Sparks area. With 28 NCRG Chapters and over 1000 members, the activities and events could be spread around to lessen the efforts of an individual or chapter. A steering committee was formed and the NCRG received MAFCA's approval to host the 2018 national convention.

Early planning included selection of the host hotel from among the 4 that we visited, and the committee voted to choose the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks, Nevada. Seventeen chapters made up the Super Committee and were committed to carry out a specific facet of the meet. Judy & I chose to be Registrars as we had experience as Registrar and Treasurer for the 2011 MAFCA National Awards Banquet in Santa Rosa, CA. For that event there were a 123 registrations and the work required doesn't compare to the event just completed. The 2018 Convention had 572 registrations, 11 were walk-ins, with 35 cancelations for a net total of 537. Walk-ins created additional work during the convention entering information, adjusting event lists and providing edited versions to event chairs and new totals to the Nugget catering staff.

Designing the registration form with committee input went on for months with schedules, days and times changes, multiple edits and corrections, deletions and rewrites including some last minute times and room changes after the foldable schedule was printed. There were several form updates posted on the Convention and NCRG websites, but many of the forms we received were the earliest version hand written and probably printed out and distributed to chapter members. Bob Johnson set up the form so it could be filled out on line then emailed to us, but there was no way to pay online with a credit card. That would have been a large expense. The form required Adobe Acrobat Reader to open correctly and that confused a lot of people. It was designed to automatically enter dollar amounts for selected activities and merchandise but it didn't always work, and using the default reader on Apple and other computers scrambled the form or didn't work at all. Registration forms we received by email were checked for errors, and some people thought they were registered then but they weren't. We only processed registrations when we received the paper copy, MAFCA waiver and a check for payment mailed to our home address. About half of the forms we received were hand written, and some people paid double the registration fee in error requiring a refund check be sent. At the convention Judy held back registrations needing signatures, or requiring more money and she took care of them personally.

On the convention email address I received 1389 emails, typed & sent 1094 including registration confirmations, and continuous updates for Fashions, Vehicle Judging, Restorers Class, Swap Meet, Hubley Derby, Seminars, Bus Tours and Standby, Grand Tour, Special Dietary and Accessibility Needs, and Children. In my personal email accounts I received 432 and sent 343 all convention related. The 2 bus tours to Fallon Naval Air Station filled up fast, mostly by people from chapters working on the convention, kind of like insider trading. That required many emails explaining the situation and setting up a standby list.

We mailed 27 registration forms to those without email and spoke to all of them on the phone first. Judy had hundreds of emails in and out relating to financials, 118 refunds including 35 registration cancelations, missing signatures on the MAFCA Waiver, requests to add or delete an event, and repeatedly from committees for lists and updates. The last month or so she had daily conversations with Les Andrews needing lists and clarification for the Convention Program. Phone calls from folks wanting information on registration, tours and where to line up for the bus on Friday kept coming even as the convention wound down.

In a period of 6 months I printed and reprinted over 1100 name badges, each one specific to the person attending. A few had spelling errors or the wrong chapter, no WP to let them into the Welcome Party, a change of spouse, girl friend or guest, added or deleted events, or poor print quality.

We brought our printer from home to the convention and when the back hatch on our overloaded SUV was opened it had shifted and fell to the ground so we made a trip to Best Buy in Sparks and replaced it. We had a suite with a large dining table that became the NCRG office where Judy worked late and started early the entire week of the convention, sharing her laptop and printer with other committees.

At home using 2 separate desk top computers we entered the registrations as we received them, posting names to events and activities, and updating all the committees on a regular basis. Judy followed the money and we did a weekly recap comparing entries between us. Whenever someone added or deleted an event or a person, she had to go back and edit the envelope, add or remove tickets, edit tours, meals, bus lists and request refunds. Then I would do the same to my spread sheets and reprint name badges as needed. That was all extra work. Judy scanned all checks before the weekly deposit and kept our treasurer informed. She also assembled the registration envelopes, inserted name badge labels, printed tickets, and stuffed them with help from her sister Martha, all the time checking and cross checking for accuracy.

Some things were unrelated to our job but proved to be valuable when we arrived in Sparks. Although Trailer Parking wasn't in my job description I had emailed 136 people trailering their Model A's for information that we could use to identify their tow vehicle and trailer. About 50% responded and there were some issues on site that we were able to resolve. There were some unidentifiable units that were tagged for parking in fire lanes and may have been towed. Gene & Judy Fox of the Sagebrush A's did an amazing job sorting out the parking situation when it looked so dire on Friday and Saturday.

I also identified peoples dietary and mobility needs and provided information to the Nugget, Grand Tour, and Bus Tour committees. The Nugget chef said they deal with food allergies and special needs on a daily basis and would take care with appropriate meals. I heard from one person complaining there wasn't any protein at the Welcome Party so she loaded up on the Ravioli sauce. She hadn't checked special needs when she registered so I had no prior knowledge to have sausage or bacon available. Another person indicated an allergy to soy and although it was on the list I provided the Nugget, she was disappointed that some foods contained soy. I thought it was only in soy sauce and steering wheels, and assumed she and others could avoid foods with soy, mayo or eggs. I made an effort to contact people with special needs and I didn't take soy seriously enough after she had told Judy she could work around it.

In regards to the people with mobility issues that I contacted, I was able to identify who was on what bus tour and if they needed to stow their scooter or needed a lift for their wheel chair. Just 2 people required the lift and both had to cancel for serious medical reasons. That was the most emotional part of registration and we only hope they recover and will be with us next year in Santa Rosa. In hindsight I would just provide names and registration numbers and let the bus tour committee figure out the passenger lists and deal with cancellations, additions, and "can I be on the same bus with friends"?

The Registration Form

The registration form was not published in the Restorer so unless you were computer literate or someone told you and provided a registration form, you may not have even known there was to be a convention. That was true for some of the late entries after seeing the large ad in the May-June issue. Not everyone reads the ads in the Restorer, but it would be hard to miss a few pages for a registration form.

Post the form on the internet in a PDF for those who will be filling out the form by hand. Request a Mailing address on the form.

Use MAFCA's monthly emails to newsletter editors and alert them to registration updates. Send them the updated form, and ask them to contact their chapter members ASAP.

The form only needs a YES___ for an event or activity and align them all in the same Excel column top to bottom.

A signature on the Registration form isn't necessary. It is required on the MAFCA Waiver, and both the waiver and registration form need to include a line asking for An Emergency Contact Person and phone number for someone not attending the Convention or Regional meet. If a security check is required (Fallon), include the standby people. There were some empty seats that could have been filled had some more been cleared by the Navy. If there is limited space for an event or activity, show the limits if known.

2018 MAFCA National Convention, Sparks-Reno, Wrap-up report - SIGNAGE

Cindy Omoth, Sonoma A's

As Signage Chairperson my goal was to "brand" the event with a professional looking theme by coordinating fonts and colors along with the convention logo for easy identification. To maintain uniformity, I asked all committees to come to me for their signage needs rather than hand-make signs that did not match the brand and look unappealing for a National event.

Few requests for signage were made by committee chairs in the early planning stages, so I made my own predictions and padded a few. I established a preliminary budget based on printing costs advertised by Vistaprint, the online printing service I chose to use.

The Nugget Casino was vast, with east and west elevators, and a pedestrian bridge from the east parking garage that entered on the second floor. Several of our events were held on several different floors and MAFCA did not have the run of the place. Rather than relying on the minimal and vague signage provided by the Nugget, I felt it was important to provide additional directional signage, most importantly to our Registration table location which was not easy to find. From there, attendees could find their way with maps provided in the registration package.

At two site visits prior to the meet I scoped out the grounds with a floor plan map provided by the Nugget and determined where signage would be most effective. The Nugget was planning a remodel but did not know then if electronic signage would be available. I also determined what signs would be outdoors which require a more durable material and larger size. The Nugget provided a limited number of easels for indoor use and sandwich boards for outdoors, so I determined the logistics of when and where easels were needed throughout the meet with the use of a spreadsheet. Meeting the physical demand was another challenge! Electronic signage was installed by the time of our convention but one of the boards was malfunctioning.

Using PageMaker and Photoshop computer programs I created the signs over several weeks, saving each as a pdf file, and emailed the file to the respective committee chair for approval. Once approved, I ordered through Vistaprint taking advantage of their frequent but varying printing discounts. Some of the smaller signs could be printed at my office on cardstock. I transported all signage to the convention and placed them prior to each individual event or left them with the event chairperson to place as they needed.

Early planning from committee chairs for their signage needs was greatly underestimated. The Fashion Expo alone added 12 signs that were not in my preliminary budget. Meeting those needs was not a problem, but a few requests came in quite late as event details were coming together, and with several signs left to create the printer raised their rates 20% to 25% so my budget went out the window.

I was disappointed that one event had not used my services and created their own hand-lettered signs. Their signs were difficult to read and distracted from the professional look of the rest of the convention signage.

In summary, and to aid signage chairpersons on future events:

1. Encourage committee chairs to work out details early to provide better estimates of their needs.
2. Establish needs for directional signage and event signage including parking. Hotel provided signage may be adequate, especially for regional events.
3. Communicate with the hotel for permission to use their easels or sandwich boards (or to use your own) and any restrictions on sign placement. Most hotels will not allow signage to be attached to walls.
4. Establish a budget including printing, tax, and delivery costs, and items like binder clips or Velcro for attaching signs to sandwich boards. Overestimate signage needs! Committees will realize additional needs long after you've started.
5. Create your own logistics plan for coordinating sign and easel placement so each event has one when needed. Communicate with committee chairs; some may want their signs early and may have their own easels.
6. Wear comfortable shoes during the convention!

Attachment: Total signage and costs



Signage

Final accounting October 15, 2018

Order Date	DESCRIPTION	SIZE	MATERIAL	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TAX	SHIPPING	TOTAL
6/4/2016	Loveland conv. promo (pd 2016)	24x36	Foam Board	1	\$ 13.99	\$ 1.92	\$ 9.99	\$ 25.90
1/8/2018	Registration - Directional	18x24	Foam Board	2	\$ 15.60			\$ 31.19
1/8/2018	Registration Table	18x24	Foam Board	1	\$ 15.59			\$ 15.59
1/8/2018	Hospitality & Raffle	18x24	Foam Board	1	\$ 15.59			\$ 15.59
1/8/2018	Swap Meet (indoor)	18x24	Foam Board	1	\$ 15.59	\$ 7.41	\$ 7.99	\$ 30.99
1/29/2018	Welcome Party	18x24	Foam Board	1	\$ 15.59			\$ 15.59
1/29/2018	Vehicle Judging	18x24	Foam Board	1	\$ 15.59			\$ 15.59
1/29/2018	Restorers Class Evaluation	18x24	Foam Board	1	\$ 15.59			\$ 15.59
1/29/2018	Hubley Derby	18x24	Foam Board	1	\$ 15.59			\$ 15.59
1/29/2018	Fashion Judging	18x24	Foam Board	1	\$ 15.59			\$ 15.59
1/29/2018	Fashion Expo & Boutique (void)	18x24	Foam Board	1	\$ 15.59			\$ 15.59
1/29/2018	Fashion Tea & Awards	18x24	Foam Board	1	\$ 15.59	\$ 10.08	\$ 7.99	\$ 33.66
2/20/2018	Fashion Expo - misc	16x20	Foam Board	4	\$ 9.99	\$ 4.04	\$ 6.99	\$ 50.99
2/23/2018	Fashion Expo - door prizes	8.5x11	Table top	1	\$ 14.00			\$ 14.00
3/3/2018	Fashion Expo - misc	16x20	Foam Board	6	\$ 14.00	\$ 9.16	\$ 7.99	\$ 101.15
4/4/2018	Awards Banquet - table assignment	8.5x11	Table top	1	\$ 14.99			\$ 14.99
4/4/2018	Awards Banquet	18x24	Foam Board	1	\$ 24.74			\$ 24.74
4/4/2018	Fashion Expo - Repro Fashions	16x20	Foam Board	1	\$ 19.49	\$ 5.65	\$ 6.39	\$ 31.53
4/5/2018	Model A Repair Tent (bad/refunded)	24x36	Posters	3	\$ 9.00	\$ 2.81	\$ 5.59	\$ 35.39
4/27/2018	Fashion Playing card sales	8.5x11	Table top	1	\$ 10.00	\$ 1.29	\$ 4.99	\$ 16.28
5/1/2018	Gymkhana	18x24	Foam board	1	\$ 22.10			\$ 22.10
5/1/2018	Trailer parking (outdoor)	24x36	Yard sign	2	\$ 23.45	-	-	\$ 46.89
5/1/2018	Swap Meet (outdoor)	24x36	Yard sign	1	\$ 23.44	\$ 8.66	\$ 7.99	\$ 40.09
5/9/2018	Raffle - \$5.00 Ticket prizes	8.5x11	Table top	6	\$ 14.99	\$ 8.45	\$ 7.99	\$ 106.38
5/15/2018	Welcome Party - prize donors	16x20	Foam board	1	\$ 19.49	-	-	\$ 19.49
5/15/2018	Registration - direction from parking	18x24	Foam board	2	\$ 22.12			\$ 44.24
5/15/2018	Model A Repair Tent (void)	24x36	Foam board	1	\$ 59.99	\$ 11.54	\$ 9.99	\$ 81.52
5/29/2018	A Parking - 4th & 5th floor (outdoor)	24x36	Yard sign	2	\$ 23.44	-	-	\$ 46.88
5/29/2018	Model A Repair Tent (redo)	24x36	Yard sign	1	\$ 23.44	-	-	\$ 23.44
5/29/2018	Fashion Boutique	16x20	Foam board	2	\$ 19.49	-	-	\$ 38.98
5/29/2018	Self Guided Tour & poker Run info	16x20	Foam board	1	\$ 19.49	-	-	\$ 19.49
5/29/2018	Self Guided Tour & poker Run info	8.5x11	Table top	1	\$ 14.99	-	-	\$ 14.99
5/29/2018	Welcome Party - Wheel of Fortune	18x24	Foam board	1	\$ 24.74	-	-	\$ 24.74
5/29/2018	Welcome Party - prize labels	3x2	Stickers	1	\$ 15.73	\$ 16.56	\$ 7.99	\$ 40.28
6/4/2018	Raffle - Rebuilt Transmission	8.5x11	Table-top	1	\$ 14.99	-	-	\$ 14.99
6/4/2018	Raffle - Rebuilt Engine	16x20	Foam board	1	\$ 19.49	\$ 3.57	\$ 6.99	\$ 30.05

6/7/2018	Hubley Derby (redo w/ directions)	18x24	Foam board	1	\$	24.75	\$	2.73	\$	6.99	\$	34.47
6/8/2018	*Restorers Class Evaluation sign-up	8.5x11	Table-top	1	\$	20.00	\$	2.16	\$	4.99	\$	27.15
	Bus Tour Leader	8.5x11	Cardstock	5		(printed inhouse)						
	Hospitality - Name Badge Req'd	8.5x11	Cardstock	1		(printed inhouse)						
	Registration - Event updates	8.5x11	Cardstock	1		(printed inhouse)						
	Registration - Repair Tent relocation	8.5x11	Cardstock	1		(printed inhouse)						
	Parking - Repair Tent relocation	8.5x11	Cardstock	1		(printed inhouse)						
	Swap Meet - "Closed"	8.5x11	Cardstock	1		(printed inhouse)						
	Grand Tour Arrows (chair printed)			2								-
	Fashion Judging Check-in	Hotel	Electronic	1								-
	Seminars	Hotel	Electronic	4								-
	Easels	Hotel		15	\$	-						-
	non-mar poster hangars			TBD	\$	15.00						15.00

Refunds (35.39)

* Forgot to submit invoice

TOTAL \$ 1,191.31

2018 MAFCA National Convention

A few words from Henry's A's

David Mc Arthur, often referred to as The Ace Mechanic, and crew arrived with a trailer and tools to loan and the expertise to help get most situations under control so that all members attending the 2018 Convention could join in and enjoy all the events of their choice, We staked out a spot in the West Parking lot, under the Freeway, next to Rusty Lugs Parts from Vancouver, WA.

It was a bit noisy but being under the freeway gave us protection from the heat and the wind. We had room to park several cars close to the trailer and parts were but a few steps away with wonderful help from the entire family making it a pleasure to recommend doing business with them. They also had very good knowledge of the Model A's and soon were helping with a lot of the parts replacement and diagnosis of problems.

It was great to see the cooperation and how quickly problems were solved and most cars were back in operation very quickly. There were a few exceptions and I regret to admit one poor soul took her machine home on a hook. She had replaced a blown head gasket and apparently that didn't solve the problem as the new gasket soon blew out also. But the good news is there were not many serious problems and the few we had, with that one exception, all made it home on their own power. In 1988 we saw several engine exchanges and the rebuilding of a differential.

This time we had much better preparation by the attendees. Fewer cars had any type of problem and as in 1988 most of the problems were with aftermarket "upgrades to the stock Model A." I wish to thank all who spent time at the facility helping out and a special thanks to some of you, whose names I do not have, that also set up shop over in the main Model A parking area and helped so many people over there. That was beyond the call of duty.

This hobby is filled with folks that just enjoy seeing the cars run right and are willing to jump in wherever they happen to be to see the less fortunate get the help they need.

All of the members from Henry's A's that attended the Convention spent long hours at the repair area and my job was easy because of that. We even go to shut down and do a bit of the Grand Tour, which we were thankful for.

So thanks to all, wishing you the best of weather and smooth roads to travel. Hope to see you the next Convention in Reno, I'll be about 122 years old, but will try to make it.

Respectfully Submitted,

David K. Mc Arthur

MAFCA 2018-Aces and A's Vehicle Judging

Final Report

The event was sanctioned by MAFCA about 8 months before the event was to take place. The Chief Judge was Robert Hess of Kansas City, MO. I performed the task of Judging Coordinator. My close proximity to Sparks allowed me to scout the location for various things important for the event such as photo location and mandatory tour route.

We assembled about 75 judges, several of who were Master Judges as well as a number of Apprentice Judges. A Vehicle Owners Meeting was scheduled for one hour to provide handouts to the owners, give them instructions regarding the schedule of the various parts of the event, and answer any questions they might put forward. Judges responsible for judging tools were contacted beforehand. Since they were also involved in the vehicle judging, they attended the Judges Breakfast and received a brief set of verbal instructions regarding vehicles and were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Prior to the meet I had printed all of the forms (placards, judging forms for all classes, tools sheets, mandatory tour route instructions, etc.). I had also ordered hats for the judges and arranged to have water in the judging area. The Fine Point Vehicle Judging was accomplished over a two day period with Area 17 - Tools judged the day before the vehicle judging.

The Tools judging is always a slow starting process. We schedule a three hour period for evaluation. We had 21 sets of tools to judge. We had one team leader not show up so the group was short. Fortunately, I was able to contact another seasoned judge to help. Nonetheless, what should have been about 8 to 10 minutes per set of tools, took about 15 to 18 minutes. Consequently, the process took longer. Finally, the tool pickup was a bit haphazard and efforts to contact owners to pick up their tools was often hampered by lack of a correct contact number. Contact information should be clearly recorded on the tool template and should include a cell number as well as room number.

We judged 26 vehicles: two Original class vehicles, two Modified class vehicles, six Touring class vehicles and 16 Restored class vehicles. Each vehicle lined up to complete the Start and Idle portion of the judging (this includes function testing of the wipers, the horn and the lights). The Lead judge in this area wanted to do a single line. This took longer than it would have taken had we used two lines or three lines. He also chose to use his own function form which was not part of the normal judging sheets. This issue needs to be addressed by the JSC for future meets. The vehicles were then released and sent on the mandatory tour and photo shoot. Two or three vehicles had some difficulties completing the Start and Idle and caused some problems. When the vehicles returned to the judging area they were backed into a parking space and given a few minutes to wipe down their cars. Judging commenced with teams of judges starting on different cars. We had one or two runners - we should have had more. Completed sheets were taken to the tabulation room. Despite our best efforts, there was a disconnect between the judges use of the 5000 point sheets and the tabulation volunteers...some sheets were filled out incorrectly and this caused confusion as to how to complete the tabulation forms. The tabulation forms do not keep track of completion progress for each car. This system did not work as well as expected and we had to revert to a more manual system of tabulation. This took a lot more time. The JSC will have to work on this so as make it work properly. I bought lunch at the local Subway at a somewhat lower cost than the lunch offered by the Nugget. Most of the judging was completed by 4 p.m. but Areas 11 and 12 are much more complex and time consuming. All judging was completed by 6 p.m. and tabulation was finished by 8 p.m.

The award presentations went well although there were two errors of addition to the total scores. However, they did not affect the placement of the cars in any way. Information was sent to The Restorer Editor with the corrected scores. I printed extra pictures that were sent to each vehicle owner after the meet.

I owe much of the success of the meet to those judges and helpers and runners and tabulators who were willing to get the job done. I think it was important to thank all of the wives and husbands who shared their other half for the day and a half that was required for judging.

There are always a few mistakes but I think that overall the event was a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Jeanes

Vehicle Judging Coordinator