WELCOME BACK, JIM RUMMEL

After months of riotous behavior and donnybrooks, order and peace was restored to our monthly meetings in November with the return of our M/Sgt. At Arms, Jim Rummel, accompanied by his aide de camp, Umar. After an unfortunate tumble and fall several months back, Jim has spent time convalescing and doing physical therapy until he was strong enough to return and whip this motley crew back in line. While Jim’s physical condition has vastly improved, his choice of jokes is only half-vast. Welcome back, Jim. We missed you!

GET OUT ON THE ROAD

This is my last President’s Message; it’s been a great two years and I want to thank my fellow Board Members for all their support and effort on behalf of the Club. They are Julia Mildenberger, Stan Monheit, Harvey Jacobs, Stewart Levin, Mike Sriro, Bob Brown and John Bury. I also want to thank the Committee Chairs Jim Lank, Ron Mosher, Carol Mosher, Jim Rommel, Harry Hirschensohn, Sandy Norris and Betty Salveson. Participation in our Club is the success of our Club, without them our Club would not function. Thanks to all.

It has been my pleasure serving as President, I have many wonderful memories of the past two years. I had the opportunity to get to know all of you better and to make a strong bond with many of the new members that have joined our Club. I will do my best to maintain those relationships as I do cherish them.

Besides driving and working on my Model “A”, this is why I joined the Club. I look forward to many more years of fun and adventures with all of you.

In anticipation of a great year to come I want to thank the new Board members for their commitment to our Club. I ask you to join me in supporting them this next year as it is your support that makes our Club so enjoyable to be a part of.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.
Your (departing) President,
Clark

My First Model A Ford

Already I had caught the Model A bug and I was only 15 years old. I would daydream about a coupe in my Geometry class, draw pictures of one, I had to have one. It’s like a disease, alcoholism, or something. So we went fishing in northern Wisconsin and passed through the town of Merrill. There it was, in a used car lot! A 31 two door sedan!

After we fished for a couple of days, we came back through Merrill, and I made my dad stop so we could look at it. It was Sunday. We called the salesman. He came. They wanted 125 bucks. We negotiated him down to $115, and agreed we would come up the next week to get it. We went back to Elkhorn, my home town, about 200 miles away.

The next weekend we were back in Merrill with a tow hitch to haul the Ford behind our 1955 Country Sedan. On the way home we stopped at a gas station and heard the big news. The Soviets had put up Sputnik into space. We didn’t realize it but that event was going to change everything for the good old USA. And here we were dragging an obsolete part of the past home like it was a big treasure, new and exciting.

It was dark when we got back to Elkhorn. The Model A was in front of the house. The battery was dead. It was out of gas. One street light bulb lit the place. The neighborhood kids gathered round the Ford. We put in a gallon of gas. Grant Wiswell knew how to drive, but had no license. He got behind the wheel. We pushed. It started! Wow! We were all so excited. The car filled up with kids. The running boards filled up. I was in the passenger seat. The headlights didn’t work. There was no license. No licensed driver. No insurance. Around the block we went. And around, and around in the dimly lit streets. The town cop lived on the block. After many go arounds, he called my dad.

“Gail, tell them to knock it off.”
That was the end of that for the night.

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TOURS and ACTIVITIES

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Sunday December 4
Granada Hills Holiday Parade
11:30 Staging Chatsworth west of Petit Park (near Hayvenhurst)
12:00 Judging
1:00 Parade starts Further details call Joe B. (818) 439-6741

Saturday December 10
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Installation / Holiday Banquet
Galpin Auto Museum
15600 Roscoe Bl.
North Hills

Food, friends, cars

Wednesday, December 14
Ladies Lunch Bunch
11:30 AM
Mimi’s Cafe
19710 Nordhoff Pl.
Chatsworth

Saturday December 17
10:00 AM
Bob’s Big Boy Monthly Brunch Run
8876 Corbin Ave.
Northridge

Sunday December 18
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Christmas Light Tours
Carol and Ron Mosher’s
23314 8th St.
Newhall

RSVP to Carol (661) 904-8227 if you’re coming

Weekly on Wednesdays
Lunch at the Lamplighter
11:30 AM
9110 De Soto (at Nordhoff)
Chatsworth

Look ahead...

Saturday, January 14, 2017
Annual Memorial tour (Always a fantastic Mike Culp event)
Friday, Saturday, Sunday
January 27, 28, 29
Car Show LA Convention Center
Wise words to ponder…

Even duct tape can’t fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound!

Deadline to get your submissions in for the December Rumble Sheet
12/27

It’s Your Turn
No Meeting

Happy Anniversary
12/12 Mike and Amy Siro
12/23 Kiyoshi and Masako Inoue
12/24 Mark and Jo Lichtman
12/30 Dave and Pam Johnson

Checking out President Clark’s farewell message to us troops, he signed off ‘Your (departing) President’… does that mean next month he is our dear departed president??

Thank you Clark and the entire board whom you mention. You all did a fantastic job and we’ll miss you. But we look forward to working with the new board. We know you’ll hit the decks a runnin’.

I look forward to teaming up with Larry Singlar (who has forgotten more about Model As than I’ll ever know) as we have committed to co-chair Swap Meet 2017. We’ll be coming to you for a LOT of help.

Great to have you back, M/Sgt at Arms Rummel!

And finally, thank you Pastor Sam Platts for your memories of your first Model A.
Let this serve remind you that era fashions are the *de rigueur* for our Holiday / Installation Banquet which is occurring on Saturday December 10 at Galpin Auto Museum. We will start at 11:00 AM and go to 3:00 PM, allowing plenty of time for you to get home and decorate your tree still wearing your long gown.
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Tonight’s meeting is held at Galpin Ford in Van Nuys and started at 7:30 p.m.

President – Clark announces that Geri Radman has graciously agreed to take charge of the Sunshine position for 2017. Clark lets members know that Alan Bennett has taken charge of our annual swap meet for 7 years and may not be doing so for this next year so if the swap meet is going to continue we will need members interested in spearheading the project. At this time there are additional positions available on the board. Tonight, one of our guests is Stan Hausner.

Jim Rummel is finally back tonight—we are so thrilled to see him here at the meeting!!!

Membership – Stew is not available tonight so Stan is collecting membership dues.

Betty Salverson is holding her own although she is feeling poorly while she is doing radiation for a nerve cancer but Charlie is doing better. They both appreciate hearing from members of the club and cards are also appreciated.

Roberta Jacobs brought the blankets that were made at our blanket tying party along with the cosmetic donations to My Stuff Bag. They were very, very grateful and informed Roberta that they had distributed over 150,00 bags to needy children to date.

Mike Culp brought 5 Model A books donated from Joe B (who is on his way to Cuba for a vacation) and the proceeds will go to the club.

Whitney Lank won the Members Only drawing for $20.00 – way to go Whitney!

Tours & Activities – Harvey reviews upcoming tours and activities.

Mike Culp who normally oversees our annual memorial tour the first of each year lets us know that that tour will probably happen in February and there will be a meeting in January to let members know the details.

Jerry Luedders brought four of his students that comprise a delightful brass quartet and they played a wonderful composition for us tonight. They were all very talented and everyone was delighted. Thank you, Jerry for a refreshing change of venue.

Editor – Jim lets members know there will be a December rumble sheet and would like any articles by the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

Diane Sanford works at the Sees Candy distribution center in the Valley at Tampa/Van Owen and has offered to pool orders from members so we can get the discount of $15.30/pound.

Ron Mosher wins the 50/50 of $65.00

After everything is said and done and there have been changes to the people who decided to run for next year’s Board of Directors this is the way it stands after 11/21/2016.

Leaving the current Board of Directors: Julia Mildenberger, Harvey Jacobs, Mike Sriro, Clark Pomeroy and Stew Levin.

Remaining on the Board of Directors: Stan Monheit and Bob Brown

Joining the Board of Directors: Ron Mosher, Chuck Miller, John Billett, Denny Sharp and Jerry Luedders

There were 38 people and One Model A Ford at tonight’s meeting!
I have heard my elders speak of a tragedy that happened supposedly in the middle of the last century. It seems that while on tour doing rock and roll shows throughout the Midwest, three young musicians thought they would take a charter flight to their next gig in Fargo, ND instead of the bus, and so they did that. Shortly after mid-night Feb. 3, 1959 they took off and crashed no too long after take-off. Interestingly, Buddy Holly chartered the flight for him and his musicians, Buddy Allsup and bass player Waylon Jennings. Richie Valens flipped a coin and won the airplane seat from Allsup and Jennings gave his seat up to an ailing Big Bopper. Dion and the Belmonts were also on that tour. That truly was the day the music died.

The El Portal Theater in North Hollywood had an evening of tribute to Buddy Holly and Richie Valens (from right here in Pacoima) and several members took the opportunity to relive some of the great music they gave us.

What a treat we had at the November meeting! Jerry Luedders honored and entertained us with four of his saxophone students from Cal State Northridge: Gillian Richman (Soprano Saxophone), Zack Quillin (Alto Saxophone), Javier Uribe (Tenor Saxophone) and Raynard Solomon (Baritone Saxophone). They played several concert pieces and Jerry led us on a musical excursion from Ojai to Oxnard (but we were too late for the Strawberry Festival.) Once Jerry realized how much we appreciated the group, he threw poor Gillian out and sat in her place for the final number. He did alright. Thanks, Jerry. And be sure to thank your very talented young people.

CSUN WS Quartet
L. To R.: Javier (Tenor), Raynard (Baritone), Zack (Alto), Gillian (Soprano) and Maestro Jerry
Bob’s Big Boy Brunch  December 17, 2016

Come on over on Saturday and see what the big deal is and get up to a dozen possible opinions as to what the simple problem is with your car.

To the left we find Alan B. Telling Steve K, “Maybe that’s your brake line leaking, but I don’t see any brake fluid.”
Gala Holiday and Installation Banquet

Saturday December 10, 2016
11:00 AM to 3:00PM

Galpin Auto Sports Museum

15600 Roscoe Bl. North Hills, CA

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