



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL GROUP

MAFCA

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 12 JULY 2024

President Bob Moore called the July 12, 2024 Zoom meeting of the SCRG to order at 7:36. In attendance were Bob (Pomona Valley), Vice President Doug Diller (Orange Blossom-Riverside), Secretary David Frazee (Palomar and San Diego), Mickey Fruchter (Santa Anita and Harbor Area), Michael Edmonson (Orange County) and Jaye Steinbrick (Pomona Valley). Absent was Treasurer Bob Reeves (Jewel City).

Moore reviewed the board's previous activities and provided an outline of the three points on tonight's agenda. Approve the plan for supporting the Orange Blossom Car Show, Saturday, October 26; approve one of the routes he had outlined to be the SCRG premier effort, the 2024 Grand Tour; and develop one additional method of promoting chapter participation that occurs in an earlier part of the year.

The poster to promote the Orange Blossom A's October 26th 3rd Annual Car Show was designed and printed but it didn't have any mention of the SCRG's sponsorship or of the gas card raffle for Model A Owners who attend the show. In the discussion, Frazee noted that although we had approved the raffle in theory, we were evenly split as to whether folks eligible for tickets would be anyone bringing their Model As or only those who entered their Model A's to be judged in the show.

Moore made a motion to limit eligibility for tickets to only those who entered their cars to be judged and Diller seconded. There was a brief discussion and Frazee noted that there would probably be issues no matter how we moved forward, but we need to and we can adjust our plans based on what we learn at next year's show. The motion passed unanimously.

In the discussion of the four grand tour route plans Moore included in the meeting proposal, everyone praised the routes and expressed the wish to do all of them, but Edmonson and Frazee would be unable to take the time off to participate in the longer tours. So, the Palm Springs hub and spoke tour became the highlight. Frazee had an idea to start the tour in Barstow on a Wednesday with an evening jaunt to the Calico ghost town, a Thursday tour through Big Bear Lake ending in Palm Springs, and then Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights in Palm Springs, with Sunday being for the drive home. That way, people unable to leave work on the weekdays, could just drive to Palm Springs on the Friday night and participate in the Saturday's drives and closing banquet.

This idea received interest, however, it was suggested to start at Palm Springs on the Wednesday night, and the move up to Barstow scheduled on the Saturday.

It was decided not to limit the tour to only SCRG chapter members. Moore proposed that we also close the registrations after the first 25 registrations – potentially 50 people. It was decided that we would not publicize the tour outside of SCRG chapters, and we would not have a limit on this first tour, again waiting to see if there were problems. The proposals, not receiving seconds, were made without formal votes.

Because of the car show on October 26th, it was decided to tentatively look to a November 6th tour start. Moore will look into finalizing the hotels, the banquet space, the sites to see and the route to Barstow and Calico. (Secretary's Note: someone ought to help him out.)

Moore then suggested that with two SCRG events within two weeks of the end of the year, we ought to come up with a third event at a very different time of the year. Diller suggested a "Passing the Torch" event and quickly changed that to "Passing the Baton." Describing it as taking a special object from one chapter to another, finding a public location for the exchange. Frazee suggested that it be held during Model A Youth month (May) and that the public location be schools. The energy of the meeting greatly increased as members brainstormed unique high profile events for their chapters. So many ideas came up that the final decision as to whether or not to hold it was tabled until a future meeting.

Fruchter asked whether the SCRG had been approached about hosting the 2025 MAFCA National Banquet. We had. He believes that it is something that we should volunteer for. After making several good points, however, no one was enthusiastic about taking the responsibility.

Edmonson was curious about which chapters were represented at this meeting, which chapters were active, and if there was a map on the website (www.scrgmofca.com). There was a bit of an overview of the 24 chapters discussed. There were four types of chapters mentioned: clubs listed as SCRG who do not want to participate in SCRG, but are very MAFCA oriented; clubs listed as SCRG who are active on their own, but are not MAFCA oriented and have been hard to reach; clubs listed as SCRG but who seem to be defunct for all intents and purposes; and then the rest of us who roughly bunched together want to participate in SCRG, are MAFCA oriented, but each of which have memberships on the "older-side" so do what we can. There is a listing of Chapter Contacts on the website, but no map, and no distinction for users as to which of the four categories they are. Even listing a defunct club could encourage someone in that area to revive it.

It was mentioned that someone should contact MAFCA in La Habra and allow the chapters who don't want to be part of our regional group to have the freedom to join regional groups that they prefer. (No notes were taken as to who was going to make that contact.)

Moore wanted to send around copies of the Orange Blossom show poster to add our info then send it to our chapters.

Fraze said that he should get the minutes out soon and would be working on the second quarterly *Roundup* newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Fraze, Secretary

Palm Springs Vicinity and Calico Tour. Could be limited to one overnight stay in Barstow.

Palm Springs & Vicinity Tour - 150-\$200 per night

Day 1 (Wednesday, November 6) - Tour Palm Springs & vicinity — from Temecula 67 miles; Thousand Oaks 146 miles, Arcadia 100 miles. Group Dinner.

Day 2 (Thursday, November 7) - Tour Palm Springs & vicinity – Take the tramway and have lunch on top - Dinner on your own,

Day 3 (Friday, November 8) – Zoo, airport, Movie Set, or Palm Desert. Group Dinner.

Day 4 (Saturday, November 9) - Drive to Barstow Holiday Inn \$120 per night. (Note: all of the 10 cabins in Calico are already booked for that weekend) 144 miles through Big Bear and Mentone for lunch at A&W Restaurant from Palm Springs or there directly from Esc. 150 miles, Temecula 121 miles, Thousand Oaks 147 miles, Arcadia 125 miles through Palmdale missing freeways. Dinner on your own. Possible to attend “Calico Ghost Tours” at 6:00 or 7:30 PM \$22 Adults)

Day 5 (Sunday, November 10) – Morning drive to visit Calico Ghost Town (opens at 9) then drive home. (See distances above)