

President Bob Moore called the February 12, 2025 Zoom meeting of the SCRG to order at 7:08 PM. In attendance were Bob (Santa Anita), Vice President Doug Diller (Orange Blossom-Riverside), Secretary David Frazee (Palomar and San Diego). Shortly later, Zachary Svelling (San Diego) joined the call. Treasurer Bob Reeves (Jewel City) was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

Bob Moore addressed the purpose of this meeting; attracting volunteers as replacements for the outgoing officers. Frazee as Secretary and himself as President. Diller, Vice President, also mentioned a desire to move onto other projects. Therefore, Reeves is the only officer willing to remain for a third year. There was mutual disappointment that despite email notification to many chapters, there were no chapter representatives present other than the officers to carry our concerns to their membership. (Nor the group's plans or its financial solvency and organizational resources such as the website, www.scrgrmafca.com.)

It was decided that a letter needed to be sent to the presidents of each chapter and Frazee was asked if he had those contacts. He had 2024 presidents for most chapters, but explained that it was early after the 2025 installation of officers and without chapter representatives, or regular contact with previous presidents, he had to spend a great deal of time as a detective. Time which he no longer had.

The content of the letter which would hopefully be read by chapter presidents would include an invitation to an in person meeting, March 23rd, 2025 and 10 AM, in Hart Park, Orange, California, during the Orange County Pancake Breakfast. Included would be an explanation that the group would fold without immediate chapter participation, including volunteers at every level.

Svelling introduced himself and Frazee explained his reason for Svelling's invitation. A Model A owner and fanatic, and real estate broker in Jamul, California, he dabbles as a historian promoting the backcountry of Southern California as a destination in his firm's magazine of high end properties. A recent article which he then posted on MAFCA's Facebook group covered the Ridge Route and it received 140 likes and 38 comments.

Svelling was already in talks with volunteers of the Ridge Route Preservation Organization about a tour from Gorman south to the ruins of the Tumble Inn and back. He explained that the organization was solely responsible for maintaining the road and was allowed access to it in an agreement with the forest service. Due to lack of funds and volunteers, it is considered unsafe to drive faster than 15 mph, and so the sixty or so mile journey would take the entire day, therefore a hotel in Gorman for the night before was desired.

Tentatively, his plan was for the San Diego chapter to drive up Saturday May 3rd, and tour the Ridge Route on May 4th. The Preservationists request a cap of 15 cars on each tour, which it was

unlikely that San Diego would fill. There was enthusiasm that the remaining spots could be filled by other SCRG chapters, suggesting a limit of two cars per each in order to be fair and inclusive. A \$500 donation to the organization was unanimously approved for their cooperation and to support their ongoing efforts, and Svelling believed that it was possible that with that donation, a second tour for chapters closer to Gorman who wouldn't be staying in a hotel, for Saturday, May 3rd, could be negotiated.

Another Zoom meeting date was organized for March 3rd, at 7:00 PM in order to update the plans and continue the discussion on that tour.

Diller was asked about the possible of reviving the SCRG's gas cards for showing plans at the Orange Blossom A's Vintage Car Show on November 1st, from 9 to 1. His club was opened to ways of increasing the participation of other chapters. He had experience making contact with a number of neighboring chapters to participate in events and only the Temecula Valley chapter has regularly responded. There are plans for several of the more active members of the more active chapters to tour to the Central California Regional Group's Jamboree by way of a stop in Taft to visit the Kern Oil Museum. Palomar and San Diego plan for a joint overnight stay on Wednesday, April 2nd, at the Holiday Inn Express in Tehachapi.

Svelling reported on the success of the San Diego Automotive Museum's commemoration of the 1915 Panama Exposition Road Race on Sunday, January 12: 108 antique cars, including his chapter and the Horseless Carriage club and an early V-8 club. He expected it to become an annual event attracting hundreds of antique cars once word gets out.

Svelling also mentioned member Mark Williamson, a Model A enthusiast for over 50 years, who mentions the need for San Diego to be the host city for large regional or national events.

Minutes notes were not taken discussing the SCRG's Grand Canyon Tour between October 5 and 11. The itinerary would begin by leaving from each chapter:

to From there

Twenty-Nine Palms on October 5,

Laughlin on October 6,

Williams on October 7

Grand Canyon and back to Williams October 8 when we will meet up with Rob Kirkpatrick and the Route 66 tour and continue with them

Kingman October 9

Needles October 10

Barstow October 11

Many would then split from the Route 66 tour and spend the evening at home, but for those who want to continue, the next destination is

San Bernardino October 12

Santa Monica October 13

Note: During other meetings there was talk of a Welcome Event for members unable to take the full tour in order to meet at the end and find out about their adventures at an undecided location in Santa Monica on the 13th. No SCRG chapter meets on the second Monday. It is also a federal holiday in California.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM

Submitted by David Frazee, SCRG Secretary