



# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL GROUP MAFCA

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 1 JULY 2025

President Jennifer Ferrario called to order the July 1, 2025 Zoom meeting of the SCRG at 7:07 PM. In attendance were Jennifer, Paul Winchester, Vice President, David Frazee of Palomar, and Mike Edmonson of Orange County. Bob Reeves, Treasurer, entered the meeting at 7:17.

Jennifer asked about the checks received by Bob but not cashed. Were they held because the Grand Canyon Tour was in danger of being canceled and the money needed to be returned. David explained that there were three registrations already and that as the registrations were expected to trickle in over time, it was more convenient for Bob to deposit them in bunches. David interjected that the leader of the Route 66 Tour corrected the flyer that he had sent out to include staying at the Wigwam Hotel on the 12<sup>th</sup>, so staying at the Hotel MdR in Marina del Rey wouldn't be until the 13<sup>th</sup>. David expressed the need to send that updated flyer to Bob to replace the bad one on scrgmafca.com and Happy Begg for the one on mafca.com. There's also the opportunity for folks not interested in going on the long tour to stay at the Hotel MdR resort at a greatly discounted price on the 13<sup>th</sup> to participate in the lunch with the Santa Anita Chapter and visit the pier as just a one day thing.

David moved and Paul seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Passed.

Paul made the motion that David Frazee be made interim secretary of the SCRG so there would be a quorum of board members for the vote to host the 2027 National Tour as Bob was absent at the time. Mike seconded, and the motion passed.

Jennifer has been able to enlist the help of Barry Murphy from GRAMPA's A's for a hub and spoke tour out of Salinas. She wondered about the option of a tour out of Buena Park, at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel mentioned in David's email.

Bob arrived and reviewed the treasurer's report. His report was viewed online and there were several comments on how well he was doing with the funds. Paul moved and David seconded to approve the report. Passed.

Jennifer returned to the National Tour discussion and Mike asked whether a hub and spoke (H&S) tour would be more popular than a destination (D) tour, and how many cars might be expected. David reviewed 2019 Kanab H&S: over 300, 2023 Indiana D: 90, and 2025 D which should have about 110 to 120 registrations.

He apologized for not seeking information on previous years. (Later notes)

- 2017 California Coast Highway Semi-D with two nights in Paso Robles, Monterey, and San Rafael - 50 registrations but it had been long planned as the Pacific Northwest tour which was cancelled in June 2016. The Coast Highway's plan, hosted

by Bakersfield, was approved Sept 2016 for early October 2017 and that changed to late Sept due to harvest season in December 2016. Then there was a well-publicized landslide on Highway 1 earlier in the year requiring a detour. Buses were arranged to visit places difficult for so many cars to park. Happy Begg also advised that expectations for local participation are often higher than results.

- 2015 Maine D: 180 registrations
- 2014 Texas Hill Country D: 118 registrations
- 2013 Blue Ridge Parkway D: 185 registrations

It was agreed that a hub and spoke had many positives and that holding a national tour in Southern California should be put off. Potentially, holding a day at Knotts Berry Farm would be something that SCRG would plan for its own members.

David had sent an email with links to various venues in and around Salinas as well as pdfs of MAFCA's National Tour Guidelines and Contract (MAFCA Policies found in the Members Only section of mafca.com) for everyone to review. Jennifer talked about the minimum opening and closing events and publicity, and suggested that we also organize a help tent to fix cars so if people's cars breakdown they can continue on the different spoke tours.

David had some apprehension with the MAFCA Vice President's statement that a single person could do all of the contacts and publicity. Paul had plans to visit family in the area at the end of the month. The Board should present him with some outline so he can speak to people then.

It was also brought up that Happy Begg had sketched out a plan for roughly 14 people volunteering during tours. It was estimated that we'd already had 8 people want to contribute to see that it succeeded and the board was quite confident that we could identify six more in that time. As the group was flush, there was no apprehension or discussion of going into debt or requesting money from MAFCA in order to host this tour.

Paul believed we should set up and vote on dates. After some discussion and reviews of the calendar, and of previous National Tours, it was decided to have ours run between Sunday June 20 and Saturday June 26. (In an email discussion with the MAFCA Board, it was advised that those tours felt too long and a four or five day tour was preferred.)

Paul suggested that, especially as it was summer, we focus as much as possible on weekdays. (Following that advice, the dates offered would be arrival on Monday, June 21 to Friday June 25, 2027, with departures Saturday morning.) He also advised that before announcing we would need to also check whether fields would be harvested at that time as the hotels fill for that, and we may have to change dates.

David suggested that the host hotel would be the Holiday Inn Express as it had a somewhat large room that we should be able to fill with either booths for advertisers or with raffle items to subsidize some of our costs. A number of large parking lots for car trailers should also be located; the closer to the hotels the better.

Paul made the motion that SCRG Host the 2027 MAFCA National Tour in Salinas as discussed. Mike seconded. Passed. Jennifer and David volunteered to be co-chairs and all in attendance agreed with that appointment.

Jennifer said that she was open to hosting a barbeque at her home for SCRG to get more folks involved. David hoped that it could include elections as holding them at the Pancake Breakfast in April means that new officers have almost no chance to organize and promote activities during the summer touring season. Paul put forth the idea of holding it in November.

It was agreed that rather than holding another meeting soon, that the board would communicate by email and then hold another zoom meeting, for the next quarter the first week of September, just before the next MAFCA meeting at the Gilmore Museum.

The meeting was formally adjourned at 7:58.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Frazee