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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 FALL BACK Daylight Savings Time Ends 2:00am	6 Chapter meeting at Roundtable Pizza 7pm	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 BREAKFAST Manic Mike's, Cable Airport Cafe. - 9 am.	15	16	17	18
19	20 Board Meeting Brandon's Diner Upland 7pm.	21	22			25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
				MAFCA National Awards Banquet in Santa Maria, California		

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

AHOOGA! We are now officially into the holiday season and it's that time of year to start thinking about what new parts to buy for that special car you love so much. Oh, you might want to pick up something practical for the spouse while you're at it. October was filled with club events and I saw a lot of cars out on the road this month. Club members participated in two different car shows, a spirit walk tour at a cemetery and even a haunted house presented by our fellow club members and ghost-hosts Dean & Jennifer Martin. Nobody does Halloween quite like the Martins. Spooky!

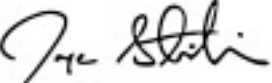
Our next club meeting on November 6th is not to be missed as we have some business to tend to including a vote to amend our club bylaws. The proposal is to eliminate two vacant board seats and reassign duties to the remaining officers. Our current bylaws call for nine positions but we feel we can do with seven. The proposed amendment passed unanimously at the last board meeting and now it needs your vote to make the amendment final. You can view the proposed changes online at www.pvmodelaclub.org/bylaws. We will also elect our 2024 board members. Speaking of board members, we are currently short one member (five are required) for next year so please, if you can donate an hour or two each month to attend the board meetings you could make the difference between having a functioning club next year or not. If interested, please see Ed Tolman, Richard Briggs or me before or during the next meeting.

There are no official tours scheduled for November but don't be surprised if a last minute gathering pops up during the month. I'll be sure to email you if we decide to meet somewhere. Because of Thanksgiving we are also skipping this month's supper club dinner due to anticipated mass consumption of turkey & stuffing. However, shortly after we recover from our turkey coma some of us will be heading north to Santa Maria to attend the 2023 MAFCA National Awards Banquet hosted by The Santa Maria A's on November 30th thru December 2nd. If you plan to attend the tours (including bus trips to Hearst Castle and Solvang) you must register FAST by November 1st! You can download the registration form from the MAFCA website or by going to <http://www.pvmodelaclub.org/nab>.

Our Installation Dinner is almost here. The big day is December 10th at 4:30pm and we always have a great time at this event. This year we are trying a new venue at the Boys Republic Culinary School. The cost is \$35 per person, very reasonable and it goes to a good cause helping children in need develop the skills and resources to begin meaningful lives on their own. This year's menu includes Grilled Tri Tip, Blackened Chicken, Garlic Mash potatoes, Mac N Cheese, amazing desserts and much more. Mark your calendar, this is an event not to be missed!

Until next time, see you on the road!




Jaye Steinbrick
2023 Club President

Dues Reminder. Make checks payable to "Pomona Valley Model A Club". Please send to: **Pomona Valley Model A Club PO Box 1457 Upland, CA 91785-1457** You can also give the money to Jennifer martin, Membership Chair. Club dues are due the first of the year. \$20.00 per family, cash or check for returning members and \$25.00 for new members.

Minutes of the Board Meetings are available upon request from the Secretary or Newsletter Editor.

DATES and THINGS TO REMEMBER...

- ~ Nov 05 : San Fernando Swap Meet
- ~ Nov 6 : PVMAFC Chapter Meeting
- ~ Nov 14 : Breakfast at Maniac Mikes
- ~ Nov 20 : PVMAFC Board meeting
- ~ Nov 23: Happy Thanksgiving!
- ~ Dec 10: Installation Banquet

Board of Directors election will be held at our November chapter meeting. Please consider joining your fellow Model A enthusiasts on the Board. Your voice needs to be heard! Nominations from the floor will be accepted! President Jaye Steinbrick has announced that he'll be stepping down and traveling next year and Ed Tolman, Johnnie Baxter, Jen Martin and Garrett Cortez are also stepping down. Please contact President Jaye Steinbrick as soon as possible. We will also need someone to take over as webmaster and Editor!
SO FAR – NO ONE HAS VOLUNTEERED!

Our annual installation banquet will be held at the Boys Republic in Chino Hills on Sunday December 10th at 3pm. Cost will be only \$35 for a delicious meal of Grilled Tri-Tip and Blackened Chicken catered by the BR. Please be sure to sign up at our November meeting or call or text President Jaye Steinbrick at: (213) 841-4155

Sunshine Report by Kathy Briggs

We missed reporting last month that Richard Bronstrup slipped and fell at the end of September. No broken ribs but he did receive some painful bruises but is feeling better. Johnnie Baxter is nursing a bad injury to her knee for a possible torn ligament. Tom Baxter is also doing much better after he suffered a broken leg a few months back and Charlie Welsh is awaiting hip surgery in November. We wish all well and a speedy recovery.



Thummer Report

This sounds redundant again, but it's true...Our good luck Mascot, Thummer, is still with Ed & Monika Tolman



Supper Club from Johnnie Baxter

Nov Dec – Dark for Thanksgiving & Christmas
Jan 25 - Famous Dave's BBQ Rancho Cucamonga

Supper Club was held in conjunction with the visit to the Martin's Spook House on Saturday October 21st at El Merendero's in Pomona. 14 gathered for a great Mexican dinner.

9am - 2nd Tuesday: Breakfast at Maniac Mike's Cafe Located at Cable Airport in Upland. All are invited to join us if you can.

November BIRTHDAYS

11/09: Mark Gollhardt
 11/13: Cheri Bronstrup
 11/18: Judi Brown
 11/25: Steven Jimenez



November ANNIVERSARIES

11/12: John & Charlene Walsh
 11/24: Jim & Laura Dunn

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary!



FASHION AND OTHER FACTS FROM THE MODEL A FORD ERA

By Jay Munns

This article is a continuation of last month's focus on what proud owners of the new Ford Model A were watching in their neighborhood theaters. In 1929 (the second full year of production of the Model A), the number one movie that year was "Broadway Melody." It was the top grossing picture of 1929. It won the Academy Award for Best Picture and received nominations for best director and best actress. The plot involves a small-time vaudeville act, the Mahoney Sisters, Queenie and Hank, who come to New York to break into Broadway. They meet men they hope will promote their career and end up involved in complex love triangles. The story also includes the soon-to-become cliché plot device of a lead singer having an accident at rehearsal, giving one of the sisters her big break. Although the plot is somewhat dated by today's standards, it is considered the first complete example of the Hollywood musical and helped to establish the concept and structure of the Hollywood musicals to follow including its own later additions: Broadway Melody of 1936, Broadway Melody of 1939, and Broadway Melody of 1940. A full 4K restoration was just released this year on Blu-ray.

Here is a clip from the movie featuring the title song sung by a male vocalist accompanied by a chorus line of dancers and a solo dancer who performs an amazing tap dance on her toes!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nabHJEyIXAc>

MGM released a second musical that year entitled "The Hollywood Revue"-a two-hour extravaganza of variety acts that included some segments in technicolor. The impressive cast list included Jack Benny, Marion Davies, John Gilbert, Norma Shearer, Lionel Barrymore, Buster Keaton and Laurel and Hardy, to name just a few. A major hit song introduced in the movie was "Singing in the Rain" which would later be reprised in the memorable 1952 movie of the same name. My favorite segment in "The Hollywood Review" introduced a very young Joan Crawford, singing and dancing, accompanied by a male quartet. Back in the 1980's, I personally got to know two of the members of that quartet: Paul Gibbons (left of Joan seated on the piano) and Bill Seckler (on the right). We remained close friends throughout the rest of their lives. I spoke at Bill's funeral. I never get tired of watching this clip of that segment and hope you will enjoy it too.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3fyiSRc5tQE>



October Club Meeting Fotos



Richard Tompkins, our guest host for the tech discussion on carburetor rebuilding.



Bryan Petroff inspecting a rare Version 3 Model A Carburetor

Chapter Activities



Cal-Rods Car Show "Ford Model A Night"

Chapter Activities



Several cars made it to the Covina Thunderfest and Music Festival where answer a lot of questions about Model A Fords and their owners!



Technical Tips

I think everyone knows the difference between Murray and Briggs body designs. As a refresher course, I think most would notice the difference in the top of the door: Briggs is square, whereas Murray has an arch in the top of the window area of the door. Also, the floorboards are different: Briggs is wood while Murray is metal. Hope this helps identify these body styles and designs.

Richard Bronstrup, Technical Adviser

Chapter Activities



**Jaye flirting with Death at
The Martin's Haunted House**



**October finds our club at the Spirit Walk in
Ontario at Bellevue Memorial Park**



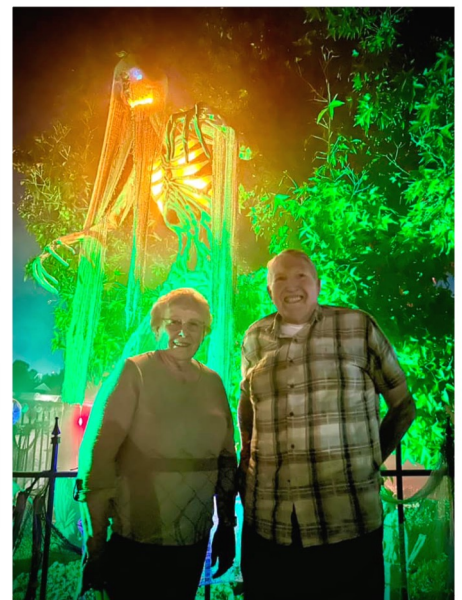
Richard and Kathy Briggs



Joe and Barbara Branam



Our Annual tour of the Martin's Spook Alley in Pomona



Website Information

Google/Bing search: "mafca.com" for the MAFCA site.

- "PomonavalleyMAFC.com" for the Pomona Valley website.
- "PVMAFC.org" for the Paradise Valley site.
- The Pomona Valley editor email address is: "pvmafc.editor@yahoo.com"
- Ford Barn. (Special interest Ford parts & vehicles.)



Robert Bullard
2023 MAFCA President

Excerpt from the monthly President's Message

It is time to make sure you are registered for the MAFCA National Awards Banquet being hosted by the Santa Maria A's and being held in Santa Maria, CA on November 29 thru December 3rd. Registration information is available on the MAFCA website and by contacting the Santa Maria A's. I'm looking forward the meeting and the visit to Hearst Castle. Visiting Hearst Castle has been on my bucket list for years and it will be nice actually check that one off the list. I recently spoke with event organizers and they would appreciate early registrations. This will help them with planning and would assure you a spot on the tours. There is a chance the tours to Hearst Castle and Solvang (Danish Capital of the US) could sell out.

See you down the road!
Robert Bullard, 2023 MAFCA President

Pomona Valley A's website

As you may know, the Pomona Valley Model A Ford Club website has received a major upgrade thanks to Jaye Steinbrick. Jaye informs us that every chapter member should have received an email with directions on how to access the Member's Only section. Be sure to visit often as the information shared there is always fresh and new.
www.pvmodelaclub.org

JOIN MAFCA

<http://www.mafca.com/> (Info. from MAFCA)

The Model-A Ford Club of America, Inc. (MAFCA) is a non-profit corporation & National Historical Society dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Model-A Ford vehicles as they were manufactured from 1928 through 1931.

We are dedicated to these principals and include the enjoyment of Ford produced vehicles of this era as well. MAFCA is the largest club in the world dedicated to one make of automobile.

Membership is down over 40 percent over the past 10-15 years. Many Model A's are passing to the next generation or first time owners but membership is lost in that transition. If you know of a Model A owner that is not part of our wonderful club, please share your passion and invite them to join us.

Maniac-Mikes Café

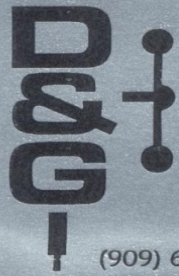
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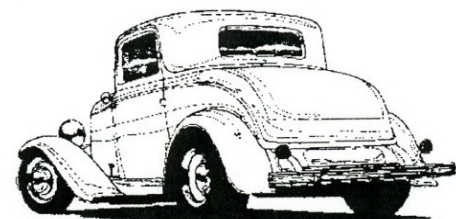


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\$25:00 - New or Past Due Members (includes nametags)

The easiest way to pay is online at www.pvmodelaclub.org/2024

Or, if you prefer, you can mail your check to:

Return at November club meeting to Jennifer Martin,
Membership Chair, or by mail to:

*Must be received by December 31st, 2023
to be included in printed 2024 Club Roster*

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Attn: Membership
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2024 Board Members Installation Banquet Sunday, October 10th at 4:30pm

Boys Republic Culinary School
1907 Boys Republic Dr, Chino Hills, CA 91709

\$35.00 Per Person - Includes Buffet Dinner

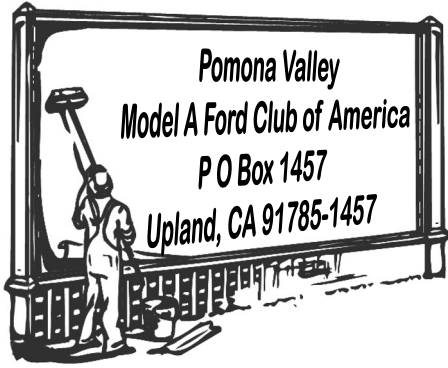
Pay Online at www.pvmodelaclub.org/banquet (Preferred)
or by check at the directions below:

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Club Meeting Map

Round Table Pizza
1020 N. Mountain Ave
Ontario, CA 91762
(909) 988-8444

Club meetings are scheduled on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 P.M. There are no meetings scheduled in July or December.

Round Table Pizza is between Rite Aid and El Super in the Shopping Center on the Southeast corner of Mountain and 4th Street in Ontario.

