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PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Valarie Basham

It was so nice to be part of the October meeting, a special thank you to Chris Halter, who did his magic once again, he zoomed me into the meeting. I don't think you could see me but I saw most of you who were in attendance. There were three cameras that were voice activated and moved around the room to pick up whoever was talking. I felt like I was really there in person. While I continue to undergo chemo treatments every 21 days, I am keeping track of your adventures out on the road in your Model A's. I'm sorry I missed the Gillespie Field breakfast & tour and the Tri Motor at Montgomery Field. A big thank you to everyone who shared your pictures with me, I felt like I was there.



NOVEMBER 2023

Guy has stepped in during my absence to conduct the meeting and Kris is working hard to keep the Quail Call coming out with the latest information. **Confession time:** today is the 25th of the month and a phone call from Kris Francis yesterday reminded me that my article was due TODAY! It is chemo brain, between Doctor visits, lab test, consultation and treatment I have had 6 appoints this week alone. I hope to see you as soon as I can, but right now my immune system is very fragile. I'm doing everything I can to get myself back in those Model A's and get them back on the road. They don't like just sitting in the garage, they're missing out on all the fun.

Speaking of FUN, "Aloha A's", our Installation Luncheon is coming together, it will be Saturday January 20th, 2024. Check out all the details in this issue. Nayola will be happy to take you money for the Luncheon (\$25.00 per person) and your 2024 membership dues, which is \$30.00 for the year. Just make a note in the memo area of the check as to what you are paying for. Don't forget to renew your membership with MARC and/or MAFCA, that is also due by Dec. 31, 2023. You should have received a renewal notice with your last MARC magazine or a renewal letter from MAFCA.

The Nominating committee has the 2024 Board all set up and all positions are filled. The Era/Fashion position will now function as Era "Coordinator" and will be soliciting members to adopt a month for an Era presentation of their choice.

I want to again thank everyone for their prayers, calls, text messages, cards and personal visits. I'm doing well with my treatment and fully expect to be there in January to install the 2024 Board. Until then this is your missing in action President. Hope to see you soon.



UPCOMING EVENTS: Mark your calendar (save these dates)



- Fall Back Festival—Gaslamp
- Business Meeting 7 pm Santee
- Rancho Bernardo Car Display/Poway Train Song
- Veteran's Day Parade—Downtown
- Happy Thanksgiving!
 - 3 La Jolla Christmas on the Sand Parade
 - 8 Business Meeting & Elections 7pm Santee
 - 9 Pacific Beach Holiday Parade
 - 25 Merry Christmas!

QUAIL CALL

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Board meetings are held quarterly: see *Quail Call* for dates and location. All members are welcome to attend, just let the host or hostess know you are coming. Board members must belong to both National Clubs.

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BUSINESS MEETING HELD THE 2ND FRIDAY **OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 PM**

Carlton Hills Lutheran Church: 9735 Halberns Blvd. Santee, CA. 92071

The San Diego Model A Ford Club was first founded in 1957 by a few dedicated Model A owners. Our purpose is to help preserve the Model A, which was in production by the Ford Motor Company from 1928-1931. Ownership of a Model A is not a requirement for membership in the club. Membership dues are \$30.00 per calendar year. Membership in one of the National Clubs is mandatory (either MARC or MAFCA) and the responsibility of each member. Contact information to join a National Club is listed below:



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SAN DIEGO MODEL A FORD CLUB, INC General Business Meeting – October 13, 2023

President: Guy McElroy (filling in for Valarie Basham) called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Valarie attended the meeting via zoom. Guy led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guy asked if there were any corrections to the September 2023 Quail Call minutes and no correc-

tions were needed. A motion was made by Tom Lazar and 2^{nd} by Ric Bonnoront to approve the minutes, which was approved by all. Two former Model A members have passed away (Peggy Dalby & Nancy Peterson) and a moment of silence was held in their memory.

Correspondence Secretary: (Kris Francis): Nothing to report.

Tours: (Dave Kelsen) Dave talked about the 9-16-23 International Model A Day event which ended up being a great tour. Upcoming Tours: **10-14-23** (led by John & Tina Weisenseel) tour at Gillespie Field in Santee to visit Air & Space Museum Annex \$7.00 per person; optional additional tour to Montgomery Field afterwards to see the 1929 Ford TriMotor. Dave relayed that there are no tours for the month November 2023 yet.

Parades/Displays (Guy McElroy): 10-28-23: Halloween Cruise in San Carlos area. Meet at 10 to 10:30 am and will drive same route as done in the past. 11-5-23: Fallback Festival – display event downtown on Island between 4th & 5th St. from 12pm to 4pm. Need at least 4 cars. 11-12-23- Veterans Day Parade 11:00am – along Harbor Drive. Meet at Cal Trans on Juan St. 12-3-23 – La Jolla Parade at 1:30 pm only 4 cars signed up. 12-9-23- Pacific Beach Parade: No information yet.

Treasurer: (Nayola Bieber): Bills to pay: Postage for Quail Call (Valarie) \$200.00); Ways & Means (Tina/John) \$47.99; Refreshments (Dave Sohr) \$15.50; Quail Call Printing & Ice Cream for Model A Day (Kris Francis) \$72.34 . 1st motion to pay bills by Dave Sohr and 2nd by John Weisenseel; approved by all members. Income: Ways/Means: \$37.50; Refreshments: \$27.00; Merchandise: \$30.00. (Total Income: \$94.50).

Old Business: None

New Business: Need to have a nominating committee to fill January 2024 Board positions and Committee Chairmen positions. Vacancies which need to be filled are: Vice President, Membership, and Era & Fashions. The Installation luncheon will be on 1-20-24 at the Scripps Ranch Library room. 11:30 am will start event. Please park in lower parking lot. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Club dues are coming due (\$30.00); Please pay at next meeting.

Defender: Ray Beardsley gave information regarding the Southern California local government regarding reducing congestion. Relayed to everyone he has volumes of Model A Magazines, judging materials, videos, dvds, fashion guidelines, and Restorer magazines from 1956-2014. Anyone interested in obtaining his library of materials contact him.

Refreshments: (Dave Sohr)- Lots of goodies. Thanks to all.

Merchandise: Julie Halter relayed she had T-Shirts in men and women sizes, coffee mugs, Model A Xmas ornaments & Model A cookie cutters.

Membership: (Ross Piper): 49 members attending meeting and 2 new members (Zachary & Rachelle Svelling).

Webmaster: (Chris Halter) – replayed to members that there were 1,600 visits to our website. Property: (Jim Taber)- Nothing to report.

Ways & Means: (**Tina Weisenseel**:) Had a wide variety of raffle items this month, along with the door prize and 50/50 raffle. Congratulations to the winners.

Era & Fashions: (Kris Francis): Gave a slide presentation on the Monster movies in 1931: Dracula & Frankenstein.

Technical: (Arlyn Bieber): Discussed axle nuts. It is important to keep nuts tight. When tightening use 70-80 lb for used/old nuts. Make sure oil is at correct level. Mystery Part was a 1930-31 stop light switch. Winner of drawing: Ahna Holder who won \$10.00 worth of raffle tickets.

Membership drawing prize (\$70.00): Dave & Bette Paules who were not present. Next month \$80.00! **Hard Lucky Trophy** – Betsy Johnson still has the Hard Luck Trophy.

Entertainment: Ric Bonnoront entertained us with some jokes. Meeting Adjourned: 9:12pm.



Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary, Nancy Lovell



TOURS COORDINATOR: Dave Kelson

October Aviation Tour

On Saturday October 14th, we met at Target in El Cajon. From there, John & Tina Weisenseel led us to Gillespie Field on surface streets. We enjoyed breakfast at the airport café. Afterwards, we drove to the Air & Space Museum - Gillespie Field Annex. It was really interesting. I could spend hours there! We were able to see a life-

sized replica of the Wright Bros. Flyer. It was resting on the ground at the El Cajon Annex. Eventually, it will be hung in the Balboa Park Air & Space Museum lobby area. The F-14 used in the Top Gun Maverick movie is also located there. The volunteers do great work.

The second leg of our Tour was led by Guy McElroy to Montgomery Field to see the 1929 Ford Tri-Motor Airplane. What a sight! The aircraft was touring there for the same weekend as our planned Tour. Six of our Model A Club members went on the Ford Tri-Motor Airplane ride: Tim Hill, Guy McElroy, Ron Niemeyer, Jim & Gene Train, and Mark Williamson. It was awesome. Thank you John & Tina and Guy for leading us.

1st Tour Honors: Danny Duncan, driving his Pick-Up and Zachary & Rochelle Svelling in their Roadster

Mileage: Ray & Judy Jo Beardslee, Arlyn & Nayola Bieber, Fred Crone, Danny Duncan, Dave & Kris Francis, Tim Hill, Guy & Judith McElroy, Ron & Linda Niemeyer, Vern Schwebke, Dave Sohr, Zachary & Rochelle Svelling, Ben & Nina Taravella, John & Tina Weisenseel, Mark Williamson, and Paul Winchester

Participation Points: Dave & Sherill Kelsen, Bud & Judy Swartwood, and, Jim & Gene Train

Upcoming November Tour

Thanks to Arlyn & Nayola Bieber, we WILL have a November Tour. It will be Saturday, November 11th, to the Rancho Bernardo & Poway areas. We will meet at 8:30 am at 9449 Kearny Mesa Blvd. ~ Mira Mesa area. (West of 15 off Miramar Road – location of the now closed I-HOP restaurant). We will travel to Rancho Bernardo Presbyterian Church at 12475 Rancho Bernardo Road for a Car Display from 9:00 am - 11am. They will provide coffee and donuts for us. As an entry fee, they are asking everyone to BRING

canned goods to fill Thanksgiving baskets. Afterwards, we will head to Old Poway Park at 14154 Midland Road for the Train Song Festival. Please bring chairs, lunch, and drinks for yourself. It will be a fun time for all of us. The Biebers have asked that you respond to them ASAP so they can project the number of parking spaces needed at the church at anbieb@san.rr.com. There will also be a signup sheet at the November 10th meeting,.







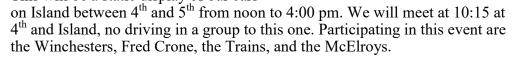
PARADES & Car Displays: Guy McElroy

Happy November to you all, I'm going to try to bring you all up to date. As I'm sitting here writing this we have not done any parades or displays for quite a while, until the recent Halloween Cruise.

Saturday October 28th was the San Carlos—Lake Murray Halloween Cruise. We met at the San Carlos Rec. Center at Lake Badin and Lake Adlon, decorated to the max then started out on our little

journey through the residential streets of San Carlos. We followed Valarie's directions from prior years, with a planned stop at the Lake Murray Park parking lot for restroom breaks and to kick tires and swap lies. After that little intermission we continued on through some of the Lake Murray and Del Cerro neighborhoods. Attending were: The

McElroys, the Halters, Fred Crone, the Francis', the Niemeyers, the Swarthwoods, Cliff Hughes, the Biebers—and in moderns: Valarie Basham and Ahna Holder & her mom.



Sunday November 12th is the Veterans Day Parade put on by The Midway Museum. This parade starts at 11:00, but no staging time or location yet. I plan on having two meeting locations for this parade. First us east county folks will meet at the El Cajon Target store and drive together to the Cal Trans office on Juan St. to meet up with everyone else. Times to be announced. Signed up are: the Halters, the Figueroas and Rod Tuttle, Paul Winchester, the Machados, the McElroys, Fred Crone, the Pipers, the Boyers, and the Svellings.

Sunday December 3rd we have The La Jolla "Christmas On The Sand" Parade. This one starts on Girard Ave. at 1:30 pm. Meet up location and time to follow. Signed up are: the Boyers, the Pattersons, Anna Holder, the Svellings, and Fred Crone.

Saturday December 9th is the 43rd Annual Pacific Beach Holiday Parade with a 12:00 start. I will have a signup sheet at the next business meeting and details to follow.

It looks like that is about all I have for you this month, thanks, Guy.



Sunday November 5th we have The Gaslamp Quarter's Fallback Festival. This will be a static display of our cars

Upcoming Events:







"Difficult Steering" By Jim Cannon, former Technical Director of MAFCA

Many Model A owners find their car hard to steer when parking or maneuvering at low speed. After you confirm that there is oil in the steering gear box (not grease), the tires are all inflated to 35 psi, and every-thing on the front axle has been properly greased, you are left with the most likely cause: The spindle bolt

(kingpin) "thrust bearings" are defective or they are not shimmed up properly to support the weight of the car. You can confirm this by using a floor jack to take some weight off of the front wheels, and then see if the steering effort is drastically reduced. If it is, the problem is the bearings.

To correct this, you need to remove everything from the spindles to get to the kingpins and remove them. See Les Andrews' Red Book, starting on page 1-209 for directions. The illustration below comes from later in that section.

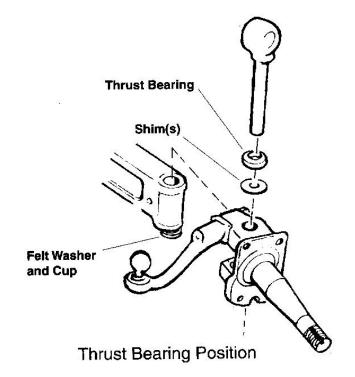
Clean the thrust bearing and replace it if it does not turn smoothly or shows any signs of wear. Pack the bearing with grease before reinstalling.

When reassembling, you need to test fit the spindle with the kingpin fully locked in place with the locking pin. Tem-

porarily leave the large felt seal and metal washer off of the bottom of the spindle for this. Start with the number of shims previously used, then add 1 shim at a time until very little or no vertical movement of the spindle is felt on the kingpin. It can take up to 4 shims to compensate for wear.

At some point, adding a shim may jam up the spindle, making it hard to turn on the kingpin. If it does, take that last shim out, reassemble and confirm that the spindle again moves easily, as it should. Now reassemble the spindle on the axle with the felt seal and the cupped metal washer installed between the axle and the bottom part of the spindle (the metal cup touches the axle, the felt touches the spindle.) The added thickness of the felt seal may temporarily make the spindle a bit stiff turning on the kingpin, but it will quickly flatten out and move smoothly when you drive.

Now reinstall everything that attaches to the spindle, install the brakes. Maybe use this as an opportunity to clean and repack the wheel bearings, then install the drums and the wheels. Grease all of the fittings well. Go for a test drive, enjoy the easier steering and *Have a Model A Day*!



MYSTERY PART What is it? Do You Know?

Identify this Model A part and send an email to anbieb@san.rr.com with your answer or educated guess. Your answer may be the part name or an accurate description of the part. Correct guesses will be added to the drawing at the next meeting. for "Bragging Rights" and 10 raffle tickets. Remember—you must be present to win!







Winner: Ahna Holder

1928 MODEL A ERA & FASHIONS 1931 by Kris Francis

Did you know that Point Loma was the stage for a San Diego native to set the World Glider record in 1929? The San Diego glider designer and aviator William Hawley Bowlus in 1927 supervised the construction of the Spirit of St. Louis airplane flown by Charles Lindbergh in his famous first transatlantic flight. Read on for the original San Diego Union article...



SAN DIEGAN AGAIN SETS GLIDER RECORD

On Oct. 19, 1929, William Hawley Bowlus stayed aloft in his glider for more than an hour at Point Loma, two weeks after he had first broken the American soaring record set in 1911 by Orville Wright. Soaring gracefully over the waves off Point Loma in a glider yesterday afternoon W. H. Bowlus of San Diego established another American record for motorless airplanes by remaining aloft one hour, 21 minutes and nine and fourfifth seconds.

HIS SECOND RECORD - This

was the second record to be set in two weeks by Bowlus. In his former recordbreaking flight his sailplane remained aloft 14 minutes and 10 seconds. This record was shortlived, however, as the following day a glider enthusiast piloted a motorless plane above Cape Cod, Mass., for 15 minutes. Bowlus took off at three seconds past 12 o'clock yesterday. His craft was snapped into the air by means of shock



cords and it tipped, tilted, and soared and dipped over the rocky sections of Point Loma, and then sailed out ouver the waves. When it was over the ocean it attained an altitude of 750 feet.

The take off and landing were almost perfect. Under the rules of the glider contest the pilot must land his machine at the place of takeoff or at the same altitude. The spot chosen to snap the sailplane into the air was a tiny space which had been cleared of sage brush, and when Bowlus decided to land, he headed his craft for this spot, appearing little larger to him than a small city lot. He dropped to earth in perfect form. During his flight he found flying conditions almost ideal. The air currents were just right for his type of craft, the air rising in a steady up draught against the rocky cliffs. The watchers below could see the currents catch the outspread wings of the graceful craft, and send it skyward somewhat as a gliding seagull will turn and soar.

TALKS TO WATCHERS - In fact, in flight, the sailplane strongly resembles a seagull. Bowlus kept in constant communication with the watchers and timers below by calling to them from the cockpit. It took constant and intricate maneuvering to keep the craft in the air long enough to break the record. Bowlus, however, is an expert pilot, and took advantage of every current of air, dipping his machine and tilting its wings to just the right angle to gain the greatest altitude and to cover the longest distance. Bowlus designed the sailplane that carried him to the new American record.

2024 MAFCA International Convention, June 23-29, 2024

For more information, go to the MAFCA website; click on Calendar, National Meets, National Convention 2024, and <u>view the introductory video</u>. (They claim Ruidoso has the best BBQ restaurant!) It's 800 miles from San Diego if we drive Hwy 8 & 10 and 816 miles if we drive Hwy 8 & US60. There will be many tours of the area during the convention.

The host hotel, MCM Elegante Lodge & Resort, located in **Ruidoso, New Mexico is completely booked**. Arlyn Bieber put his name on a wait list by calling 866-211-7727. The main activities will be held across the street from the MCM hotel at the convention center.

Arlyn made a reservation at the Comfort Inn & Suites Midtown, 575-315-7012, located 2.9 miles away from host hotel. This reservation can be cancelled before June 22.



Veteran's Day Parade in Pennsylvania

What child would not cherish the opportunity to ride in a fire truck? Myself included. Little did I realize it would not happen to me until my 83rd year of life. (Better late than never.) My dream ride experience began when a church friend in rural Pennsylvania requested my participation in the annual Veteran's Day Parade. As coordinator, he needed former members of the military to represent the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps. In spite of knowing from my Navy days to never volunteer for anything, I obliged him.

As the day approached, I began to have second thoughts due to an unexpected snowfall and temperatures predicted to be about 20 degrees. I was in doubt the event would go off as planned (wishful thinking on my part.) No such luck. Another thought was that due to severe weather there would be more participants than spectators. Guess I had forgotten what a hardy breed lives in these parts, as it was well attended.

My ride in the near-new tanker truck, with a console that resembled the cockpit of a commercial airlines, was most memorable. I actually felt like a kid again. With a little luck I may be able to do it again next year...



Bill Corson



- Lunch at 12:15 PM
- Program starting at 1:00
- Model "A" Era or Hawaiian attire
- Macaroni Salad
- Green Salad
- Hawaiian Punch 4 Coffee
- Installation
- Awards
- Raffle



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Sunshine & Raindrops

Richard Books suffered an industrial injury in his Abilene, Texas shop. He is now home recovering wearing a Halo collar. Our prayers for a speedy recovery.

With Sympathy

Peggy Dalby—Passed away on October 3, 2023 at 102 years old!

Nancy Peterson—Passed away on October 11, 2023.

Our condolences to their families! They will be missed!

<u>REFESHMENTS:</u> Dave Sohr

Goodies for the November 10th meeting will be provided by:

Tina Weisenseel Judy Norman Nancy Lovell Kris Francis Reen Kotas Joan Dainer



November Bírthdays

4 Sue Hansen
5 Marv Muzenmaier
10 Barbara Kruegel
15 Naomi Kowalewski
16 Marzsna Jakubowski
18 Joe Caci
19 Roxy Faust
25 Joyce Patterson
26 Ben Taravella
28 Gene Train
29 Dave Huhn





Bill & Meripa Corson Nov. 24, 1982 Mike & Karen Richardson Nov. 12, 2011

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

Dave & Bette Pauls were the winning names for October's Membership Draw-



ing. Unfortunately they were not present, so the prize rolls over to \$80.00 next month. This is getting to be serious money! Be sure to be in attendance wearing your name badge at the November meeting for your shot at the money! As a reminder, all current members' names are placed in the drawing—if your name is pulled <u>and</u> you're wearing your name badge: You WIN! If the member isn't present, the next month adds another \$10 bucks. We've not had a winner since March!

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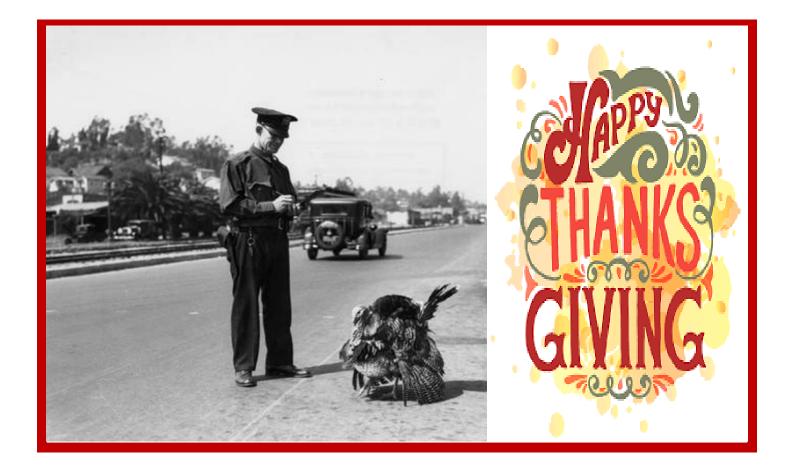
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