

THE REFLECTOR

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NOVEMBER 11TH “TEST DRIVE TOUR”

If you haven't heard, the Veterans' Day Tour to the Broadway Pier to tour Navy ships and watch the Star of India sail didn't happen. Instead, rising like a phoenix from bad tinkering attempts over the last year on my part, the gray '31 Budd cab pickup was put on the road.

In one picture of Fleet Week, and the line to board the ship is a quarter mile long. You'd say that we made the much better decision, but on the trip the speedometer cable broke and we decided that the ignition switch is bad. And that was after replacing the battery because it wasn't providing the necessary amps for starting. So, the test drive was by far the more expensive activity.

I'd like to announce a December or January tour in this issue, but there's nothing planned. Maybe we can go up to Palomar Mountain's Gus Weber Picnic Area like we did in January 1977, 1978, 1979, 1986, 1989, and 1993. Now that my truck's running, I might just pack some sandwiches and go there myself.



This photo could have been taken in the 1970s



Trying to remember all the steps needed to start a Model A



Fred Slikker hosted us for a quick beekeeping seminar.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow It's been a year since I was elected President of Palomar A's. I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed working and playing with all of you. I have never had a role like this and I have learned so much. I can't thank my board members enough for the help and guidance that I so desperately needed! I know that David Frazee is going to do a great job this coming year because he is already involved with so much enthusiasm. David is a legacy president with generations of experience. I'm looking forward to next year with a new board and am proud to still be a part of the team.

The Prez



MAFCA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I notice on my calendar that MAFCA's annual anniversary is just a few days away. Saturday, October 21 marks our 66th Annual Anniversary.. the first *Restorer* published May/June 1956 [had] "current" information about the [club's] beginnings. Originally MAFCA was formed as the Model

A Restorers Club of Southern California, with Art Miller as president... Mr. Art Grow gathered 15 members and met on October 21 1955 to start the process...

On October 21, 1957, the MARC SC spun off from MARC and became the Model A Ford Club of America. First mention of the current MAFCA logo is in Nov/Dec 1958. The 3rd Annual Business Meeting lists 1086 members. With a yeoman's amount of work done between 1956 and

1958, MAFCA was establishing itself as a stand alone club with a growing membership. From 15 members and one chapter, as of August 2023, membership has grown to 10,550 in the U.S. and 283 Internationally. With 245 Chapters, MAFCA is now the largest car club in the U.S. dedicated to a single model automobile.

To continue with this great success, all you need to do is remain committed to the Model A hobby and to MAFCA as the Model A club of choice. Stay involved with your local club activities and assume a leadership role if possible. We need new and committed leadership at all levels in order to maintain our relevancy in today's fast-moving, jet age society. Commit in the coming year to introduce our hobby to someone outside the hobby and by all means interface with our youth. They are a joy to be around and you never know when you are connecting and creating the desire for a future Model A hobbyist and potential MAFCA club member.

MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER

The November Meeting of the Palomar A's was called to order by President, Mark Greenlee at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Ed Simpson.

Motion was made by Bruce Howe to approve the minutes of the October as published in the *Reflector*, seconded by Rick Spinello. Motion carried.

Bruce Furbush, Treasurer, presented bill for \$20.15 to Print Pros. Motion was made by Bill Adams to pay the bills, seconded by Ed Lopez,

motion carried. Bruce also said Ed Simpson presented club with \$200 from sale of hats, shirts, etc. Bruce also talked about club jackets, and Larry Beel mentioned Judy's in Escondido had the logo for Palomar. Mark then suggested that the club commit to buying patches for the club. Chuck Grabowski made a motion to do so, David Frazee seconded the motion, motion carried.

MINUTES CONTINUED

Sunshine news - West and Johannah Leffingwell are new great grandparents, and Roseanne Meyerhoff has now been found to be cancer free.

Sorrow news - David announced that long time member, Nancy Peterson, has passed away, and husband Pete had an accident and fell, however, he did not have any broken bones.

Mark then asked David Frazee about the upcoming short tour on Sat., November 11. David stated that this will be Fleet Week in San Diego, and club members have the opportunity to tour some ships. Will leave from Palomar Estates at 9:30 AM, and ships open at 10:00 AM. Parking in lots will be \$15. El Indio Taco Shop is designated for lunch. It has free parking. Two members raised their hands when asked who in the club would attend. David offered instead to go to the Cabrillo monument, with the Cadillac Diner for a lunch spot, if more were interested. No additional members raised their hands, so Fleet Week was decided.

Greg Wilson reminded everyone of the Christmas Party to be held on the second Saturday in December, which is December 9th. Please make sure you indicate what type of food you want when you make out your check for the lunch and make them out to Palomar Model A Ford Club. Serving will start at 12:00 Noon at the Hunter Steakhouse, so everyone should try and be there by 11:30 AM. Mark will be the Master of Ceremonies, David to give out club awards, Jeanette Smith is in charge of the cake and Jon and Anna to be in charge of the voluntary gift exchange. Any alcohol is to be purchased by person drinking it.

Also Greg talked about selling a Model A with the plates on it and that seller is required to sign off with the DMV regarding the plates, Form 352.

No long tours are planned at this time.

David gave report on SCRG. There will be a meeting on November 8th. David stated they would like to have increased communication between the clubs. Also, the Website is up and running, and it is www.SCRGMAFCA.com.

There were 26 members in attendance. David apologized that Christmas party not mentioned in *Reflector*, other than in minutes. Also mentioned maybe members could attach a Palomar A's card on old magazines and drop them off at dentist or doctor's offices as a way of perhaps enticing new members.

There will be a Big M Car Show in Monrovia on November 11. Bruce Furbush said he was in San Diego and was able to fly with some of the group in a Ford Tri-Motor plane.

Club times were published in San Diego paper.

Ed Simpson reported still a few smaller size T-Shirts left and miscellaneous small items. If you are interested in them, please see him after the meeting.

Mark thanked Chuck Grabowsky, the new Hospitality Chairman for organizing tonight's treats and Sandy, Donna and Anthony for helping get things setup. David Frazee and Mark Greenlee volunteered to bring refreshments to the January meeting.

Chuck Grabowski gave an interesting Tech Report on checking your spark. He also passed around several tools to help with this.

Newly elected Board Members for 2024 are:

President, David Frazee;
Vice President, Bill Adams;
Treasurer, Bruce Furbush;
Secretary, Karla Maxwell;
Short Tours, Mark Greenlee;
Long Tours, Bruce Howe;
Reflector Editor (Modified Version) David Frazee;
Public Relations, Barbara Kruegel;
Hospitality, Chuck Grabowski;
Membership, David Frazee
Librarians, John and Judy Burrell;
Raffle, Karen Beel;
Technical Director, Mark Greenlee;
WebMaster, Rick Spinello.

Mark Greenlee's daughter, Jesse, in Michigan has helped with revising the website. It will now cost either \$28 per month or \$150 per year. David Frazee made a motion to pay the \$150 for a year, and Bill Adams seconded it, motion carried.

Larry Beel announced there were new calendars in the back, donated by Sammy Guthrie of AZ Model A's, so please pick up one. Also David announced there were some older Restorers in back if anyone would like them. Mark read an article from one of them and pointed out how times have changed.

Raffle was then conducted with many gifts. Jim Ball won the birthday prize.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Submitted by Karen Beel, Secretary

PALOMAR TECH UPDATE



This feels like it will be my last class update since anything transformational I will cover in my president's message.

In talking about my community college experiences, I've had a lot of cards in my hand. I'm 59, but still a kid here, just one with years of experience and practice taking responsibility for myself, and as a husband, parent, and coach. Many of my fellow students brag about skills and take pride in misadventures, and I highlight my ignorance and lack of skill and how I want to improve.

I offer to help them improve at the same time I do and find I'm pushing them to pick up tools, to pay attention in class, and take pride in how they've improved. Bragging without success is pretty shallow, and success and maturity can be easily obtained here.

The cost of an education is pretty high, so you'd think that the Model A Youth Restoration Awards and Scholarships would bring kids around. I've not found the up front cost to matter to them that much. They worry about the continuing costs and how those balance with pay & benefits. Will they have the benefits of friendly coworkers and girlfriends OK with them buying tools rather than fancy dinners? The MAYRA funds can help them gain self-confidence that work disagreements and high maintenance girls can be overcome. They, and Auto Tech classes can energize kids of all ages, and it's been a worthwhile four months doing that.

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BIRTHDAYS

Susan Duey	1 December
Craig French	1 December
Wayne Wiedle	1 December
Cindy Wilson	2 December
Dianne Frazee	13 December
Jon Velasco	15 December
Betty Foster	22 December
Ed Simpson	24 December
Donna Lugo	28 December
Irene DeAmbrogio	29 December

ANNIVERSARIES

Clyde & Kathy Marion	2 December
Larry & Karen Beel	26 December
Fred & Donna Slikker	31 December

DUES ARE DUE

It's easy to pay your dues. Just send \$20 to:
 1836 Sunny Slope Terrace
 Escondido, CA 92027

MAKING BEADS

As bead jewelry was so iconic with flappers, it would seem that they began to be mass produced after the first world war. Searching California newspapers for "bead jewelry" seemed to bear that out as just the fifth item of 300 returned was from June of 1929. Looking at the first item though, was eye opening to a guy who grew up with Woolworths, Kmart, and Walmart.

"She was extensively decorated with this new bead jewelry. You know how to make it : Wind a small ball of worsted, and sew the beads on round and round in strings, only be sure to get them even, and don't let one crook out of its place. Well, she had on earrings of light blue beads, and bracelets, and a comb whose blue tips were exposed under the back of her hat brim, and a cross, and a necklace, and what a fearful amount of work it must all have been, for it takes twenty-six balls to make a necklace alone. And one of them wasn't round, but was kind or pinched up and put in any way, as if that was the last one and she had got tired"

Sacramento Daily Union March 1877.

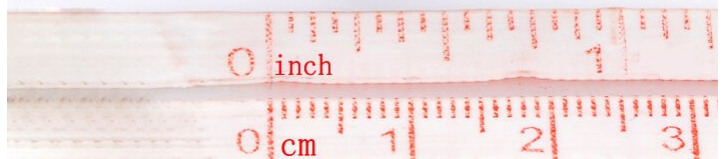
But, What? How could you wind yarn and have it stay in shape? Beadsandpieces.com helped by explaining that young ladies met in homes to gossip and make handmade paper beads from scraps of wallpaper rolled on knitting needles. They would use bees wax to polish the beads and utilized long pieces of yarn for stringing.



Paper beads made in Uganda sold by thebeadchest.com

21mm (7/8")

4mm (1/8")

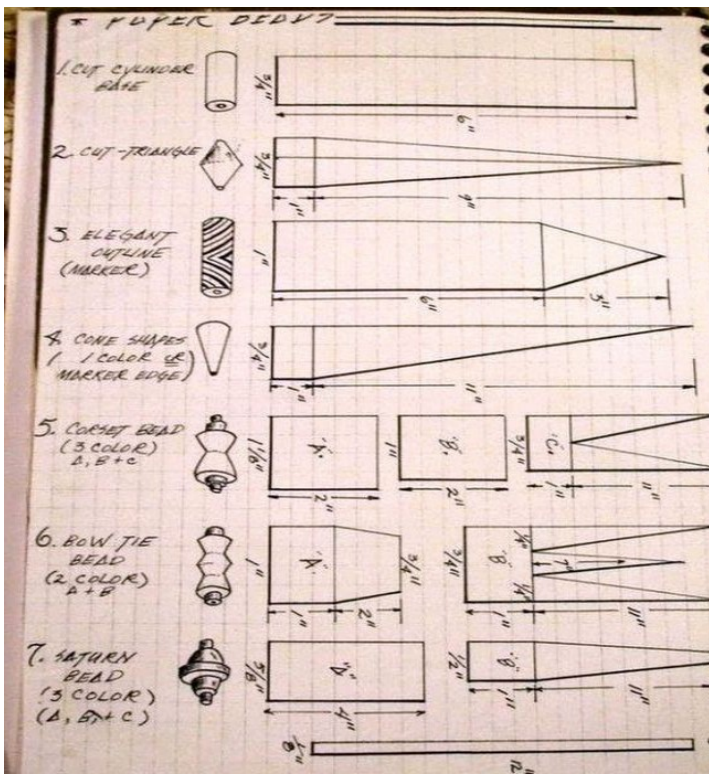


Worsted and waxed bead sold by Xanadu design on Ebay

"In the 1920s to 30s, this practice made a comeback. But this time, the beads were a bit smaller.

"Victorian women used newsprint and other printed papers to craft smaller beads. They would apply perfume on the beads to create scented paper beads. Since perfumes were a bit expensive during those times, scented paper beads were a way for them to smell good without having to worry about using up their perfume bottle."

Instead of wax, modern crafters suggest a variety of glues to work with specific types of papers and cotton in order to obtain the specific texture and shine that you desire.



FOR SALE



FOR SALE 1931 Model A Ford Victoria

Folks familiar with Jim King's Victoria will be happy to see that it's available to own. It's been upgraded to 12 volt with an overdrive. Jim wants to offer it by to Palomar members before selling it outside of the club. A price of \$38,000 or best offer has been discussed. The Kings will be back in Solana Beach around mid-December, and can pull the car out for anyone to check out. jkrclr@gmail.com 760-937-3588

FUTURE LONG TOURS

January 27-28 (Sat-Sun) 57th TURLOCK SWAP MEET Stanislaus County Fairgrounds in Turlock CA. hosted by Modesto Area A's:

March 8-9 CCRG JAMBOREE Clovis, CA Hosted by Sierra A's
Very tentative plans are:

- March 7 240 miles to Bakersfield
- March 8 114 miles to Clovis
- March 9 Clovis
- March 10 154 miles to Tehachapi
- March 11 196 miles home

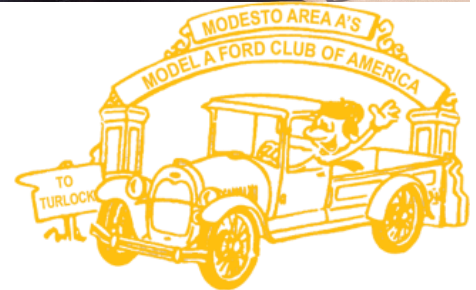
Suggestions for side trips appreciated.

April 14 (Sun) 61st ORANGE COUNTY PANCAKE BREAKFAST Hart Park Orange CA hosted by Orange County Model A's. Date to be confirmed in December.

June 13-16 TEXAS TOUR Nacogdoches TX hosted by Dallas Model A Ford Club

June 23-29 SOUTHWEST "A" VENTURES [2024 MAFCA National Convention] Ruidoso NM hosted by Southwest Model A's

JUNE 15-22 , 2025 2025 NATIONAL TOUR AMERICAN CIVIL WAR Waynesboro VA hosted by Dallas Model A Ford Club



ANCESTORS IN ACTION

Edward Arthur Furbush, Jr. was born in Waltham, Massachusetts July 18, 1912 and died in Riverside, California February 19, 1987. In between he had a most interesting life. Being an ambitious man—the biography in the Boston College yearbook for 1936 suggests that he will become a justice on the Supreme Court—he had a lot of important events happen to him. During WWII he was an undercover FBI agent tasked with watching wealthy arms supplier and Nazi sympathizer J. Paul Getty. After the war, rather than working as a lawyer, he founded a very successful insurance company in South Pasadena and ran for local elections. Of all those, there was one day when he was a 21-year-old college sophomore that people referred back to even in his obituary.

December 2nd, 1933 was a big day for the young tight end. The 7 and 1 Boston College Eagles were playing the 7 and 1 Holy Cross Crusaders in their annual rivalry game. This date was not quite within the production years of the Model A, but it was pretty close, and it held some importance nationally as it was widely covered in the press.

With more than a handful of undefeated teams, and the Big Ten dominating college football at the time, it wasn't a battle for the National Championship. In fact, neither team was in, or would finish in, the top 10 in the national rankings, but the Eagles and the Crusaders always had winning teams, and Holy Cross had won their matches for the past five years.

Near the end of the third quarter, with the Crusaders leading 7 to 6, quarterback John "Greenie" Freitas was flushed from the pocket and threw a long feathery pass into the end zone and the outstretched fingers of Furbush to go up 13 to 7. In the fourth, exchanging a number of punts, and being buried deep in their own territory with just four minutes to spare, the Eagles chose to intentionally allow a pass through their endzone giving the Crusaders a safety, but setting themselves far enough away from their goal line for a proper kickoff. The move meant that Holy Cross didn't have enough time to score a touchdown. The 13 to 9 win was cemented when Freitas, playing on defensive back, intercepted a desperate third down pass.

Interestingly, in Freitas's 1934 Senior *Sub turri* it mentions his *singing* and *cooking* at the post-game party against Holy Cross, rather than his exploits during the game.



John Freitas *Standard-Times*

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The Palomar A's were founded in 1960 and became a MAFCA chapter in 1963. Local club members are encouraged to join the national organization. Membership information is available on www.MAFCA.com.

Palomar dues are \$20 per year and club information, including a membership application, is available on www.palomarmodelaclub.org

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, except December, at the Palomar Estates East Clubhouse: 650 S Rancho Santa Fe Rd, in San Marcos at 7:00pm. All Model A hobbyists are welcome to attend.

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