

Quail Call



San Diego Model A Ford Club Inc.
Celebrating over 65 years of Model A'ing



P.O. BOX 19805 SAN DIEGO, CA. 92159

DECEMBER 2023

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Valarie Basham

I hope that everyone has had a pleasant and filling Thanksgiving feast, I am looking forward to having the day off from cooking this year, as my son and his wife will be doing the cooking and bringing it to my house.

I'm excited to share with you my latest test results, after my third round of chemo the Dr. ordered another CT scan. As I laid on the table moving in and out of the machine I experience a splat of liquid, on my head. Model A's aren't the only thing that break down at the most unexpected time and places. The contrast which they had going into my left arm blew like a Model A radiator, much like the one I witnessed on a trip to Laughlin one year. No harm, no foul, they quickly shut down the machine, reloaded it with more contrast and finished the test. Now here is the best part: That test showed the treatments are working, shrinking the mass by almost half. At this point I have one more treatment under my belt and two more to go. I fully plan to be at the Aloha "A's" Installation Luncheon on January 20th, and I hope to see you there too! (Please get your dues money (\$30) and Luncheon (\$25. per person) in ASAP. Make checks payable to the San Diego Model A Ford Club or SDMAFC and indicate on the memo line of the check what you are paying for (dues and/or luncheon). If you can't make the next meeting, mail it along with your membership form to the Club's P.O. Box listed on the form.

Since I have not been able to attend the last few tours and parades, let me warn you, there are informants among you. I understand that the Hard Luck trophy will be doing some Holiday travel this year. Oh yes and there may or may not be pictures, Paul W. bring that trophy to the next meeting please! It's moving on!

There will be a Joint Board meeting on Tuesday Jan. 9 since it was to be at my home, I think we will do it via Zoom (if Chris Halter will be so kind as to handle that for us again). This is where the outgoing board and the incoming board passes on info about their specific job, we fine tune the details of the Installation Luncheon and make sure the certificates for those receiving membership and mileage awards are ready to go.

Again I want to thank everyone who has kept me in your prayers and thoughts, keep it up because it's working. A special thanks to those who have stepped up in my absence. Look for me in the computer at the Dec. 8th Business meeting in Santee 7pm.



UPCOMING EVENTS: Save these dates!

DECEMBER:	2	Wings and Wheels—Gillespie Field
	3	La Jolla Sands Parade
	8	Business Meeting & Elections 7pm Santee
	9	Pacific Beach Holiday Parade
	25	Merry Christmas!
JANUARY 2024:	1	New Year's Day
	20	Installation & Awards Lunch—Scrips Ranch Library

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

**Carlton Hills Lutheran Church;
9735 Halberns Blvd.,
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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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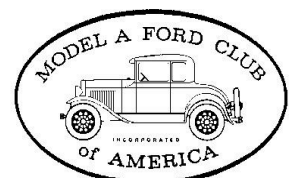
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SAN DIEGO MODEL A CLUB, INC
General Business Meeting – November 10, 2023



President: Guy McElroy (filling in for Valarie Basham) called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Valarie attended the meeting via zoom and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guy asked if there were any corrections to the October 2023 Quail Call minutes and no corrections were needed. A motion was made by Tom Lazar and 2nd by Steven Lovell to approve the minutes which was approved by all.

Correspondence Secretary: Kris Francis: Kris relayed that there was photo in the Restorer Magazine in the Out and About section about the Ford Tri Motor.

Tours: (Dave Kelsen) Dave talked about the 10-14-23 two-part tour of Gillispie Field and Montgomery Field which included the Aerospace Museum. There were 15 Model A's at this event.

Parades/Displays (Guy McElroy): 11-11-23: Arlyn Bieber relayed that there was a Car Display event happening at the Rancho Bernardo Presbyterian Church in Poway. Bring chairs and own lunch.

11-12-23- Veterans Day Parade 11:00 am along Harbor Drive. Meet at Cal Trans on Juan St. **12-3-23** – La Jolla Parade at 1:30 pm. Sign up if interested. Only 4 cars signed up. This event may be cancelled. **12-9-23-** Pacific Beach Parade: Our club is limited to 5 cars and has to pay a \$75.00 fee to be in the parade. Club members discussed and many are not interested if have to pay a fee.

Treasurer: (Nayola Bieber) - **Bills to pay:** Quail Call (printing) Kris Francis: \$35.88; Julie Halter (Merchandise): \$57.62. Motion to pay bills by Reen Kotas and 2nd by Steven Lovell; approved by all members.

Income: Membership: \$30.00; Ways/Means: \$94.50; Refreshments: \$23.00. Merchandise: \$40.00. Donation from Good Samaritan Retirement Home: \$150.00. Total Income: \$337.50.

Old Business: Per Patti Winchester, Ron Engen is now driving and Joyce Engen is in hospital (broke her shoulder).

New Business: Danny & Karen Machado are assisting with the 1-20-24 installation banquet event at the Scripps Ranch Library. Danny conveyed event will have Hawaiian food and entertainment. Wear Hawaiian shirt/clothing if you can.

Defender: Ray Beardsley conveyed that the Pasadena Club may be interested in obtaining some of his library of information.

Refreshments: Dave Sohr – Lots of goodies. Thanks to all. Need volunteers to bring food/goodies for March 2024 meeting.

Merchandise: Julie Halter relayed she had new T-Shirts which have logos on front and back with a choice of pocket or no pocket. Light colors only available. Let her know if you want one and she can order them for you.

Membership: Ross Piper: 56 members attending meeting.

Webmaster: Chris Halter – relayed to members that there were 1,800 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 Deliveries in the Model A Era. Types of deliveries were milkmen, ice deliveries, coal deliveries, and door to door salesmen.

Technical: Arlyn Bieber: Mystery Part was a fork to transmission and winner of 10 raffle tickets was Paul Winchester. Arlyn played a film on how the Ford Factory built the Ford Tri Motor airplanes. Film showed buffing, polishing, how pieces were put together, etc. Also Arlyn talked about brake rods which need to be straight. Arlyn conveyed that there is a Model A Instruction book which everyone should have and if you need one you should be able to order one.

Membership drawing prize (\$80.00): Steven & Nancy Lovell won the prize. Next month \$10.00.

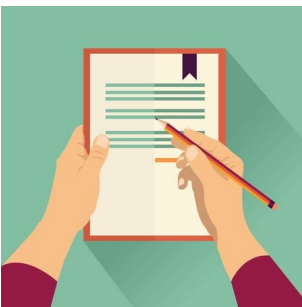
Hard Lucky Trophy – Paul Winchester has the Hard Luck Trophy now.

Entertainment: Ric Bonnoront entertained us with some Forrest Gump jokes.
Meeting Adjourned: 8:55pm.

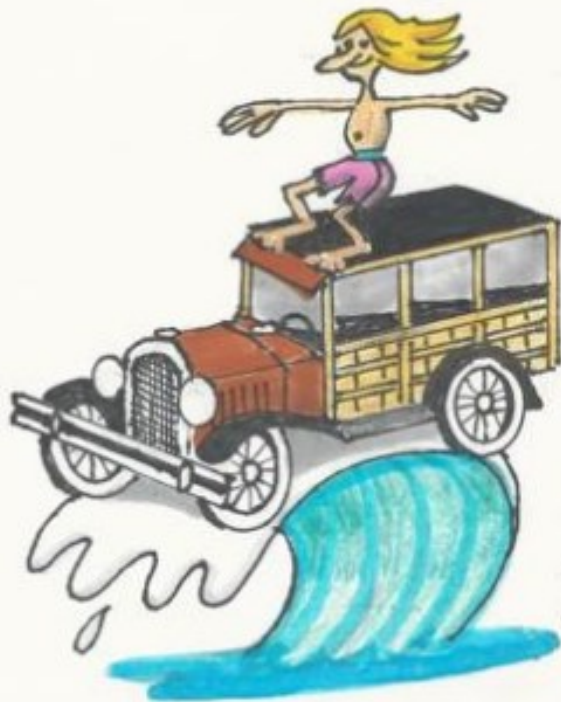
Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary,

Nancy Lovell



San Diego Model "A" Ford Club



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“A”’S



Installation & Awards Luncheon



January 20, 2024

Scripps Ranch Library Meeting Room

- 10301 Scripps Lake Drive, SD
- Drive your car!
- Arrive 11:30 AM
- Lunch at 12:15 PM
- Program starting at 1:00
- Model "A" Era or Hawaiian attire

Aloha Buffet Includes

- Teriyaki Chicken
- Pork w/ cabbage
- Rice
- Macaroni Salad
- Green Salad
- Hawaiian Punch & Coffee

Program Features:

- Social Time
- Lunch
- Entertainment
- Installation
- Awards
- Raffle



Reservations & Payment due by January 5

\$25.00 per person in advance- pay at club meeting or via mail

TOURS COORDINATORS: *Dave Kelson*

On Saturday November 11th, we had a fun Tour led by Arlyn and Nayola Bieber. They put together the Tour for us in a pretty short amount of time ~ that shows how our Club gets things done!



We met at the old I-HOP location in Mira Mesa. On our way to the Rancho Bernardo Presbyterian Church for the car display, Arlyn and Nayola's 1930 Coupe broke down. Fortunately, Arlyn was able to get up the hill and into a strip mall. He had to call AAA and wait for the tow. Dave & Kris Frances lead the group to the church. Nayola joined Dave & Sherill Kelsen in their Modern to the church. Upon arrival at the church, everyone was greeted with coffee and donuts to view the beautiful cars. Model As were the oldest cars on display up to a pretty new mid-engine Corvette. To our surprise, a friend of Arlyn and Nayola's had driven their impressive MG to be included in the car display. All nice people having a great time. Shortly before leaving the car display, Arlyn joined everyone in their Victoria.

With Nayola back with Arlyn, everyone was off to the Poway Train Park. Upon arrival, a sea of humanity greeted all of us. Looking for parking was a challenge, but mostly everyone found one and re-grouped at the Park. The Train Song Festival drew a large crowd, along with the Farmer's Market. A lady in era clothing told old train folklore stories and others performed train songs. Arlyn & Nayola

dressed in era clothing; as were many train lovers. Being a very busy park on Veteran's Day, we were fortunate to get a table, had chairs, and enjoyed our lunch there. The weather was perfect and we had a great time. Thank you Arlyn & Nayola for a great Tour

1st First Tour Honors: Bud & Judy Swartwood, driving their nice new 1929 Tudor.

Mileage: Arlyn & Nayola Bieber, Dave & Kris Francis, Cliff & Kathryn Hughes, Betsy Johnson, Vic & Joyce Patterson, Bud & Judy Swartwood, Ben & Nina Taravella

Participation Points: Dave & Sherill Kelsen



Upcoming Tour: Due to the busy holiday schedule, there will **NOT** be a December Tour. Information about a New Year's Breakfast and upcoming Tours will be discussed at the December 8th meeting.



PUMPKIN PIE!

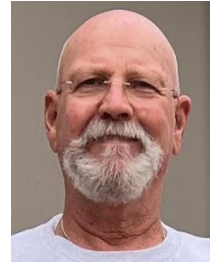
Many thanks to Zachary and Rochelle Svelling who kindly delivered pumpkin pies just in time for Thanksgiving to many club members. Per Zach, "We didn't get to everyone in the membership roster, but those we missed, will be added to our Christmas list!" We are so happy to have you as new members in the San Diego Club!





PARADES & Car Displays: *Guy McElroy*

Well here it is December already, the year is winding down. It seems like it only just got started. Time is fun when you're having flies, or something like that.



In November we had the **San Diego Veterans Day Parade** on the Sunday after Veteran's Day. Some of us East County folk met up at the El Cajon Target. There were four cars and they were all early, so we headed West to meet up with everyone else at the Juan and Taylor Cal Trans office. The wind was at our back, it was all downhill and most of the lights were green so we made good time. We were in good shape time wise so we could chat and talk over earth shattering topics while in the Cal Trans front lot. Our fearless leader Val made an unexpected showing in her modern car and got lots of hugs from everyone there. Ahna Holder drove up in her Red Roadster to say hi. She was still sporting the fancy footwear on one foot so did not want to try doing the parade. As parade time approached we set out to cover the last few



miles to get to our staging area. We were southbound on Pacific highway and had just passed Laurel Street when Victor Figueroa and Rod Tuttle's car developed a very bad case of noisy (backfires) and then an even worse case of quiet (quit running). They coasted to the side of the road and missed the parade. Victor had been fighting problems with his carburetor the day before but he thinks electronic s got him in the end.

The rest of us arrived at our staging area which was perfect for parade watching. We were around the 70th unit in the parade out of 95 so we got to see most of the parade before we got out there and showed our stuff. Our cars got a ton of attention, it was almost like they were on display for an hour or so before we got moving. It was a great day and I think all of the Veterans appreciated the attention, appreciation and the overall special-ness of the day.



As soon as we cleared the parade and de-decorated, Judith and I and Michael Dainer went back to check on Victor and Rod. We got there in time to see the tow truck drive up and had us a Kodak moment (pictures). Victor says his car just "got tired", RIGHT!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday December 2nd we have the Wings and Wheels display at Gillespie Field. This will be from 11:00 to 3:00. It is a static display near Bill Allen's Hangars with old cars, old airplanes, food and music. It should be a good time for all who attend. We will

meet on the frontage road alongside N. Marshall Ave. just north of Billy Mitchell Dr. at 10:45. For this event I have signed up the Swartwoods, the McElroys, the Pipers, Fred Crone, and Marv Munzenmeyer, but as always, if you want to come, just be there.

Sunday December 3rd we have the La Jolla "Christmas On The Sand" Parade. This event starts at 1:30. I don't have the specifics of this parade yet. Signed up are: the Boyers and Ahna and Kurt Holder



Two Helpful Tools – by Tom Endy 2022

A Model A runs better when the battery polarity to the coil is correct. Back in the old days the polarity was detected with a lead pencil. It was great sport for high school auto shop teachers to demonstrate to the class how it was done, then hand the pencil to the class clown and have him try. Today there is a device available that will tell the polarity a lot easier and with little chance of an electric shock. It plugs into the top of the distributor, start the engine and one of two LEDs will be lit indicating correct or incorrect polarity. If the polarity is incorrect it is a simple matter of swapping the two coil primary wires around. Bratton's sells the device, part number 17140, \$27.95. I purchased one a number of years ago and at a club function we checked about 20 Model A's and found about half had the polarity reversed and the owners were not even aware of it.



The other handy device indicates the health of the ignition system. What is desired is a strong healthy spark. This device plugs into the top of the distributor the same as the other device. Start the engine and move the slider inside the device down and observe the spark leaping across the gap. You should be able to move the slider all the way down to the bottom with the engine continuing to run and with a long spark. Bratton's sells the device, part number 17150, \$19.95. If you think you are not getting spark to the top of the distributor an easy test is to move the slider down about 1/16 of an inch and hit the starter with the ignition turned on and if you are getting spark you will be able to see it jumping the gap.



A wooden stick is supplied with the device to move the slider. Don't try to do it with anything metal.

These are both good tools to have in your traveling tool bag under the seat. A trouble light and a by-pass cable are also good things to have along.

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!

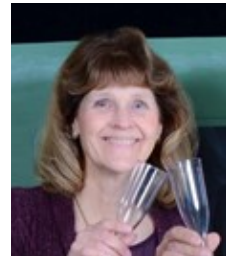


Last Month's Part:
1930-31 Stop Light Switch



Winner: Paul Winchester

1928 MODEL A ERA & FASHIONS 1931 *by Kris Francis*



City of Oceanside's Growth in the 1920s

GROWTH has been the yardstick of progress in Southern California, and in this century it is thought of as an historic constant: with the mild climate and proximity to the ocean, people naturally flow here like marbles to the corner of a tilted board. But population growth isn't automatic or random so much as it is orchestrated. In fact, a study of Oceanside during its most formative period in the boom years between 1920 to 1930 provides a model of how to grow and develop a town. Guided by a group of local businessmen and led by the Chamber of Commerce, Oceanside grew from a static population of 1,161 in 1920 to 3,508 persons by 1930.

Strategy was basic: take a suitable location and make it desirable via civic promotion and advertising; next, make it accessible, with new roads, if necessary; lastly, make it possible by paving the streets, providing utilities, and generating home loans. Not surprisingly, of course, this selling of a city was conducted by men who had the most to gain, including merchants, bankers, and professional persons. Civic pride and profit are powerful motivators.

A first small sign of an awakening Oceanside occurred on December 27, 1919, when a group of city boosters met to promote a highway connecting northern Imperial County and northern San Diego County. Persons in the Brawley area, it was felt, would come to Oceanside – even if just for the weekend – to escape the summer's heat. And once these early tourists got a taste of ocean-view, climatically wonderful Oceanside, they would buy or build in the coastal city. To give the road a boost, ten local businessmen raised and donated \$1,000 each toward the Brawley Road. And by the summer of 1920, the major road links were completed. The road, also called the Imperial Highway, went from Oceanside to Pala and from there to Santa Ysabel, Julian, and then Brawley.



If the tourists were to have somewhere to stay, then housing must be provided; and home construction loans were the key to this housing. After several explanatory meetings, the Building and Loan Association was formed and subscriptions to purchase stock were sold to raise loan capital. The Chamber of Commerce also realized that extra attractions besides the then-expansive, white sand beach and tents were needed. Two assets already existed: a small fishing pier built before the turn of the century and a salt water plunge, located at the base of the present pier. But the plunge needed work and the addition of a bath house.

Feeling that as the beach goes, so goes Oceanside, nineteen local merchants raised another \$10,000 for public improvements. The gamble paid off, almost immediately. In fact, in 1926, Oceanside got more than a pier; a new sewer system was installed,

and on New Year's eve, the city turned on seventeen miles of new street lights." The 1,224 foot long pier was dedicated on July 4, 1927.

Having once devised a plan and implemented it, it was necessary for the Chamber only to keep things rolling in the last years of the 1920s. By 1929 — with the pier, new utilities, and a growing downtown business sector Oceanside had become its own best advertisement. The beauty of the city and its recreational advantages, centered around the beach and pier, of course, replaced the old selling points of climate and investment opportunity.

In all, between 1920 and 1930, Oceanside grew by 202 percent. Many noteworthy visitors enjoyed the shore, including Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks. But more importantly, civic leaders reversed the three-decade long vacuum created in the wake of collapse of the late nineteenth century California land booms. Each new improvement had been a calculated risk, designed to attract and keep new residents, and when problems arose businessmen using their own energy and money solved them.

This and That ...

December is the Month for Club Elections!

We are pleased to announce a full board of officers and committee chairmen for the 2024 year:

Board of Directors:

President: Guy McElroy
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*Returning position from 2023

Thank you to these members for their dedication to our club!

MAFFI MINUTE

Fundraising for the Model A Museum expansion continues with the Grand Opening planned for 2025. As you and your club plan for holiday giving, consider donating to the Model A Museum, one of the best in the country ---and a cause that keeps our cherished hobby growing and in the spotlight.

All contributors in a selected category will be recognized prominently in the new wing of our museum. Donations can be club chapters or individuals. In addition, clubs can give recurring donations by filling out a pledge card found at maffi.org (click on donations). For more information on donating, please contact: John Begg at 803-727-4392-President@maffi.org or Jerry Morrissey at 269-615-3719 – jertrudy@sbcglobal.net.

Supporter = \$500
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Platinum = \$50,000

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Peotone, IL 60468-0028

Happy Holiday Season,
Cindy Ellenbecker, Secretary
MAFFI Board of Trustees

(Photo right: Christmas at the MAFFI Museum)



A Note from Bill Corson:

Referencing the October 2023 edition of the Quail Call regarding oil drip artwork: Congrats to winners Ron & Linda Niemeyer.

I regret not being able to participate, and have always contended that if I was able to recycle all the oil collected on the garage floor drip pan since owning my '29 coupe, it would put OPEC out of business!



DUES ARE DUE!

Dues: \$30.00 due by December 31
Installation Lunch: \$25.00/pp By Jan 5

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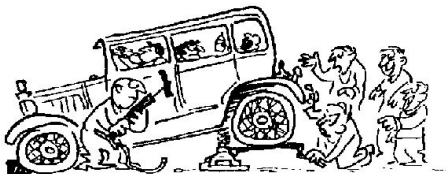
Sunshine & Raindrops



Ron Engen is feeling better and had his Model A out for a drive.

Joyce Engen was in the hospital after a fall resulting in a broken shoulder.

Our best wishes for healing!



REFRESHMENTS: Dave Sohr

Goodies for the December 8 meeting will be provided by:



Tina Weisenseel
Sherill Kelson

Judith McElroy
Rochelle Svelling

December Birthdays

- 1 Robin Roland
- 2 Carolyn Kaiser
- 3 Linda Sawyer
- 9 Jane Hatfield
- 10 Victor Patterson
- 10 Jerry McCawley
- 12 Phil Kowalewski
- 13 Ed Poffenberger
- 14 Ross Piper
- 15 Joe Valentino
- 16 Karen Lazar
- 20 Ray Beardslee
- 22 Pam Drilling
- 23 Tim Johnson
Greg Drilling



December Anniversaries



- Dec. 2, 1966 Clyde & Kathy Marion
Dec. 15, 1972 Bill & Sue Hansen
Dec 16 Ruben & Maria Sanebria
Dec. 17, 1967 Ron & Joyce Peterson
Dec. 27, 1985 Greg & Pam Drilling
Dec. 28, 1995 Phil & Naomi Kowalewski
Dec. 30, 1962 Arlyn & Nayola Bieber

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

\$10

Congratulations to Nancy & Steve Lovell for winning the Membership drawing in November. They took home \$80.00 just for attending the meeting and wearing their nametags! In December, the pot returns to \$10.00. The next winner could be YOU!

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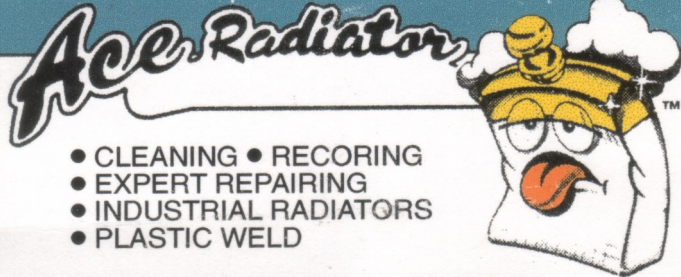
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