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CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE HUNTER IN O'SIDE



We closed the year shortly after Thanksgiving, giving thanks to the many people who kept the

club going during its 61st year and those who set

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In looking forward to 2024, I have scheduled myself for too many projects. You might have made a poor choice selecting me as your president, because overscheduling is what I do.

The New Year is traditionally the time to resolve to *change your bad habits*, and, having so damn many, (including unnecessary cursing), you'd hope that my number one resolution would be to complete all of my projects, to work harder, to spend less time just relaxing and enjoying myself, and to start saying "No" a lot more often when asked to volunteer or to go out with friends and family. It is, after all, something I *technically lose sleep over*.

Instead, I firmly plan to keep that aspect of my personality and I encourage you to join me. I'm not losing sleep because of *guilt*, but due to *excitement* for what the next day will bring. Wouldn't you want that? So, I fail sometimes? Resolving to only agree to work on something under tight success-only conditions, goes counter to Henry Ford's maxim, "*One who fears failure, limits his activities*" (and successes of course).

I hope that in 2024 you embrace doing things outside of your comfort zone as you try for the peaks of success. You'll have to do that despite the near certainty that if you do, you will fail, make mistakes, finish with less of a product than an experienced master you paid would, and disappoint someone because you won't be doing what he wanted you to.

Start off by attending the meeting on Wednesday, January 3rd at 4:30 at the Vista Library, 700 Eucalyptus (because Palomar Estates Clubhouse is closed), and prepare to branch off with other members for dinner post-meeting, as they don't allow food in the library. Next, plan to join others in their cars at the Murietta miniature golf tour on **January 6th**. See or call up Bruce Howe to talk about joining the CCRG Jamboree tour to Clovis, March 7th through 11th. Ask someone for help on your car so it's that much closer to running. Write a story for the *Reflector*. Go to a **last Sunday breakfast**, they'll start off January 28th at 8 am at the Main Street Café in Fallbrook. Take a class at Palomar College; spring semester will start on January 29th. Open yourself to the possibility of **making new friends**, filling in dates on your calendar, waking up with an alarm, sharing your knowledge with others, and smiling and laughing like you did years ago.

To conclude, thank you to all of the members of the 2024 Palomar Board for stepping up. They are a bunch of wonderful people, and if you want or need to get to know them check out their names and contact information, always on the back page of the *Reflector* because they'll always be there for you.

May your tank be full and the road opened in front of you.
David Frazee, President Pa



L-R: Karen Beel, Barbara Kruegel, Bruce Howe, Bruce Furbush, Ed Simpson, Anthony & Donna Lugo, Mark Greenlee, Chuck Grabowsky, Me, and Rick Spinello, not pictured, Jeannette Smith, Karla Maxwell and Bill Adams.

MAFCA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As it turns out I was one-month premature last month stating that article was my last as 2023 President. As it turns out I also write one for December. It has been a fun year serving as MAFCA National President. MAFCA is a large club with many moving pieces but thanks to a dedicated staff at Headquarters and nine directors in total, all the bases get covered month in and month out. The venerable Ford Model A is such timeless piece of automotive engineering and being part of a large group that is keeping it alive and relevant is exciting. Something engineered and designed in the late 1920's that can still be a part of the automotive culture is extraordinary.

I want to thank you all for your hard work and dedication to making our Model A hobby so great. Your passion for Ford Model A's is a pleasure to experience. Thanks to you all for making my year as MAFCA National President so pleasant. As the 2023 Board of Directors turns over direction of the Club to the 2024 Board, I am confident in their dedication to maintaining the MAFCA legacy. I expect you will be pleased with their sincere dedication to you, the membership. I am confident they will work diligently in your best interests.



2024 promises to be a promising year for MAFCA national activities with our National Convention scheduled in June for Ruidoso, NM. The Southwest Model A SIG has worked extremely hard to put together a great program of tours, social events, meals, seminars, car judging, fashion judging, swap meet, vendor displays plus opening and closing banquets. I look forward to a short reprieve from the summer heat in Texas in the cool temps in Ruidoso and look forward to seeing you there. At this time, we are also planning a presence at the MAFFI Model A Days in September, the Hershey Swap Meet in October and our National Awards Banquet in December. Hope to see you at one or all of these events. May all of you have a safe and happy holiday season.

See you down the road.

Robert Bullard, 2024 MAFCA President



2024 MAFCA Board of Directors
Left to Right: Ed Tolman, Will Langford, Dave Gill, Melanie Whittington, Chet Wojcik Jr, Paul Shinn, Bill Truesdell, Gary Price, Robert Bullard

CHRISTMAS PARTY CONTINUED

the goal of moving it forward into its 62nd. President Mark Greenlee recognized Ed Simpson's multi-year contributions to the club with the 2023 John C. Frazee Volunteer of the Year Award, formerly the Golden Bird.

Walt Hibbard and his daughter, Marla Ryan, made it down from Torrance, and Wayne and Marta Wiedle drove down from Long Beach. All in all 41 guests attended, the most since 2019. Jeannette Smith brought in a great cake we all enjoyed.

In closing President Mark Greenlee hosted the installation program beginning with gifts for the members of his board and rather than simply handing over a gavel to the new president, he had used his technical skills to create a crown decorated with Christmas lights in order to pass *the Crown of Office*. 2024 President, David Frazee, then introduced the 2024 board members and offered to help out the car repair of any member wanting to put theirs on the road. Not that he guaranteed solutions, but progress towards that end. With over 100 cars in the club, work is cut out for him.



MEMBERS WE LOST IN DECEMBER



Richard Allen

9 May 1930 to 10 December 2023

Longtime Palomar member, about 55 years, and 1971 club president, Richard Allen passed away in the hospital after battling cancer. He had been married to his wife Dorothy for 64 and together they raised nine boys and famously no girls. He was a proficient mechanic working for local dealerships before getting his longtime job with Caltrans. He was instrumental in getting quite a large number of local Model A owners into the club and he will be surely missed.



Peter Peterson

23 August 1937 to 24 December 2023

Pete, who was James Craig "Pete" Peterson, on Christmas Eve, up in a hospital in San Luis Obispo. He was born in Los Angeles, August 23, 1937 to James, Sr. and Valerie Peterson. On July 31, 1977, Pete married Nancy Anderson in Douglas County, Nevada.

They joined the club way back in July of 1992 and continued despite moving to Templeton, California in 1997. His wife Nancy passed away herself back on October 11th.

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| Steven Currie | 3 Jan |
| Anthony Lugo | 4 Jan |
| Christine Bartman | 8 Jan |
| Chris Fuller | 14 Jan |
| Kathy Horn | 17 Jan |
| Gerrie Rivera | 23 Jan |
| Sheila Saxman | 28 Jan |
| Howard Kruegel | 29 Jan |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| Danny & Rio Montijo | 2 Jan |
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DUES ARE DUE & NEW MEMBER

Most everyone has paid their dues, I'll phone the rest to have an *exit interview* if possible. I'll get a *Member Directory* out in February.

Danny & Rio Montijo Nov 20, Oct 17
1301 Crestridge Dr. Joined Nov 2023
Oceanside, CA 92054
760-644-0714 760-644-0650

FOR SALE



FOR SALE 1931 Model A Ford Victoria price reduced to \$35,000 or best offer

Jim King's Victoria has been upgraded to 12 volt

with an overdrive. He wants to offer it to Palomar members before seeing it move out of the area. jkrclr@gmail.com 760-937-3588

FUTURE TOURS

January 3 Meeting at the Vista Library, 4:30 at 700 Eucalyptus St. Vista

January 6 Tour to Murietta Mini-Golf meet at Palomar Estates at 9AM

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.

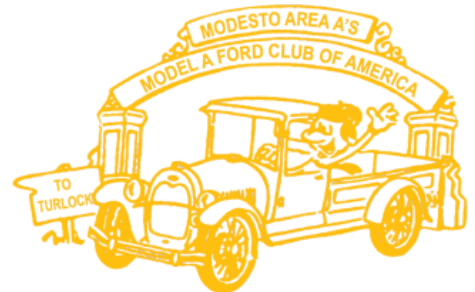
April 14 (Sun) 61st ORANGE COUNTY PANCAKE BREAKFAST Hart Park Orange CA hosted by Orange County Model A's. Date to be confirmed in December.

June 13-16 TEXAS TOUR Nacogdoches TX hosted by Dallas Model A Ford Club Contact: Nancy Cheshire - 972-279-4786

June 23-29 SOUTHWEST "A" VENTURES [2024 MAFCA National Convention] Ruidoso NM hosted by Southwest Model A's Info: Raymond Gabaldon, 505.620.0574 - P.O. Box 44 Peralta, NM 87042

December 11-14 MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Salt Lake City

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



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Membership is \$20 per year and club information, including a membership application and an archive of past newsletters, is available on www.palomarmodelaclub.org

Business Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, except June, July, and December, at the Palomar Estates East Clubhouse: 650 S Rancho Santa Fe Rd, in San Marcos at 7:00pm.

Check the website, newsletters, or Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/palomarmafca> for specifics for the June, July, and December meetings. All Model A Ford hobbyists are welcome to attend.

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