

## San Diego Model A Ford Club Inc.

Celebrating over 65 years of Model A'ing

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



JANUARY 2024

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Valarie Basham

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas, and like me, am looking forward to the New Year. Needless to say last year was a rough one for me, but 2024 shows lots of promise, nothing but blue skies ahead. Especially if we have our Model A's out on the road. And that is exactly what we plan to do, on Monday January 1st. What better way to start off the new year than to join fellow members for Breakfast. Join us for our annual **New Year's Day Breakfast at the Omelette Factory**, 8860 Magnolia Ave. in Santee meeting there at 7:30 am, so we can all sit together. Those that have already signed up are: the McElroys, Ed & Anne, Francis, Winchesters, Svellings, Swartwoods, Dainers, Biebers, Petersons, Ross Piper, Jim Taber, Reen Kotas, Fred Crone, Valarie(?), and there's always room for more. Come join us!

The joint board meeting is Tuesday January 9th. via zoom, 7 pm (both outgoing & new incoming board members). Watch for the log in information through the goggle group site. We'll be looking at the 2024 calendar & going over the last minute details of the Installation Luncheon. If you haven't made & paid for your reservations, time is running out. Please contact Nayola (858) 530-2336 by Jan. 5th.

Congratulations to Ric Bonnoront who was recognized in the latest MARC magazine with 30 years of membership. Way to go Ric! Remember that membership in one of the national clubs **MARC** or **MAFCA** is mandatory and the responsibility of each member. If you haven't paid your local "**SDMAFC**" 2024 dues you have probably received an email and/or a phone call. Updating of our 2024 Roster has begun and we don't want you to be deleted!

Since this will be my last article to you as President, I want to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be part of this amazing club. When I first saw Jeff's Grandmother's '28 Leatherback sedan, sitting abandoned in a dilapidated barn on the family ranch in northern Ca., who knew what lay ahead. Jeff confidently said, "someday I'm going to talk my Uncle into selling me that car", (aka 1973) my thoughts were: WHY would you want it? Who knew what joy that car and the friendships we/I have made because of that Model A, that came into our lives in the early 1980's. What a blessing this club has been to me, thank you for allowing me to be a part of this amazing club.

"A Model A'er for Lífe"

Valarie Basham



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS: Save these dates!**

JANUARY 2024: 1 New Year's Day Breakfast—Omelette Factory Santee

9 Joint Board Meeting via Zoom

12 NO BUSINESS MEETING!!!

20 Installation & Awards Lunch—Scrips Ranch Library

**FEBRUARY:** 9 Business Meeting—Santee 7 PM

# **QUAIL CALL**

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

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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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E-mail: info@mafca.com Website: www.mafca.com

Dues are \$50.00 per calendar year.



#### SAN DIEGO MODEL A CLUB, INC

General Business Meeting – December 8, 2023

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



**Tours (Dave Kelsen):** Talked about the November 11<sup>th</sup> event in Poway at the Presbyterian Church in Rancho Bernardo. Arlyn and Nayola dressed in Model A attire. No tours are scheduled for the month of December. **1-1-24** New Year's Day breakfast event is being planned by Valarie Basham. Signup sheet to be sent around tonight. Dave asked if anyone had any ideas for tours next year to let him know.

**Parades (Guy McElroy)**: 12-3-23 Parade in La Jolla which Ahna Holder attended did not have many Model A's. **Regarding the 2024 St Patrick's Parade Event**- Jim Train talked about the low participation in the past by our club and the entry fee. He recommended that we do not participate in this year's event.

**Treasurer:** (Nayola Bieber) Income: Membership \$810.00, Ways & Means \$87.50, Refreshments \$48.00 Luncheon \$975.00, Advertising Quail Call \$25.00, Merchandise \$\$30.00 – Total Income: \$1,975.50.

**Bills to Pay**: Rent to church for 6 months: \$300.00; Ways/Means: stamps/Costco \$32.31, e-bay \$6.57; Membership Drawings: \$40.00; Merchandise \$368.24; Kris Francis (Quail Call) \$45.87; MAFCA- annual donation insurance \$75.00. Motion to approve: (1<sup>st</sup> by Jim Train and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ric Bonnoront and approved by all.

<u>Old Business</u>: Chris Halter compiled a Model A ford booklet/manual for club members. Each manual would cost us \$3.00 each to print and want to order 100 of them. 1<sup>st</sup> motion to approve was Kris Francis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Woodruff and approved by all. Each club member will receive one, with additional ones available for purchase.

**Defender: Ray Beardsley:** Nothing to report.

Refreshments: (Dave Sohr). Lots of goodies. Need signups for months of April, May, June, and July.

Merchandise: (Julie Halter): New T-shirts are in, new holiday ornaments and Model A key chains. Julie has an embroidery person who has our logos.

Membership: (Ross Piper): 60 people present tonight and 3 visitors.

**Website:** (Chris Halter): has overhauled website, photo pages changed, links to recent events and hard luck trophy up to date and new videos.

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

**Property:** (Jim Tabor): Nothing to report.

<u>New Business</u>: Danny Machado conveyed that there may be a time crunch at the 1-20-24 Installation Banquet at the Scripps Ranch Library. Will need to decorate in 45 minutes, lunch is 12:15pm, try to arrive by 11:30 am, dress in aloha attire. Guy McElroy and members thanked the Svellings for the delivery of pumpkin pies to members of the club. Jim Train relayed to club the reasons why he has not been at the club meetings/events.

**Ways & Means: John 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:** Ahna Holder gave presentation on the Great Race in which Model A's and other classic cars travel great distances to win the 1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$50,000. Each vehicle has a driver and navigator and must adhere to strict mph limits. Cost is \$6,000 to enter.

**Technical:** Arlyn Bieber: Mystery Part was a speedometer gear in which Judy Jo Beardsley guessed correctly and won 10 raffle tickets. Aryln did not have anything else to present.

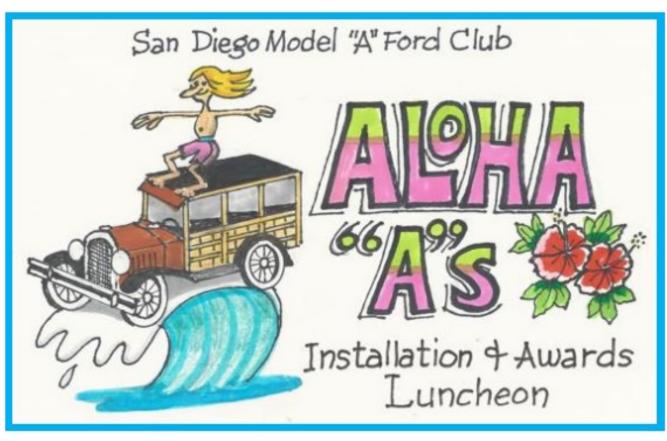
**Membership drawing prize** (\$10.00): Gregg Drilling's name was pulled and he was not present so next month prize will be \$20.00.

**Hard Lucky Trophy** – went home with the Biebers due to their car issues during the car display/Poway train tour in November.

**Entertainment:** Ric Bonnoront entertained us with some good redneck jokes and Jim Train played his guitar and sang a song. Meeting Adjourned: 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary, Nancy Lovell





#### 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 4 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

Due to the busy Holiday Season, we didn't have a December Tour scheduled.

To begin the New Year, a New Year's morning Breakfast is being organized by Valarie. Check for details in below. Here's a photo from January 1, 2023 (a very rainy New Year's Day last year!)





Our January Tour is the Annual Installation & Awards Luncheon, scheduled for Saturday, January, 20, 2024, beginning at 11:30 am. It will be held at the Scripps Ranch Library Meeting Room. Check for details in this Quail Call.

We are working on a February Tour. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Award Luncheon. To insure successful 2024 Tours, there will also be a 2024 Tour IDEA sign-up sheet for next year's Tours. Your input is greatly appreciated.

A big thank you for everyone's help in 2023, we had lots of fun!

<u>Upcoming Tour</u>: Details will be shared at the Annual Installation & Awards Luncheon.

# **New Year's Morning Breakfast**

According to Paul Winchester, January 1<sup>st</sup> is the perfect time to change the oil in your Model A. And since you should first take your car out for a spin to warm it up, a drive to our New Year's Morning Breakfast fits the bill.

As club president, Valarie Basham has the honor of coordinating our New Year's Breakfast. Here are all the details you need to know:

**Date:** Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

**Time:** 7:30 AM

Place: Omelette Factory, 8860 Magnolia Ave.,

Santee (same location as last year)

Drive: Model A's (preferred) or your Modern car

Hope you can join us!

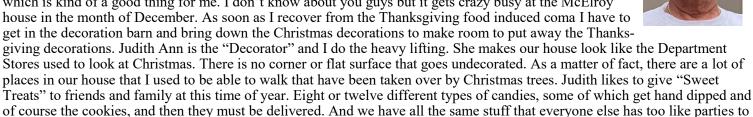


#### PARADES & Car Displays: Guy McElroy

Well, Happy New Year to all you Model A enthusiasts. I hope everyone got most of the things done that they had planned for 2023 and that the year ended well for you and yours.

As you know December was a quiet month for us. We only had two things planned, a display and a parade, which is kind of a good thing for me. I don't know about you guys but it gets crazy busy at the McElroy house in the month of December. As soon as I recover from the Thanksgiving food induced coma I have to get in the decoration barn and bring down the Christmas decorations to make room to put away the Thanks-

go to and guests to have over. Anyway, IT GETS BUSY, but I digress, back to Model A business.



On Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> we were planned to have a display called Wings and Wheels at Gillespie Field. That event was cancelled due to an overbooking problem at the venue. The coordinator was very apologetic, and promised me that he would get

something put together after the first of the year.

Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> was the La Jolla "Christmas on the Sand" parade. We were well represented at this one by Stan and Judy Boyer with their pickup truck, and Ahna Holder with her parents in her roadster. By looking at the pictures I can see that the cars were decorated





to the max. From what I've heard, it sounds like the crowds were great and logistically it went pretty well. Apparently there was a little problem getting Ahna's parents out of the roadster and the rumble seat after the parade. I've been there before; were there thoughts of dismantling the car to remove the passengers? There are no extraction photos.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

On to the new business. On January 1st at 7:30 AM we are having our annual New Year's Day Breakfast at the Omelette Factory, 8860 Magnolia Avenue in Santee. They will give us our own area and separate checks are not a problem. Last year it was rainy on the First so we did not have any Model As present. Hopefully this year we will see a good turnout of antique iron.

On Saturday, January 20th at 11:30 we have the Installation Luncheon at Scripps Ranch Library 10301



Scripps Lake Drive, 92131. For those of you who haven't paid yet, please do so. Navola needs the money

#### TECHNICAL TALK: with Arlyn Bieber

As found on the website of the Volcano A's Model A Club in Vancouver, Washington.

#### STARTER MAINTENANCE By Lynn Sondenaa

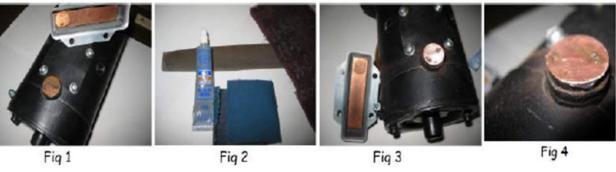
Model A starters do not require a lot of maintenance, but at least once a year the contacts should be cleaned and lubricated with dielectric greats.

Figure 1 shows the starter contact button (A-11102) and the starter switch contact with its button (A11450). The two contact buttons are made from copper and have a tendency to pit and corrode.

Disconnect the battery; then disconnect the battery cable to the starter switch and any other wires that connect to the starter switch. Remove the starter switch and you are now ready to clean. If the starter button is pitted, file it smooth using a single cut mill bastard file (Fig. 2). This picture also shows emery paper, Scotch-Brite and dielectric grease. Use either emery paper or Scotch-Brite to clean the copper surfaces so they are b right (Fig. 3).

The next step is to coat the copper surfaces with dielectric grease (Fig. 4). This grease promotes electrical contact and helps to eliminate corrosion.

The last step is to clean and coat the copper terminal and nut on the starter switch (fig.5.) and reassemble everything. Note: If your Model A uses a fiber gasket (a-11450) between the starter housing and starter switch, check its condition for wear. These were correct for 1928 to early 1930 Model A's, but they can be used on all years. It is a good idea to use them because they help prevent shorts.



#### Technical Notes Points to Ponder about the Model A By Lynn Sondenaa

- 1. The Model A engine will run cooler at higher speeds and it will heat up more at low speeds. This is due to air flow thru the radiator.
- 2. The engine pans (A-6775 & A-6776) were stock on the Model A. They fit between the engine and frame. Their main purpose is to reduce air turbulence under the hood, promoting better cooling. They were also used to prevent dirt, water and mud from reaching the distributor and carburetor.
- 3. Did you know you are supposed to oil the starting crank bearing (A-5461)? Access is through the crankhole cover. The purpose is to lubricate the front spring and reduce the possibility of squeaks between the cross member and spring.
- 4. Spark plugs that have a dirty, oily, greasy build up on the porcelain can allow current leakage. This will cut down the spark to the plugs. So keep the spark plugs clean.
- 5. The coil body and distributor body and cap can develop carbon blow outs. They will look like pencil lines. This is a short and the pencil looking line is where the current travels. It is due to a loose wire or dirt build up on the item. So check these part and keep them clean.

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:** 19 Tooth Speedometer Gear A-17272-C



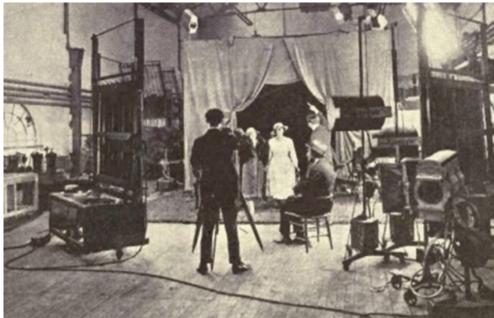
Winner: Judy Jo Beardslee

#### **HOLLYWOOD IN LA JOLLA**

The La Jolla Cinema League was a group of wealthy amateurs filmmakers enthralled with the relatively new motion picture technology. The group produced several silent movie features and shorts in San Diego between 1926 and 1929. These were well-to-do La Jollans who had the means to buy the best equipment and fund a state-of-the-art development lab.

LJCL was a big, bright spotlight in the town's history. The chief photographer was P.H. Adams, the scriptwriter was his wife, Elizabeth Adams, and the director was Ms. R.G.S. Berger. Tickets for the films were sold at The Little Shop and Putnam's Pharmacy. Screenings were held at the La Jolla Woman's Club and the American Legion Hall. The events were usually sold-out, with many people being turned away. One film showing in 1927 netted \$200, which was sent down South to aid Mississippi flood victims.

The La Jolla Cinema League were early pioneers who did much filming in and around La Jolla, according to the San Diego History Center's website. "The La Jolla Cinema League attempted to promote motion picture productions by groups not associated with large commercial studios.



"It produced five to 10 melodramas and newsreels ranging in length between five and 74 minutes. These were photographed by P.H. Adams, directed by R.G.S. Berger (who owned the house where many productions were filmed), and starred as a troupe of actors related to Adams or Berger.

"... The sets were realistic and of historic importance, because they showed early 20th-century architecture in La Jolla including the Casa de Manana, a historic hotel."

The movies included "Consuelo di Capri," "the first production of the League, about thugs trying to wrestle the deed to valuable property away

from an old man by kidnapping his daughter."

In "Avarice" an "unsympathetic miser acts miserly and ends up locking himself in his safe."

"Virtue's Reward" or "Blood for Bond" is about a weekend party that is disturbed when bad people try to steal bonds from good people.

The couples' daughters have gifted the films to the La Jolla Historical Society, which have recently screened the movies. The films show La Jolla in the Roaring Twenties with posh cars, finely landscaped homes, big jewels, flapper gals and Gatsby guys. Set locations include Casa de Mañana, the Scripps family home, and the steep biological grade going up to the top of Soledad Mountain.

Scott Paulson, the outreach coordinator for the Communications & Engagement Department at UC San Diego Library, has become involved with the films because of his background as curator of the silent movie collection at the library. Paulson has done a great deal of research on the LJCL films and teamed with Miriam Polcino to do the lab work necessary to preserve and enhance each film. "Talkies are just a fad, anyway!" jokes Paulson. "They won't last!"

1928 MODEL A ERA & FASHIONS 1931 by Kris Francis

#### "Baby, It's Cold Outside! What should I wear?"

During the colder months of the year, women needed to stay warm also while still looking so



fashionable for that short time. Typical outdoor wear, were long coats made of either some fur, but not as much as



you'd see made in different weaves of wool. They were thick, warm and most definitely scratchy. Wool was

often blended with cotton or rayon to make it cheaper, thinner, softer, and shrink resistant.

#### WHERE AM I / WHO AM I?

I stole this fun idea from the Hangtown A's in Placerville (a town near & dear to my heart as Dave drove up there for parts and came home with a dog. But that's a story for another day...) They have a 'WHERE AM I/WHO AM I' column.

While I can start it, club members will have to participate by submitting a picture of a familiar location (could be local or distant) WITH THEIR MODEL A or a picture of themselves (somewhat younger) that

will allow other club members to guess as to where or whom is pictured. The guesses can be submitted to the editor and the winner will be acknowledged the following month. There might even be a prize for the winner (or at least bragging rights). The winner will be the first to submit a correct answer. I will need some more submissions to keep this going. So... Where am I? (General location is acceptable but extra points for the exact location.)





#### BILL'S CORNER

#### BREAK / BRAKE

Loosely defined, break is to interrupt or pause activity. Brake is to stop movement.

Nearly every afternoon I take what I refer to as a "union Break". It is in my retirement contract and a good way to recharge my physical battery and get ready for round two of whatever project I am working on.

The dictionary definition of Brake is a sudden stop, which is something my Model A does not always do. Especially when going down a long incline, and the brakes start fading out. I encountered that years ago while going down the mountain from a Big Bear Lake tour. There was a long line of moderns behind me as I was looking for a place to pull over so they could get by me. I did eventually find a small area out of the traffic lane for them to pass, and had to use my parking brake to slow down before going over a 500 ft. cliff (talk about white knuckles and heart palpitations time!) To make matters worse, Ole BOB, my coupe, had a habit of popping out of 2<sup>nd</sup> gear, so that was not a good option to go slower. Needless to say, after getting off the mountain, I was one happy camper to be on level terrain again.

So, whichever you decide to do: a break-or-brake, take time to consider how fortunate we are to belong to the San Diego Model A Ford Club, with the camaraderie and fellowship we all enjoy.

Bill Corson

# REMINDER! DUES ARE DUE!

Dues: \$30.00 due by December 31

If you haven't renewed your club membership dues for 2024, please do so ASAP by mailing a check for \$30.00 to the club mailing address:

SDMAFC P.O. Box 19805 San Diego, CA 92159

#### **REFESHMENTS:** Dave Sohr

We will be enjoying Luau food at the Installation Luncheon in January. No Refreshments this month. (Dave gets the month off.)



# January Birthdays

- 1 George Leitner
- 2 Russ Sarnecki
- 7 Michael Dainer Judy Leitner
- 8 Karen Machado Norman Thrush
- 13 Janet Books Lynn Sarnecki
- 18 Barbara Dacy
- 21 Webb Smith
- 22 Gary Karr Nancy Lovell
- 23 Luisa Costa
- 26 Ernie Mittemeyer
- 27 TamaraWilliamson
- 28 Ahna Holder
- 29 Howard Kruegel

# January Anniversaries



Robert & Jo Delgadillo, January 8, 1972 Victor & Joyce Patterson, January 10, 1964 Cliff & Kathryn Hughes, January 19, 1985 Ken & Jane Hatfield, January 31, 1970

#### **MEMBERSHIP DRAWING**

The December Membership Drawing was \$10.00. Greg & Pam Drilling's names were drawn, however they weren't present at the meeting. In January the pot increases to \$20.00 and the next winner could be **YOU!** Be there and wear your name tag!

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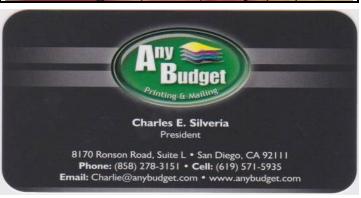
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