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Model A Ford Club of Santa Barbara

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All dates subject to change

Next meeting, January 3 at 7pm
South Coast Church 5814 Cathedral Oaks
Guest Speaker: Susan Carty

Kate Douglas, granddaughter of Randy & Sue Douglas is a sophomore at Providence High School in Santa Barbara. Her school has a fundraising concert event at 7pm, Jan 19th, 2024 at the Arlington Theatre. They are in need of Model A's to drive "VIP's" a short distance to the event. All profits from the event go toward the non-profit, Kids Helping Kids, started in 2009 locally to help fellow kids in need. Meet Kate Douglas at the January 3rd meeting.

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Ladies Lunch

Next Ladies "Picnic" will be on the 3rd Wednesday

January 17, 12:00 pm

Janet and John's house



Tuesday Weekly

Men's Lunch

Call Lorne Johnston for time and location



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Can anyone identify what these are and what Model A Year?

Bring written answers with your name to meeting for 3 names chosen for free raffle ticket



I'm looking forward to Wednesday's meeting where we will be announcing the winners of the Forefather's and Eric Salter Awards.

The Board slate will remain largely the same.

Please see the calendar on page 1. In March, we will be reviving a tour idea called Ladies Day from 1959 where the men will serve the lunch and clean up afterwards. At the same time the Ladies will be competing with their knowledge of Model A's.

To prepare I have scheduled one Ladies Picnic a month at my home to study Model A's. Those, men or women, who come to help teach will receive points for the Eric Salter Award next year.

See you Wednesday!

Janet :)



From the President

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! We had a wonderful family

Christmas wearing matching pajamas and playing trains with little grandson Jonah. John and granddaughter Maddy are working on a car project together over the break. I'm still sorting out the connections I made with the Amical All Ford Club in France.



Jill is already forwarding their newsletter. I'll forward the one where they mention me next to go out to the whole club. Get out your Google translator. I hope you

enjoy the articles in this flyer about the people and Model A experience I had. This year, we had delightful Model A connections in New Zealand, Norway and France meeting people with the same love and passion for the Model A and all classic cars. What country or other state could be next?

Festive Holiday Décor for the Goleta Holiday Parade



Nice lights on the Georgi Family car



The Powell family car all decorated with lights



A light load of Penniman Grandkids and Snowman



Don Lauer and guest all lights and smiles



Fred & Cyndy with enough lights for a firetruck



John Gilbertson with Missy, grandson, Jonah, then James



Terry and Nancy Moore Sporting a Christmas Wreath



Bob Davis et al sporting lights and icicles



2023 Christmas Dinner



Mary Ann & Jack Bellevue



Kay & Chet Caldeira



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Murph Levy John Haggerty



Don & Carol Lauer



Bob & Susan Carty



Steve & Phyllis Penniman



Linda & Ed Firth



Randy & Sue Douglas



Bill Mochnick



Mo Masson



Maddy & John Gilbertson



Floyd K. & Annie Villarreal



Jill and Truett Thach

Tour of Paris in a Model A Ford Cabriolet



Pierre Eric Ponthieux, who lives in the north of France and is President of the Amical All Ford Club put me in contact with member Jean-Marc Dargère who lives in the Paris suburbs. (More on Pierre Eric, page 7) After that I heard from Jean-Marc D directly. He is a classic car collector who was able to pick me up in his Model A and give me a tour of Paris. (More on Jean-Marc, page 6) He said it would be best on a Sunday because of traffic in Paris during the week. That was the day after I arrived but I went anyway despite having jet lag, I managed to be fully awake for it. It turned out so extraordinary, it will take time to describe all the amazing facets of this experience, but I'll try.

When I first got in the car, I noticed a little mouse-like character just above the dashboard named Marsupilami* who also led the tour with Jean-Marc.

Riding in a beautifully restored Model A Ford Cabriolet (with no seatbelts) around Paris was an interesting experience in itself. The car was well-handled and the traffic in the roundabouts and intersections were well organized despite the congestion. Jean-Marc knows Paris well and I was in good hands. Learning more about Paris and seeing the sights is always enjoyable. From what I can remember, we saw the Eiffel Tower, Les Invalides, Arc de Triomphe, stopped at Chez Ginnett in the Montmartre neighborhood then lastly, we saw the white domed Basilica of the Sacré-Cœur on the summit.

The reaction from the people of Paris to the Model A was most enjoyable. Whenever we stopped somewhere, a few people would gather asking questions. When we stopped at a traffic light, people would stop in the crosswalks, turn and smile and wave. I know this happens in Santa Barbara, but there, it was much more pronounced. So many smiles! When we attempted to drive onto Champs Élysées, and were directed to turn around by the police due to a demonstration. During the turn-around we were stopped briefly next to a bus and I was face to face with the bus driver. We got a hearty thumbs up.

Getting gas in Paris was a fun experience. The pumps are simply right next to the curb and there is an attendant there. No station and so easy. Then we went to Montmartre to meet another club member, Maxime D. to see his beautifully restored and rare 1933 V8-40. In the café I was able to show them my PowerPoint presentation with photos of our club activities..



I study French every day but I'm slow to learn so I was lucky they had both worked in English speaking offices for a time in their careers so they could both speak English very well. Meeting them, I encountered the same kind of passion and love for classic engines and cars that our club members have. We discussed a mutual concern and hope that younger generations will develop the same interest in classic cars and how cities are making it more difficult to drive around in individual cars, especially Paris. When I showed the photos of the cars that were found in a garage in Santa Barbara recently, both Jean-Marc and Maxime looked at each other and said "Barn Find!," so I guess that's an international term. I've invited Jean-Marc and Maxime and their wives or anyone in their club who visit Santa Barbara, that we would give them a tour in our Model A and take them for a coffee. That would be so fun.

* Also having fallen in love with Marsupilami, I have ordered my own from E-bay.

Email Interview with Jean-Marc

Jean Marc, You were both telling me about going to Geneva to get Maxime's rare 1933 V8. You were saying you had a problem on the trip home. What was that problem?

Answer: Years ago, Maxime and myself have been in Geneva by train. The owner of the Ford V840 was waiting for us at the train station. Then we have been for a lunch. The way from Geneva to Paris' suburb is around 500 kms. (311 miles) We leave Geneva by driving the Ford around 4pm. It was during summer but we arrived at my home around 1am. At the end of the trip, the head lights were providing less and less light and I had to use the Maglite torch.

The reason was that the generator was out of service. We have been lucky to have enough power in the battery for the ignition.

You were saying you drive to Brittany, France each year for a Model A event. When is the next one and will it be in Brittany ?

Answer: There is a club in Brittany who organizes a rally every year around May. This is a rally for classic not only Ford. Every year there are around 600 vehicles, most of them are cars but also trucks, bicycles, motorcycles. When we participate to the rally, we go to Brittany by driving our classic cars. There are around 500 (311 miles) kms from Paris' suburb to Brittany. So, it takes me around 10 or 11 hours.

Lastly, you mentioned you have about 5 collector cars. What kinds are they and do you have photos of them?

I started to get classic cars in 1985. First I bought a Citroen Traction 11B (1953) , then the Ford A (1928), a Citroen 2CV (1955)_(not pictured), a Hotchkiss 864S49 Languedoc (1950), a Citroen DS 21 IE (1970). All those cars have been used to go on holidays in France, except the 2CV which is not running since years. The last one is a caravan from 1975 that I use with the Citroen DS. There will be no more as this is a lot of job to maintain them.



Maxime driving his 1933 V840 to Brittany.”
We are members of Ford Amical, France
The club who organizes "le Tour de Bretagne"
about which we talked.
ABVA (<http://www.abva.net/>)”



Citroen Traction 11B (1953)



Hotchkiss 864S49 Languedoc (1950),



a Citroen DS 21 IE (1970).



a Citroen DS 21 IE with Caravan

Email from Pierre Eric Ponthieux (Excerpt)

Thank you for your email

I am the president of the Ford Amical France club and I live in the north of France

Yes we have two club members who live near Paris and who would be happy to meet you.

I was a member of MAFCA for 3 years at the start of the restoration of my Ford (mid-80's) and I still have the copies of the magazine that I received at the time.

Our club is an all Ford model club. Our newsletter is distributed by our secretary to more than 400 people.

I am attaching some photos of our last outing and my car.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Fordist friendships!



Email from Paul Le Tacon member of Ford Amical, France

Hello dear Fordist friend from the USA ,

Welcome to France . I'm really sorry but I can't be with Jean Marc Dargère to meet you on the set date .

Then I join you in compensation three photos of my Roadster Ford A of 1931 , model 40B version Deluxe equipped at the time of my purchase of an engine of September 1931 . I bought my car in 2006 , it came from Los Alamitos in California , before it was in Washington state and still before in Minnesota.

I have always worked on it at a good level. All that remains is the exhaust pan on which I have not yet intervened. I made again, according to my drawings and model, with the right dimensions, the boot of steps which contains 3 cans (oil, gasoline and water). Similarly I had refabriquer , according to my drawings and model , a support for APCO gauge on the dashboard. I wish you a great stay in Paris and enjoy the spectacle of this beautiful city. And also good appetite If you have time, go through the Place du Tertre in Montmartre, it's the heart. The view is magnificent from the esplanade of the Basilica .

Very kindly to you;

Paul LE TACON member of "Ford Amical France"





2024 Goleta Calendar \$12.99

All the photos were taken right here, in the greater Goleta area by our former guest speaker Tom Modugno.

Also available at Surf Country Surf Shop, Chaucers Books, Island Seed and Feed, Lazy Eye Shop, Santa Cruz Market Goleta and the Stow House gift shop. Enjoy, and have a great 2024!

See Tom at Santa Cruz Market and get it for \$10.



Our SBMAFC members bought gifts for a foster child in the CASA program and handed them to Kira Cosio, (left) Community Engagement Director. Thanks to John in the only Model A I could round up.



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MODEL A MECHANICAL

How can you tell one Model A Ford from another? See helpful article below

Buying and Selling: Your handy 1928-31 Ford Model A Buyers Guide. By Sajeev Mehta Dec. 2, 2022.
<https://www.hagerty.com/media/buying-and-selling/your-handy-1928-31-ford-model-a-buyers-guide/>

While all Model A's may look about the same for the four model years of production, there are actually three distinct generations of the breed.

1. The first is comprised of the early Model As, those built from December 1927 to June 1928 and known as the ARs. 2. Next are the 1928–29 cars, 3. Finally, the examples made from 1930 to 1931.

While there is no well-defined way to distinguish an AR from a later example, these early Model As often sport the combination of a “powerhouse” generator, a uniquely located hand-brake (next to the driver's kick panel, not near the shifter), and a red steering wheel.

It is far easier to tell the difference between 1928–1929 and 1930–1931 examples.

The second-generation A has curved sheetmetal at the cowl (between the hood and the doors); the contour on later models is more linear. Earlier (1928) Model A Roadster, pickup, and Phaeton bodies lack outside door handles, but 1929–31 Roadsters and Phaetons have them. Wheels also changed across the years: 1928–29 As sported 21-inch wheels, while later models wore 19-inch ones with larger hub caps.

The front bumpers changed, too. Earlier Model As have a round front bumper clamp, which later became oval, and a concave curvature at each end (this later became gently curved across the whole bumper).

Earlier radiators are shorter and wider, and made of nickel. Later radiators are stainless steel. The 1930 Model A had a fully polished radiator shell, while 1931 sported reliefs with painted inserts.

Even the headlights changed, from vertical fluted lenses in 1928 to Twolite branded lights in 1929, when the lamp shape morphed from acorn to cup. The headlight bar, which connects to the fenders, also went from straight on the first models to curved in later Model As.

Taillamps were shaped like drums in 1928; 1929+ Model As sported a tea-cup shaped light that was mounted on the fender instead of the body.

The Model A's interior received running changes too, most notably in the instrument panel. While that in the 1928–1930 car is shaped a bit like a diamond, the 1931 cluster has a more oval theme with horizontal ribs and a rounded speedometer.

You might win a free Raffle Ticket at the January 3 meeting if you can identify or make a good guess of all 3 cars below. Please write down the 3 and bring to the meeting.



1.

2.

3.

Model A Era Fashion Corner



On the website www.aikenas.org/erafashions, they have a page on fashions in each season. Here are some lovely examples from the winter season.

From left to right, The 'Diagonal Woolens for Your Winter Frocks' reflected the tailoring, popular in December 1931 and featured in the "Ladies' Home Journal". The gentleman's formal evening wear consists of a tailcoat worn with a white, single breasted waistcoat, a plain white linen shirt with a stiff front, a wing collar and a white cotton or linen bow tie. Pumps are black patent leather, socks are plain silk, a dull silk opera hat and the gloves are white kid. The elegant ladies are ready for a gala evening are also featured in the "Ladies Home Journal", December 1931.

Barn Find in Santa Barbara 2023

Ed Firth should get credit for this “Barn Find,” actually a “Garage Find.” As best as we can determine, these 2 Model A’s cars have been left forgotten and neglected in a garage off of Foothill Road since the 1980’s They were owned by our own former member, Joe Sherman who passed away in 2004 yet the cars already having sat for 20 years remained sitting almost 20 more years. Ed found out about them from one of his friends. He wasn’t able to act on it because Ed already owns six Model A’s. Ed said I could tell you this; Linda has forbade him from buying any more!

So, John Gilbertson stepped in and got them so we can get busy restoring them. There are lots of difficulties when there are no pink slips but that also can help with negotiating the price. The two cars, he put in batteries and gas and they started right up.

We normally keep in touch with our with former members and help them to maintain or sell their cars if they like. These two slipped by.



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May

1 Meeting 7 pm

5 Cinco de Mayo

Tuesdays Men's Lunch

12 Mother's Day

15 Ladies Lunch

18 Tour: Gymkhana (may move to 11th or 25th)

June

5 Meeting 7 pm

Tuesdays Men's Lunch

19 Ladies Lunch

15 Tour Senior Living Homes

16 Father's Day

22 Solstice Parade

22 Classics w/ the Cardinals

9a-3p Bishop Diego High

www.classicswiththecardinals.org

23-29 MAFCA Natl Convention

Ruidoso, New Mexico

July

No Meeting

4 Independence Day

Stow House/Montecito Parade

Tuesdays Men's Lunch

17 Ladies Lunch

20 Woodie Show 9-3

our cars are invited to show

August

7 Meeting 7 pm

Tuesdays Men's Lunch

21 Ladies Lunch

17 Tour to plan



September

2 Labor Day

4 Picnic at the Park No Meeting

Tuesdays Men's Lunch

? International Model A Day

18 Ladies Lunch

21 Tour to plan

October

2 Meeting 7 pm

Tuesdays Men's Lunch

16 Ladies Lunch

19 Tour: Lunner

31 Halloween

November

6 Meeting 7 pm

Tuesdays Men's Lunch

11 Veteran's Day

16 Tour: Gentlemen's Day

19 International Men's Day

20 Ladies Lunch

28 Thanksgiving

December

No Meeting

1 Christmas Dinner?

Tuesdays Men's Lunch

5 65th Anniversary SBMAFC

? Goleta Parade

11-14 Annual Awards Banquet

Salt Lake City UT

25 Christmas Day

25-1/2 Hanukkah



These dates above are not imprinted on a license plate

They are just listed to help plan another exciting Model A year.

Please let me know of any dates that are missed or are in error.

FORD Motor Company History

Why did Ford only sell black cars?

From: <https://www.people.vcu.edu/~djbromle/color-theory/color04/jithin/autocolor.htm#:~:text=Because%20black%20paint%20at%20the,only%20Black%20Ford%20Model%20T's>.

Henry Ford once said something of this nature: "A customer may have a car in any color he desires, so long as its black." Today, many people have taken this quote to mean that every Model T Ford, the car which undoubtedly made the American automobile affordable and "put America on wheels," was painted black. This is not the case. From 1908 to 1914, Model T Fords were painted in a variety of 4 to 5 available colors. All colors were of darker shades. Interestingly enough, black was not offered as a color initially. However, from 1914 to 1926, all Model T Fords were indeed painted black. The reason behind this color choice was purely economic: Ford wanted to produce the most number of automobiles in the least amount of time. Because black paint at the time was the least expensive and dried the fastest, black paint allowed Ford to produce a car in about 90 minutes – and satisfy the nation's hunger for personal transportation at a relatively inexpensive price.



Fordlandia

From: <https://www.thehenryford.org/explore/blog/dearborn-in-the-jungle-why-belterra-flourished-where-fordlandia-failed/>



From 1928-1945, the Ford Motor Company built the Fordlandia and Belterra plantations in an attempt to establish a permanent rubber plantation presence in Brazil. The goal of setting up the Ford Motor Company of Brazil was two-fold: to supply Ford's internal demand for rubber as well as to provide a better way of life for the Brazilians who lived and worked on the plantations. The plantations were testaments to the agricultural innovations and commercial cultivation of the jungle.



Marsupilami is a comic book character and fictional animal species created by André Franquin. Its first appearance was in the 31 January 1952 issue of the Franco Belgian comics magazine Spirou. Marsupilami has been translated into many languages.

Interestingly, a later issue was named Fordlandia with a dilapidated Model A on the front.. I have ordered it on E-bay. -Editor

However, they were also marked with failures, such as Ford failing to understand native culture and trying to impose a Dearborn-like work schedule and lifestyle on the native Brazilians. Somehow though the Belterra plantation was successful.