

THE RUMBLE SHEET

Welcome

The Rumble Sheet is your go-to source for all things Model A. From the President's message to club announcements, activities calendars, and a classifieds section – it's your insider's guide to the Model A world.

Henry Ford and Thomas Edison

In the annals of industrial history, a profound friendship blossomed between two visionary minds, Henry Ford and Thomas Edison. The genesis of their connection occurred in 1887, against the backdrop of the Atlantic City convention. At that time, Ford, engrossed in his pursuit of a gasoline engine despite skepticism from peers, found himself rooming with the eminent Thomas Edison.

Undeterred by naysayers, Ford sought Edison's counsel on the future of power sources. In a characteristic manner, Edison acknowledged the potential of lightweight engines, emphasizing the need for diversity in motive power. This encounter marked the beginning of a friendship that endured through the years.



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Their paths intersected again when Ford's motor entered production. Edison, with an encyclopedic knowledge spanning diverse subjects, became a close confidant to Ford. The friendship burgeoned through the exchange of ideas, with Edison's open-mindedness and belief in the limitless possibilities of knowledge serving as a cornerstone.

Edison, the unparalleled scientist, exhibited a unique approach to his craft. While his business acumen may have been questionable, his dedication to advancing scientific understanding remained unwavering. He viewed knowledge not as a static collection but as a dynamic tool to shape progress, distancing himself from those who hoard knowledge for personal gain.

As their friendship deepened, Edison's influence extended beyond science. He embodied the spirit of a scientist dedicated to steering the world's progress, unearthing untapped potentials in chemistry. In the tapestry of industrial history, Ford and Edison stand not only as pioneers in their respective fields but as kindred spirits, united by a shared vision for a future shaped by innovation and the relentless pursuit of knowledge. - From Henry Ford's Autobiography, My Life & Work

Quick Identification

Spotting the difference between a 1928 and 1929 - 1931 Ford Model A might seem like a head-scratcher at first, but here's another tip for eagle-eyed identification. Inspect the headlights. 1928 lenses mirror the Model T era, while the 1929 - 1931 lenses underwent a design change that stuck until the end. Happy Model A spotting!



ERA FASHION

A Stride Through Time: The History of Socks

Socks, those seemingly simple garments that grace our feet today, have a lineage as rich and diverse as the patterns that adorn them. From the animal-skin foot coverings of ancient Greeks to the stylish argyle patterns of the 1920s, the history of socks is a journey through time, reflecting changes in fashion, technology, and societal norms.

8th Century BC: The Genesis

The earliest documented evidence of sock-wearing dates back to the 8th century BC, a testament to the enduring need for warmth. In ancient Greece, socks were crafted from animal skins, providing essential insulation against the biting cold. These early iterations were practical, serving a utilitarian purpose in an era where comfort was as essential as style.

5th Century AD: Symbol of Purity

Fast forward to the 5th century AD, and socks had evolved beyond mere functional wear. Throughout Europe, socks became a symbol of purity, adorning the feet of holy men. Wearing socks became a mark of distinction, signifying a connection to higher virtues.



1000 AD: A Symbol of Wealth and Class

As societies progressed, so did the significance of socks. By the turn of the millennium, socks had transformed into symbols of wealth and class. Nobility, with their ostentatious collections, showcased not just their affluence but also their discerning taste in hosiery.

16th Century: The Sock Finally Becomes a Fashionable Item

The 16th century marked a turning point for socks as they transitioned from utilitarian garments to fashionable accessories. The Renaissance era saw an explosion of creativity, and socks became an expressive canvas for intricate designs and vibrant colors. Suddenly, socks were not just about warmth; they were a statement of style.

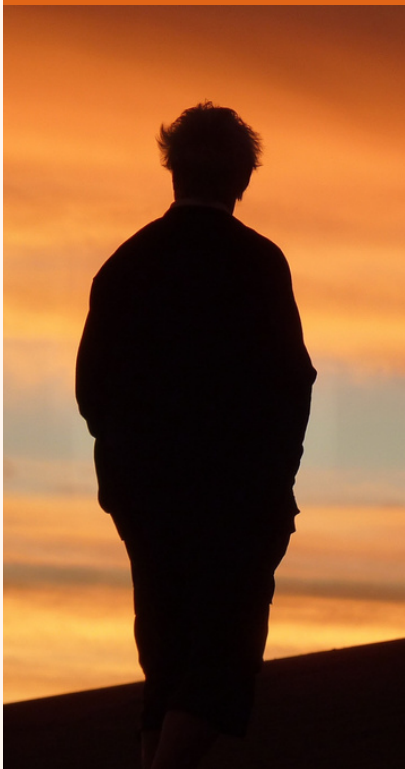
1800s: The Industrial Revolution Presents the Knitting Machine

The 19th century brought about radical changes with the advent of the Industrial Revolution. Just as the steam engine transformed transportation, the knitting machine revolutionized sock production. The demand for socks soared as these machines could knit six times faster than their manual counterparts. Despite the mechanization, hand-knitted socks persisted alongside their industrial counterparts until the late 1800s.

1920s-1930s: Stripes and Argyle Take Center Stage

As the world entered the Roaring Twenties, a fashion revolution was underway, and socks were no exception. Stripes and argyle patterns became the hallmark of stylish socks for both the young and the fashion-forward older generation. These intricate designs seamlessly integrated into everyday formalwear, reflecting the exuberance and dynamism of the era.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



What brought me to this point in my life? President of the Greatest Model A Ford Club on earth. About 20 years ago I was working part time doing the woodwork on classic and historical vehicles. Things like replacing a floor on a 1931 Twin Coach Helms Bakery Truck and the restoration of a 1937 White Model 706 Yellowstone Park Bus #427. The big project was a total rebuild on 1912 Commercial Truck (all electric) used to deliver magazines for The Curtis Publishing Company in Chicago. I was the wood guy. My partner in crime was Hal, the car guy. We rarely crossed over the line. I cringed when he used the table saw and I only touched a wrench when he was under some vehicle and needed a 3/4 inch box wrench. I did learn that Phillips screws were a no no. They were not used until World War II. I did know how to sand pretty well, a must as a woodworker. Somedays all I made was saw dust. Really not a bad day. I was itching to try Bondo but that was above my pay grade at this job.

That's when I bought my dream car. A 1930 Ford Model A Sport Coupe, with rotted wood. Wow a great place to challenge my woodworking skills and the extra bonus was I could try Bondo.

That was 2006. A short time after I joined the San Fernando Valley Chapter of The Model A Ford Club of America.

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3rd Thursday of the Month 7:30PM
January - November
Galpin Ford
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Who We Are

The San Fernando Valley Model A Club (SFVMAC), a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA), is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for enthusiasts of the Model A Ford car, to aid members and other enthusiasts in their efforts to restore and preserve the car in its original likeness. The Rumble Sheet is the newsletter of the SFVMAC, published monthly, January through November. The organization disclaims any liability for the technical information provided herein. The material published are the opinions of the authors and not those of the organization.

We invite all those interested in the Model A Ford to join us. Ownership of a Model A Ford is not required. All members must join MAFCA. Membership includes a subscription to the newsletter. Material in the Rumble Sheet may be used in other publications provided that credit is given for the source.

GENERAL CLUB MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Buckle up, folks! The San Fernando Valley Model A Ford Club recently revved up its engines for its monthly general meeting at none other than Galpin Ford in North Hills, CA. And let me tell you, it was one heck of a ride!

Before the wheels started turning, some savvy members decided to fuel up at Galpin Ford's restaurant, The Horseless Carriage. Because let's face it, a good car talk is best accompanied by some lip-smacking grub. You can't discuss Model A magic on an empty stomach, can you?



Hold onto your steering wheels, folks, because Larry Margules took the wheel as the new club President. The 2024 dream team includes Vice President Mike Petrella, Treasurer Hunter Bloch, Membership Russell Buelna, Tours & Activities Scott McNatt, and Member at Large Steve Kurtz. Oh, and they're on the lookout for a secretary – any takers?



Our 2024 Committee Chairs are Editor Aimee McNatt, Web Geek Christopher McCabe, Tech and Safety Carroll Vaughn, Club Historian Carol Mosher, and Fashion Betty Salverson. In a twist of fate, the position of "Sunshine" is now a rotating gig, and Robin Pomeroy seized the opportunity for February, promising to bring sunshine in the form of baked goods. Who said sunshine only comes from the sky?

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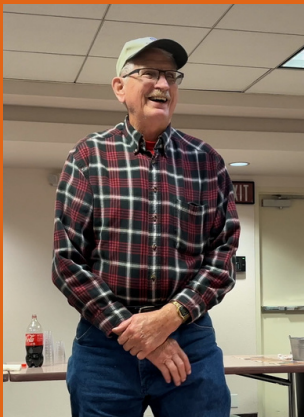
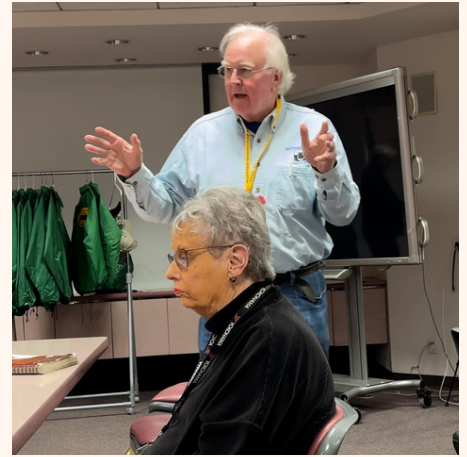
Now, let's talk style. Vice President Mike Petrella displayed a rack of snazzy club jackets and hats. Amy McCabe wasted no time snagging a jacket for her lucky husband. Looking good and feeling fly, right?



And who doesn't love a good win? Treasurer Hunter Bloch pocketed \$10 in the Members Only drawing, while Harvey Jacobs struck gold with a cool \$50 in the 50/50 drawing. Money talks, and in this case, it says, "Join the San Fernando Valley Model A Ford Club!"



With goals ranging from increasing membership to planning a banquet for 2025, these folks mean business. And if you're into food tours, breakfasts, or a tool rental network (for car aficionados, not your average Joe), you're in for a treat!



But it's not all business – the club welcomed a special guest, Mr. Thompson from Iowa, a retired railroader with a Model A dump truck. Talk about bringing a piece of the heartland to sunny California!

Editor Aimee McNatt's on the hunt for Model A stories. So, if you've got a tale to tell, spill the beans! The meeting wrapped up at 8:45 p.m., but the excitement didn't end there.

Upcoming events include a Club Member Memorial driving tour up Pacific Coast Highway 1 to restaurant Neptune's Net. And mark your calendars for the Central California Regional Group in Clovis – it's Model A madness, y'all!

So, whether you're a car fanatic or just looking for a good laugh, the San Fernando Valley Model A Ford Club is where it's at. Drive on, you Model A mavens!

MEMBER TESTIMONY

BLT GUYS INSTALL OVERDRIVE

Brendan Beatty, an avid car enthusiast and owner of a 1930 Model A Tudor, recently had the pleasure of using the services of The BLT Guys to install an overdrive in his beloved vehicle. This decision not only enhanced his car's performance but also contributed to a noble cause.

The journey began when Brendan attended a meeting where Ben Stone, Tom Endy's grandson, presented the [Model A Youth Restoration Program](#). Inspired by Ben's restoration efforts and commitment to the youth program, Brendan seized the opportunity to connect with Tom and arrange for the BLT Guys to install the overdrive he was expecting from Steve Mitchell.



On a crisp December morning, Brendan drove his Tudor to Tom's workshop, where the skilled crew awaited. Despite a minor hiccup that added 45 minutes to the process, Brendan was back on the road by 2:30 PM, appreciating the efficiency and expertise of Tom and his team. The workshop resembled a professional pit crew, equipped with specialized tools and a wealth of knowledge about Model A's.

For A Good Cause

What makes Brendan's experience even more special is that the entire \$500 payment for the service went directly to the [Model A Youth Restoration Program](#). The BLT Guys, driven by their passion for classic cars and the desire to support the youth, only accepted two dozen donuts as compensation. Brendan's Tudor was the 21st car they had worked on in support of the program.

Beyond the mechanical upgrade, Brendan cherished the camaraderie and shared passion for cars during the day spent with The BLT Guys. Initially considering a DIY approach, Brendan's decision to have Tom's crew handle the installation not only provided a swift turnaround but also allowed him to contribute to a cause close to his heart. In the end, Brendan was not just paying for a service but investing in an enriching experience and supporting the next generation of car enthusiasts through the Model A Youth Restoration Program.



Model A Youth Restoration Program

[MAYRA](#) is all about nurturing the passion for classic cars in the younger generation. We offer financial support to enthusiastic youth actively involved in restoring a Model A. By doing this, we aim to instill a lifelong love for the Model A hobby, creating a strong connection early on. Our hope is that this early association will contribute to sustaining the tradition of Model A restoration and the overall joy of the hobby for generations to come.



MEMBER STORY

THE LEVIN'S WINTER ADVENTURE

In the summer of 2015, Stewart Levin and his wife Cathy embarked on a road trip that would become a legendary tale in their book of adventures. The couple, enthusiasts of antique cars, had previously taken Stewart's 1931 Model A closed cab wide bed pickup truck to the CCRG Jamboree in Paso Robles, California, and had an absolute blast. However, the cramped conditions of the truck had Cathy longing for a more comfortable ride, planting the seed for a new addition to their collection.

Back home in the San Fernando Valley, Stewart couldn't shake the idea of acquiring a second Model A, one that would offer more comfort and legroom. His search led him to a 1931 Model A Tudor in black, adorned with whitewall tires—a promising candidate for their collection. The catch? The car was located all the way across the country in Ohio.

Undeterred by the distance, Stewart grappled with the decision of having the car shipped sight unseen or embarking on a cross-country road trip in February. The allure of the open road won, and Stewart, after contacting the seller and sending a deposit, convinced Cathy to join him on this daring escapade. The plan was not just about acquiring a car; it was an opportunity to drive through Oklahoma and explore Cathy's family roots in her mother's small hometown.

With the car trailer hitched, the couple set off, making excellent time and encountering favorable weather until they reached Ohio. However, a curveball awaited them—the seller had been delayed due to business, pushing back their plans by a day. As fate would have it, a snowstorm was on the horizon, leaving Stewart and Cathy with little to do but wait in Ohio.

When the day to pick up the Model A arrived, so did the snow. Undeterred, Stewart inspected the car and found it to be as advertised. With the vehicle loaded onto the trailer, they braved the worsening conditions, deciding to head south to Memphis for warmer weather. Along the route, they witnessed stranded FedEx and other trucks, a testament to the severity of the snowstorm.



Despite the challenges, they reached Memphis, treating themselves to a comforting BBQ dinner and checking into a motel. However, fate had more surprises in store—a sudden ice storm crippled the city that night. The next morning, with roads still icy, they cautiously headed west on Highway 40. A fellow motorist alerted Stewart to a flat trailer tire, prompting a pit stop to change it.

Listening to the radio, they learned that the interstate was closing due to dangerous conditions. Forced to stop early in the afternoon, they found refuge in a motel next to a gas station, turning their room into a makeshift haven with a microwave dinner and some TV time.

The next day, the roads were plowed and treated, paving the way for a smooth journey to Oklahoma and eventually back home to California. Despite the challenges, Cathy proved to be the ideal travel companion, and the Model A exceeded expectations, turning an unexpected snowstorm into a remarkable adventure etched into the annals of Stewart and Cathy's road trip chronicles.

LUNCH WITH THE FELLAS

Join us every Wednesday at 11:00 AM for the San Fernando Valley Model A Club lunch at Lulu's Restaurant. Indulge in delicious food while surrounded by fellow enthusiasts. Engage in lively discussions about all things Model A, creating the perfect midweek escape filled with camaraderie, laughter, and a shared passion for classic automobiles. LuLu's 16900 Roscoe Blvd. Van Nuys



SAVE THE DATE



Get ready to rev those engines and fill your bellies with laughter at the Ford Model A Club's February shenanigans! We're ditching the car manuals for menus at LuLu's Restaurant for a hearty lunch every Wednesday. Don't miss our general meeting at Galpin Ford – where even the Model A's need a good pep talk. With 14 birthdays to celebrate and 4 brave souls marking a wedding anniversary, it's a party on wheels! Tell a buddy, buckle up, and join the joyride!

Activities & Tours

- February 3 | 9:00AM - 1:00PM Malibu Memorial Driving Tour
- February 4 | 9:00AM - 12:00PM Model A Reassemble Body on Frame Event
- February 7 | 11:00AM Lunch with the fellas at [LuLu's Restaurant](#)
- February 14 | 11:00AM Lunch with the fellas at [LuLu's Restaurant](#)
- February 15 | 7:30PM Ron Mosher Memorial Meeting [Galpin Motors](#)
- February 17 | 10:00AM Brunch Bob's Big Boy in Northridge
- February 21 | 11:00AM Lunch with the fellas at [LuLu's Restaurant](#)
- February 22 | 7:30PM General Membership Meeting [Galpin Motors](#)

Happy Birthday

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| 3rd Carol Mosher | 10th Carl Buratti | 19th Paul Queiro |
| 3rd Valerie Vaughn | 11th Reinhard Denke | 24th Bob Sarnelle |
| 4th Sandra Rower | 15th Hunter Bloch | 28th Diane Bloch |
| 6th Bob Caldwell | 16th Jeanni Buelna | 28th Kathy Buratti |
| 9th Roger Sanford | 18th L. Margules | |

Happy Anniversary

- 10th Walter and Jane Broadwell
- 14th Scott & Lorraine McDonald
- 18th Larry & Lynley Margules
- 25th Ramiro and Farha Vaca

GET INVOLVED

THE RUMBLE SHEET

Membership Application

Welcome to the San Fernando Valley Model A Club, where the spirit of Model A camaraderie comes alive! We're not your typical car club; we're a community of enthusiasts bound by our love for the iconic Model A Ford. Established in 1960 as a proud chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA), we've been cruising together for over six decades, and the adventure continues!



Why join? Because Model A's are meant to be shared! Our club provides a laid-back space for Model A aficionados in the San Fernando Valley and surrounding areas to unwind, swap stories, and revel in the charm of these timeless classics. Whether you own a Model A or simply admire their beauty, we invite you to join us in celebrating the essence of these legendary automobiles.

As a member, dive into a world of Model A fun with driving tours, lively Wednesday member luncheons at Lulu's Restaurant, engaging general membership meetings, thrilling Swap Meets and Car Shows, and our informative monthly newsletter, The Rumble Sheet.

We're more than a club; we're a Model A family ready to welcome fellow enthusiasts. Ownership of a Model A Ford is not a prerequisite – if you're passionate about these classics, you're already one of us! Ready to enhance your Model A experience? Join the San Fernando Valley Model A Club today! Hit that join button, and let's create lasting Model A memories together. We can't wait to welcome you into our Model A family!



Model A Youth Restoration Awards

Rev up your engines, folks! Welcome to our car restoration program, where we turn rust buckets into roaring classics! We get it - convincing the younger crowd that a '31 Ford Model A is cooler than the latest electric wonder can be a tough sell. But fear not, our [Model A Youth Restoration Awards](#) are here to bridge the generation gap!

Forget the ancient tales of uphill both ways in the snow – today's youth can choose from 50s, 60s, and 70s gems! We're not just restoring cars; we're restoring coolness. Help a young grease monkey bring a Model A back to life, and we'll reward them with gift certificates to car parts heaven. Because nothing says "future classic" like a teenager covered in grease with a wrench in hand!

Model A Museum

Show your support for the Model A Museum with a snazzy blue bumper sticker! For just \$3, proclaim to the world, "My other car is a Model A Ford." Stick it proudly and cruise down memory lane. Order now and revitalize your ride while supporting a classic cause. Visit the [Model A Museum website](#) for more revved-up goodies!





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