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DATES TO REMEMBER

March

- 4** Club Meeting
Tech Session: Why I bought a Ford Model A
Round Table Pizza - 7:00pm
Ontario, CA
- 8** CCRG Jamboree Mar 8-9
Hosted by Sierra Chapter
Clovis, CA
- 12** Tuesday Breakfast Social
Maniac Mike's/Cable Airport - 9:00am
Upland, CA
- 18** Board Meeting
Brandon's Diner - 7:00pm
Mountain Ave, Upland, CA
- 28** Supper Club
Casa Del Ray Mexican Restaurant & Cantina
San Dimas, CA

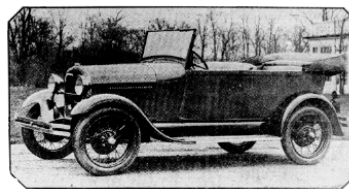


Games & BBQ at the Baxter's river side home.

LAUGHLIN TOUR ENJOYED BY ALL

Club members from multiple states made their way to Laughlin, Nevada to enjoy a great time together. Once again the Baxter's BBQ did not disappoint with a delicious BBQ buffet and a great time at their river front home. Prize winners of the afternoon Bunko game were Carol Glidwell, Ed Tolman and Gary Larson. We also celebrated Joe and Barbara Branum's 52nd Wedding Anniversary. Special thanks to the Baxter family for hosting the event.

In this official picture, just released by the Ford Motor Company, is shown the new 1928 Ford Touring Car.



Club Auction Raises Over \$1,000 From Donated Items

Our generous members brought everything from quilts to car parts and even a harbor cruise to donate as auction items. Our MC and Auctioneer for the night was a very dapper looking Ed Tolman who donned a red bowtie just for the occasion. When the auction hammer dropped on the final item of the night bids of more than \$1,000 were tallied making this one of the most successful club actions in recorded club history.

A special thanks goes to Ed Tolman and everyone who donated to our club, your contributions are very much appreciated.

Thank you!



Thummer!

Did you Know?

Thummer was born in Pomona and made his debut in 1948 as "Porky the Hitchhiking Pig"? Later in 1952 an L.A. radio station hosted a "name the pig" segment to rebrand the name; "Thummer" won.



Model A cars lined up at Pomona Fairgrounds

3rd SWEETHEART TOUR A HIT

The morning started with everyone treated to coffee and donuts from the famous Donut Man shop across the street. More than 20 cars hit the road to participate in our 3rd running of the Sweetheart Tour organized by our Club Vice President, Richard Tompkins. The weather could not have been better as drivers joined the caravan of Ford Model A's driving through the streets of Glendora, San Dimas and later ended at the Pomona Fairgrounds for a tour of the Railroad Museum. At the Museum the group was treated to a tour of the rail cars which included both steam and diesel locomotives, a restored Pullman car and several others. After visiting the train museum we met at Norm's Hanger at the Bracket Airport for lunch.



Guided tour of Railroad Museum



Enjoying the fancy Pullman Car

Thank you to all who participated, we hope to expand this event even bigger next year!



Coffee & donuts before the drive



Cars lined up and ready to go!



Join us for breakfast! February's breakfast group pictured
 We meet at 9:00am on the second Tuesday of each month at Maniac Mikes Café located inside Cable Airport in Upland CA.



PRESIDENT'S NOTES:



You may have noticed the format of our newsletter has changed slightly! After looking through some of the older C&Rs I thought it might be time for an update. There were no issues for January or February due to lack of an editor but March is here. I still plan to add a few other new sections next month including a monthly member spotlight, classified ads and website tips. This is still a work in progress so if you have any suggestions please email them to me at the address below.

It's almost spring, now is the time to check your battery as they have a habit of dying when it's cold during the winter months.

See you at our next meeting on Monday, March 4th at 7pm.

Jaye Steinbrick
 2024 PVMAFC President



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FASHION AND FACTS FROM THE MODEL A FORD ERA

BY: JAY MUNNS

This article is a continuation of last month's focus on what proud owners of the new Ford Model A were watching in their neighborhood theaters. In 1929 (the second full year of production of the Model A), the number one movie that year was "Broadway Melody." It was the top grossing picture of 1929. It won the Academy Award for Best Picture and received nominations for best director and best actress. The plot involves a small-time vaudeville act, the Mahoney Sisters, Queenie and Hank, who come to New York to break into Broadway. They meet men they hope will promote their career and end up involved in complex love triangles.



The story also includes the soon-to-become cliché plot device of a lead singer having an accident at rehearsal, giving one of the sisters her big break. Although the plot is somewhat dated by today's standards, it is considered the first complete example of the Hollywood musical and helped to establish the concept and structure of the Hollywood musicals to follow including its own later additions: Broadway Melody of 1936, Broadway Melody of 1939, and Broadway Melody of 1940. A full 4K restoration was just released this year on Blu-ray. Here is a clip from the movie featuring the title song sung by a male vocalist accompanied by a chorus line of dancers and a solo dancer who performs an amazing tap dance on her toes!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nabHJEyIXAc>

MGM released a second musical that year entitled "The Hollywood Revue"-a two-hour extravaganza of variety acts that included some segments in technicolor. The impressive cast list included Jack Benny, Marion Davies, John Gilbert, Norma Shearer, Lionel Barrymore, Buster Keaton and Laurel and Hardy, to name just a few. A major hit song introduced in the movie was "Singing in the Rain" which would later be reprised in the memorable 1952 movie of the same name. My favorite segment in "The Hollywood Review" introduced a very young Joan Crawford, singing and dancing, accompanied by a male quartet. Back in the 1980's, I personally got to know two of the members of that quartet: Paul Gibbons (left of Joan seated on the piano) and Bill Seckler (on the right). We remained close friends throughout the rest of their lives. I spoke at Bill's funeral. I never get tired of watching this clip of that segment and hope you will enjoy it too.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3fyiSRc5tQE>

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March Birthdays:

5th Ray A Bush
 5th Cathy Payne
 16th Karen Meadows
 14th Engel B Luistro
 24th Edna Blackwell
 24th Al Baumgarten
 28th Bryan Petroff
 31st David Northrop



March Anniversaries:

13th Al & Judy Baumgarten
 20th Richard & Amy Tompkins



Upcoming Dates To Remember:

March 4	Club Meeting, Ontario CA
March 8-9	CCRG Jamboree, Clovis CA
March 12	Tuesday Breakfast, Upland CA
March 18	PVMAFC Board Meeting, Upland CA
March 28	Supper Club – Casa Del Rey, San Dimas CA
April 6	Safety Day, Chino, CA
April 13	Antique Car Swap Meet, San Bernardino CA
April 14	Orange County Pancake Breakfast, Orange CA
April 14	Antique Nationals, Irwindale, CA
June 2	35 th Annual Model A Day Boys Republic Car Show, Chino Hills CA
June 23-29	MAFCA National Convention, Ruidoso, NM
July 4 th	July 4 th Parade, La Verne, CA
July 6 th	Patriotic Picnic, Claremont, CA
September 2	Rubel Castle Tour, Glendora, CA
September 28	Antique Car Swap Meet, San Bernardino CA
October 12	Belleview Cemetery Spirit Walk, Ontario CA
October 12	ThunderFest Car Show, Covina CA
December TBD	Upland Christmas Parade, Upland CA
December 7	PVMAFC Installation Banquet, Chino Hills CA



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THE DAILY VARIETY PHOTO PAGE



2024 Board Officers Installation Banquet at Boys Republic



Technical Chair Richard Bronstrup discussing Model A differentials



More fun photos from the February Laughlin Tour



2023 Pomona Christmas Parade



MAFCA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



March 2024

Robert Bullard

2024 MAFCA President

I don't know about you but time sure seems to slip by faster as I get older. I remember how time seemed to drag by when I was younger. Day to day activities seemed to move along at a snail's pace. I've finally reached the age where I have trouble keeping up with the world around me. Either I have too many things going on or I'm just not as efficient as I once was. Since I've spent 50 years of marriage trying to convince my wife that I'm perfect it must be that I have too many "things" happening in my life. I guess having to many activities is better than having none but sometimes it sure gets hectic.

I do have a couple of items to mention that are time sensitive. If any of the following item's appeal to you now is the time to be acting on them. If you are like me, they will be in our rear-view mirror before we know it.

1. Now is the time for you to decide if you are interested in participating in MAFCA's leadership as a National Director. Information is available on the MAFCA website at:
<https://www.mafca.com/elections.html>. Additionally, each Director is available to answer your questions and help steer you in the right direction to run for office. Having a sufficient number of volunteers to run our club is essential to MAFCA's future. There is no better time to get involved than now.

2. Our 2024 MAFCA national convention, Southwest "A" ventures, is scheduled for June 23 – 29 and is being hosted by the Southwest Model A's. They have planned a great list of activities and are working diligently to put together a great outing. Check their webpage: <https://www.southwestventures.com/> for information on registration, including the registration forms, convention clothing items, raffle items and access to purchasing raffle tickets. The registrations are steadily coming in and we're sure to have a great convention. Sounds too good to miss so start your planning now!

Join MAFCA!

The Model-A Ford Club of America, Inc. (MAFCA) is a non-profit corporation & National Historical Society dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Model-A Ford vehicles as they were manufactured from 1928 through 1931.

We are dedicated to these principals and include the enjoyment of Ford produced vehicles of this era as well. MAFCA is the largest club in the world dedicated to one make of automobile.

If you know of a Model A owner that is not part of our wonderful club, please share your passion and invite them to join us.

3. In prior years MAFCA has clearly supported the concept that youth are essential to the Model A hobby's future and chapters are the means to introduce youth to the hobby. Two great organizations: The Model A Youth Restoration Award, MAYRA, provides financial support to youth whose interest in the hobby is demonstrated by their efforts in restoring a Model A and the Model A Youth Scholarship Fund provides financial support to assist children and/or grandchildren of any MAFCA/MARC member in pursuing their undergraduate education, whether it be a state university, college or technical school. Both organizations have website links on the MAFCA website under Youth, Grants and Scholarships. Establishing club activities that invite youth participation is a fundamental key to turning our youth into lifelong hobbyists. May of each year has been designated as Model A Youth Month. Now is the time for chapters to complete their planning and begin to publicize their event. I look forward to reading about the many different ways our chapters are involving our youth in the hobby.

It's shaping up to be a great year in the Model A hobby. On a national level we have a MAFCA presence at the annual MAFFI Model A Days, MAFCA's national convention in Ruidoso, NM, MAFCA's annual award banquet in Salt Lake City, UT and a MAFCA tent and seminars at Hershey. Throw in a few local state tours along with some local club tours and everyone call fill out their calendar with Model A touring events. Looks like I'm going to have a big mileage year, I hope you do as well.

"See you down the road."

Robert Bullard, 2024 MAFCA President

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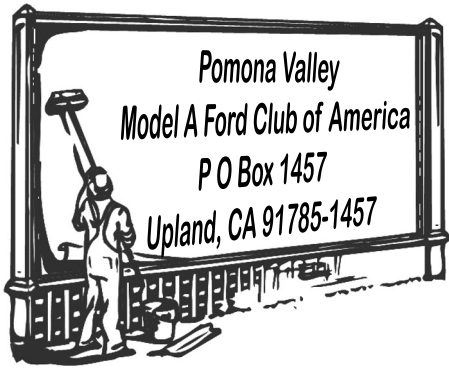
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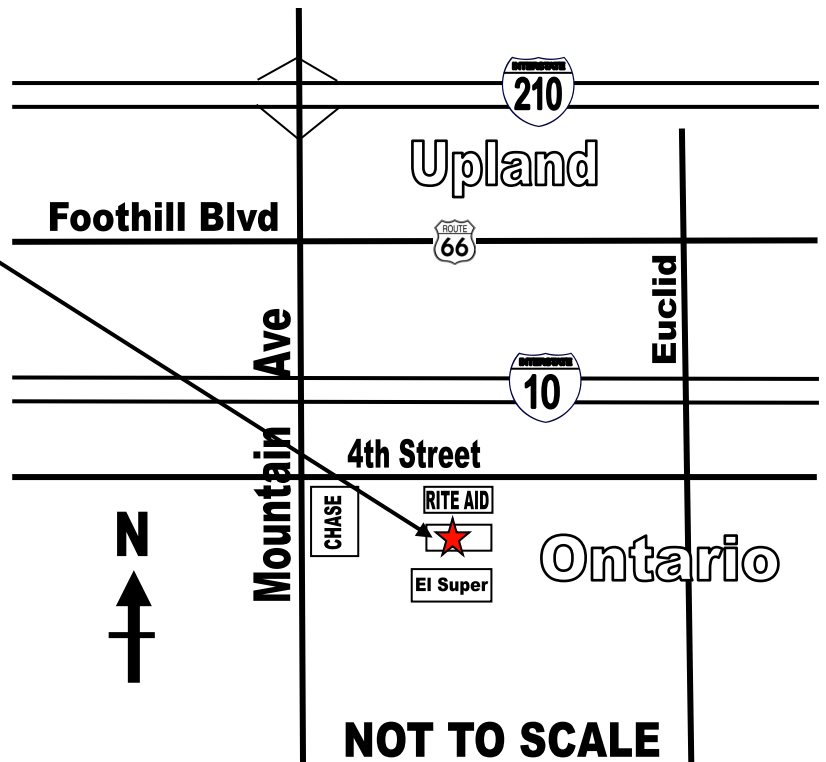


Membership in the national Model 'A' Ford Club of America (MAFCA) is encouraged along with chapter membership.. You can join by contacting them at: MAFCA, 250 South Cypress St., La Habra, CA 90631-5586 or phone (562) 697-2712 or on their website at www.mafca.com.

Club Meeting Map

Round Table Pizza
1020 N. Mountain Ave
Ontario, CA 91762
(909) 988-8444

Round Table Pizza is located between Rite Aid and El Super in the Shopping Center on the Southeast corner of Mountain and 4th Street in Ontario.



NOT TO SCALE

Club meetings are scheduled on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 P.M. There are no meetings scheduled in July or December.