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Model A Ford Club of Santa Barbara

CALENDAR

March

- 6 Meeting 7pm S. Coast Church
- Tuesdays: Men's Lunch call Lorne
- 8-9 CCRG Jamboree
Clovis Rodeo Grounds
- 9 Intl Woman's Day Ladies Picnic
- 10 Spring Forward! Change 
- 17 St. Patrick's Day 
- 24 Surprise Tour
- 31 Easter 

April

- 1 April Fool's Day!
- 3 Meeting 7pm S. Coast Church
- Tuesdays Men's Lunch call Lorne
- 8 Solar Eclipse 11:07 am
- 17 Noon Ladies Lunch
- 20 Ladies Day at the Duerner's

May

- 1 Meeting 7pm S. Coast Church
- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- Tuesdays Men's Lunch call Lorne
- 12 Mother's Day
- 15 Noon Ladies Lunch
- 11 10am Tour Senior Living Hms

June

- 5 Meeting 7pm S. Coast Church
 - Tuesdays Men's Lunch call Lorne
 - 14 Flag Day
 - 19 Noon Ladies Lunch
 - 22 Gymkhana S. Coast Church
- All dates subject to change

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Interview with newest member Chris Christensen
and Ladies Driving Patch

Happy Saint Patrick's Day and Easter 3/31!

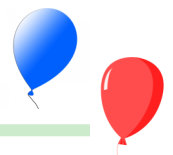
**Change Your Clocks
on March 10!
Spring Forward!**



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Birthdays



- 1 Fred Duerner 1 Bob Murray 3 Dennis Williams
- 9 Frank Crowe 24 Deborah McGowan

Ladies Lunch

Next Ladies "Picnic" will be on Saturday, March 9 this month at 12:00 noon

Location TBA



Tuesday Weekly Men's Lunch

Call Lorne Johnston for time and location



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Thank you to

Rose Marie Aldana & Steve & Phyllis Penniman for the delicious refreshments at the February meeting.

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Sign ups are welcome for the 6 meetings left in 2024: Apr, May June, Aug, Oct, & Nov.



From the President

Happy March! Your President would like to thank all the club members for making our February Safety Clinic a success!

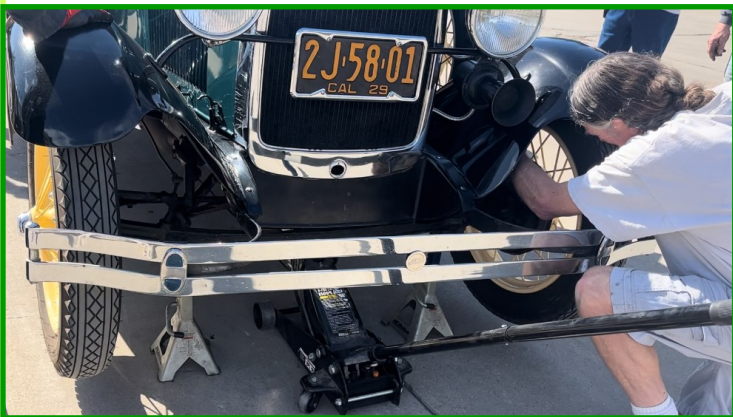
Our Ladies Day has been postponed to April since Fred & Cyndy's ranch has been inundated with rain and we needed more time to prepare. The Ladies Picnic which includes (Model A driving training for ladies interested) is still on for March 9. Charlie Meraviglia has stepped up to be lead instructor. This morning he showed me his favorite spots where he taught his children to drive cars and motorcycles. These locations will be announced in the Ladies Picnic email reminder.

We are putting together a fun tour for Saturday March 24. With tour season now in full swing, I am reprinting a reminder from Phil Francis, President of Model A Restorer's Club of Arizona: "It is not time to relax on maintenance for your Model A. You don't need a shop full of fancy tools to keep your car on the road. The most elementary services will keep your car running.

Moving parts require lubrication. There are about 29 grease fittings on the average Model A. Neglect these at your own peril. Don't forget to oil the generator if you have one, the distributor, and the throttle cross over shaft on the fire wall. And check the air pressure in all the tires including the spare."

Doesn't every car have a generator? I'll ask about that on Saturday. See you soon!

Safety Clinic and BBQ at Tierra Construction



We had quite a good turnout at the Safety Clinic. — There were 25 members in all. After climbing under the cars to fix them, we were treated to Hot Dogs roasted by Charlie Meraviglia on a barbeque that he brought over.

Thank you Randy for hosting and Charlie for the lunch!



After the hot dogs, we all found shady spots to relax in.

Email Interview With Our Newest Member



When Chris Christensen bought his 1931 Town Sedan

Many of our members may have met Chris. He will be returning to participate in our activities in March and will be helping our Annie Villarreal recover from her knee replacement surgery. In the meantime, I sent him a list of question. Below are his replies with only the slightest of edits.

Q. Chris, where you born, what is your work background and how did you become interested in Model A Ford's?

A. My whole name is Jan Sverre Christensen, but I'm called Chris. I am 79 years old, born and living in Oslo the capital of Norway in

Europe. I am a mechanical engineer and an Industrial designer. My first Model A was bought in 1962, a 1931 Tudor. I sold it the year after to buy the 1931 Town Sedan, I have had this one all the years to now. I love the model A's fantastic technology .

Q. Can you tell us about your English Model A and when you first bought it?

A. My model A is collected in England from parts coming from USA. It is a little different with right hand wheel and the throttle pedal in between the clutch and brake pedal. Inside, artificial leather in dark blue, and it has small fender lights. The small English engine was changed to a normal type when it was imported to Norway in 1932. It is all original including the interior. I have a 1931 pick-up project that I have had for many years, and never get ready?

Q. How did you meet Annie?

A. Annie was coming from vacation in Germany last summer to give a speech in our Norsk Modell A Ford club in Oslo. She lived here for one week and we got to know each other.



Q. I understand you can help when we have garage days with our cars. Can you tell us more about that?

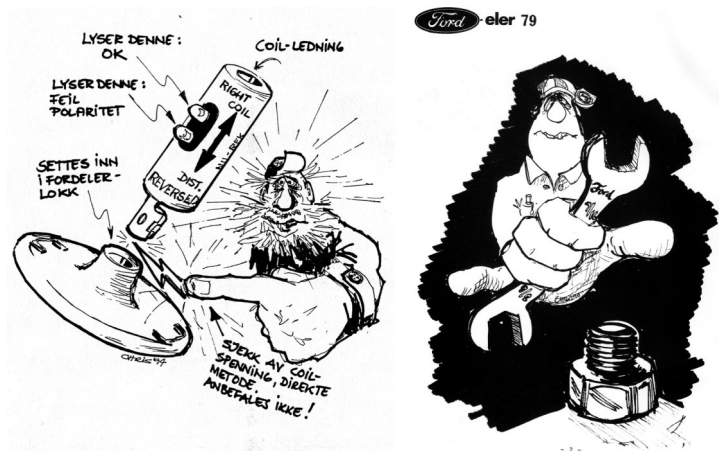
A. With so many years of Ford A repairing and restoring I have learning something. In addition being an engineer I can combine theory and practice. Since 1969 and up till today, I have made technical articles and drawings in our magazine "A"visen (means: The paper in Norwegian) under the name "Fordeler" that means advantages in Norwegian. Last magazine had number 201. Perhaps there will be a book made from it?

Email Interview With Our Newest Member cont. from page 4

Q. Can you tell us about your Club? What is it's name and when did it start? How long have you been a member? I understand you have been president of your club and that you are newsletter editor of your club now. Can you tell us more about that?

A. The Norsk "A" Model Klubb was established in 1967 and I have been a member since the start, I have been editor, president and editor many years. We have approximately 400 members and for many years we are a family club.

Q. What is it like driving a Model A in Norway? Do you have special precautions you need to take with the



Illustrations by Chris' from The Norsk "A" Model Klubb's news magazine, "Fordeler" Soon to be in a book!

cold and snow? What kind of outings do you go on in the summer?

A. The first years as a student I drove the Model A all year, in winter in snow with chains. The car always started in even very cold weather when other cars would not.

The club has traditional rallies in springtime and autumn, and every second year a common Scandinavian meeting, this year in Sweden.

Q. Can you tell us about your upcoming Tri-Meet in Sweden which includes the Norway, Denmark and Swedish Clubs?

A. The Scandinavian countries, Denmark, Sweden and Norway have had since 1972 had a common meeting called Grensetreff (frontier meeting) every



Club Members show us how names of past presidents are mounted on a beautifully restored radiator shell.

other year with up to 300 Model A's.



Fascinating Panoramic Photo sent by Chris

Santa Barbara Model A Ford Club Monthly Meeting Minutes February 7, 2024



The meeting was opened by the President, Janet Cox, at 7:19 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Janet introduced Whitney Armentrout, who is one of our advertisers in the newsletter. Nice lady!



Program: There was no program this month.

Secretary's Report: There was one correction for the January minutes: the award that Steve Penniman won is called the "Forefathers' Award" (not the "Most Helpful" Award). It is awarded to the member with the most points for attendance, bringing their model A and wearing the club hat, jacket or shirt during the preceding year.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer, Bob Davis, reported a balance in the savings account of \$6404.53. \$52 was collected from the raffle, and there were expenses of \$322 for the month.

Old Business: The Rubber Chicken Award was presented to Terry Moore because his car broke down while he was attempting to help drive people for the Providence High School fundraising event at the Arlington.

New Business: Announcements of upcoming events: Saturday, March 9th there will be a driving practice for women somewhere; the March 16th event will be at Fred's place; on March 20th there will be a picnic at Charlie's house, with a BBQ in the park across the street; May 11th will be the gymkhana at Fred and Cyndy's place (change of usual date). There was a proposal to have a once-a-year classic car show (maybe all Fords?), but with no hot rods. It was also suggested that we give a scholarship to students in the auto/tech dept at SBCC, perhaps at the classic car show.

Car Projects: John G. reported that "none of his cars have brakes." Someone said: "If Aaron can't fix it, push it off a cliff." John G. said about his car and Lorne's car: "We got the 2 worst Model As in the county."

Raffle and Drawing: Once again, there were lots of raffle tickets and happy winners, and Bob Murray won the Member Draw, but he wasn't present so the award will accumulate. The alarm clock prize was won by Cyndy (7:30pm).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.



Poem by Larry Seeman found on fordbarn.com

"Look Who's Talkin'" by Larry Seemann

I walked out into the shop today.
After a few minutes I heard "him" say:
"Daddy, can we go for a run today?"

Who is "he"? You might say.
Why, It's Buster - the pickup - The Model A!

We all know that cars can't talk you say.
Well, neither can dogs, but we all know what they want anyway.

There's something about old cars - particularly the Model A.
They don't like to sit - they'd rather go play!

When they get out they're sweet and nice,
When left sitting they get grumpy and cold as ice.

Even though Buster is nearly 20 years older than me,
He still calls me "Daddy" cause I'm the one that keeps him Happy!

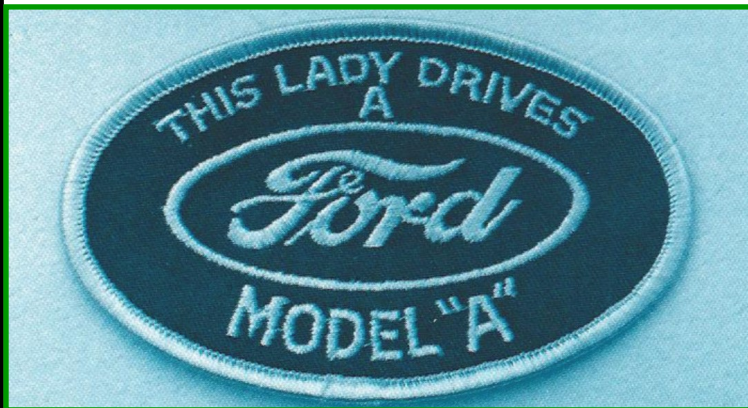
There is something about old cars that you don't get with the new,
Each one is different—They're as individual as you!

When they get out regularly they purr like a kitten.
When they are locked up it's like they're in prison!

So, treat your old car right, take it out for a regular run.
If you keep it happy you'll both have a lot of fun

Buster says "Happy St. Patrick's Day to all of the Model A's and their humans!"

This Lady Drives A—Ford Model “A” Patch



In order to make this patch available to the ladies in our club we are finding ways to make it possible for anyone who desires. On Ladies Day, our ladies or daughters or granddaughters can get started or finish up earning their patch. We got a packet from MAFCA with ideas for setting the criteria our board will decide on. One thing they mentioned was that ladies shouldn't really learn from their husbands.

The General outline of the course;

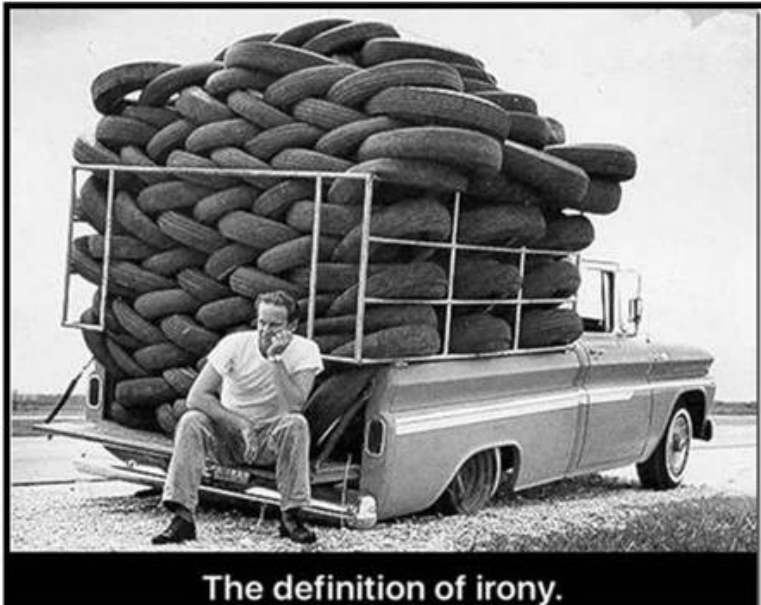
- A. Basic CAR servicing— General Information
- B. Gear Shifting
- C. Starting the Engine
- D. Shut Down Procedure
- E. Double Clutching
- F. Up shifting and Down shifting
- G. Gear Shifting

Articles to read:

- ◆ Ladies Let's Drive
by Patti Jones & Bill Lancaster Restorer
1984
- ◆ Let Me Teach You How to Drive the
New Ford by Hazel Fahnestock. Re-
printed in the Restorer 1967. Originally
written in 1928.
- ◆ Model A Ford Owner's Manual

REMEMBER, This is to be a fun experience!

Jokes



MODEL A Era Fashion



Our recent Guest Speaker and Restorer Magazine Fashion Editor, Sherry Winkinhofer, just posted on the Model A Era Fashions Group on Facebook about a recent jackpot she got at a local auction: A Rock Crystal necklace, strung on a chain for \$6! She says she knew the minute she picked it up it was rock crystal, even before seeing the chain. It was much colder than the other glass beads it was next to! The chain, instead of cording was a strong indicator and if it is noticeably colder than other jewelry, it's Model A Era! It was enough evidence for her to buy it and check for other clues later.

How can you tell if jewelry is rock crystal? When holding crystal up to a light source, you can see a refraction of light—

i.e., a small rainbow. Rock crystal has this same refraction capability and is harder and more durable than man-made crystal. Because genuine rock crystal is a mineral, its identity can be confirmed with a gem tester that indicates hardness. Rock crystal jewelry expressed the Art Deco aesthetic that began in the 1910's and reached it's peak in the 1920's and 1930's. Congrats on your great find, Sherry! Beautiful!

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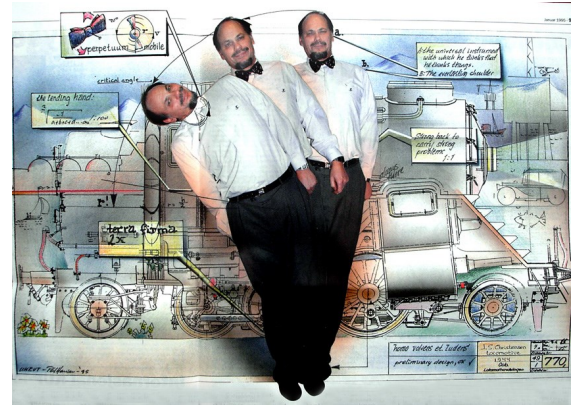
Ladies Day: *Steve Penniman, Charlie Meraviglia so far*

Christmas Dinner: *Annie Villarreal, Janet Cox*

Positions open: *Technical Editor, Club Cheer*

Please see your Roster for contact information

More Photos and Illustrations from Chris Christensen



MODEL A MECHANICAL

“The Horn Goes Off When I Turn Right when the Headlights are On”

On the MAFCA Facebook Page, Kenny Mcatee asked a question about his 1931 Model A Truck. He said, “I’ve been working on it’s 2-tooth steering (box) since I bought it. I had 12 inches of slop when I started. When I got the slop out, steering was so tight I could hardly turn it. So yesterday I get it kinda where I want it. Now when I turn right with the headlights on the horn goes off!. Is the steering wheel bent or what? I just want to hear from someone else before I tear into it.”

Later: “Also a lot of popping going on while steering was tight. Can you break the steering wheel?”

Below are some of the answers he got besides “Don’t turn right when the headlights are on.” ([John G.](#)):

[Eddie Olson \(Top Contributor\)](#): I’m not any kind of expert, but can speak from experience on this. If that light switch on the bottom of the column is not together and attached exactly right, all kinds of things will happen when you turn the wheel.

[Jordan Moreau](#): When I had this happen, the U-shaped clip that retains the “spider” had fallen out. The aftermarket ones are a little oversized and don’t nest nicely in the spider. A little filing allows it to nest correctly and I haven’t had the issue since.

[Ken Coleman \(Top Contributor\)](#) The adjustments to the 2-tooth are certain and precise.

Sounds like you need an instruction manual. Les Andrews Red Book covers this thoroughly such as binding and all indications of the problem. Horn troubles too.

There were other great answers. What would you recommend?



MAFFI Minute



Save the Bus Project

Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.

The Trustees are already planning Model A Days 2024! So far it looks like a candidate for the First Start Event (barn find which hasn't been run in a few decades) has been located. And, the report from the Gilmore Auto Museum is that one of the Event Centers will be finished in time for Model A Days, which will be nice for our Model A visitors.

Other news is that Model A's donated to the museum to be sold for the Model A Museum Expansion are getting checked over and repaired so they are roadworthy to sell. Our hardworking team of volunteers devotes Thursday evening to getting the Model A's in "sale ready" shape.

1. One Model A Tudor (1929) is on the sales floor already.
2. Another 1928 Tudor has had Trustees and friends repairing brakes, gas gauge, and a gas tank, to name a few, so it should be ready shortly
3. A 1929 Fordor Blindback is also in the queue for roadworthiness work.
4. And there are two 1928 Phaetons that we anticipate will be available to sell in the coming months.

Please contact Jerry Dennany, jerrydennany@gmail.com or John Begg, jwbegg@gmail.com for information about these cars or if you have a vehicle you would like to donate to be sold for our expansion fundraising program.

Many of you have been following our Save the Bus project (school bus) and although the bus has taken longer than we anticipated, things are coming along nicely now. The sides are up and all 4 fenders have been installed as well as the bumpers. There's lots of sandblasting, and just plain sanding and priming going on now. Things are getting exciting at Save the Bus Headquarters!

As always, we appreciate your support as we move forward with fundraising. It's all of you that make the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. Museum so awesome. Cindy Ellenbecker, Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. Trustee/Secretary

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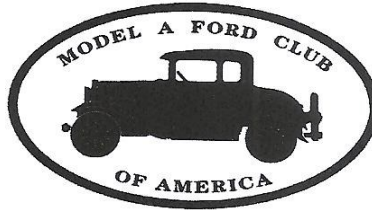
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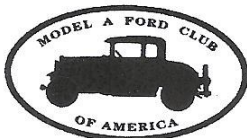
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