

THE REFLECTOR

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CCRG

Whoooo-hoooo! A tour to join the CCRG meet this year with zero – count ‘em – ZERO car problems or issues! We had five Model A’s meet at the Park-N-Ride on Thursday, March 7, for an 8am departure. Everyone was in high spirits, and Karen Beel had even sent along a goodie bag with lots of good stuff for each participant. We took off promptly at 8, fueled and fed, and were



blessed with not too much traffic. We did have a rest stop after about 80 miles, to be able to stand and stretch, and then headed for Kramer Junction.

We were headed toward Boron, where we were scheduled for a tour. We had lunch at Domingo’s, the best buy of the trip: a burrito or enchilada, rice and beans, AND a great salad for only \$9.95! Then we went off to find the Borax Mining Pit. This facility was built in 1997 to mine the boron and other minerals found there. Boron is the fifth element on the Periodic Table. One of the many uses for boron are in the heat resistance of computer and tv flat screens – along with a ton of other uses. We went to the Visitor Center and watched a short video introducing us to boron and then got to look around. Neat stuff! We also went to two museums in town: the Boron Aerospace Museum and the 20 Mule Team Museum. We learned a lot of the early days of the area.

Then we hit the road for our first night at Tehachapi. Everyone was ready to kick back and relax before going to our rooms. In the morning, we were ready for another full day. We took a detour to Hanford where Fred led us to a most fantastic ice cream place: monster cones/bowls of ice



cream most of us didn’t even finish! And as it turned out, it took the place of lunch since we knew we were going to a barbecue when we



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There's a proverb that "March comes in like a lion, and leaves like a lamb" but for 2024, the month started off so well and now with my back, my cold, the many problems with my Model A's, how busy I've been, and the fact that it's been almost a full year since I've won any engine, whatsoever, I've felt like it was more appropriate saying. "April is the cruelest month."

I didn't want to use the statement from T. S. Eliot's, *The Wasteland* without understanding the context, though, so I found that the rest of the phrase is "breeding lilacs out of the dead land, mixing memory and desire, stirring dull roots with spring rain." Lilacs, symbolize both resurrection – thus bringing something from the past back to life, and innocence – thus Eliot's mention of *memory and desire*.

Eliot's opening about April being *cruel* has a lot to do with the car collecting hobby and not just my own old age. Resurrection, or more precisely *Restoration* is something that innocent and hopeful Model A collectors regularly desire in the spring. With the dozens of cars on the market at greatly reduced prices, with the auctions of entire collections, and the closing out of a few collections all at once, I don't even need a sorry spine or a chronic cough to reach a sense of near hopelessness in my own limitations or see it as a cruel outcome of hopes shattered for others.

In my subconscious, lilac-like mind, I would love to make a difference in the hobby, fill my garage, sheds and closets in order to preserve all those valuable Model A Parts by myself, but that would be to figuratively drink from a fire hose there were almost 5 million cars made. Although the month and the many sale notifications may seem cruel, don't let that get to you because you and I are part of a select crowd of Model A Ford preservationists. We are not alone. We stand together. Due to there being fewer "drinkers" at the model A collecting hose than decades ago, lots of water will sadly be spilled, but there's no need for anyone to drown!

This year, there are plans in place for you to have the opportunity to meet with all sorts of Model A-ers. Like I told Karyn about my family, "it's big, really big. You may not love everybody, and that's to be expected, but there's no doubt you'll meet someone you enjoy." The club has fifty memberships, about eighty adults, and if folks would be up to including kids and grandkids, over 150 potential friends. Please add the two new members included in this issue into your *Member Directory*.

I've heard that your family members aren't interested. They don't eat? They don't talk? They wouldn't want to win a raffle prize or hear about the invention of the car radio or ice cream in a paper cup you'd eat with a flat wooden spoon? They feel too cool to play dress up in gangster clothes from the Great Gatsby? They already know how a starter's commutator works or a generator's slip rings and why one has one and not the other? They're introverted and figure that all the club members are extroverts so no one else will be like them? I think you cut them short.

Sure, lots of them don't want to skin their knuckles turning a wrench, or spend hours in a noisy, cramped box on wheels when they could otherwise drive a luxury SUV with all the modern features. A lot of the club doesn't and so lots of members collect Model A's like a numismatist collects rare coins. It just seems cruel when you have no choice in the matter. When it comes to keeping the hobby viable as a pursuit of local, family interest, something to regularly enjoy on evenings and weekends, drivers, collectors, grease monkeys, and their entire families should unify and not cut others short. I have no doubt that you'll meet someone you enjoy. Please see the event calendar in this issue.

May your tank be full and the road opened in front of you. David Frazee, President Pa



MARCH MINUTES

Minutes from March 3, 2024 - Meeting of the Palomar A's was called to order by President, David Frazee at 4:38 PM with 19 in attendance. Guest attendee, who later joined, was Jerry Harder. He told of his 192 Model A Speedster that he uses for hill climbs and his 1929 Model A Roadster with a V8 that he originally owned at age 14 then re-found 3 years ago and purchased.

The meeting was held in the temporary location of the Vista Library. Tentatively the April meeting will return to Palomar Estates. Along with location change, the Meeting time will return to 7:00 PM. Official notification will be given by email or phone. (Editor's note: it's now back to 4:30 in Vista for April.)

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Bruce Parker.

There was a correction to the February Minutes. It had been reported that Clyde & Kathy Marion would be donating toward the memorial for Larry Beel but they were not in attendance during the February meeting. With that change, A motion was made by Ed Simpson, seconded by Anthony Lugo to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Bruce Furbush reported the treasury balance. He received bills for the recent publication of the Club's 2024 Member Handbook and indicated that he had renewed the liability insurance from MAFCA. Motion to approve the report and pay the bills was made by Karyn Frazee and seconded by Ed Lopez. Motion carried.

Sunshine & Sorrow – Regarding Larry Beel's memorial donations, David Frazee reported, with further research, that there were no additional levels of participation offered by the Model A Museum other than the Memorial Bricks. There will be future discussion as to how best direct the funds that had been offered by Larry's many friends.

Anthony Lugo reported the sudden passing of Ray Matthews. Donna Lugo shared that Ray & Kyle had no Model A's but became members of the Club because they enjoyed the social interaction as well as participation in the tours. Ray's funeral service will be held March 26 at Miramar Air Station.

Public Relations - Bruce Furbush could not find listings of the Club meetings in local publications. Indicated the North County papers tend to default to larger group gatherings and focused more on events in the San Diego area. David Frazee noted that the Club website need some updating of information and asked if anyone would volunteer to make the changes.

Last Sunday Breakfast – The February breakfast at J&M Restaurant in Escondido was attended by 10 people and featured 3 Model A's.

Because of Easter conflict, the breakfast for March will be Saturday, March 23 at 8:00 AM in Carlsbad at the Village Café-Pie Shop, 950 Tamarack Ave.

The breakfast gathering for April will be April 28, 8:00 AM at the San Luis Ray Bakery and Restaurant, 490 N. El Camino Real, Oceanside.

Short Tours – The March 16 tour of Karla Maxwell's studio will kick off at 9:00 AM from the Palomar Estates with arrival at the studio around 10:00. Afterwards the group will move to Mama 'n Papa's Pizza Grotto, 988 Civic Center Dr, Vista.

April 6 – Deer Park Winery Tour – meet at 9:00 AM, Palomar Estates. The Club has obtained 12 free tickets for the event.

May 4 – Tour to the 39th Annual Antique Truck Show in Perris at the So. Cal. Railway Museum, 2201 S. A Street. Meet at the 76 & I-15 Park and Ride at 8:30 AM

May 18 – Bill Hansen's Garage, potluck with the San Diego Club, 14755 Mussey Grade Rd., Ramona, CA (Editor's note: The San Diego Club voted to charge attendees \$10 each for a box lunch with the club paying for any overages, so the potluck is off and we'll vote whether to follow San Diego's example at the April 3rd meeting.)

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MARCH MINUTES CONTINUED

As the June and July meetings will be picnic gatherings that will allow inclusion of members from other clubs, David Frazee asked whether there was any interest in additional tours for those months. Members believed that those events were sufficient.

Long Tours – Bruce Howe gave a synopsis of the March 8-9, CCRG Jamboree in Clovis, CA hosted by the Sierra A's. He covered daily events and schedules along with expected mileage between events. There are a possible 137 Model A's that are expected at the gathering.

Miscellaneous – One of our members, Bruce Parker, known locally as "Black Trench Coat Guy", was pictured on the front page of The Coast News publication. His portrait is included in the Oceansider Photo Exhibit being held at the Oceanside Museum of Art March 9 through July 28.

Tech Report – Ed Lopez brought in some testing equipment that he used while working in a small garage in the 1960's. The location was next to the newspaper and he was busy servicing all the delivery trucks. The garage was not set up for major work but did quite a business with tune ups and brakes.

One of the items was a chrome plated timing light that Ed indicated as being "very heavy". Another stumped everyone, He said it was a simplified oscilloscope that actually was a spark plug tester.

After the garage, Ed retrained and became involved with computer programming and testing at Vandenberg Air Force Base. He was involved with projects as diverse as the GPS system and the space shuttle.

Monkey Business – David Frazee reported that annually the McPherson College in Kansas offers a workshop for the general public. The McPherson College is the only school to provide a bachelor's degree in automotive restoration. The workshop is highly sought after and has previously been filled within 15 minutes after registration was opened. David will be trying for the June, 2025 sign up and asked if others were interested.

Entertainment – Door Prizes – Karen Beel organized the distribution of a variety of door prizes. The radiator shell donated by Jack Perkins is still available as the ace of spades wasn't drawn. Karen also gave Bruce Furbush, Treasurer, \$500 from the fund raiser. Jeanette Smith received the birthday prize.

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM.

Submitted by Karla Maxwell

BETSY RAFFLE FOR GILMORE

This 1930 Ford Model A, affectionately named "Betsy", became famous as the best Model A in the world. The Ford Model A has gathered 32 top place trophies in the 34 shows in which the car was entered. That includes two national shows in 1957 and 1962. Overall the car won 39 trophies. It is said that Red Grow's car, "Betsy", was an inspiration at the time.

In 1967, Red sold "Betsy" to a Ford car dealer named Dave Grubbs for \$5,000, an unheard of price in those days. As a result, Dave Grubb placed the car in a glass cage centered in his dealer showroom.

Through the generosity of Donna Lewis, former MAFCA President and MAFFI Trustee, "Betsy" has been donated to help raise funds for the ex-

pansion of the beloved Model A Ford Museum. The car remains in the condition as restored by Red Grow in the 1950's. This Ford Model A is in good running condition and ready for the road. The last day to purchase tickets is Oct. 6, 2024.

\$25—18 Tickets \$50—40 Tickets \$100-90 Tickets

\$200-200 Tickets \$500-650 Tickets

\$1,000-1750 Tickets
\$2,000-4000 Tickets



CCRG CONTINUED



arrived at the meet. After arrival, we checked in, drove to the Fairgrounds where everything was happening, and then stayed for the barbecue. Very fun – and a terrific country western singer, John Pemberton, entertained us. We all had a chance to look over the raffle items and decide where to put our tickets.

The next day was 'Tour Day' and we had four choices. Our #3 tour first took in the Flat Track



Museum close by in Clovis. Our next stop was the Rio Grande Gas Station, a restored gas station in a 1930's industrial neighborhood. ALL the buildings were interesting! Then off to Hillcrest Farms and our train ride around the property. They build trains for companies such as Disneyland. Fun stop! Then off to our last – and lunch – stop at the Beekman Estate in Sanger where we joined everyone else. Beautiful home and grounds, and a wonderful lunch set up with delicious boxed lunches. We toured his garages, as he had collections of cars, bikes, signs, and other memorabilia. As a member of the Sierra Club,

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ANNIVERSARY: 29 Apr

B'DAY's: Andy 14 Jun

Sandra 15 Dec 1930

Standard Coupe Thorn Brown



apparently that was the place to go to work on Model A's.

For Sunday, we got up early for departure and left for our hotel in Tehachapi. On the way, we stopped at the California Fruit Depot, which happened to be right next to the farm where Fred grew up. He knew we would all love to buy some of the fruits and nuts they sold. Once again on the road, we headed up the steep grade. We got off the freeway five or six miles before Tehachapi to view the Tehachapi Loop from the other side. Wow! What a view, and as luck would have it, a train tooted its horn to let us know to stick around. The train loops around a mountain, actually goes over itself it is so long, so it can make the grade up the hill. There were three engines and one

'pusher' at the end of a very long train.

After arriving at the hotel, we all met to relax and talk about the day and the event. Very successful, interesting and enjoyable – and we're ready for the next one to Visalia in 2025! Leaving at 8am the next day after breakfast at the hotel, we had a smooth drive back. When we hit Temecula, Howard and Clyde added speed and headed for home, Bruce got off the freeway closer to home, and Thamer's, Fred, and Joe continued to their respective offramps. We drove over 745 miles and it was a smooth and comfortable trip – one that you should consider joining next year!

-Linda Thamer-





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| Donna Slikker | 2 April |
| Keith Thamer | 4 April |
| Jerry Harder | 9 April |
| Bruce Parker | 21 April |
| Steve Cordtz | 27 April |

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| Wes & Kim Wright | 26 April |
| Andy & Sandra Yancey | 29 April |

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1928 Speedster

1929 Roadster, Washington Blue



Please either handwrite or print an extra copy of Jerry's and the Yancey's records for the 2024 Member Directory and glue them into empty back pages. Thanks.



Did you notice the note about Zello at the end of the directory? It's a walkie-talkie app for our phones. Seems like after 2019, however, they changed the financing model and it's now \$7 per month, per user, so seeing that, I no longer suggest members download it.

MODEL A YOUTH RESTORATION AWARD

May 31, 2024, is the final date to apply for financial assistance from the Model A Youth Restoration Award program (MAYRA). If you are between 12 and 22 and restoring your Model A or about to begin and would like financial assistance in acquiring parts, MAYRA can help. MAYRA has made over 100 awards to youth over the past 30 years. Awards, in the form of gift certificates from various Model A parts vendors, are made every two years, and in 2022, each recipient received \$3,000 in certificates. Recipients will be announced at the MARC and MAFCA National Conventions this summer. The application and eligibility information are on the website <http://MAYRA.biz>.

MAYRA's mission is to promote and expose the Model A to our youth, securing the longevity of our hobby and the associated businesses that support it for decades to come. Youth are the lifeblood of our hobby's future.

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Call (626) 485-3073. Ask for Tom or email Sheri at misslux844@yahoo.com



LAST SUNDAY BREAKFASTS

There have been three monthly breakfasts so far in 2024 and although it's not required, there were multiple Model A's driven each time and a dozen folks on average. I've enjoyed a plain Belgian waffle, a strawberry waffle, and a hearty combo breakfast. Karyn has had a variety of omelets. I'm really looking forward to our April breakfast on the 28th, again at 8 AM. The San Luis Rey Bakery and Restaurant has been a local hangout for nearly my entire lifetime. It's amazing that their cinnamon rolls don't appear on their breakfast menu. I'll have to look into getting them anyway.



2024 CALENDAR IN PROGRESS

March 31 Easter Sunday

April 3 General Meeting Vista Library 700 Eucalyptus in Vista 4:30 PM

April 6 Deer Park Winery Tour, meet at Palomar Estates at 9:00 AM, leave at 9:30

April 13 Paradise Valley Chapter Spring Swap Meet Little League Headquarters, San Bernardino

April 14 61st ORANGE COUNTY PANCAKE BREAKFAST Hart Park Orange CA hosted by Orange County Model A's. Cars without overdrives meet at the 76 and I-15 Park and Ride at 6:00 AM, with overdrives at the old Sears parking lot in Carlsbad at 7:30.

April 28 Last Sunday Breakfast San Luis Rey Bakery & Restaurant 490 N El Camino Real 8 AM

May 1 General Meeting Palomar Estates 7:00 PM

May 3—5 27th NCRG Spring Opener Konocti Harbor Resort 8727 Soda Bay Rd. Kelseyville, Calif.

May 4 Tour to the 39th Annual Antique Truck Show in Perris at the Southern California Railway Museum 2201 S. A Street Meet at the 76 and I-15 Park and Ride at 8:30 AM Cost \$15 per entry.

May 12 Cars and Coffee at Kit Carson Park in Escondido at 8:00 AM

May 18 Tour and lunch at Hanson's 14755 Mussey Grade Rd in Ramona with San Diego Chapter.

May 26 Last Sunday Breakfast Golden Egg Omelet House 316 W Mission Ave Escondido followed by a drive up to Fallbrook Car Show at Bates Nut Farm Special 9 AM Meet time.

June 8 Picnic Meeting with Hidden Valley T's and San Diego MAFC at Old Poway Park 14134 Midland Rd Details to follow

June 20 Encinitas Cruise Night 818 S Coast Highway 101, 5:30 to 6:30

June 23-29 SOUTHWEST "A" VENTURES [2024 MAFCA National Convention] Ruidoso NM hosted by Southwest Model A's Info: Raymond Gabaldon, 505.620.0574 - P.O. Box 44 Peralta, NM 87042

June 30 Last Sunday Breakfast Time Out Café 1011 S Santa Fe Ave Vista 8 AM

July 13 Picnic Meeting San Dieguito County Park 1628 Lomas Santa Fe Dr, Del Mar

July 28 Last Sunday Breakfast Swami's Café 101 Encinitas 1163 S Coast Hwy 101 8 AM

August 7 General Meeting Palomar Estates 7:00 PM

August 10 Tour TBD

August 25 Last Sunday Breakfast Money Pit 1360 E Mission Rd San Marcos 8 AM

September 4 General Meeting Palomar Estates 7:00 PM

September 7 Tour TBD

September 28 Paradise Valley Chapter Fall Swap Meet Little League Headquarters, San Bernardino

September 29 Last Sunday Breakfast TipTop Meats 6118 Paseo Del Norte Carlsbad 8 AM

October 2 General Meeting Palomar Estates 7:00 PM

October 5 Tour TBD

October 27 Last Sunday Breakfast Dennys at College and 76 8 AM

November 6 General Meeting Palomar Estates 7:00 PM

November 9 Tour TBD

November 24 Last Sunday Breakfast Charlie's in Escondido 8 AM

December 14 Christmas Party and Installation Lunch The Hunter Restaurant 12:00 PM

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