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Model A Ford Club of Santa Barbara



April

I April Fool's Day! 3 Meeting 7pm S. Coast Church Tuesdays Men's Lunch call Lorne 8 Solar Eclipse I I:07 am 17 Noon Ladies Lunch 20 Ladies Day Comm. Center

May

I Meeting 7pm S. Coast Church

5 Cinco de Mayo

Tuesdays Men's Lunch call Lorne

12 Mother's Day

15 Noon Ladies Lunch

18 10am Tour Senior Living Hms

June

5 Meeting 7pm S. Coast Church Tuesdays Men's Lunch call Lorne 14 Flag Day

15 Gymkhana South Coast Ch.

22 Classics w/ the Cardinals 9a-3p Bishop Diego High July

4 Independence Day

Stow House/Montecito Parade

Tuesdays Men's Lunch

13 SB Mission Motor Show 9-2

17 Ladies Lunch

20 Tour to Woodie Show 9-3 our cars are invited to show

27 Groovin' in the Grove-Elks

Sept 14 All Ford Event in Orcutt 9-3

Inside: Gardeners, See photos from our Garden, Scavenger Hunt Tour for inspiration

This month's tour: Special Ladies Day,

Saturday, April 20 Has been moved to the Community Clubhouse at 224 Vereda Leyenda

We will meet at Sears at 10, leave at 10:15 to travel on Cathedral Oaks to Winchester Canyon to Calle Real then turn right on Vereda Leyenda. Those already in Goleta can join us on the way or meet us there. Our vice president, Steve Penniman has been planning and he and the guys will be cooking an exquisite luncheon of Baked Chicken, Mac and Cheese, Garden Salad and Chocolate Chip Cookies to serve to the Ladies of the club.

See you there!

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Ladies Lunch

Ladies Lunch Wednesday, 17th at 12:00 noon Location TBA





Tuesday Weekly Men's Lunch Call Lorne Johnston for time and location

Santa Barbara Model A Ford Club's Facebook Page www.facebook.com/SBAfords



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Santa Barbara Model A Ford Club is on NEXT DOOR https://nextdoor.com/g/3em5las7v

Thank you to

Steve & Phyllis Penniman for the delicious refreshments at the April meeting.

Sign ups are welcome for the 5 meetings left in 2024: May June, Aug, Oct, & Nov.

From the President



With this April, we are appreciative for days that we can go at least part of the day now without a heavy sweater. With these rainstorms I have learned

about the tiniest places where rainwater can penetrate my waterproof chicken and duck food feeders and storage. Easy to fix with duct tape, thankfully. I hope all of you are recovering from the hard rains and easily making repairs.

Attendance has been great at the meetings even on rainy days and we are so lucky we can have tours year round. There have been some great tours so far this year, starting with the Poker Tour in January. Each time we have a tour I marvel about how much I learn about what we can do.

For use at this Saturday's tour and on future tours I got the criteria that MAFCA provides for Ladies to earn this patch for your jacket or

hat:



I know not every lady in our club would like to drive a Model A, but I know several who do. So I took the material that was sent and made it into 3 easy tests:

Test 1: Servicing the Model A Ford Test 2: Starting the Model A Ford Test 3: Driving the Model A Ford

Ladies are allowed to see the test ahead of time and the tests can be taken at any event.

March 2024 Scavenger Hunt Garden Tour



Five Model A's and a modern met at the old Sears Parking lot. We were happy to meet new member Duncan Abbott and see his working car.







Our first stop was at Trinity Gardens to see their plant sale and get some answers to the Scavenger Hunt questions.



We were lucky to meet volunteer, Duane Nash, who offered to give us an impromtu tour and fruit to eat from the trees. Before we left, Duncan gave him ride around the parking lot and he was very happy.

March 2024 Scavenger Hunt Garden Tour Continued





Next stop on the Garden Tour was the Lauro Seed Exchange on Laurel Canyon Road. Each car was given a packet of seeds so they could exchange it with another packet of seeds or fruit in the box



On our way to the next stop, the Alice Keck Park butterfly garden, we got a call from Fred & Cyndy inviting us to their boat for lunch. So we stopped at the Mission (which caused quite a stir with the tourists) to regroup then headed straight to the harbor. Robin was the winner of the Scavenger Hunt and got a cute lantern.

In Memory



We lost a beloved member of our Model A Ford Club, Elaine Ryker. She and Ron were living with their son Steve and his wife Vergie in Prescott, Arizona for some years.

Please remember Ron and family, son Steve & his wife Vergie, daughter Lisa & hubby Danny McKernan and son Michael during this difficult time.

Cards can be sent to c/o Ron Ryker

No. 1880 W. Yampa Dr. Prescott, AZ 86305-3964

Our longtime member, William Herman Cook, age 89, of Buellton, California passed away on Monday, March 25, 2024.

Memorial service to be held Saturday, April 20, 1pm at the Elks in Santa Ynez

Please remember Maylene Cook and her family

Cards can be sent to 94 Six Flags Circle, Buellton, CA 93427



MODEL A TRIVIA

What is the rarest Model A Ford? The actual model name is "**convertible sedan**" and only 4,864 of them were produced, all of them in 1931.Feb 1, 2011—Motortrend.com

What is the average sale price of a Ford Model A? The lowest recorded sale price was \$550 for a 1931 Ford Model A Sedan on Sep 7 2022. The average price of a Ford Model A is \$20,195. —Classic.com

What was the most special feature of the Ford Model A? While it still used a four cylinder, similar to the Model T, the Model A was more powerful and smooth and was capable of 55 to 65 mph. It came with Triplex shatterproof safety windshield and hydraulic shocks, both a first for Ford and unheard of in the lowpriced field. —Ford.com



Santa Barbara Model A Ford Club Monthly Meeting Minutes March 6, 2024



The meeting was opened by the President, Janet Cox, at 7:13 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Janet introduced Chris Christensen, our new member from Oslo, Norway. He is also a member of the Norway Model A Club.

Program: There was no program this month.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary read the report for the previous month.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer, Bob Davis, reported a balance in the savings account of \$6427.53. \$100 has been collected YTD from the raffle, with \$15 expenses. The Club paid \$75 for MAFCA Insurance, and \$100 for a Snyder's gift certificate for the CCRG meeting in Clovis.

New Business: Announcements of upcoming events: Ladies' Day will be held April 20th at Fred & Cyndy Duerner's ranch. The Ladies' picnic will be April 9th .

There was a lot of discussion about donating to some kind of a scholarship for automotive students at SBCC or in an automotive program at one of the local high schools. The scholarship would be funded by a fundraising event, rather than an outright donation from the Club treasury. No consensus was reached and the matter was tabled. The Model A Museum in Gilmore, MI, is asking clubs to donate to help finance their expansion. It was decided to donate \$200 to the cause, which will give us a brick on their sidewalk with the Club's name on it.

The gymkhana, originally scheduled for May, will be held in the church parking lot on either the second or fourth Saturday in June. Final date TBD. There will be a tour on March 23rd (4th Saturday)—it will be an easy one.

Car Projects: John G. reported that " the wind blew the tarp off." Steve Penniman reported that John G. bondo'ed something on his car, and he was happy because now Phyllis won't fall out. With Aaron's help, Don L. ordered brakes for his car.

Raffle and Drawing: Once again, there were lots of raffle tickets and happy winners, and Jeff Thompson won the Member Draw, but he wasn't present so the award will accumulate. The alarm clock prize was won by Steve Powell (7:41pm).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.







Excerpts from Barnsdall-Rio Gas Station article in SB Independent 4/17/24



An architectural drawing of the restored Barnsdall-Rio Grande service station viewed from Hollister Avenue in Goleta | Credit: Courtesy

"Goleta's Historic Preservation Commission was "thrilled" with the drawings they saw and details they heard on Monday evening about restoring the Barnsdall-Rio Grande service station and turning it into a "quick stop" café. Vice Chair Fermina Murray, an architectural historian, said the restoration team was observing the Secretary of the Interior's historic standards such as not attaching anything to a building that is unique in California and possibly the country. Preserving such an "exquisite expression of Moorish architecture," she said, citing the blue and white tilework, wooden windows, tower, and cupola, "is one of the components of how we fall in love with these buildings and how they shape our lives."

The lovefest emanated from an introduction to the new plans for the site by a team from Ty Warner Hotels and Resorts that included architect Barry Winick — who participated in the restoration of the Coral Casino and the Santa Barbara County Courthouse — architectural historian firm Post and Hazeltine, and the reclusive Warner's longtime representative Bill Medel. The thrills continued as several people present recalled the building from when they were children and teenagers, while Janet Cox of the Santa Barbara Model A Ford Club expressed her members' fervent desire to hold a 100-year celebration of the iconic car at the newly restored building."

."Winick noted the old building's small square footage made it better suited as a teeny museum building,

with a few spots of café seating and many photographs and signs on the history of the 1929 building. The interior would be exposed to the second-floor ceiling, stairway, and chandelier, but the upper floor would be unused. Hours would be 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The powerlines will be placed underground, Winick said, and the landscape of trees and an oval wall toward the golf course would remain. The S-tiles on the roof would be restored, while the café would feature a flip-up garagestyle door and solar panels on the roof. Historian Tim Hazeltine noted of the two piers at either end of the front wall: "One was for water, while the other was for air," he said."



Figure 2: Barnsdall-Rio Grande Gas Station; Circa 1936

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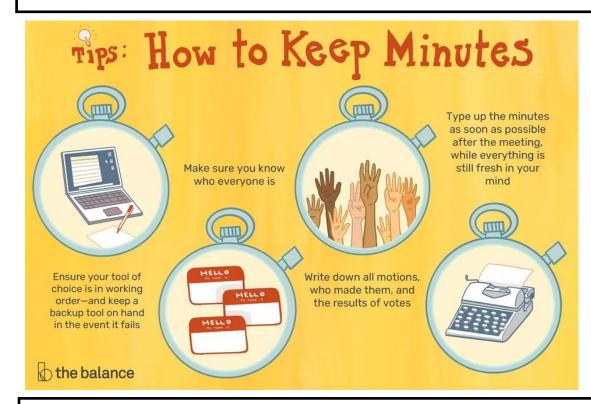
March's Ladies Picnic



2 Ladies and 2 Instructors showed up for the Saturday ladies picnic for Model A driving lessons.



Tanis Hammond and Janet Cox each got a Model A Driving lesson from Charlie Meraviglia and John Gilbertson.



A volunteer is needed to fill in as Secretary and take the minutes at our June 5 general meeting.

Please contact Susan Carty if you can do this.

Congratulations to Bob and Susan Carty on the marriage of their granddaughter. Have a great trip!



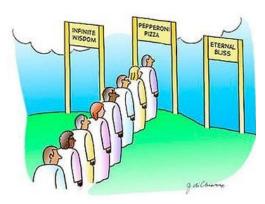
"You'll have to get behind me and push."

Cartoons!

NEW! SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES



"And, if you fall behind on payments, it drives itself back to the dealership."



MODEL A Era Fashion

Research into floral designs of Model A Ford years led me to this interesting story. about the White House, First Ladies and floral design. -Editor The White House once had their own greenhouses. In 1902 the greenhouses were removed to make way for the West Wing offices, and subtle floral arrangements replaced their lavish predecessors, complementing the new décor.

With the removal of the greenhouses, flowers had to be purchased and delivered to the White House. For the first three decades of the 20th century, expert gardener Charles Henlock (1858-1934) worked at a greenhouse that supplied the White House with its flowers after the 1902 renovation, eventually acquiring the title of Director of



Hoover (third from left) with the wives of cabinet members in 1932 from Wikipedia.org

worked closely with first ladies, cultivating flowers according to their personal preferences.

Conservatories and Horticulture. Henlock

On the eve of Herbert Hoover's inauguration in 1929, Henlock anticipated a meeting with soon-to-be First Lady Lou Hoover. "If she follows the custom," reported the Washington Post, "she will visit soon after the inauguration and talk with Mr. Henlock about her choice of plants." If she preferred a color other than pink, the favorite of her predecessor, First Lady Grace Coolidge, Henlock would make the necessary changes.

From https://www.whitehousehistory.org/a-history-of-white-house-flowers-and-florists

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Please see your Roster for contact information Fonts introduced in 1928 used: Granjon LT Std, Gill Sans MT, Broadway

First Lady Lou Henry

Hoover 1928



Model A Mechanical

Do you have a Steering Wheel Shimmy?

On the fordbarn.com forum a newbie to Model A maintenance named Keith from Texas wrote in about his wheel shimmy and asked for advice on how to fix it.

One of the replies was from a Pat in Santa Cruz.

Regarding your shimmy, in general, you will have to check every single point in the steering geometry to find looseness that can contribute to it. If you have the rubber ball radius cups, replace it with the original type. Check the steering box bolts to see if its loose on the frame. Check the pitman arm bolt to see if its loose on the sector shaft. Look for loose tie rod ends or drag link ends. Look for loose wheel bearings, or dragging brake shoes on a warped drum. Almost any looseness or misalignment in the



John G. demonstrating how tightly you have to hold the wheel when you have a wheel shimmy.

steering can contribute to shimmy. Often its a combination of several things. The ones I mentioned are the most common. Too much play in the worm gear will contribute to shimmy too. Its a long list of causes. Have fun getting rid of it...with perseverance you will succeed.

CLASSICS WITH THE CARDINALS

COME ENJOY THE DAY WITH US ON THE GRASS AT BISHOP DIEGO HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL CLASSICS WITH THE CARDINALS

Saturday, June 22nd

Bishop Diego High School 4000 La Colina Rd, Santa Barbara 9:00am – 3:00pm

If we get 5 Model A's then they will be able to have their own category!

https://classicswiththecardinals.org/

https://classicswiththecardinals.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/137/2023/11/Entry-Form-Online-2024-Final.pdf

The 2nd Annual *Classics with the Cardinals*, Santa Barbara's Premier Car show is guaranteed to be another fun-filled June day in beautiful Santa Barbara. We hope that you join us on the football field at BDHS, where we have space for 210 outstanding vehicles, vendors, and a lot more. Our show is pre-registered only, all vehicle years are accepted and awards will be presented to vehicles through 1989 only.

Vehicle Check-In: 6:30 am – 8:45 am Judging: 9:30 am – 12 noon, Show: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Awards: 2:30 pm

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT AT BISHOP DIEGO HIGH SCHOOL.

Registration Fee: \$55.00 which includes one tee-shirt Two ways to enter: ONLINE with a credit card or by check via US MAIL. REGISTRATION CLOSES June 8th, 2024

MAFFI Minute, March 2024

Through the generosity of Donna Lewis, former MAFCA President and MAFFI Trustee, Betsy, a 1930 Ford Model A has been donated to help raise funds for the expansion of the beloved Model A Ford Museum. The car remains in the same condition as restored by Red Grow in the 1950s. Enjoy driving Betsy your newest Model A, to your next cruise-in or car show. This is a truly historical vehicle, once owned by a MAFFI Hall of Fame inductee. 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 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. It drove many people to do their best in restoring their own car. This urge to do the best restoration possible, developed the need for more information about how to a better job. As a result, the Judging Standards evolved. We can thank Red Grow and the MAFCA founders for their vision.

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. Now, you have a chance to own "Betsy" by entering a Sweepstakes through our website, https://www.maffi.org/index.htm , or scan the QR code and receive 20% more tickets for your Donation, available at checkout!



Happy Motoring,

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee-Secretary



Inspiration for our Ladies Day From the Restorer Magazine 1959

news and views on the local scene...

LADIES DAY!

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A good time was had by all (especially the ladies) on the Ladies' Day Tour on June 28. When the ladies read the rules of the day they were soon convinced that this was certainly their day. The rules read as follows: "1. No woman is to do any work. 2. Only women are to drive in the tour. 3. Men will charcoal the steaks, also setup the lunch and clean up afterwards. Any woman seeking work will not be allowed to enter competition."

The first event of the day was a glamour tour, which took the petticoat-manned Model A's past the homes of many famous movie stars in the Toluca Lake district.

After the glamour tour the ladies, at Activities Chairman Ken Kaitschuck's home, enjoyed a delicious steak dinner prepared exactly to their wishes by their ever-loving men.

Competition for the ladies consisted of: 1. Identifying Model A parts. 2. Selecting Model A parts from other car parts. 3. Displaying Model A driving abilities. 4. Identifying parts located underneath the Model A hood. A perfect score consisted of 34 points. The winners were





ABOVE: "Doodles" Weaver, of radio and television fame, presents prize winners Evelyn Snell, Vivian Payton, and Evelyn Jennings with awards which testify to their superior knowledge of the Model A Ford.

as follows: First place, Evelyn Snell, 32 points; Second place, Vivian Payton, 31 points; Third place, Evelyn Jennings, 29 points.

The ladies who attended this tour have only one comment, "Let's make every tour Ladies' Tour."

LEFT: Contest judges "Tiny" Snell and Dave Harriman listen as Mrs. Kaitschuck explains what all those little gadgets are under the hood. BELOW: The ladies have their steaks prepared to order by some of the world's best chefs--their husbands.





