

# THE REFLECTOR

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## ORANGE COUNTY PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2024



It drizzled. It sprinkled. Mist shrouded the cars. With the entrances off Glassell closed and more individuals than convoys coming into and leaving the park, the party was unusually quiet, but the 61st Orange County Model a Ford Club's Pancake Breakfast was still a draw and something not to be missed.

The drive up was not the easiest, even when taking my 2006 Ford Fordor Sedan. Even after the scouting and regular checks of multiple websites, I was still surprised by CalTrans's last minute notice that they'd closed the Ortega Highway. I'd taken the more direct route up I-5, though, so no loss there. Traffic was backed up most of the way, but that would actually have been a good thing for driving a Model A as half the trip was

made at a brisk 25 mph.

The Best Western is still the best hotel stay in So. Cal & chatting with folks over snacks and dinner is the true highlight of the weekend.



Still, Palomar members did pretty well for ourselves at the breakfast and the raffle, getting our usual seats and winning a good number of the best prizes. No Burtz block was raffled, but Nancy Q won a girl's bike, Karen Beel a Lady's Pamper Basket, and I won a restored distributor, among other things.

My biggest disappointment was stopping afterwards at the Knollwood Burger Stand on Sand Canyon, looking for Palomar members on their way home, and not only missing them, but Knollwood was out of ice cream for shakes! Awww!

# ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

I was darn happy with Palomar's turnout at the OC Pancake Breakfast: three couples and five singles braved the stormy weather and LA metro traffic. I wish I didn't have responsibilities as SCRG secretary and could have spent more time with my president's hat on, chatting with familiar members, rather than the perhaps a hundred strangers I tried to sell the idea that the SCRG was an entity worth just an hour of a person's attention every couple of months, but, them's the breaks.

What I learned for next year's breakfast is not to even bother with the Ortega Highway; Caltrans is unreliable so take the I-5. If you don't have an overdrive, take your modern. Victory Diner is a good place for Saturday dinner, chatting with friends, and drinking shakes and sodas. There's a beautiful "Avila's El Ranchito" restaurant near "the Orange circle" which we might try some day. It offers adult beverages, but \$15 margaritas is about a dollar an ounce and there's no telling whether any of those ounces is tequila even for that money. Still, there are a lot of birthdays and anniversaries in the club between March 14th and April 4th, and there's every reason we might want to kick it up a notch and eat a \$10 street taco or a \$25 enchilada plate in a converted church building to celebrate a member's special day.



Speaking of going out to eat, I'm looking forward to a good turnout at the San Luis Rey Restaurant and Bakery on the 28th. May 18th has been organized for our club to join San Diego at Hanson's in Ramona, and for our members to bring a side dish or desert. June 8th, when we had planned to picnic in Poway, has been selected as the day for Valerie Basham's celebration of life, so we will now meet at Old Poway Park the next Saturday, June 15th at 3 pm, tour the railroad, and meet at the Hamburger Factory with the Hidden Valley T Club and the San Diego MAFC at 4. Dinners will be \$25 including tip and I ask for people to sign up.

You'll have the chance to sign up in person at the next meeting AT THE VISTA LIBRARY, on May 1st at 4:30 pm. (700 Eucalyptus) You cannot eat there, but there are several nice restaurants nearby that I'd hope groups of you will enjoy.

It's been suggested that in order for us to have more chat time than set up and tear down time at the Vista Library, that I monkey with the format of the meeting, and leave reports to the newsletter, rather than folks presenting them in person. I argue that the nap time will do you good, but the suggester was persistent, so be prepared for a quick business portion of the meeting by bringing a stopwatch. I'll also ask that if you win a prize and your ticket is drawn for another, please both be happy for the win, and go up to select your prize. Turning the opportunity down has really extended the drawing.

And, finally, as has become my habit, I close with requests for people to bring guests, bring family, bring prizes, and bring your Model A out for folks to appreciate.

May your tank be full and the road opened in front of you.

David Frazee, President Pa

# APRIL MINUTES

The April 3, 2024 - Meeting of the Palomar A's was called to order by President, David Frazee at 4:53 PM with 21 in attendance. New member Andy Yancy told of his 1930 Standard Coupe that he has owned since 1965.

It was believed that the May 1 meeting will return to Palomar Estates at the usual time of 7:00 PM. Also, There will be no regular meeting in June. Instead, an outdoor gathering is planned June 8 at Old Poway Park 14134 Midland Rd. See details in the calendar listing below.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Anthony Lugo.

A motion was made by Linda Thamer to approve the minutes of the March meeting as published in the *Reflector*, and seconded by Bruce Parker. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Bruce Furbush reported a Palomar A's contribution to the Boron Aerospace Museum in connection with the recent CCRG 2024 Jamboree and a \$100 payment to CCRG direct. Motion to approve the report and pay the bills was made by Bill Adams and seconded by Mark Greenlee. Motion carried.

Sunshine & Sorrow –There was good news to report. A past member, Alissa McKay, had given birth to a son, John Coulter McKay.

Last Sunday Breakfast – The March breakfast at Carlsbad at the Village Café-Pie Shop had 13 in attendance along with 2 Model A's. The April 28 breakfast will be at the San Luis Rey Bakery & Restaurant [2 blocks from the Mission], 490 N. El Camino Real, 8:00 AM. They are known for their cinnamon buns. Check the 2024 Calendar in Progress printed in the *Reflector* for future Last Sunday Breakfast locations and dates.

Short Tours – Mark Greenlee reported on the tour of Karla Maxwell's studio with approximately 15 in attendance. There were badges in the different stages of restoration and a discussion of materials and tools. Group photos are on the Facebook page. Four Fords [A's & T's] made the trip and Mark represented Chevrolet with his 1953 truck.

April 6 – Tour of Deer Park Winery [near Laurence Welk Resort] – David Frazee was able to acquire 12 free passes to the event. Meet at 9:00 AM at Palomar Estates and leave at 9:30. If more than 12 people attend, the Club would cover any extra entries. A motion to that effect was made by Linda Beel and seconded by Mark Greenlee. Motion passed.

April 14 – Pancake breakfast hosted by Orange County Model A's – It was suggested to go early and spend the night. 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.

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 7:30 AM Cost \$15

May 12 - David Frazee mentioned Kit Carson Park in Escondido has a Cars & Coffee each Sunday morning at 8:00 AM and suggested it would be a nice place to meet.

May 18 – Tour, along with the San Diego Chapter, of Bill Hansen's garage, 14755 Mussey Grade Rd., Ramona. There was information that the San Diego Chapter intends to provide box lunches at \$10 per. There seemed to be a question whether the price would actually be \$10. The suggestion was discussed that, if the price was more than \$10 then the Club would provide the difference. A motion was made by David Frazee and seconded by Chris Fuller. Motion passed. [Note – a day later we were notified that there would be no box lunches after all. Tentative plans are now to possibly have pizza, salad and drinks][Further note: SD doesn't want us to bring Pizza just sides/deserts.]

June 8 – June "meeting" - a gathering is planned 3 to 6 PM at Old Poway Park 14134 Midland Rd. Other clubs have been invited: San Diego MAFC , Temecula, and Hidden Valley T's. Conflicts with a farmer's market and softball leagues made more sense to change to later hours and alternate food

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# MARCH MINUTES CONTINUED

options. There was discussion to switch from an outdoor potluck picnic to having an indoor lunch package at the Hamburger Factory with reservation for 4:30 PM.. This also provides a trade off from \$75 per hour rental of the park to free seating at the Hamburger Factory. The lunch package has options but averages around \$20. More information to follow.

June 20 – Encinitas has Cruise Night on the third Thursday. 818 S. Coast Highway 5:30-to 6:30.

~~July 21 – Cruising Grand, Grand Ave., Escondido – Ford Model T's, Model A's and pre 1940's Fords will be featured. [The Calendar hasn't been released—they are still looking for sponsors for themed nights like Early Ford Night]~~

Check the 2024 Calendar in Progress printed in the Reflector for future short tours and dates.

Miscellaneous – Model A Youth Restoration Award [MAYRA]. Awards up to \$3000 are being offered – See article in the April 2024 Reflector. Final date to apply is May 31, 2024. In addition, eligibility – “Sons and daughters of members of MAFCA or MARC, their children and grandchildren are eligible to apply. The applicant may be a member but it is not required. They must be at least 12 and less than 22 on May 31 of the award year and restoring a Model A for themselves to at least a Restoration Class [daily driver] standard”. CONTACTS: [www.modelarestorationaward.org](http://www.modelarestorationaward.org)  
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Long Tours – Bruce Howe gave a first hand review of the CCRG Jamboree in Clovis, CA. Everything went smoothly and a great time was had by all. Lots to do and see.

Vice-President Report – Bruce Furbush for Bill Adams - Bruce described the recent purchase of a blue Club jacket [\$38] featuring a large embroidered back patch [\$62], a corresponding small front chest patch [\$10] and his name embroidered in white [\$15].

Hospitality – Chuck Grabowsky – Return to the Palomar Estates meeting room on May 1 also includes return to refreshments. Volunteers for snacks are Karen Beel, Karyn Frazee and Mark “honorary Karen” Greenlee.

Tech Report – Mark Greenlee brought in what looked like a brass tire pump that was approximately 18” long and 3” in diameter. He could not identify the actual use and said he had purchased it at the estate sale of a long time antique car owner. Pumping the handle produced a quick tone and it was thought it might be some sort of whistle.


Karla Maxwell demonstrated a digital microscope and described the plus and minus aspects of it.

Door Prizes – Karen Beel conducted the event consisting of diverse items such as a scale Model T delivery truck, through chocolate offerings to 4 freshly laid, and quite colorful, chicken eggs. Linda Thamer won the birthday prize and Keith Thamer was in the running for the Big Opportunity Winner [radiator surround] The lucky draw is the ace of spades but Keith drew the 9 of clubs.

Announcement – Karen Beel invited everyone to a Memorial Service for her husband, Larry. It will be held noon, April 20 at her home – 333 Highland Place, Escondido, CA 92027

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Submitted by Karla Maxwell



The May 1st club meeting will be at the Vista Branch Library at 4:30 PM.

Stop before driving to Palomar Estates. It's not there!

# JIM'S TECH TIPS: "IGNITION MISFIRES"

We've all experienced it. When the engine is cold and first started up, the engine is running rough and you can tell not all 4 cylinders are firing. It usually clears up in under a minute. But later, when the engine is warm, you should not feel a miss when climbing a hill or accelerating into traffic. If the power is just not there, like you know it should be, where to look? It could be a carburetor problem, but don't overlook fouled spark plugs and problems in the distributor.

Check the point gap in the distributor. The cam follower wears as you drive and the point gap closes down, giving a weak spark. So check it and increase the gap back to 0.020" if needed. While you are there, look for burned points and clean them up or replace them; you might have a bad or weak condenser.

Look at the rotor. Make sure the black flat spring is touching the underside of the cap, and is not burned up. Wipe off any oil film on the rotor.

Look at the underside of the distributor cap.

Inspect the graphite button on the underside. I have seen caps with the entire button broken off and missing.

Look at the inside of the distributor body (the black plastic piece). Look for an oil and dirt film on the inside. Wipe it out with a clean cloth. Look for "carbon tracks" on the inside of the cap, where the spark is jumping down to ground on the metal housing. (See photo.) Replace if needed.

Provided by Jim Cannon through MAFCA's *The Flying Quail*



Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!*

Jim

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| Chuck Grabowsky      | 5 May  |
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| Marsha Moraes        | 7 May  |
| Judy Burrell         | 8 May  |
| Arlene Belt          | 10 May |
| Johannah Leffingwell | 11 May |
| Karyn Frazee         | 15 May |
| Bill Haun            | 16 May |
| Jim Foster           | 21 May |
| Roseanne Meyerhoff   | 22 May |
| Henry Rivera         | 28 May |
| Rick Spinello        | 30 May |

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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|--------------------------|--------|
| Steve & Irene DeAmbrogio | 1 May  |
| Robert & Shiela Saxman   | 11 May |
| Doug & Linda Dixon       | 29 May |

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

## MARCH & APRIL TOURS

I forgot to include an article on the tour/badge enameling seminar given by Karla Maxwell at her shop in Vista and it was really too good to miss. You might get the sense that the shop was a bit crowded; indeed each room seem to get more claustrophobic, but the popularity indicates that we need to ask Karla to host another trip so folks who missed this one can see what they missed. We sure appreciated it.

The April tour was to the Deer Park Winery, and then afterwards to Nessy Burgers. It was a hampered a little by weather, as all of our tours have

been the last few months, but when you look at the photos, jackets are the only indication. On each rainy day, it cleared up when we wanted it to, and only started raining after we were through. I'm glad we didn't go on a really long tour or we might have thrown the state into another drought! Too many great cars and great burgers and fried sides to mention; Deer Park never disappoints.

Our May tour will be to the Perris train museum, but if you have an hour or two to spare for cars in April, check out Rat Rods at Rincon on Page 8.



# FUTURE TOURS

This week will be busy! Breakfast and car show tomorrow, meeting on Wednesday, and Perris Truck Show on Saturday, May 4th. The meeting time of 7:30 at the 76 and 15 is a bit earlier than previously posted, and we have plans to take the freeway, so overdrives are suggested though not required.



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A last minute addition will be Mark's trip to the Classics on the Rez car show. Mark verified that the \$30 entry fee is for cars entering the show, visitors can walk the grounds for free. Come to breakfast and caravan with the club up to Valley Center, afterwards.

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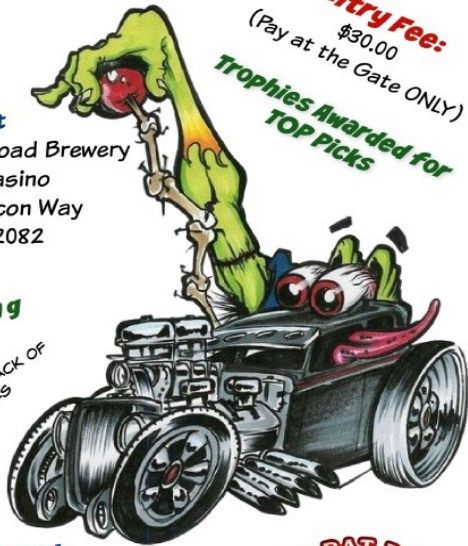
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# LAST SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Our April 28th breakfast at 8 AM will be at The San Luis Rey Bakery and Restaurant just a block west from the Mission on El Camino Real.



It's got lots of room to sit together and lots of choices of baked items as well as well as hot breakfasts large and small.





## ***2024 CALENDAR IN PROGRESS***

- April 28 Last Sunday Breakfast San Luis Rey Bakery & Restaurant 490 N El Camino Real 8 AM  
And Classics on the Rez after you fill up on cinnamon rolls and pancakes.
- May 1 General Meeting STILL at the Vista Library 700 Eucalyptus 4:30 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 7:30 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 15 NOTE CHANGE OF DATE: Evening out with Hidden Valley T's and San Diego MAFC at Old Poway Park's train museum and Hamburger Factory 3 pm to 6 pm 14134 Midland Rd. Sign ups needed Dinner cost \$25 per person. Train fair \$3.50.
- 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 ? Cruisin Grand in Escondido. Dates have not been released. The general start of the season is Friday, May 3rd.
- 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 Car-Olympics—an event designed to correspond to the Paris Olympics in hopes that it will become an official event at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games. Train Early—Train Often!
- 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 For National Tailgating Day we'll attend one of the first football games at the new Palomar College Football Stadium. Details will follow when the team schedule is announced.
- 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 of the Palomar College Arboretum in the morning, lunch at George Burgers or My Yard Brewery and then an afternoon trip to San Marcos Historical Society as it opens at 1:00.
- 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 Potentially a progressive tour around North County
- November 24 Last Sunday Breakfast Charlie's in Escondido 8 AM
- December 14 Christmas Party and Installation Lunch The Hunter Restaurant 12:00 PM 1221 Vista Way in Oceanside.

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**Business Meetings** are held the first Wednesday of each month, except June, July, and December, at the Palomar Estates East Clubhouse: 650 S Rancho Santa Fe Rd, in San Marcos at 7:00pm.

Check the website, newsletters, or Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/palomarmafca> for specifics for the June, July, and December meetings. All Model A Ford hobbyists are welcome.

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