### SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA

# THE RUMBLE SHEET

## Welcome

The Rumble Sheet is your go-to source for all things Model A. From the President's message to club announcements, activities calendars, and a classifieds section – it's your insider's guide to the Model A world.

## Simplicity in Motion: Henry Ford's Philosophies on Life, Business, and Beyond

Henry Ford, the pioneering industrialist behind the mass production of automobiles, was not just a master of manufacturing, but also a philosopher of simplicity. His belief that "simple things are best" resonated throughout his life and work, influencing everything from cars to finances to music.



When it came to automobiles, Ford's mantra was clear: toughness, simplicity, and quality. He aimed to build cars that were accessible to the masses, constructed with the best materials and simplest designs. His vision was for every family, regardless of income, to have the joy of experiencing the open road in a Ford car.

But Ford's appreciation for simplicity extended far beyond the realm of automobiles. He viewed money as a straightforward tool for facilitating transactions, advocating for a financial approach that prioritized liquidity, frugality, and maximizing savings. His own financial operations were a testament to this simplicity, grounded in the principles of prudence and efficiency.

Even in the realm of music, Ford found solace in simplicity. He cherished the vibrant essence of life captured in the melodies of Enrico Caruso, recognizing music as a powerful force for enriching and balancing life's experiences.

At the core of Ford's philosophy was a belief in stripping away unnecessary complexity. He observed that much of what we consume —whether it be clothing, food, or household items—is needlessly intricate. Ford saw simplicity not as a compromise, but as a pathway to both functionality and beauty.

In Ford's view, the best solutions were always the simplest ones. He cautioned against the allure of complexity, recognizing it as a breeding ground for failure and clutter. His legacy serves as a reminder that in a world often overrun with complications, the pursuit of simplicity can lead to enduring success and satisfaction.

In essence, Henry Ford's thoughts on simplicity were more than just words—they were a guiding principle that shaped his approach to business, life, and everything in between. - <u>My Life and Work</u> by Henry Ford

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



What I love about the Ford Model A is some of the trivia we hear along the way. Some true and some we will never know if it is true or false. With the advent of Google and if you want to be a detective, you might be able to search out the truth. Most things are hear say. So what I am telling you may not be true but I believe my reliable sources were reliable. If the car was a low production model, it was better to use as much wood as possible. Remember Henry had a lot of woodworkers on his payroll. If production numbers were high, he would switch over to metal because it was now easier (read affordable) to stamp parts out of metal if the volume was there. I always felt wood was easier to fabricate than metal. That's why I choose a car with wood floors and wood bows for the canvas roof. But as I learned wood is not as forgiving as metal. You can't bend wood as easily.

The thing I still find most interesting are the floor boards. Rumor has it they were recycled from engine packing crates. Most of us have plywood floors and these floors were probably replaced in the last 90 plus years. If the veneer is real thin it was probably done in the last 20 to 30 years. My floors have 1/8 inch to <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch veneer and it looks like oak. Maybe this is how Henry reused the packing crates.

As in cabinetry, most craftsmen try to maximize the material dimensions. This might be why Ford Model A's are so narrow. Over 48 inches would mean you would be wasting wood. I would love to talk with some of the men and designers that built these great cars. And of course our fact checker Ron Mosher is sadly no longer with us.

President-Larry Margules

#### **Board of Directors**

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#### Monthly Meeting

3rd Thursday of the Month 7:30PM January - November Galpin Ford 15505 Roscoe Blvd., North Hills

#### Who We Are

The San Fernando Valley Model A Club (SFVMAC), a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA), is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for enthusiasts of the Model A Ford car, to aid members and other enthusiasts in their efforts to restore and preserve the car in its original likeness. The Rumble Sheet is the newsletter of the SFVMAC, published monthly, January through November. The organization disclaims any liability for the technical information provided herein. The material published are the opinions of the authors and not those of the organization.

We invite all those interested in the Model A Ford to join us. Ownership of a Model A Ford is not required. All members must join MAFCA. Membership includes a subscription to the newsletter. Material in the Rumble Sheet may be used in other publications provided that credit is given for the source.

# **GENERAL CLUB MEETING**

Buckle up, folks! We're about to take a joyride through the wacky world of the San Fernando Valley Model A Club. Picture this: antique cars, roaring engines, and a community that's as tight-knit as a perfectly tuned transmission.

But before you rev your engines and zoom to the meeting, here's a pro tip: swing by The Horseless Carriage restaurant for a bite. It's where some members like to fuel up before diving into all things Model A.

Now, onto the main event! The general meeting kicks off with the pledge of allegiance, because nothing says patriotism like admiring antique automobiles. With 37 members in attendance and a parking lot boasting 5 Ford Model As, it's safe to say the excitement is palpable.

In true Model A fashion, the meeting isn't complete without some friendly competition. Treasurer Hunter Bloch wins the 50/50 drawing, proving that when it comes to luck, he's firing on all cylinders. Meanwhile, vice president Mike Petrella scoops up the member's only prize, because who says you can't have your Model A cake and eat it too?

But the fun doesn't stop there! Scott McNatt, our tours and activities director, is on a mission to unite Model A enthusiasts from near and far. Get ready for some epic club outings and cross-club adventures—because when it comes to Model As, the more the merrier!

Next up, Jim Lank delivers the lowdown on the club's swap meet and car show. It's the highlight of the Model A calendar, so mark your calendars and polish those hubcaps. And speaking of events, don't forget to prep your vintage chariot for The Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade. Brendan Beatty's parade tips article in the newsletter is a must-read—after all, you don't want to be caught cruising without a clue!

So there you have it, folks—a glimpse into the high-octane world of the San Fernando Valley Model A Club. Mark your calendars for the next general meeting on May 16th at 7:30PM inside Galpin Ford, and get ready for another evening filled with laughter, camaraderie, and enough Model A magic to last a lifetime. See you there!











## **MEMBER STORY**

## Date Disaster: A Comedy of Car Troubles

In a tale that blends automotive ambition with dinner date dilemmas, one gentleman's attempt to impress his lady with a surprise antique car purchase turned into a comedy of errors that left them stranded and scratching their heads.

It all started innocently enough when Scott McNatt, our club's tours & activities director, stumbled upon an irresistible deal for a 1930 Ford Model A Standard Coupe. Despite his gal's initial reluctance due to their ongoing 1931 Model A Coupe project, Scott couldn't resist the allure of adding another classic beauty to their collection.



With a twinkle in his eye and visions of a romantic evening dancing in his head, Scott whisked his unsuspecting gal off to dinner in their newly acquired antique chariot. Little did they know, the night would take an unexpected turn.

After indulging in a delightful Mexican feast at her favorite restaurant, the couple set off for home, eager to continue their evening of enchantment. However, fate had other plans in store for them as their trusty steed suddenly sputtered and stalled on the darkened streets.

Thankfully, luck was on their side as they coasted to a stop in front of a Speedy fuel station, providing a glimmer of hope amidst the chaos. With determination and a can of engine starter in hand, Scott attempted to revive their stalled companion, enlisting his woman's assistance in a critical role.



However, in a moment of confusion that could only be described as comedic gold, the well-intentioned female found herself inadvertently spraying the hole in the motor mount instead of the elusive carburetor. Cue the exasperated sighs and bewildered glances as Scott realized the source of their misfortune.

With laughter mingling with frustration, Scott pointed out the true location of the carburetor, and after a few more attempts and a lot of spray in the right place, the engine roared back to life, much to the couple's relief.

As they finally made their way home, their adventure became a tale to be recounted with equal parts amusement and disbelief. While the dinner date may have ended with a hiccup, the memories of their misadventures in automotive troubleshooting will undoubtedly endure as a testament to the unpredictable joys of antique car ownership.

So, the next time you find yourself tempted by the allure of a classic automobile, just remember the cautionary tale of Scott and his 1930 Ford Model A, and be sure to locate the carburetor before embarking on any romantic escapades. After all, love may conquer all, but a well-placed spray can certainly help along the way.

# **CARBURETOR Q&A**

## FILLING UP ON MODEL A WISDOM

Q. What's the primary function of a carburetor in a gasoline engine?A. The carburetor's main job is to mix gasoline with air in the correct ratio for efficient combustion in the engine. This mixture provides the fuel the engine needs to operate smoothly at various speeds.

Q: What's the deal with updraft and downdraft carburetors? A: It's all about where they sit in relation to the intake manifold. If the carb is below the manifold's input, it's an updraft. If it's above, it's downdraft. Model A Fords rock the updraft style.

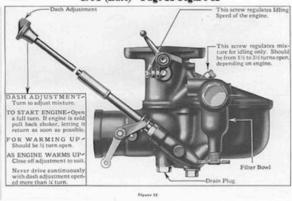




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A: Sounds like a fuel flow issue. Check that fuel line by shutting off the gas valve, disconnecting the line, and looking for a steady stream. If it's weak, clear any blockage. Maybe rust or gunk's clogging things up. Also, clean those carb jets and maybe the sediment bowl too. And don't forget to reset the choke and double-check the timing.

#### Q: My Model A's throwing a backfire party. Where do I start?

A: Backfires? Not cool. Check that condenser and points – they might need some love or adjusting. Could also be a stuck float valve in the carb if it's been sitting. Clean it up, set the float level, and check for any wiring woes in the distributor or ignition switch.

Q: Precautions before firing up a rebuilt or long-neglected engine?

A: Pour some oil down the distributor mounting hole to make sure everything's lubed up and ready to roll.

#### Q: Who made those Model A carburetors anyway?

A: Zenith-Detroit, Holly, and Ford Motor Corp were the carb kings. Each had their own stamps and periods of production.

#### Q: Carb shopping tips for a Model A Zenith?

A: Hit those swap meets but eyeball those cores real good. Watch out for cracks, especially around the fuel inlet and mounting flange. And if you spot stripped holes, don't sweat it – a heli-coil can fix that right up.

## **ERA FASHIONS**



Step back in time to the American spirit of the turn of the century, where Ford cars ruled the road and hats were the crowning glory of every outfit. If you're a proud owner of a Model A, you've already got one foot in the door of antique elegance. But why stop there? Let's talk about hats, darling!

Now, I know what you're thinking. "Hats? Really?" Yes, really! Back in the day, folks wouldn't dare step out without a stylish lid perched atop their noggin. And you, my friend, can bring that tradition back with a bang at car shows and parades. Trust me, it's the cherry on top of your already fabulous ensemble.

If you've ever doubted the power of a hat, fear not! There's a lid for every head, just like there's a perfect Model A waiting for its owner. Follow the advice of era fashionistas like <u>Mary Carlson</u> and match your hat to your face shape. Whether you've got a round face or a chiseled jawline, there's a hat that'll have you looking dapper.

Now, let's talk practicality. We all know those car shows and parades can get toasty, especially under the blazing sun. That's why it's essential to opt for hats made from lightweight materials like straw, linen, or cotton. Not only will they keep you cool as a cucumber, but they'll also shield you from that pesky sunburn. Win-win!

But wait, there's more! No era hat is complete without a dash of personal flair. From delicate fabric flowers to shimmering beads, the possibilities are endless when it comes to adornments. Think of it as the cherry on top of your cherry on top. It's your chance to let your personality shine and stand out from the crowd. So, whether you're feeling whimsical or sophisticated, there's an adornment out there with your name on it.

So, what are you waiting for? Dust off those fedoras and cloches, fellow Model A enthusiasts, and let's show the world how it's done. With a dash of style and a whole lot of panache, we'll be the talk of every car show and parade. Hats off to era fashion, and hats on for a fabulous time!









# **ROLLING IN STYLE**

## Brendan's Guide to Parade Perfection

Hey there, fellow Model A enthusiasts! Brendan Beatty, your unofficial parade advisor, here to share some insider tips on parade etiquette, decorating your antique beauty, and strutting your stuff in style. Let's rev up those engines and dive into the excitement!

First off, let's talk parade prep. Now, I get it, mornings aren't always everyones cup of tea, but trust me, for a parade, it's worth the early rise. Lay out your parade outfit the night before and give your Model A a loving polish. Nobody wants to be rushing around in the wee hours. And speaking of early birds, be ready to roll up to the parade meeting point with time to spare. Parade organizers love to gather us Model A owners well before the festivities kick off, so use that time wisely to ensure your ride is gleaming.



Now, let's talk decor. Parades are often a celebration of our country or a nod to our brave veterans, so let's deck out those antique wheels in red, white, and blue. Flags, banners, buntings—the sky's the limit! Feel free to get creative with themes like Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force, Coast Guard, or National Guard. And don't forget the windows! Temporary stickers are a breeze to apply and remove, adding that extra touch of festivity.

Now, when it comes to the parade itself, let's keep things rolling smoothly:

- Stay in your assigned location before the parade starts, and be ready to hit the road when called upon.
- Once you're in motion, keep a steady pace approximately 20 feet behind the entry ahead of you. We've got a parade to keep moving, folks!
- If you encounter any mechanical issues or health concerns, pull over to the side immediately. Safety first, always.
- And remember, no throwing objects to the crowd during the parade. If you've got goodies to share, have someone from your group hand them out safely.



Now, for you ladies looking to strut your stuff in parade fashion, this is your moment. Practice those parade waves—wrist, wrist, shoulder, shoulder. And a little trick for those bright eyes and that radiant glow —eye drops and translucent powder will keep you looking fresh as a daisy. Oh, and ladies, if your hubby needs a gentle nudge towards embracing era fashion, just remember: ham sandwiches are a powerful motivator.

Now, where can you snag all these fabulous decorations? Big Lots and Hobby Lobby are your go-to spots for parade swag on a budget. Keep an eye out around Independence Day and Christmas for some unbeatable deals.

But hey, even if you can't deck out your Model A to the nines, fear not! Just being there with your beloved car is a thrill in itself. Let's share the beauty of our Model As and inspire the next generation of enthusiasts. So, come on out, throw up a few flags, and let's make some memories together on parade day!

# SAVE THE DATE

## Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade

As the Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade approaches on May 27th, it's a time for deep reflection on the enduring legacy of Henry Ford—a visionary whose beliefs were firmly rooted in the sanctity of life and the pursuit of peace.

Ford's staunch opposition to war wasn't merely a matter of principle; it stemmed from a profound understanding of its devastating toll on humanity. As we gather to pay homage to our fallen heroes and their families this Memorial Day, let's allow Ford's timeless wisdom to inspire us. May his words ignite a fervent desire within us to strive for a world where conflicts are resolved through empathy, dialogue, and mutual understanding, and where the value of every life is held sacred above all else.

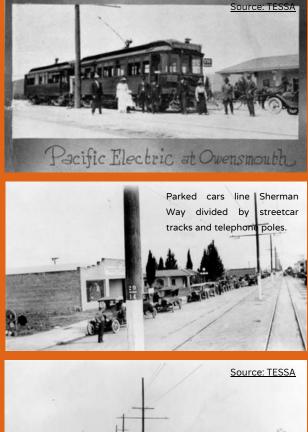
As we gear up for Canoga Park's Memorial Day Parade, let's embark on a journey through the colorful American history of this vibrant California community. Canoga Park's American origins trace back to a time preceding the Mexican–American War when it was part of a vast rancho. However, it was during the Gold Rush era that California truly captured the imagination of people across the nation.

In the late 1800s, visionaries like Isaac Lankershim and Isaac Van Nuys transformed the San Fernando Valley into fertile wheat ranches. One such pioneer, Alfred Workman, introduced the iconic eucalyptus trees, shaping the area's distinct landscape.

Fast forward to the early 20th century, when the promise of water from the Los Angeles aqueduct spurred rapid development. Originally known as Owensmouth, the town became a bustling hub, boasting modern amenities like electric streetcars and the newly paved Sherman Way. Who could forget the "opening day barbecue," where the sleek Owensmouth Baby racecar stole the show, symbolizing American innovation during the turn of the century.

Despite its growth, Canoga Park remained true to its agricultural roots, even as industries like aerospace flourished after World War II. Today, Sherman Way serves as the heartbeat of the community—a real-life Goldilocks zone offering a blend of metropolitan opportunities and charm. Each business along Sherman Way contributes its own unique flavor to the vibrant tapestry of the neighborhood, from quaint antique shops to lively music clubs.

As we prepare to drive our Model As in the Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade, let's honor the legacy of our fallen heroes and their families sacrifice. Participating in the parade isn't just about commemorating the past; it's about uniting as a community to celebrate our shared values and aspirations for a brighter future. So let's rev up those engines and show our unwavering support for the Memorial Day Parade and the enduring vision of peace championed by Henry Ford.









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# **TOURS & ACTIVITIES**

#### Mystery Lunch Adventure - San Fernando Valley Model A's



Hold onto your seats, because the San Fernando Valley Model A Club's Mystery Lunch Adventure was a wild ride! Picture this: an email containing a top-secret meeting spot revealed the day before asked the club to meet at the Valley Radio Control Flyers Airfield, where excitement soars higher than a RC model airplane. Then, after a photoshoot for The Rumble Sheet, it was off to LA Corona Bar & Grill for some mouthwatering Mexican cuisine that had the guys taste buds doing somersaults. It's was a mystery lunch like no other—where the only thing predictable is the unforgettable fun!



#### Cruising to Victory - Simi Valley Model A's

Looks like the Simi Valley Model A Club brought the heat and swept the antique car category at the Royal High School 5th Annual Car Show! Talk about cruising to victory in style. Big congrats to Sean, Sylvia, Larry, and the whole gang from the Simi A's for showing off their antique charm and leaving the competition in the dust. With so many Model A enthusiasts coming out to support, it was like a family reunion on wheels—a day filled with shiny cars, good vibes, and enough laughter to rev up any engine. Here's to many more years of Ford Model A domination at the car show circuit!

# **TOURS & ACTIVITIES**



#### Drive-In Delight - Ventura Model As

The Ventura Model A Club took a trip down memory lane at B&J Drive In! Picture this: a blast from the past as they rolled up to a spot serving up American classics and Mexican favorites faster than you can say "drive-in delight." With its nostalgic ambiance, B&J Drive In is the perfect backdrop for swapping stories, sharing laughs, and indulging in some seriously tasty grub.



#### Fords and Festivals - Cross Club Activity

Model As from Conejo Valley, Simi Valley, Ventura and San Fernando Valley got together at the Stagecoach Inn Museum Spring Arts, Crafts and Antiques Festival. With reserved parking at the entrance of the festival our prized Ford Model A beauties were turning heads. It's was a chance to show off our wheels and expand our cultural horizons, all in one fell swoop!

# LUNCH WITH THE FELLAS

Join us every Wednesday at 11:00 AM for the San Fernando Valley Model A Club lunch at Lulu's Restaurant. Indulge in delicious food while surrounded by fellow enthusiasts. Engage in lively discussions about all things Model A, creating the perfect midweek escape filled with camaraderie, laughter, and a shared passion for classic automobiles. LuLu's 16900 Roscoe Blvd. Van Nuys













# **GET INVOLVED**

# THE RUMBLE SHEET

## **Membership Application**

Welcome to the San Fernando Valley Model A Club, where the spirit of Model A camaraderie comes alive! We're not your typical car club; we're a community of enthusiasts bound by our love for the iconic Model A Ford. Established in 1960 as a proud chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA), we've been cruising together for over six decades, and the adventure continues!



Why join? Because Model A's are meant to be shared! Our club provides a laid-back space for Model A aficionados in the San Fernando Valley and surrounding areas to unwind, swap stories, and revel in the charm of these timeless classics. Whether you own a Model A or simply admire their beauty, we invite you to join us in celebrating the essence of these legendary automobiles. As a member, dive into a world of Model A fun with driving tours, lively Wednesday member luncheons at Lulu's Restaurant,

engaging general membership meetings, thrilling Swap Meets and Car Shows, and our informative monthly newsletter, The Rumble Sheet.

We're more than a club; we're a Model A family ready to welcome fellow enthusiasts. Ownership of a Model A Ford is not a prerequisite – if you're passionate about these classics, you're already one of us! Ready to enhance your Model A experience? Join the San Fernando Valley Model A Club today! Hit that join button, and let's create lasting Model A memories together. We can't wait to welcome you into our Model A family!



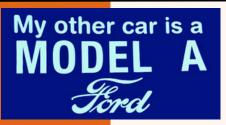
#### Model A Youth Restoration Awards

Rev up your engines, folks! Welcome to our car restoration program, where we turn rust buckets into roaring classics! We get it - convincing the younger crowd that a '31 Ford Model A is cooler than the latest electric wonder can be a tough sell. But fear not, our <u>Model A Youth</u> <u>Restoration Awards</u> are here to bridge the generation gap!

Forget the ancient tales of uphill both ways in the snow – today's youth can choose from 50s, 60s, and 70s gems! We're not just restoring cars; we're restoring coolness. Help a young grease monkey bring a Model A back to life, and we'll reward them with gift certificates to car parts heaven. Because nothing says "future classic" like a teenager covered in grease with a wrench in hand!

#### Model A Museum

Show your support for the Model A Museum with a snazzy blue bumper sticker! For just \$3, proclaim to the world, "My other car is a Model A Ford." Stick it proudly and cruise down memory lane. Order now and revitalize your ride while supporting a classic cause. Visit the <u>Model A Museum website</u> for more revved-up goodies!



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# **EVENT FLYERS**



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF BURBANK AND GREATER EAST VALLEY

## San Fernando Valley Model A Ford Club

#### HOSTING A PARENT AND YOUTH MODEL A FORD EVENT





## SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024 9:00AM-12:00PM

300 E. ANGELENO AVE. BURBANK

This is a free event hosted by the San Fernando Valley Model A Ford Club to educate the next generation about Classic Cars. Several cars will be on display so kids can climb in, take pictures, ask questions, honk the horn, hear the distinctive sound of the Model A engine and maybe take a little ride with their parents. We even have coloring books and crayons for the younger kids, and Coffee and Donuts will be provided! All welcome, and please spread the word. For questions please contact Shanna Warren at <u>Shannawarren@bgcburbank.org</u>



# **EVENT FLYERS**

#### 13th Annual So-Cal Early Ford V-8 Club Inter-Regional



Spaces \$25.00 each - Admission \$2.00 per adult at the gate

## CALL FOR RESERVATIONS

Call Tom McLaughlin Ph. 714 998-4528 or Gary Zimmerman Ph. 714 726-8384

### coffee and donuts will be on sale

Sale of Automotive & Car Hobby Related Items No pets, guns or weapons