



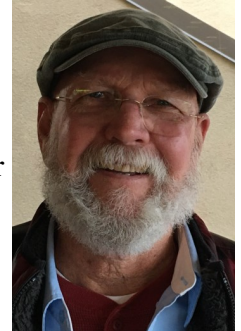
San Diego Model A Ford Club Inc.
Dedicated to the memory of Valarie Basham



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JUNE 2024

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Guy McElroy*



To all you fellow Model A lovers, we made it through another month, and a good month it was too.

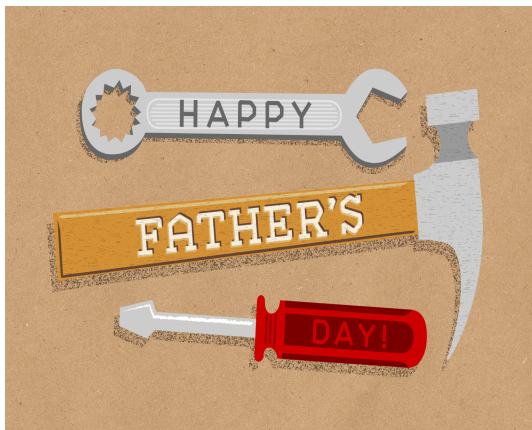
Back on April 14th they held the annual Orange County Breakfast. Some of our members drove their As, some drove moderns and Mark Williamson trailered his old sedan up with a for sale sign on it. Well, as luck would have it, someone stole his for sale sign and when he drove to lunch his sedan broke down. Unable to cure the problem at the restaurant he had it towed back to the trailer. I think his big mistake was telling me about it. I delivered The Valerie Basham Memorial Hard Luck Trophy to Mark’s home, since he seldom attends club meetings. Maybe he’ll come next month to bring the trophy back.

On the fifth of May we had a few cars attend the All Fords Picnic, which was nearly drizzled out. Some braved the misty morning, but a few, Judith and I included, waited until the streets dried up before venturing out in our Victoria. It turned out to be a fantastic day. Phil Kowalewski even got a trophy with his coupe, the only Model A to win anything. It was nice getting together with the Early Ford V-8 club and the Thunderbird club; they know how to throw a picnic. Tina Wiesenseel donated some nice items for the raffle from her stash of treasures.

On May 18th we had the tour to Hansen’s for a seminar and picnic, which was attended by some of the Palomar Model A club members too. Once we arrived in the meadow parking lot, Bill gave rides up the hill to his garage in his Model T Phaeton. A short time later there was a training seminar given by Bill Hansen, Arlyn Bieber and Dave Francis. They went through the procedures they follow when rebuilding front axles & steering, rear axles & differentials, transmissions and also brake shoes & drums. I suppose the most important thing I learned there was that those fellas spare no effort to do the job right. Then came the best part, the food. The Hansens supplied pulled pork and shredded chicken. The club supplied the rolls, drinks, paper goods and plastic ware. The club members brought all the sides and desserts: what a feast and a great day. It was videoed by several people, Ahna Holder, Zach Svelling and Tina Wiesenseel to name a few. *(Continued on Page 8)*

UPCOMING EVENTS: Save these dates!

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| JUNE: | 1 | Campo Train Museum tour |
| | 8 | La Mesa Flag Day Parade & Valarie Basham Celebration of Life 2 PM |
| | 14 | Business Meeting - Santee 7 PM |
| | 15 | Old Poway Park w/ Palomar Club |
| | 16 | Father’s Day Displays@ Skyline Church |
| | 29 | Wings and Wheels Display @ Gillespie Field |
| JULY: | 2 | Board Meeting at Neimeyer’s home |
| | 4 | Scripps Ranch Parade/Mt.. Miguel Display |
| | 4 | Bar B Que & Fireworks at Dave Sohr’s |
| | 12 | Business Meeting—Santee 7 PM |
| | 13 | Tribute & Tacos Tour (Alpine) |
| | 21 | Village Walk Car Display (Eastlake) |
| | 27 | Pine Valley Parade |



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BUSINESS MEETING HELD THE 2ND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 PM

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The San Diego Model A Ford Club was first founded in 1957 by a few dedicated Model A owners. Our purpose is to help preserve the Model A, which was in production by the Ford Motor Company from 1928-1931. Ownership of a Model A is not a requirement for membership in the club. Membership dues are \$30.00 per calendar year. Membership in one of the National Clubs is mandatory (either MARC or MAFCA) and the responsibility of each member. Contact information to join a National Club is listed below:



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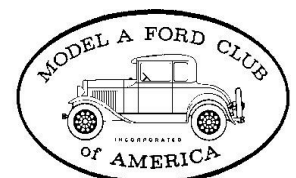
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SAN DIEGO MODEL A CLUB, INC

General Business Meeting –May 10, 2024



The General Business Meeting of the San Diego Model A Ford Club was called to order by President Guy McElroy at 7:00 PM on May 10, 2024. President McElroy led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a Moment of Silence in the memory of Valarie Basham. Guy asked if there were any corrections to the April 2024 Minutes as published in the Quail Call; no corrections were needed. A motion by Guy McElroy was made to approve the minutes and seconded by John Weisenseel; approved by all members.

Tours: [Dave Kelsen] **April 14th - Orange County Pancake Breakfast.** Model A's at the event were Ahna Holder, Paul & Patty Winchester, Gary Karr & Mark Williamson – these members will receive both tour miles and display points.

May 18th - Hansen Garage will hold a technical day and Bar-B-Que. Hansen's will provide the meat, club members will sign up for side dishes and the club will pay for beverages, buns and paper goods. Meet at El Cajon Target to leave by 9:30 – arrival time at Hansen's is 10:30. No freeway driving involved. Tech sessions will include what makes an A go forward and back. Ahna Holder will take videos to post on YouTube of members and cars. **Tierra Santa parade is also on the 18th.** Several club members plan to attend and then go to Hansen's. They will miss the seminar but arrive for lunch. **June 1st -** Guy and Judith McElroy will lead a tour to the **Campo Train Museum.** It is about a 75 minute drive on back roads. Bring chairs and a lunch. **June 15th – Old Poway Park & Railroad** tour lead by the Palomar Club. More info coming on this event. **July 13th – Alpine Taco Shop Tour** led by Cliff Hughes. Up Old Hwy 80 to Alpine to visit the Veteran's Memorial and Taco Shop. Meet at Church @ 9 AM.

Parades/Displays: [Guy McElroy for Ron Niemeyer (who is on vacation in Hawaii)]. **May 27th: Kensington Parade** – Meet at the Rite Aide at Adams Ave & Cherokee St. **June 8th: La Mesa Flag Day Parade.** Ron will send meeting info. Also on **June 8th is Valarie's Celebration of Life** at 2 PM. Betsy is coordinating a cookie sign up to bring to the reception. **June 16th: Father's Day at Skyline Church.** Betsy will send a link when you sign up. **June 29th: Wings and Wheels at Gillespie Field;** static display with airplanes. **July 18th: Good Samaritan Retirement Center** display. This is a weekday; no further info yet.

Treasurer: [Nayola Bieber] Checking account balance included money deposited for: \$48.50 from Ways & Means April meeting, and \$22.00 for refreshments. **Bills to pay.** \$35.88 for May Quail Call printing & \$40.88 for stamps to Kris Francis; \$25.80 to Tina Weisenseel for Ways & Means; \$1,093.51 to Julie Halter for Merchandise (jackets which will be reimbursed by members); and \$200.00 to MAFFI for the Valarie & Jeff Basham Memorial Plaque. A motion was made by Larry Kaiser to pay these invoices, seconded by Ray Beardslee; approved by all members.

Old Business: Lakeside Parade: Club received 3 certificates for participation in the Lakeside Parade: the Lakeside Chamber of Commerce, Senator Brian Jones and County Supervisor Joel Anderson. **All Ford Picnic sponsored by Early Ford V-8 Club:** Had 5 A's attend; Phil Kowalewski was one of the cars in a 4-way tie for First Place. **MARC 2024 Newsletter of Excellence** certificate was received – Valarie is still receiving accolades!

New Business:

Lakeside Parade Car-B-Que: Guy voiced appreciation to the Weisenseel's for hosting his fun event again for the third time.

Membership: [Patti Winchester] 50 members are in attendance at tonight's meeting with a prospective new member: Frank Cavins.

Defender: [Ray Beardslee] Nothing to report.

Refreshments: [Dave Sohr] Needs sign-ups for the summer months. Also passing a sign-up sheet for the July 4th Potluck & Fireworks at his home. Arrive at 5, eat at 6, fireworks at 9. Bring a chair, a side dish and a sweater. Dave will be making brisket!

Merchandise: [Julie Halter] New jackets ordered last month have arrived. Those interested in self purchased jackets: see Julie.

Webmaster: [Chris Halter] We had 800 visitors to the website this month.

Property: [Jim Taber] Nothing to report.

Correspondence: [Kris Francis] Memorial article about Valarie was published in the newest Restorer magazine.

Ways & Means: [Tina Weisenseel] Six raffle items with a Rubio's gift card for the Door Prize.

Era & Fashions: [Cliff Hughes] "Cliff's Book Review" reviewed several books featuring Model A's

Technical: [Arlyn Bieber] Presented a video on timing your Model A. Arlyn discussed starter switch tips.

Membership drawing prize [\$10]: Hugh & Anne McMillen's names were drawn but they were not in attendance. Next month's prize will be \$20.00.

Hard Luck Trophy: Mark Williamson had trailered his A to the OC Pancake Breakfast. However, while driving in the area, he experienced a mechanical difficulty and was towed back to base. Guy will deliver the Valarie Basham Memorial Hard Luck Trophy to Mark.

Entertainment: Cliff Hughes played his banjo and encouraged us to sing along to the John Denver song "Take Me Home Country Roads". Ric Bonnoront shared some "You Might Be A Redneck" jokes.



A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 PM by John Weisenseel and seconded by Steve Lovell. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Francis (Recording Secretary)

TOURS COORDINATOR: *Dave Kelson*

On Saturday May 18th, Arlyn & Nayola Bieber coordinated a **Tour to the Hansen's Ford Garage** in Ramona. We would like to thank them and Bill & Sue Hansen for inviting us. Guy and Judith McElroy led the group from the Target parking lot in El Cajon, through Lakeside, and up the hill to Ramona for the event. Many others helped make this great Technical Seminar and lunch possible. Approximately 12 members from the Palomar Club joined us. Dave Frazee worked with Nayola to invite their members as guests to the event.



The Technical Seminar was on the entire front axle assembly, including brakes and how they are inspected and re-built. Also, the rear axle, differential assembly, and brakes. Universal joints, transmission, and even a new Burtz motor Arlyn had built were included. Arlyn started it for us. It is amazing what Bill, Arlyn, John, and Dave accomplish at the Garage.

Lunch included awesomely delicious pulled pork and chicken provided by Bill & Sue Hansen. There were so many great side dishes and desserts brought by members. It was a great day. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Mileage goes to: Mike & Jen Baehr, Arlyn & Nayola Bieber, Danny Duncan (brought his son Leonard), Dave & Kris Francis, Bill & Sue Hansen, Larry & Carolyn Kaiser, Gary Karr, Guy & Judith McElroy, Ed Poffenberger, Jim Taber, Ben & Nina Taravella, Terry & Carol Tennebaum, Mark Williamson, and Ed Woodruff.



Participation Points: Ray & Judy Jo Beardslee, Frank Cavins, Bill & Meripa Corson, Michael & Joan Dainer, David Frazee, Chris & Julie Halter, Ken & Jane Hatfield, Tim Hill, Ahna Holder (drove her 1964-1/2 Mustang that she and her daughter drive in The Great Race competition), Tim Johnson, Dave & Sherill Kelsen, Phil Kowalewski, Steve & Nancy Lovell, Danny & Karen Machado, Marvin Munzenmaier, Vic & Joyce Patterson, Zachary Svelling (brought his friend Steve Cassotta), John & Tina Weisenseel. *(See more photos on Page 8)*

Upcoming June Tour: Saturday, **June 1st**, Guy & Judith will lead the Tour to the Campo Railroad Museum. Meet at the **Rancho San Diego Dixieline parking lot**, located at 3607 Avocado Blvd. at 9:30 am, leaving at 10 am. Bring your picnic lunch, beverage, and chairs. Please call Sherill Kelsen, at (619) 997-0598 to be added to the list. Thanks for all the early sign-ups.

Upcoming June Tour: On Saturday, **June 15th**, Dave Frazee is coordinating a joint Tour with the Palomar Club to meet at the Old Poway Park in Poway located at 14134 Midland Road. Please bring Chairs, Lunch, and Drinks. A sign-up sheet was provided at the last meeting and also at the Hansen Garage Tour. If you have any questions, please call David Frazee at (760) 822-9523. The sign-up sheet will be at the June 14th Meeting.

Upcoming July Tour: On Saturday, **July 13th**, Cliff Hughes will be leading us to Alpine via historical Route 80 for the Tribute and Tacos Tour. We will meet at 9 am at the Carlton Hills Lutheran Church, departing at 9:15 am. The Tour will include the Veteran's Wall of Honor at the Alpine Community center (located at 1830 Alpine Blvd.) and will continue to enjoy lunch across the street at the Alpine Taco Shop (located at 1903-A Alpine Blvd). If you have questions, please call Cliff Hughes at (858) 231-5610. The sign-up sheet will be at the June 14th Meeting.

PARADES & Car Displays: *Ron Niemeyer*



Jolly June to everyone!

Looking back out the rear window:

All Ford Picnic on Sunday May 5 at Santee Lakes. A rainy morning was braved by only 2 A's at the Jack in the Box meeting point. Extra credit points to Victor Figueroa, Rod Tuttle and Ben and Nina Taravella for showing up on time without dampened spirits! As the rain ceased, the cars increased to a total of 6. Ron Niemeyer, John and Tina Weisenseel, Guy and Judith McElroy and Phil Kowalewski arrived later without needing windshield wipers. Phil's car was awarded a trophy for being in the top 3 crowd pleasers. Ron and Joyce Engen arrived with their 40 Ford and the Kelsens in their modern.

Tierrasanta Parade Saturday May 18 was attended by our "lone ranger" Ed Poffenberger, a long time Tierrasanta resident.

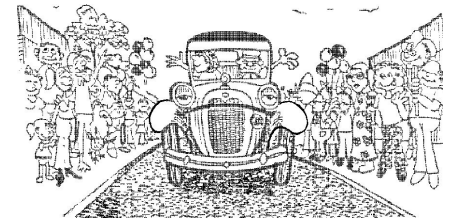
Kensington Memorial Day Parade Monday May 27.

A well-attended parade with 15 cars present. McElroys, Ed Woodruff, Cliff and Kathryn Hughes, Betsy Johnson, Zachary and Rochelle Svelling and Rochelle's mother Sally Ross, Ahna Holder and her Parents, Chris and Julie Halter, Ross and Sue Piper, Ed Poffenberger and Anne DiNapoli, Fred Crone, Steve and Nancy Lovell, Arlyn and Nayola Bieber, Ron and Linda Niemeyer, Ken and Jane Hatfield and Joel Baumbough and his sweetie. Radio personality Shotgun Tom Kelly rode in the rumble seat with the Pipers. Look out for his soon to be published memoir! I heard it's full of interesting events of his life. Betsy Johnson let the pack down Marlborough through many smiles, waves and A-Oooogah horns. She then led us to her nearby home for a wonderful lunch. Thank you again Betsy!



Looking Forward out the Windshield A-head:

- ◆ June 8 Saturday - La Mesa Flag Day Parade and Valarie Basham's celebration of life.
- ◆ June 16 Sunday - Father's Day Car Show at Skyline Church
- ◆ June 29 Saturday - Wings and Wheels Car display, Gillespie Field El Cajon
- ◆ July 4 Thursday - Scripps Ranch Parade and Covenant Village Parade
- ◆ July 18 Thursday - Good Samaritan Retirement Center display
- ◆ July 21 Sunday - Village Walk car display
- ◆ July 27 Saturday- Pine Valley Parade (*see note below from Cliff Hughes*)



Details forthcoming via email on all parades and displays.

Enjoy the summer activities together, as we have many! - *Ron Niemeyer*

July 27th, 2024, Saturday, planning on attending the annual **Pine Valley Parade**. Meeting at 250 Broadway, Target parking lot at 7AM. Driving out freeway I-8 East to Pine valley. We need to be at the lineup at 8AM, Parade starts at 9AM. After the parade, for those who are interested, am planning on leaving Pine Valley and going through the scenic route through Descanto, and then Japato Valley Road, Tavern Road back to Alpine, and meeting up at Alpine Taco shop for lunch. After lunch, those who are in a hurry can take freeway I-8 back to San Diego, and those interested in continuing on historical highway 80 can follow Cliff back to Carlton Hills. Call Cliff Hughes for questions at 858-231-5610.



Why Weren't Model A's Offered in Black in 1928-29? "A little bit of FoMoCo history might help here"

By Marshall V. Daut, on the ahooga.com website

Well, maybe more than a "little" history. But first, I have to agree with one of the posters to the Ahooga Message Board who said black was a special order color, not standard, at least when the Model A was introduced. When the 1928's came out, each passenger car body style was offered in a minimum of five color combos, black not being one of them. (Yes, black could be ordered, but wasn't included in the initial releases). Often this myriad of options on a low-priced car was achieved by simply reversing the upper and lower body colors. Nevertheless, there were color COMBINATIONS offered. Why wasn't black one of these options? What happened to black?

To answer that, we need to look back a couple years in FoMoCo history before the Model A was introduced. I know most guys on this web site are Model A fans and therefore may not be up to snuff on their Model T facts. So bear with me here in this history lesson, as I dabble (or is that "dribble"?) in the Model T world, too. Black had been the only color available on Model T's from 1915 to 1925. Green, red and blue had been available on Model T's up to that time, as well as black. Why then were Fords after 1914 painted only black for the next 11 model years? There was a simple reason for this limited color availability: cranking out Model T's as fast as they could for ready buyers, any slow down in the production line cost money. The pigmented colors of the day took longer to dry than black. Until better, faster drying pyroxylin colors came out in the later 20's, black was chosen by Ford as the only color. A dry car body was a car body ready to mount on a chassis and sell! That meant it had to be black. Until the middle 20's when sales alarmingly slowed down, Ford couldn't make Model T's fast enough as it was to meet the demand without being saddled with slow drying colors. But by the mid-20's, sales were being lost to other makers (such as the "C"-word), who offered more advanced designs, options and COLORS. By 1925 black was almost solely identified with being a Ford, by now considered the "poor country cousin" in the automotive world. Although you'll get an argument from sidewalk know-it-alls, all Model T's were NOT black. As stated, between 1908 and 1914 and then again during the last two years of Model T production ('26-'27), colors were available on Fords.

In an effort to get back into the sales race by updating a hopelessly out of date Model T design, Ford offered the new 1926 closed cars in colors: Deep Channel Green for coupes and Tudors, Windsor Maroon on Fordors. Other colors became available later, too, but that's not critical to this discussion. Letters to dealers from the Boss even stressed their need to talk customers out of wanting black on their new closed body Model T's. Open cars (the cheap ones in the line), however, continued to be black until late in the year. Possibly during the August year model change (not January, as with Model A's), open cars now became available in colors, such as Phoenix Brown and Gunmetal Blue. The point here is, Ford was trying to change the image of his cars only coming in black. By then, this was synonymous with driving an out of date car. When the Model T era ended in May, 1927, more new Model T's were wearing colors than black.

So jump ahead to the introduction of the Model A, which was to outdistance the Model T in every way. Henry considered this new car so advanced (it really wasn't; it had just "caught up" with competitors' models) that he jumped back to the letter "A" in the alphabet instead of calling it a Model X,Y,Z or whatever. When the cars were announced for public viewing on December 2, 1927, black was not one of the standard colors listed. This was yet another gambit to get away from the "any color you want as long as it's black" old saw that was hung on the Model T. The introduction of the faster drying pyroxylin pigmented paints made it once again possible to mass produce cars in colors. Black was retained for the fenders and splash aprons, however. So were there black Model A's? Of course! And lots of them. It was a color that lasted a long time, had been popular for years (Model T's notwithstanding) and was easy to match in case a panel needed to be repainted. It was still cheaper, too, because pigmented paints (especially red) were more costly. One can't judge the dark color in old photographs of Model A's to always be black. Some colors such as Andalusite Blue and Deep Ford Maroon are so dark even today that they appear black when viewed in person. Imagine how they look in 70+ year old photos. Everything looks black.

Maybe the safest way to view the Model A paint world is to study the accepted paint combinations (at least what's accepted THIS year, but may be deemed different NEXT year by the experts???) and keep in mind that black was always a standby color that could be ordered. I believe in the '30-'31 models black made a more official return as a standard "optional" color than found on the '28-'29 models. Perhaps Ford finally remembered he could make more money spraying cars black than a pigmented color (remember: pigmented paints cost more than black)? Each black unit sold meant more profit per car x hundreds of thousands = lots a moo la for Ford. Or maybe Ford misjudged people's desire to still own black cars and therefore brought the color back after the initial '28-'29 models had shown his error? 'Dunno. Supposedly the big Fordor and Town Sedans were more likely to sport black than the open cars during the '28-'29 ear. With the possible exception of early '28's, I'd say black would be an acceptable choice for body color. The heading "Special Ordered" cars cuts a wide swath of deviations from the norm and makes almost anything done by modern restorers plausible, within reason. Using black is certainly more defensible than today's yellow Tudors and bright red coupes!!! Hmmm...I don't seem to note those options for these body styles in the charts, either. But, boy howdy, do you ever see 'em runnin' around today!!!

You like black on your Model A?

Paint it black and don't worry about it.

It's your car...





The Story of Hollywood's Most Famous Lion (*Actually, there have been five of them*)

Leo the Lion has been the most regular star of MGM Pictures since it was founded in 1924, and his roar is probably the sound most commonly associated with the studio. It's one of the noises most reminiscent of the Golden Age of Hollywood, when Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (generally known as MGM) was one of the biggest studios around. What better symbol than a lion? But the first MGM lion was actually named Slats, not Leo, and he didn't roar once in the "bumper"—the technical term for the little clip that's like a moving logo for each studio involved with a film. With the *sang froid* that befits movie royalty, Slats just looked around.

That's because Slats made his first appearance pre-sound. He was born at the Dublin Zoo and had previously appeared in the Goldwyn Pictures Corporation bumper, writes Matt Soniak for *Mental Floss*: "Designer Howard Dietz chose the lion as a mascot as a tribute to his alma mater Columbia University and its athletic team, The Lions," he writes. Volney Phifer, who was MGM's choice animal wrangler, trained Slats. "The two became close, and when Slats died in 1936, Phifer had the body sent to his farm and buried it there, marking the grave with a granite slab and a pine tree to 'hold down the lion's spirit,'" Soniak writes.



After Slats came Jackie, who Phifer also trained. Jackie's roar, which appeared on movies between MGM's first sound feature in 1928 (*White Shadows in the South Seas*) and 1956, was captured via gramophone. Jackie was also the first lion to appear in Technicolor, opening *The Wizard of Oz*.

(Above—Jackie the MGM Lion in 1928)

Several other lions have appeared in the MGM logo, according to Soniak: Tanner and George, followed by Leo, who has appeared in MGM's logo from 1957 to today. In the 1980s, MGM trademarked the familiar lion's roar, although that "sound mark" is now expired.

Nearly a century later, MGM studios still feature a roaring lion in its introduction. But have you ever thought about how they captured that iconic clip? This picture above shows that moment in 1928; these two technicians are trying to film and record a lion roaring – they built a sound studio in his cage. He looks like just another cooperative actor; we just hope they were able to keep him happy during the shoot.

Slats (1924-1928) was born in Ireland, and came to Hollywood via private zoo in California. Slats didn't roar in his footage, which made him an anomaly in the MGM Lion Hall of Fame.

Jackie (1928-1931) was born in Sudan. He became a movie star in his own right, and appeared in over 100 films. They say Jackie survived two train accidents, an earthquake, and a plane crash which earned him the moniker "Leo the Lucky".

Tanner (1934-1956) was employed for all MGM three-strip Technicolor films during this period. (Many black-and-white films of this era, though, still used Jackie's image.) He did appear in a few films, but didn't enjoy the extensive film career of his predecessor.

George (1956-1963) has a rather thin bio, but he was known for his thick, heavy mane.

Leo (1957-2021) was born in Ireland, like Slats, and had the longest career of any of the lions to date. He appeared in films, television shows, and even a TV commercial.



President's Report, Cont.

May 27th was The Kensington Memorial Day Parade, followed by a lunch hosted by Betsy Johnson. I can't go into any details on it because as I'm writing this it is still in the future. As you are reading this it's already gone by.

Hold onto your steering wheels because it is going to get busy around here for the next few months.

June 1st is the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum tour to Campo and I have made a command decision.....Oh Oh! you say. No biggie, I'm changing the meet up location to the Dixieline lot at Avocado Blvd. And Hwy 94. We will depart at 10:00AM. Bring chairs and a picnic lunch. The Museum folks are not sure if there will be a food truck onsite. We should have some photo ops and the train will be running for those who are interested.

Let's not forget June 8th, which is the La Mesa Flag Day Parade beginning at 10:00 am followed by Val's Celebration of Life at 2:00 pm at 9271 Huntington Ave. S.D. 92123. And it's the McElroys 56th anniversary, how about that for a busy day?

Well I guess I'll quit here and send this over to Kris Francis so she can assemble another Quail Call for us all to enjoy. Hope to see you soon, Guy.

More Photos From the Tour at Hansen's Ford Garage:



FUN STUFF...



Chuck Yeager and a Model A

I was reading an interesting article recently on Chuck Yeager. He was the first test pilot to break the sound barrier in 1947 at Edwards Airforce base. And when a reporter asked Chuck about the “feel of speed” when he broke the sound barrier he said, “you can't feel a thing flying that fast..... if you want to “FEEL” real speed do 60mph in a Model A Ford!” Check out the picture of Mr. “General” Yeager in his flight suit standing by his Model A.



SPRINGTIME AUTO MAINTENANCE by Bill Corson

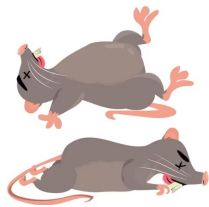
In late November 2023 I finally got caught up on my long neglected home projects and decided to visit ole BOB, who had been resting since the last club tour we went on at the All Ford Picnic. Even though it is inside, I keep a car cover on it. Amazing how much dust accumulates in a closed garage. In passing, I did notice cobwebs under the tires. A sad sight indeed.

Prior to leaving for the east coast, I put it up on jack stands in case the tires deflated, added Sta-bil and a touch of Marvel Mystery oil to the fuel tank. It was time to see if the '29 coupe would start after sitting idle for over six months. Surprisingly, the Optima battery I installed in 2015 kicked it over just fine.

As the engine roared to life, a thick column of white smoke came billowing out the exhaust pipe. It is a wonder the neighbors did not call the fire department, thinking the house was going up in flames! It was fifteen minutes before the smoke dissipated and BOB purred like a kitten. Now it is time to change the oil, check fluid levels, and get ready for the next tour.



And speaking of exhaust fumes, check this out →



Exterminating Rats With Deadly Automobile Exhaust Gas



Officials of Highland Park, Michigan, exterminating rats with carbon monoxide gas from the exhaust of an automobile.

“IF THE fumes from an automobile exhaust can kill humans, they should have the same effect on rats,” said the head of the Department of Health of Highland Park, Michigan. And so onto the exhaust pipe of a dilapidated Model T Ford discarded by the police officials, the health officers rigged up a rubber hose and established themselves as modern pied pipers.

The “hunters” first seal all the holes of the building to be operated upon, leaving just two openings. The hose is then inserted into one of these, the engine of the Ford coaxed to wheeze a bit, and the carbon monoxide does the rest.

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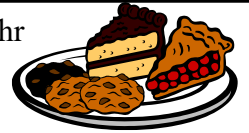
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June Birthdays

- 1 Rochelle Svelling
- 4 Joyce Peterson
- 4 Chris Halter
- 6 Ken Hatfield
- 7 Ray Miller
- 7 Anita Cook
- 8 Zachary Svelling
- 11 Hugh McMillan
- 12 Kathy Marion
- 16 Dave Kelsen
- 19 Joyce Engen
- 20 Scott Piccus
- 25 Karl Wehrle
- 28 Dave Francis
- 29 JoAnn Cordtz
- 30 Lori Schwebke



June Anniversaries



- Jim & Jerriann Taber June 1956
Richard & Patrica Potts June 15, 1962
Dave & MaryEllen Huhn June 15, 1963
Ric & Billie Bonnoront June 27, 1964
Hugh & Anne McMillan June 1, 1966
Guy & Judith McElroy June 8, 1968
Terry & Carol Tennebaum June 23, 1974
Dave & Kris Francis June 9, 1979

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

\$20

The May Membership Drawing was \$10.00. **Hugh & Anne McMillen's** names were drawn. Unfortunately they were not at the meeting, so in June the pot increases to \$20.00. Be sure to attend our June meeting and the next winner could be **YOU!**

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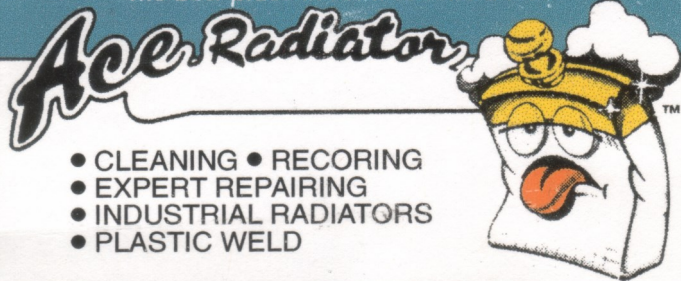
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