

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.



Dearborn In The Jungle

In 1926, Henry Ford embarked on an ambitious project, purchasing a vast tract of land in the Brazilian Amazon to establish a rubber operation. This expanded into Fordlandia and Belterra modeled after American-style towns. Challenges, including supply delays and labor unrest, led to its failure. Despite setbacks, the rubber operation showcases Ford's ambition and desire to export American prosperity and values, though ultimately, it highlights the complexities of industry, culture, and environment.

Hospital at Fordlandia, Brazil



Collection of Jungle Fauna, Fordlandia, Brazil 1931



Children in Classroom at Fordlandia, Brazil, 1931



Employee Housing at Fordlandia, Brazil 1932



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What is the future of our beloved Ford Model A?

At 94 years of age (the car-not me) where will my car go when I can no longer drive or clutch or all the other things that go along with the operation of this prehistoric beast. A new Tesla can pretty much take over all the tasks I may not be able to do.

An outing at the Boy's and Girl's club on May 11th. showed me there might be a future. Kid's want to build things and learn things other than Nintendo Switch or how to play Minecraft. In my Woodworking teaching of 1 st. to 5 th. graders it might be a different story. Without family input these skills will soon be lost. Mom and Dad have to go out to the garage and continue to mentor their children instead of handing them their game boy for entertainment. And as a Grandpa or Dad we have to keep the love of cars and the Ford Model A's alive.

I have hope for the future that CNC (Computer numerical control) tools and AI are not taking over our lives. We can't give into it. Please pass on your skills. Remember cooking or is it now just ordering takeout. Do you sew and repair your own clothes or just toss them?

Can your kids/grandkids drive a stick shift? So, will our Model A's get traded for a Prius? It won't matter to us but, at 100 plus years our poor Ford Model A's might be going with us to eternity and beyond. Something to think about

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Monthly Meeting

3rd Thursday of the Month 7:30PM
January - November
Galpin Ford
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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



The San Fernando Valley Model A Club's monthly meeting at Galpin Ford was anything but a mundane affair. Picture this: a room filled with Model A enthusiasts, each one more passionate about their classic cars than the last. The evening kicked off with a heartfelt Pledge of Allegiance, setting the tone for a night of camaraderie and nostalgia.

The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly the appearance of Don Halvorson, the illustrious President of the Conejo Valley Model A Club. Don was given the honor of pulling the raffle tickets, a task he approached with the gravitas of a seasoned pro. When Caleb Conner's name was drawn for the member-only prize, the room erupted in a mix of cheers and laughter. Caleb, with a dramatic flourish, exclaimed, "Wow, I won a whole \$5." The crowd chuckled, knowing full well that Caleb could have walked away with a heftier sum if only he'd worn his club name badge and driven his Model A to the meeting. A lesson learned for next time, Caleb!



Jim Lank, ever the diligent organizer, provided an update on the upcoming club car show. His meticulous planning and hard work were evident, and a round of applause followed his briefing. The members were reminded to thank Jim for his tireless efforts in ensuring the event's success.

Next up was Russ Buella, who took the stage to present on online scam awareness and prevention. His talk was both informative and engaging, with members scribbling down notes and exchanging concerned glances. In a world where even car enthusiasts aren't immune to digital trickery, Russ's tips were invaluable.



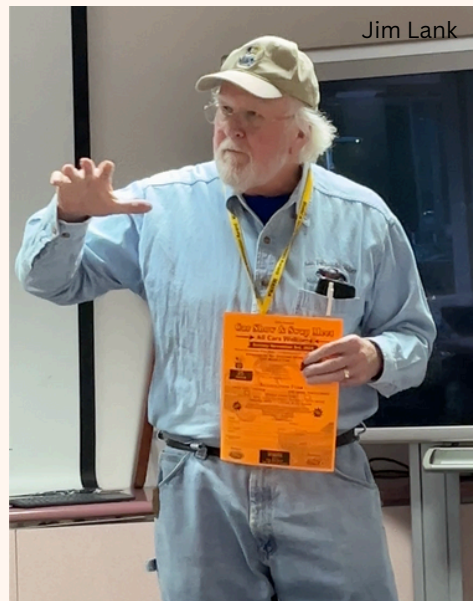
As the meeting wrapped up, there was a palpable buzz of excitement for the next gathering on June 20th at 7:30 PM. Members left with a renewed sense of community, a few more laughs, and perhaps a new-found determination to remember their name badges and bring their Model A's next time. After all, no one wants to be the next Caleb Conner—unless, of course, they enjoy winning a modest \$5 prize!



Don Halvorson and Hunter Bloch



Caleb Conner



Jim Lank

MAFCA'S ERA FASHION DISPLAY COMPETITION

Ladies of the Model A community, it's time to swap out our wrenches for wardrobe wonders and participate in the ultimate fashion showcase in 2025! The National MAFCA event is on the horizon, and what better way to celebrate our shared passion than by creating a show-stopping Era Fashion Display together for next year's competition? Surely, between us, we have enough era-appropriate fashion to craft a winning display that would make Henry Ford and our men proud!

The Era Fashion Display competition is a delightful way to flaunt our collections of 1928-1931 attire. This isn't just about wearing the garments; it's about creatively presenting them in a static display that will be judged for its authenticity and flair against MAFCA's Fashion Guidelines. Think of it as a glamorous vintage window dressing competition.

So, how does this work? Each display needs to cover at least 3 linear feet of tabletop width, with some floor space for added flair. If we're lucky and get an 8 ft. table, we can spread out over 4 feet of tabletop. More space is granted if we're displaying era fashion for a family, group, or couple—perfect for our collaborative effort!



We can bring stands or mannequins to showcase our outfits, making sure everything is freestanding. We'll have at least an hour to set up, limited to two people per display. Our ensemble should include everything from headgear to footgear, with accessories to match. No need to worry about "fit" or "hairdo"; it's all about the clothes and how we present them.

Judges will be looking for adherence to the fashion guidelines and creativity in the presentation. So, let's go all out! Use display boxes for small items like purses and jewelry to keep everything organized and secure. And remember, this isn't just a display; it's a performance art piece that tells a story of fashion from our beloved Model A era.

Ready to dive in? Reach out to Aimee, the editor of The Rumble Sheet, if you're interested in creating an Era Fashion Display for next year's MAFCA competition. Let's put our heads—and our wardrobes—together to create something truly spectacular. Join us for a trip back in time, full of fun, friendship, and fabulous fashion! Contact: editor@sfvalleymodela.com



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MEMBER STORY

During a tour of the Veterans of Foreign Wars building for a Memorial Day event, Retired Master Chief Marty Yingling stumbled upon a delightful surprise. Scott, the tour director of the San Fernando Valley Model A Club, visited Marty to discuss the upcoming event. In the midst of their conversation, a shared connection came to light: Vern Forrester, Marty's old Seabees buddy, is the President of the Ventura County Model A Club.

Marty's reaction was priceless. Scott, always eager to connect people, immediately called Vern and handed the phone to Marty. The moment Vern answered, Marty's booming voice echoed through the room: "YO! I didn't know you had a Model A!" Laughter filled the space as Marty and Vern dove into a nostalgic catch-up session.

Vern admitted his passion for Model A's had been a long-held secret, something that never came up during their days in the Seabees. Marty, ever the joker, teased Vern about keeping secrets and wondered if there were other surprises up Vern's sleeve—maybe a hidden stash of antique car parts?

Scott watched the exchange with a grin, pleased to have facilitated such a heartwarming moment. He even joked that maybe Marty should join the Model A club, given his newfound enthusiasm. Marty laughed, saying, "Well, if Vern can keep a Model A hidden, who knows what else we've missed out on!"

As the Memorial Day event approached, Marty expressed a desire to do more events combining Model A's and veterans. The rekindled friendship between Marty and Vern added a special touch to the event, proving that sometimes the best surprises come when you least expect them.



In a cozy garage where memories play, Sits Mark Sutter's pride, a 1929 Ford Model A. Ninety-five years, and still running just fine, A car that's aged like a classic fine wine.

Mark gazes at the car, with a gleam in his eye, "Will I be as spry when I'm that old?" he sighs. Fifteen more years, and he'll reach that great age, Hoping his joints won't rattle or rage.

"Oh Model A, you're a true antique gem, Your tires still spin, your engine a hymn. If I could be as hearty, as sturdy as you, I'd race through my nineties without feeling blue!"

The Ford chuckles softly, a mechanical purr, "I've got your back, Mark, wherever you were. Keep your oil fresh and your spark plugs bright, And you'll motor through life with all your might."

So here's to Mark Sutter and his Ford Model A, May they both keep on cruising, come what may. For in fifteen years, with a wink and a cheer, May Mark be as zippy, as his Ford holds dear!

TOURS & ACTIVITIES

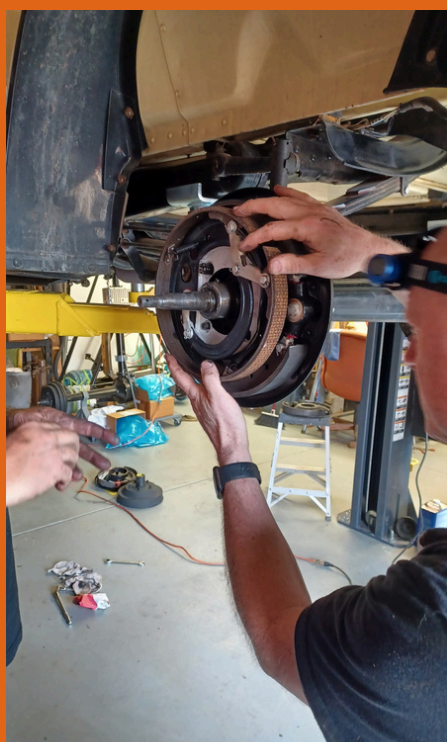
TINKER DAY WITH A 1929 PHAETON



The Simi Valley Model A Club knows how to have a good time, especially when it involves getting their hands dirty with a classic car project. Recently, club members Catherine and Bradley Tompkins inherited a beautiful 1929 Phaeton from Catherine's father. While the Phaeton's beauty was undeniable, its brakes were a different story.

To get this vintage beauty road-ready, the club hosted a lively Tinker Day. Members gathered to install new backing plates, brake assemblies, and cast drums on the Tompkins' Phaeton. Phil O'Tool, Darrel Shae, Brenden Beatty, Bob Sarnell, Larry Singler and Don Halvorsen all pitched in to help, turning the event into a blend of mechanical wizardry and friendly banter.

As wrenches turned and laughter filled the air, the Tompkins watched their beloved Phaeton get a new lease on life. By the end of the day, the Phaeton was one step closer to hitting the open road. The goal of the Model A community is to get more Model A's rolling, and this Tinker Day was a roaring success. Here's to more tinkering and treasured rides!



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GREASE & GRILL: MAINTENANCE MIXER



Scott Bennett's Model A had its steering adjusted and a pesky rattling sound silenced, thanks to the dynamic duo of Bob Sarnell and Don Halvorson. Russel Buelna's Model A got a carburetor makeover courtesy of Nelson Stanford, Don Halvorson (again!), and Harvey Jacobs. And let's not forget Scott McNatt's ride, which had its carburetor fine-tuned, spark plugs changed, and both the horn and headlights fixed up, ensuring it would shine and AHOOGA with pride.

As the men worked their mechanical magic, several friends and curious neighbors stopped by to witness the action. Among the onlookers were Conejo Valley Model A club members Mike & Maureen Fichera, although she didn't want to stick around long after seeing the grease-fest. Once the wrenches were put away, everyone sat down for a well-earned lunch, with Conejo Valley Model A President Don Halvorson flipping burgers like a pro.

The Model A community's goal is to get more of these antique gems back on the road, and thanks to the San Fernando Valley Model A Club's Grease and Grill Mixer, they succeeded in getting two Model A's parade-ready. With full bellies and even fuller hearts, the team celebrated their success, looking forward to showcasing their lovingly maintained Model A's in the Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade. Here's to more grease, grills, and grand adventures on the road!

The Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade is just around the corner, and the San Fernando Valley Model A Club has pulled out all the stops to ensure these classic beauties are road-ready. They hosted a "Grease and Grill: Model A Maintenance Mixer," a delightful event that brought together Model A owners and enthusiasts for a day of greasy hands, hearty laughs, and some serious car TLC.

The mixer was a hit, attracting Model A owners from various clubs who needed a bit of help with their beloved machines. This cross-club event saw three proud Model A owners rolling in for some much-needed maintenance. Overseen by mobile antique car mechanic Scott Doudrick, the scene was set for a day of classic car camaraderie.



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MYSTERY LUNCH: LAPD PALS PROGRAM

May's Mystery Lunch with The Fellas Tour took the San Fernando Valley Model A Club to the LAPD PALS building, where they learned how the program helps troubled youth build trusting relationships with officers. The high-tech vertical grow room fascinated everyone, showcasing urban agriculture in action. They also enjoyed meeting the chickens and other animals, and were wowed by the basketball court. It was a fun, educational outing that connected club members with their community. Don't miss the next Mystery Lunch with The Fellas tour on June 12th—join us for more community insights and delicious food!



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CANOGA PARK MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade was a spectacle of red, white, and blue, especially for the Model A clubs that came together to participate. Before the parade kicked off, there was a flurry of activity as club members from multiple Model A clubs decorated their antique Fords with tinsel, American flags, and patriotic flair. Amid the hustle and bustle, there was plenty of time to hang out and catch up with fellow enthusiasts.



As we waited for the parade to start, the atmosphere was electric with excitement. Conversations buzzed, laughter echoed, and the camaraderie was palpable. Little did we know, the infamous Rubber Chicken was lurking in the background, ready to pounce on any unfortunate Model A that dared to break down.

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CANOGA PARK MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



The parade went off without a hitch, and soon it was time for the much-anticipated Veteran's of Foreign Wars BBQ event. The delicious aroma of grilled food was calling our names, but just as we arrived, Jim Lank's 1929 Roadster decided to throw a tantrum as it pulled into the parking lot. It seemed the Rubber Chicken had found its victim!

With a lot of laughter and some good-natured ribbing, the other Model A club members gave Jim's car a push. The effort was accompanied by a chorus of cheers and jeers, and of course, Jim Lank was awarded the coveted (or not so coveted) Rubber Chicken Award for the day. It was all in good fun and added an extra layer of memorable moments to the event.

As Jim's wife, Whitney, drove away after the VFW BBQ with a parade-perfect smile and wave, we celebrated another successful and fun-filled activity for the Model A enthusiasts! Join us for the next Model A event—you never know who might end up with the Rubber Chicken!



TOURS & ACTIVITIES

Wanted to share some heartwarming news: The Model A community recently banded together to show some love to the Boys and Girls Club of Burbank and Greater East Valley. And let me tell you, it was a blast!

Not only did we get to showcase our gorgeous rides (seriously, have you seen those babies gleaming in the sun?), but we also had the chance to inspire the next generation of Model A enthusiasts. Seeing those kids' eyes light up as they checked out our vintage beauties? Priceless.

But it wasn't just about the cars (though they definitely stole the show). It was about coming together as a community to support a cause near and dear to our hearts. And let me tell you, the smiles on those kids' faces said it all.

So here's to us, folks. Here's to making a difference, one Ford Model A at a time. Keep on cruising, keep on spreading that Model A love, and let's keep making magic happen wherever we go. Catch you on the road, champs!



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On April 6th, members of The San Fernando Model A Club showcased their stunning cars at the Warner City Charity Car Show. Steve Kurtz wowed the crowd with his 1930 Roadster, while Arthur Bender displayed his classic 1930 Phaeton. Harvey Jacobs turned heads with his 1931 Town Sedan, adding to the vintage charm. Not to be outdone, Ira Jacobs brought a bit of modern muscle with his 1971 Dodge Challenger convertible. The event was a fantastic opportunity for car enthusiasts to admire these beauties and support a great cause. Join us for the next car show event!



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

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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 [Model A Youth Restoration Awards](#) 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 [Model A Museum website](#) for more revved-up goodies!





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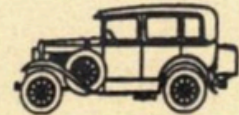
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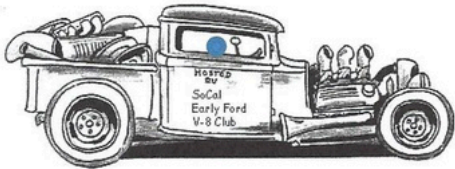
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