

# THE REFLECTOR

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## RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

### August Meeting Location Changed

Due to another upgrade being added to the Palomar Estates Clubhouse, the August 7th meeting has been moved to 2410 Appian Rd. Carlsbad, the home of Dianne Frazee. The scheduled time

of 7 PM is still accurate. Please consider bringing folding chairs, but leave them in your car until we decide we'll need them. Bring dollars for tickets, donations, snacks, whatever you feel like sharing.



The July 21st joint breakfast with the Temecula Valley Chapter to the San Luis Rey Bakery and Restaurant was very well attended with twenty-two members from Temecula and eight members from the Palomar A's as well as nine Model A's. The clubs swamped the little restaurant and we sat in three clusters inside and outside the building. It also meant that our orders weren't taken



quickly and the kitchen was unable to serve our breakfasts without delay. Fortunately Rudy Perez remembered that we were at a bakery and so purchased a few dozens cookies to share with members and David Frazee followed the leader and bought a dozen pan dulce to share.

Eventually, though, we'd all eaten, and most adjourned to Oceanside's Heritage Park. All in all, it was a beautiful day.

The July 28th Last Sunday Breakfast at Tip Top Meats was attended by just nine people, but four of those who attended haven't participated often in our club's recent events: Mary Simpson, Dianne Frazee, Jeff Kunz and Charlie Doherty, who drove a 1930 pickup he bought from longtime member, John Wayne. The restaurant will be closing at the end of September, but rather than being sad and moping around, the staff was positively snappy. It was a great reminder of happy, younger days, before the owner, Big John Haedrich, died in January, 2023.

Speaking of younger days, you should see what Ed's done to his roadster pick up. It certainly drives better now than most 95-year-olds. See

the July King of the Garage on page 3.

We have plans to eat breakfasts as a club elsewhere for the next Last Sundays, but individually, I'd suggest you go have a meal at Tip Top before the doors close for good.



# ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

In December 1972 I spent a weekend with my Aunt Dorislee going to Knotts, buying Christmas presents, and going to Disneyland. My memory is good, but she had Lisa and I visit every year for several years, so I'm only somewhat sure it was that year because of what happened the next summer. Our routine was altered one year by my Uncle Harley volunteering as a Big Brother and his bringing his charge to Disneyland with us. While enjoying the park, Uncle Harley, the boy, and Lisa rode the Matterhorn, and Aunt Dorislee and I did not. I don't remember if I said that I was afraid, if she said that she was afraid, or if I was just being a snot because I was jealous of my Uncle's attention to a stranger and I wanted to disrupt the boy's fun, unsuccessfully. Hard to say 52 years later, but, fast forward six months.

My parents then had me take part in the YMCA Summer Camp in Encinitas, unbeknownst to them I'm sure, for more weeks than most any other camper. Kids came and went, but me and the counselors were in for the long haul. Then on one day, there is a camp outing to Disneyland, and we go to the Matterhorn, and I know that I am supposed to be afraid of it. Knowing that you are supposed to be afraid of something, allergic to something, and repulsed by something, especially at 8-years-old, is pretty much all that makes up your identity. So I stubbornly refused to ride the Matterhorn, but this time I had a variety of actual counseling about fear from the counselors who'd gotten to really know me that long summer.

I wish I could put a ribbon on this and say that they convinced me to try the ride that day, but I cannot honestly say that I did. However, the talk was influential. I have tried many, many things that have scared me since then, like roller coasters, and have enjoyed riding them ever since. I even got a job as a YMCA summer camp counselor in Encinitas in 1988 and helped kids conquer their fears and try things they'd never done before. I thought I was going to be a really good guy as a counselor, but most of the time, I was just matching up loose socks and stopping water fights in the showers. You not only have to be good at providing counsel, you have to find a kid good at taking your advice.

I bring this up because kids come in lots of ages, especially when you reach your golden years. You might encounter a 50-year-old kid when driving your Model A to a gas station and he lets go with the statement "You must be crazy driving that car on the freeway." Or "My Dad left me one of those when he died. Do you know how I can get rid of it?" They may look fifty, but the self-awareness of what scares and repulses them is straight out of the eight-year-old playbook. You, as the potential mentor to them, should practice in your mind what you will say to them. I can't say that if you say something comforting and wise that they'll become a Model A owner for life, but they might if they are a kid good at taking your advice, and hopefully whatever chances they'll have of trying new things in the future, they'll try them with a little more self-confidence and courage. I imagine all of them afterwards appreciating life's many adventures, and crediting your advice in part for their happy life.

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

David Frazee, President Pa



# JULY MINUTES

No meeting was held July 13th at the San Dieguito County Park picnic. The only board members in attendance were Mark Greenlee, Bruce Howe and David Frazee. Bruce Furbush and Karen Beel were both ill, and Bill Adams, Chuck Grabowsky, and the Burrells were all traveling.

There was informally, a discussion on tours, car repairs, and members who could potentially fill the 2025 slate of officers as well as a talk about coin collecting and the “crowing” of Ed Simpson as the *July King of the Garage*.

Word was passed that Anthony Lugo was under the weather and unable to attend, but afterwards we found that he needed to be hospitalized as on the next evening he was in a very serious condition. Chris Fuller also spoke about a tool that allows one person to bleed his hydraulic brakes, and potentially he will give us all a talk on the item and its use at the August meeting.

Unfortunately, Bruce Howe had a “roadside seminar” on his drive home when the connecting rod on his Woodie delivery broke. Had Ed just looked under the front end rather than the back, it might have never happened.

Reminder that there will be a breakfast with the Temecula Club on Sunday, July 21st at the San Luis Rey Bakery on El Camino Real at 8:45 and another breakfast at Tip Top Meats on Sunday, July 28th at 8 AM. Then, on Wednesday, August 7th, at 7 PM, we will get back to meeting at the Palomar Estates East Clubhouse. **(Note: The Clubhouse is again closed for remodeling. The new location is 2410 Appian Rd., Carlsbad at the same time.)** One of our first orders of business ought to be coming up with some sort of Host gift for the new kitchen to show our gratitude.



# THE 2024 CAR OLYMPIC GAMES



The 2024 Olympics which were originally set for August 10th have been delayed for two weeks to Saturday the 24th. It's not because of e coli in the Seine river, but because the winner's medals won't be ready in time. (Ancient Greeks had it easy only presenting crowns of laurel leaves.)

Plan on not only attending, not only driving your Model A instead of your modern iron, but also participating in person, for real. I put it that way because if you notice, the images I've used above were generated by artificial intelligence. AI is taking away jobs, people are confusing blue dresses with white and recordings of people saying "Yanni" are saying "Laurel", and can you let the world believe that anyone under 70 would be better at driving a Model A Ford than you? For the winners to be that young, it would have to be either a deep fake, or no one over 70 showed up!

**WHERE:** The Plaza Camino Real Transit Station, once known as the Sear's parking lot in Carlsbad.

**WHEN:** August 24th, 2024, at 9:00 AM at Palomar Estates or 10 AM at the competition venue.

**WHO:** Anyone with any classic car can compete.

**AFTERWARDS:** Plans are to drive over to the Texas Roadhouse afterwards for a celebration of winners. As it's always very crowded, plan to get there close to their opening time of 11:00 AM.

## MAFFI SWEEPSTAKES

# Win "BETSY"

## Enter the MAFFI Sweepstakes Starting March 1st

**Closing Date: September 30, 2024**  
**No Purchase Required!!**

Through the generosity of Donna Lewis, former MAFA President and MAFFI Trustee, "Betsy" has been donated to help raise funds for the expansion of the Model A Ford Museum. The car remains in the condition as restored by Red Grow in the 1950's. This is a truly historical vehicle, once owned by a MAFFI Hall of Fame inductee, which urged for the best restorations possible, leading toward developing the judging standards. This 1930 Ford Model A, affectionately named "Betsy", became famous as the best Model A in the world. The Ford Model A has gathered 32 top place trophies in the 34 shows in which the car was entered. That includes two national shows in 1957 and 1962. We can thank Red Grow and the MAFA founders for their vision. In 1967, Red sold "Betsy" to a Ford car dealer named Dave Grubb for \$5,000, an unheard of price in those days. As a result, Dave Grubb placed the car in a glass cage centered in his dealer showroom. Sadly, Red Grow passed away in February 1978 at the age of 65.

**Drawing Date: September 30, 2024**  
**The winner does have the option to take \$15,000 instead of Betsy**

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For more information contact Jarrod Williams at [jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com](mailto:jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com) or <http://maffi.org>

## VAMPIRE ACCESSORIES SUCKING FROM YOUR IGNITION SWITCH

From *Using the Model A Ignition Switch to Control Accessories* by George E Page of Redmond, Wash. C. 2010

In some cases it is desirable to have the ignition switch control one of more accessories. Electric fuel shut off valves, turn signals, electric fuel pump and electrically actuated overdrive units come to mind.

If you have a pop-out ignition switch it becomes slightly more complicated due to the armored cable, but any switch can be converted with a simple wiring change. Also, if you have a pop out switch, you may want to buy an after market switch for this feature and save a good original pop out switch.

It is to note that the Model A ignition switch is connected in the **middle** of the ignition circuit, between the coil and the points and condenser. **Connecting any accessory directly to the switch will result in those accessories to be turned off every time the points close.** (This happens many time a minute!) Also the high voltage will be adversely affected because the accessory will be connected directly across the condenser. This means the condenser will perform as though it were partly shorted (leaky). To circumvent this problem, change the wiring, as follows.

1. Use an after market ignition switch (part A11576).
2. Connect a 12 gauge wire (see "5" below) between the amp meter (yellow and black wire terminal) and one of the terminals on the switch.
3. Install a terminal strip (LeBaron-Bonney p/n B-12252) or fuse block (LeBaron-Bonney p/n B-12251-FP) on the fire wall, either in the engine compartment for case of access or under the dash for cosmetic reasons.
4. Connect a 12 gauge wire from the other switch terminal to all four of the fuse block circuits (or all of the terminals on the terminal strip. If the terminal strip is being used tie all terminals together.)
5. Remove the short wire that connects the coil to the junction box terminal and discard it. (note, you may be able to use this wire for the wire in "2" above.)



6. Connect that same coil terminal to one of the fuse outputs on the new fuse block (or one of the terminals on the new terminal strip.)
7. Remove the wire connected to the second terminal of the coil (it went from the coil to the ignition switch) and discard it.
8. Use a modified armored cable (shorter armored part), or a replacement ignition cable (thinner armored portion) and connect it to this second terminal on the coil.
9. Screw the other end of the armored cable into the distributor. (No more than 4 turns.)
10. Install a 10 amp fuse in the fuse block in the circuit that goes to the coil. Accessories may now be connected to the other fuse block outputs and they will be on only when the switch is on.

NOTE: This modification circumvents the theft protection provided by the unaltered armored cable. A simple jumper wire connected between the coil and either of the junction box terminals will bypass the ignition switch. (Just don't tell anybody what you have done.)

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## LAST SUNDAY BREAKFAST

The June 30th Breakfast

We met at the **Time Out Café** in Vista, with eight members and four Model A's. That was back to the member/car ratio I remember from tours long passed. I altered the bottom photo so you might appreciate the cars in the background.

We had a great time with interesting conversation, appreciative passers-by, and great driving weather. Hark Hervey sported a "For Sale" sign in the window of his 1931 Tudor, so you should ask him about it if you are in the market. For a Tudor, not a "For Sale" sign. 818-314-9435.

## BIRTHDAYS

Joe Williams	4 Aug
Steve Johnson, Pres. 1983	19 Aug
Bob Olivari, Pres 1999	20 Aug
Ann Meier, Pres. 1992	27 Aug
Serietta Harrell	29 Aug
Jack Perkins, Pres 1993	30 Aug
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## 2024 CALENDAR IN PROGRESS

August 7 General Meeting at Dianne Frazee's house, 2410 Appian Rd, Carlsbad at 7 PM due to remodeling at Palomar Estates. Volunteers could bring a small amount of snacks and folding chairs. (Leave the chairs in your cars until we decide we need them.)

August 24 Car-Olympics—to correspond to the Paris Olympics in hopes that it will become an official event at the 2028 Los Angeles Games. Event will be held at the Plaza Camino Real, Old Sears' parking lot on the west side. 10:00 AM

August 25 Last Sunday Breakfast Money Pit 1360 E Mission Rd San Marcos 8 AM

September 4 General Meeting Palomar Estates 7:00 PM because the kitchen and floor will be finished by then.

September 7 National Tailgating Day. First football game ever at the new Palomar College Football Stadium. 1140 West Mission Road, San Marcos \$5 parking, \$10 tickets, arrive at 4:00 PM, kickoff 5:00 PM

September 14 22nd Annual All Ford Car Show and Swap Meet in Old Town Orcutt, put together by the Santa Maria A's. Registration is \$30 prior to September 1st. Information can be found at [www.santamariamodelclub.com](http://www.santamariamodelclub.com) or by phone at 805-598-8133.

September 28 Paradise Valley Chapter Fall Swap Meet Little League Headquarters, San Bernardino

September 29 Last Sunday Breakfast Silverback Breakfast Cafe 1717 E Vista Way, Vista 8:00 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 26 Orange Blossom A's in Riverside, Car Show sponsored in part by the Southern California Regional Group.

October 27 Last Sunday Breakfast Dennys at College and 76 8 AM

November 6 General Meeting Palomar Estates 7:00 PM

November 7 through 10 SCRG Grand Tour to Palm Springs and Calico Ghost Town. Details will be coming soon. This is more of a "Save the Date" than an invite at the moment.

November 9 Tour TBD Potentially a progressive tour around North County, we'll ask for volunteers in September

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.

May 2025, either early in the month or late, we will be interacting with the San Diego and Temecula car clubs in a "Pass the Baton" event as part of the Model A Youth Month. We will meet at one school or youth center to receive the SCRG Baton and drive it to member's homes and special sites in our region and then pass it to the next club at another school or youth center in hopes of raising awareness.



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**Membership** is \$20 per year and club information, including a membership application and an archive of past newsletters, is available on [www.palomarmodelclub.org](http://www.palomarmodelclub.org)

**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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