

Quail Call

San Diego Model A Ford Club Inc.

Dedicated to the memory of Valarie Basham



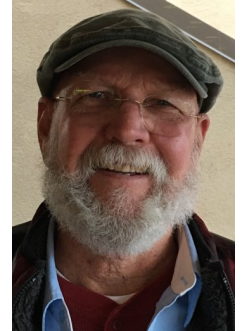
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Guy McElroy*

Well here we go, starting off on another month's adventures. I don't think August will be as packed with events as July was.

July sure turned out to be a hot one, but that did not stop some of us from having a good time with our Model As. I noted that most of you were using the windshield air conditioning on our get-togethers. Henry was thinking of us when he came up with the opening windshield. We had a total of seven events to show our cars off this past month. I think Judith and I participated in six, on the Fourth of July we had two events in different areas of town, and we chose the event at The Covenant at Mount Miguel. Of those seven events I don't believe we paid to be in any, however three events donated money to our club. I know we're not in the money making business, but it is nice to have the sponsors donate to the club; it's a sign that they appreciate us. Just so you'll know, Casa de Manana donated \$400, The Good Samaritan Retirement Community donated \$150, and The Village Walk at Eastlake donated \$200.



I'm going to go into a little detail on the Casa de Manana event. I received a letter from David Huhn, a member, several months ago. David does not currently own a Model A and does not make many meetings. In his letter he explained that Casa de Manana was going to celebrate its 100th anniversary. Dave and his wife, Mary Ellen live there. Dave wanted to know if I could supply him with two nice Model A Sedans, a Phaeton, and a Roadster on July 2nd; I did. The Svellings, the Neimeyers, Fred Crone, and the McElroys made the trek out to La Jolla for the anniversary celebration. Oh my gosh! The people out there were dressed to the nines! The period clothes were perfect, as far as I could tell. The club members also dressed for the period. Everyone was so receptive *(Continued on Page 9.)*

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The Camping Issue

UPCOMING EVENTS: **Save these dates!**

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	24	Air & Space Museum tour
SEPTEMBER:	13	Business Meeting—Santee 7 PM
	21	International Model A Day Tour

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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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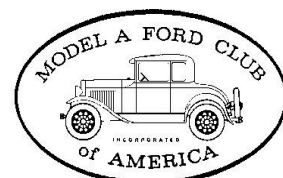
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Dues are \$50.00 per calendar year.



SAN DIEGO MODEL A CLUB, INC.

General Business Meeting – July 12, 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 July 12, 2024. President McElroy led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guy asked if there were any corrections to the June 2024 Minutes as published in the Quail Call; no corrections were needed. A motion by Judith McElroy was made to approve the minutes and seconded by Victor Figueroa; approved by all members.

Tours: [Dave Kelsen] **Past Tours:** **June 15th** – David Frazee led a joint tour with the Palomar Club to the **Old Poway Train Park**. We had 2 Model A's along with members of the Palomar Club. **Future Tours:** **July 13th** – **Alpine Tribute & Taco Shop Tour** will visit the Veteran's Wall of Honor led by Cliff Hughes. Tom Lazar has coordinated with the director to discuss the wall. Meet at Church @ 10 AM; will take the backway through Lakeside via Old Highway 80. **Also on July 13th** – David Frazee is leading a tour with the Palomar Club to the San Dieguito County Park from 10 – 2. **August 24th** – **Air & Space Museum's Behind the Scenes Tour** led by Zach & Rochelle Svelling. We will visit the restoration area, viewing the 1935 Howard Hughes racer, then the engine & machine shop and finally a fast tour around the museum. Admission is free to this event! Meet at the El Cajon Target a 9 AM. While at the museum, we will be able to park in front of the Balboa Park Automotive Museum. **September 21st** – **International Model A Day**. Tina & John Weisenseel have coordinated a visit to the San Diego Fire Department Museum in Little Italy, which is celebrating their 100th Anniversary. Parking available right in front of the station and in their dirt lot. Entrance fee is \$3.00. **October and November tours not yet coordinated.**

Parades/Displays: [Ron Niemeyer]. **Past Parades:** **La Mesa Flag Day Parade** - Received a Thank You note from La Mesa for our participation. **June 16th: Father's Day at Skyline Church**. 11 A's attending – we received a box lunch. **June 29th: Wings and Wheels at Gillespie Field**. 12 vehicles attending with vintage aircraft and other toys – we received lunch. **July 2nd: Casa De Manana Display**. 4 A's attending their 100th Anniversary celebration. We received a \$400.00 donation to the club! **July 4th** – **Scripps Ranch Parade**; 7 A's attending – we receive recognition from both our Representative & County Supervisor Joel Anderson. **Mt. Miguel Covenant Village car display**: 11 A's attending – received lunch. **Julian Parade**: Danny Machado was only A attending. **Future Parades:** **July 18th: Good Samaritan Retirement Center display**. **July 21: Village Walk display in Eastlake**. They will pay us \$200.00 for 12 cars – 5-7 PM. **July 27: Pine Valley Parade**; Cliff Hughes is coordinating. Meet at 6 AM; must be in line by 8 AM in Pine Valley. Bring candy to throw to the kids!

Treasurer: [Nayola Bieber] Checking account balance included **money deposited in June**: \$45.00 from Ways & Means June meeting, \$33.00 for refreshments, and \$480.00 for Merchandise (jackets). Depositing in July is the \$400.00 donation from Casa De Manana. **Bills to pay**. \$35.88 for July Quail Call printing to Kris Francis. A motion was made by Kathryn Hughes to pay this bill seconded by Tom Lazar; approved by all members. It was noted that the Raffle tickets purchased from the Pasadena High School Model A Club were not winning tickets.

Old Business: Hard Luck Trophy: Tom Lazar coordinated the new name plate to read: "*Valarie Basham Memorial Hard Luck Trophy*". Next in line to receive the HL Trophy are the Baehrs, who had a dead battery at the Wings & Wheels event. **Vic Patterson Update:** Vic is in good spirits and their son is visiting weekly to help out. **Valarie's Photo for MAFFI:** Photo of JEFFE used for Valarie's MAFFI plaque will be delivered to Michael Basham. **2025 Installation Banquet;** Guy presented several potential venues for our 2025 Installation Banquet including the Elks Lodge in El Cajon, Heartland Masonic Center in El Cajon, Scripps Ranch Library and the Alpine Community Center in Alpine (Rod Tuttle is negotiating this for us.) Guy asked for volunteers to be on the Installation Banquet Committee as we need a venue and a theme. Patty Winchester volunteered to lead, along with Jennifer Baehr, Rochelle Svelling & Kris Francis assisting. **Business Cards:** The board members selected a design and new cards should be available at the next meeting. Everyone should take a few to pass out.

New Business:

Membership: [Patti Winchester] 51 members are in attendance at tonight's meeting with 2 visitors.

Defender: [Ray Beardslee] Nothing to report.

Refreshments: [Dave Sohr] Passing a sign-up sheet for fall signups.

Merchandise: [Julie Halter] 15 jackets were ordered; all but 1 have been picked up

Webmaster: [Chris Halter] Nothing to report.

Property: [Jim Taber] Nothing to report.

Correspondence: [Kris Francis] Cliff Hughes had an article printed in the current issue of the Restorer.

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

Era & Fashions: [Cliff Hughes] Patty Winchester made a presentation about Model A Era Quilts.

Technical: [Arlyn Bieber] Discussed Tips to keep your engine cool in summer months. Ahna Holder's Presentation about the 2024 Great Race was deferred until the August meeting due to time.

Membership drawing prize [\$30]: Danny Duncan's name was drawn but he was not in attendance. Next month's prize will be \$40.00.

Entertainment: Ric Bonnoront shared some jokes.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM by Guy McElroy and seconded by Anne DiNapoli. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Francis, (Recording secretary)



TOURS COORDINATOR: *Dave Kelson*

On Saturday, July 13th, Cliff Hughes led us to the **Tribute & Tacos Tour in Alpine**. We met at the Carlton Hills Lutheran Church. Cliff led us the back way through Santee and Lakeside to Flynn Springs. There, we picked up more cars that live near Alpine. Our Tour continued on Old 80 up to the Alpine Community Center. It is a really nice facility which includes a Veteran's Wall of Honor. It is an awesome Tribute, which includes all branches of the military. If you find yourself in Alpine, please stop by and spend some time at the Wall of Honor.



Tom Lazar was nice enough to arrange for the Director, Dan, to explain how and why the Wall of Honor was created. Approximately, 1,000 plaques create the Wall, with space for about 300 future plaques to be added. Dan told stories about some of the veterans that have plaques mounted on the Wall of Honor. He explained it is not named a Memorial, because a veteran does not have to have died to be included on the Wall. You can obtain papers inside the Alpine Community Center to request plaques for yourself or family members to be added. Dan is a very inspirational Vietnam Veteran himself who contributed with others to create this wonderful Wall of Honor.

After touring the Wall, we went across the road to the Alpine Taco Shop to enjoy Lunch and great conversation . . . great Tacos Cliff! Thank you to Cliff and to all who participated. **Mileage goes to:** Victor Figueroa (with Rodney Tuttle), Dave & Kris Francis, Cliff Hughes, Tom & Karen Lazar, Guy & Judith McElroy, Ed Poffenberger, and Ben & Nina Taravella. **Participation Points:** Ahna & Ryan Holder, Dave & Sherill Kelsen

Also on **Saturday, July 13th**, David Frazee led the Palomar Model A Club, and San Diego Model A Club to the **San Dieguito County Park**. (3) Palomar Club "A"s participated for a total of 10 people. Thanks to David Frazee. **Mileage goes to:** Clyde Marion. **Participation Points:** David Frazee



Upcoming August Tour: On **Saturday, August 24th**, Zachary & Rochelle Svelling will be leading us to the **Balboa Park Air & Space Museum**. We depart from the El Cajon Target parking lot, located at 250 Broadway, (off of Highway 67 and Interstate 8) at 9:00 am. We are driving down El Cajon Blvd. to Balboa Park. Zachary arranged for his friend, Bob Parker ~ a special volunteer, to give us a 'Behind the Scenes' Tour. It will be great to learn how they restore these planes for all to enjoy. He will feature his Team building an all original Howard Hughes H-1 Racer, the original of which was built in 1935. Bob will also detail other items for restoration. After Bob's Tour, we are invited to Self-Tour the entire Air & Space Museum for FREE. There will be a Sign-Up Sheet at the Friday, August 9th Meeting.

Upcoming September Tour: On **Saturday, September 21st**, we will be celebrating International Model A Day. John & Tina Weisenseel will be leading us to the **San Diego Firehouse Museum**, located in Little Italy. It is a great opportunity for our Club to view Firehouse memorabilia, which dates back 100 years. It will also be a great opportunity for the public to view our "A"s; as we travel from El Cajon to Little Italy. There will be a Sign-Up Sheet at the Friday, August 9th meeting to include more details on departure location/time, and parking at the Museum.

Upcoming October & November Tours: We still need ideas for the October and November Tours. The IDEA Sign-Up Sheet will also be at the Friday, August 9th Meeting.

PARADES & Car Displays: *Ron Niemeyer*



AWESOME AUGUST!

Looking back out the rear window - The following events I reported at the July business meeting, but need to be in print for everyone who wasn't present. It's been a busy summer!

June 29, Saturday- Wings and Wheels car display Gillespie Field. We had 12 A's present. A warm day and good lunch with some great folks and their antique aircraft. Those in attendance were: Ron Niemeyer, Paul Winchester, Marv Munzenmaier, Fred Crone, Guy McElroy, Larry Kaiser, John and Tina Weisenseel, Cliff and Katherine Hughes, Mike and Jen Baehr, Ben and Nina Taravel-la, Bud and Judy Swartwood, Teri Nance and Chuck Brush. (See photo right.)



July 2, Tuesday- Casa de Manana Retirement Community car display. In celebration of their centennial anniversary we dressed up, proudly displayed 4 model A's and were treated to lunch. The residents joined in the fun and took great pleasure in seeing the cars and for some even reminiscing having rode in an A during their childhood. We received \$400 for our effort and had a great time. Those in attendance were: Guy and Judith McElroy, Ron and Linda Niemeyer, Fred Crone and Zachary Svelling. (See photos with President's Report)

July 4, Thursday- Covenant Village in Spring Valley Parade. 11 A's showed up for this great Independence Day Parade and BBQ. Guy McElroy receives extra credit for 2 vehicles. Their son Adam and friend drove Judith's coupe. Those in attendance were: Guy and Judith McElroy, Ron and Linda Niemeyer, Adam McElroy and friend, Victor and Gloria Figueroa, Rod Tuttle, Ahna Holder and parents, Phil Kowalewski, Ross and Sue Piper, Steve and Nancy Lovell and Ed Woodruff.



July 4, Thursday – Scripps Ranch Parade. 7 A's in attendance: Mike and Jen Baehr, Arlyn and Nayola Bieber, Ed Poffenberger, Fred Crone, Jim and Gene Train, Cliff and Katherine Hughes and Dave and Kris Francis. (See photo right)

July 4, Thursday- Julian Parade- Danny Machado represented the club the hill for us.



July 18, Thursday- Good Samaritan Retirement Ctr Display - Those in attendance were: Ron Niemeyer, Guy McElroy, Paul and Patty Winchester, Ben Taravel-la, Bud Swartwood, Fred Crone, Ross and Sue Piper, Dave Francis and Ahna Holder. The Club earned \$150 for this event. (See photo left)

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A Dead Battery! *by Tom Endy of the Santa Anita A's*

A common occurrence: It's not uncommon for a Model A Ford to incur a dead battery, especially those that are still operating on six volts. Model A's are usually not driven daily and prolonged periods of sitting around tend to run the battery down. It is usually discovered when you climb in to go somewhere. You push on the starter button, and nothing.

Modern inconvenience: What a lot of Model A hobbyists may not understand is that we the modern day owners may be contributing to this phenomenon. In a modern car when you switch off the ignition it shuts off all the electrical systems in the car, except maybe for the digital clock. In a Model A Ford when you switch off the ignition, at least the original pop out type, all you are switching off is the power that goes to the ignition points. That may have been fine in Henry's day, but stop and think about what a lot of us have done to the Model A Ford to improve on Henry's design.

The cutout: The cutout used with the generator disconnects the battery from the generator whenever the engine is shut down. Without it the battery would discharge itself through the generator and you would have a dead battery. The cutout has a simple set of contacts that are either open or closed. The problem with the cutout is that the contacts can sometimes become welded shut over a period of time and not open, thus draining the battery when the car is parked. This is highly likely with the poor reproduction cutouts that are on the market. Modern day advancements in electronics provided the world with the diode. The diode is like a switch (sort of) in that it has a high resistance to current in one direction and a low resistance in the other. The low resistance path allows the generator to flow current to the battery to charge it. The high resistance path is supposed to not allow the battery to drain itself through the generator. An abundance of diode mod kits were made available at all the Model A hobby stores. The cutout contacts are replaced with the diode (hopefully in the right polarity) and welded contacts are a thing of the past. However, that high resistance direction is still allowing a small amount of current to flow out of the battery through the generator to ground. The amount of current is minute, in the milliamps, but over time it draws the battery down. Turning the ignition key off does not shut the circuit off. Only removal of the fuse on top of the starter (if one is installed) will open the circuit and prevent the drain.

The alternator: Another modern convenience seen on many Model A's today is the alternator. It is much more efficient than the old fashioned generator. You can buy them in either six volt or twelve volt. In fact you can even buy a six-volt positive ground alternator. However, the alternator has six diodes in it and the high resistance path will eventually drain the battery. This arrangement is also not switched off with the ignition key and it sits there and draws a small amount of current from the battery.

A failed alternator: It is also possible to have an alternator that from all appearances is working fine. You start the car up and the ammeter shows it is charging. However, you can have one or more diodes that are partially shorted. With this situation the current drain from the battery is considerably more and in just a day or so the battery is dead.

Good advice: Whenever you park your car for the night or any other extended period of time. Pull the fuse out of the holder and stand it on its head in one end of the holder. This way everything except the starter switch is disconnected from the battery and there is no chance that a sneaky diode will ultimately cause you to have a dead battery.

Parades & Displays Report, Continued...

July 21, Sunday- Eastlake Village Walk display. We had 9 vehicles that showed along with an antique motorcycle club. Those in attendance were: Bud and Judy Swartwood, Ron and Joyce Engen, Kris and Dave Francis, Guy and Judith McElroy, Ross Piper, Arlyn and Nayola Bieber, Fred Crone, Betsy Johnson and Phil Kowalewski. The Club earned \$200 for this event. *(See photo right)*



July 27, Saturday- Pine Valley Parade Info in next month's QC.

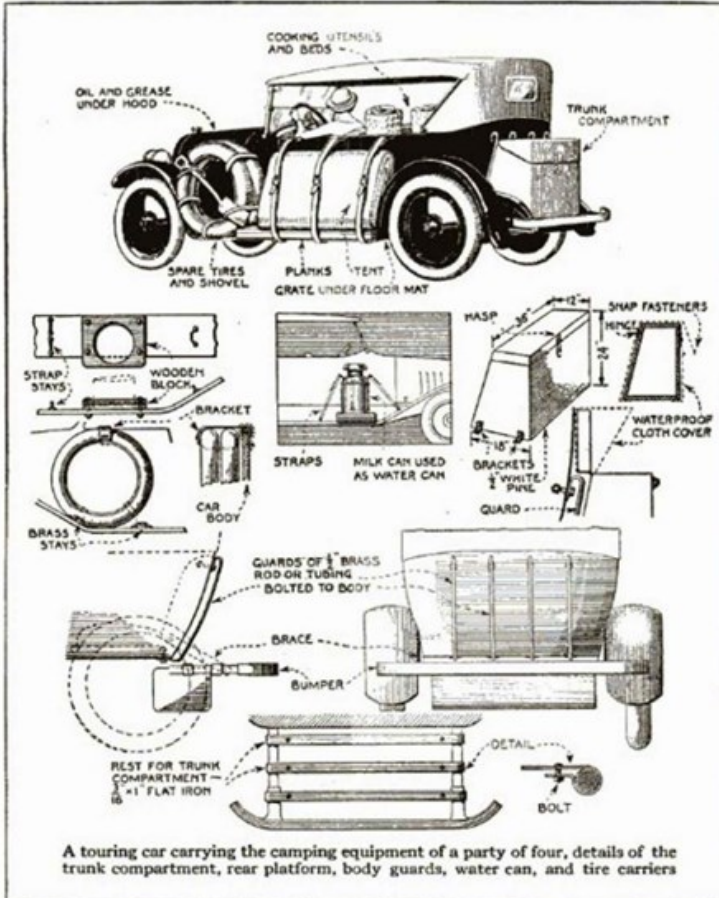
Looking out the window A-head:

August 24, Saturday- Aerospace Museum tour and display.

Model A Era Camping

My father-in-law used to tell about a camping set up that hooked up to their Model T. During the 1920's, his family often traveled from Victoria, Canada to Southern California. This was the advent of auto camping, with tents that attached to the automobile, and platforms that fit inside the car for sleeping. It was a good idea, one that allowed people to venture far from home in places where there were few overnight accommodations.

Here's an idea of how you could pack your car for Auto Camping. The diagram notes that this method would supply equipment for a party of four. Note how the shovel is strapped to the spare tire, and the tent is strapped to the running board. Don't know how the driver enters the car except thru the window— maybe that's where NASCAR drivers got the idea.



Common methods of auto touring included sleeping inside your auto with special rigging as seen in this early advertisement by [Tentobed Company](#). The TENTOBED is touted as “a tent and bed combined”. The ad also says that it can be put up in 5 minutes without any stakes or poles. It does have a framework that holds it up, so I really doubt that 5 minute assembly promise. Another ad for the Tentobed states that it pays for itself in the very first tour - \$30.00 to \$40.00 depending on the style. Also it noted that it is very light, weighing only 37 to 45 pounds, and will ride on the running board of your car, without loss of passenger space!

TENTOBED

A Tent and Bed Combined

Tentobeds are the most practical for tourists and people desiring to camp. They are made in two sizes, one as shown is made especially to use with Auto. Other style is suitable for sleeping on porch or lawn. Tentobeds roll up in a small package very light in weight, can be put up in 5 minutes, require no stakes or poles. **Water-proof and Insect-proof.**

The beds are very comfortable to sleep in. They save the price they cost in Hotel bills in a few days. You are independent and not obliged to pay the exorbitant prices often demanded of tourists.

On sale by reliable dealers. We will mail you on request, literature fully describing Tentobeds also our Automobile, made to use inside of auto.

TENTOBED COMPANY
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Another auto camping method was the auto tent and bed kit that was usually carried on the running board. The kit setup like a tent but was attached to the auto using it both for support and additional room. Here is one by the [L. F. Schilling Company](#) (below left.) This set up looks a little more primitive, and promises that the “bed positively will not sag to the middle when occupied by two people”.

Get All the Joy Out of Life—

Live in the Big Outdoors independent of hotels—free from the worry of the summer cottage or the cumbersome unwieldy “camping outfit.” Make your auto tour a camping trip as well. Stop where you like and stay as long as you want.

Schilling's Auto Camp

A big double bed 48 in. wide by 78 in. long completely enclosed in a waterproof canvas shelter tent, designed to go on almost any standard car. Bed framework made of pressed steel which fastens to and extends out from the running board. When not in use entire outfit collapses on running board where it lies snugly packed. Bed positively will not sag to the middle when occupied by two people, being made of the Schilling Flexible Mattress Fabric. Use the toonau as a dressing room and step right into bed through door of car. Weight 60 pounds. A Schilling Auto Camp on each running board gives you TWO Bedrooms.

Write for descriptive literature—only a limited number of Auto Camps can be made this year. Get your order in early to your sporting goods or auto accessory dealer.

The L. F. Schilling Company, Dept. B, Salem, Ohio



Tent City was touted as a “great advantage to the growth and development of Oceanside.”

Check out this 1930 photo (above) from Oceanside's Tent City. You can see some of the coolest tents in the photo are the Tentobed style and are attached to their really cool cars.

Model A Fashions 1928-1931: Hiking & Camping Outfits for Women



Before Patagonia, Columbia, Bean Boots, and Chacos, women had Duxbaks. That's right – Duxbaks were the latest thing in outdoor wear in the 1920s. Prior to 1904, outdoor wear did not really exist. Men wore wool clothes for sports such as hunting and fishing, but this clothing did not have any distinguishing features particularly suited to outdoor activities. By the 1920s, women were wearing riding breeches for horseback riding and lightweight cotton dresses for lawn sports, such as tennis and croquet. When it came to sturdy water-repellant outdoor gear, however, the market was wide-open.

Enter the Utica-Duxbak Corporation. Formed in January 1904 in Utica, NY, gateway to the Adirondacks, the founders of the company observed the growing tide of vacationers traveling to the mountains for camping, fishing, and hiking. They quickly realized that the outdoorsmen and women needed strong durable clothing that could stand up to the demands of wilderness pursuits. The duck cloth, water-repellant clothing they developed quickly became a success. They trademarked the name “Duxbaks” – since water rolled off of it just like a duck's back – and started to advertise in magazines with adventure-oriented readers. The company soon expanded their line to include both men's and women's clothing, as well as lighter garments under the name “Kamp-It”.



Another option for female campers was to sew it yourself. Check out these Butterick Patterns: Pattern # 4552 (drawing on the right): Middy Blouse and Knickers. “The Middy blouse holds its own as a becoming and practical half of the knicker-and-blouse hiking costume. The middy blouse and separate knickers are suitable for general sportswear. Make them of khaki, cotton poplin, or serge; or make the blouse of white jean or pongee with knickers of khaki, tweed, serge or corduroy.... The middy blouse and knickers are correct for girls and misses 6 to 18 years.”

Pattern # 4157 (drawing on the left): “For the open roads and hidden trails young hikers wear a white jean middy and plaited or gathered bloomers of navy blue

serge or khaki. Or make the entire garment of khaki, serge, or cotton poplin. This is good...for the gymnasium or for general sportswear. The blouse may be made with a yoke and the collar may be detachable.... The middy blouse and bloomers are for juniors and girls 6 to 16 years.”



CAMPING JOKES—HAVE S'MORE FUN!

- ◆ What do bears call campers in sleeping bags? *Soft tacos.*
- ◆ Camping is where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person.
- ◆ How do computer programmers make extra money in the summer? *They take on part-time jobs helping campers get rid of bugs.*



President's Report, Continued from page 1..

and so gracious to us it was amazing. Some of us were coming from out in the East County and it took us about an hour and a half to get there, I had allowed two. The trip back was a little better than two hours due to traffic, but it was worth every minute of it.

Just so you'll know, I have been getting in some wrench time with my cars. No, I didn't break down and earn the trophy. This was elective surgery as they call it. With the help of my oldest son, Adam (he's also my youngest son) we replaced two transmissions, one in the Bee truck, and one in the Town Sedan. He did all of the heavy lifting and I did all the heavy thinking. All of



my cars can be driven by any of my family members, as they all have synchromesh transmissions now. I have two good stock gearboxes if anyone wants one. I'll let you have one for the \$100 core charge.

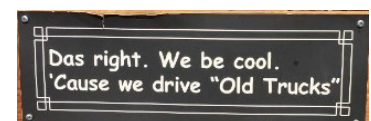
Thank you for reading my rambling thoughts, till next time, Guy

What's In a Name?

"Born Again" Car — submitted by Cliff Hughes

So, when a Model A rolled off the assembly line back in 1930-ish, metaphorically that is kind of its birthday. Brand new. They even punch that date onto the gas tank. And then a farmer buys it and drives it for 20 or 25 years and finally gives up on it, and parks it in the back of the barn and forgets about it. It sits there rusting for another 20 to 30 years and then somebody (maybe you) comes along and sees the potential in this "Diamond in the Rough" and buys it from the farmer's estate and takes it home and restores it to its "original factory condition" in all its glory. You probably even turn the speedometer back to zero. Metaphorically we could borrow a religious term and call it "Born Again."

Now, my '29 pickup was built completely from parts my dad and I scrounged up back in 1976, coming from 28 different sources. Started with a bent frame a club member gave to me. A true "Frankenstein" eclectic gathering of whatever we could find or scrounge. Swap meets, friends giving me things from their stash of spare parts. Lots of stories on that project. So, metaphorically, we could use the term "raised from the dead" which is why when I finally got around to naming it 3 years ago, gave it the name "Lazarus".



Do **YOU** have a story of how your "A" got its name? Please send to Kris Francis at c182h@cox.net

WITH SYMPATHY

Its with a heavy heart that we report the passing of Vic Patterson this week. Joyce posted "He has been Uncle, Papa, Mr. Vic and Grandpa to so very many and has left an incredible impact through his love, caring and giving spirit." We will miss you Vic, and our prayers go out to Joyce and their family.



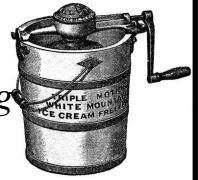
SUNSHINE REPORT

We were happy to see Ron and Joyce Engen at the July club meeting AND at the Eastlake Village Walk with their Sedan. Ron looked well and was greeted by all. It was good to see them out and about!



REFRESHMENTS: Dave Sohr

Snacks for the August 9th meeting
Provided by:



Judy Jo Beardslee
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Jen Baehr
Zach & Rochelle Svelling

August Birthdays

- 2 Sue Piper
- 7 Cyndi Croff
- 8 Tim Hill
- 9 Julie Halter
- 11 Sherrill Kelsen
- 11 Cathy Piccus
- 14 Penny Smiley
- 20 Larry Kaiser
- 23 Danny Duncan
- 29 Joan Miley



August Anniversaries



Ed & Anne DiNapoli Poffenberger Aug. 16, 1964
Webb & Avalee Smith August 20, 1966
Stan & Judy Boyer August 3, 1968
Mark & Linda Sawyer August 21, 1976
Jim & Cindy Croff August 28, 1976
Thomas & Karen Lazar August 20, 1980
Ray & Barbara Miller August 3, 2002

On the Back Cover:



From the book, "Advertising the Model A Ford" we snipped the artwork and information from the advertisement titled "Feeding Bear":

A man has stopped his new Sport Coupe to feed a bear cub. Several additional bears approach as the woman films the unfolding events from the car. A total of seven different versions of this Sport Coupe ad were produced in 12 different magazines in August 1928.

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING



The July Membership Drawing was \$30.00. **Danny Duncan's** name was drawn. Unfortunately he was not at the meeting, so in August the pot increases to \$40.00. Be sure to attend our August meeting and the next winner could be YOU!

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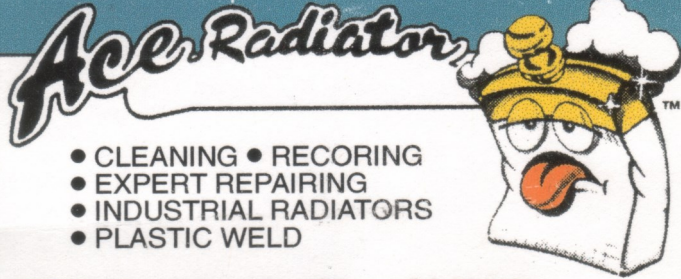
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