

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.

Henry Ford's 1st Airplane Ride

Henry Ford's first airplane ride and Charles Lindbergh's aviation achievements are milestones that highlight American ingenuity and progress. In May 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh piloted his Spirit of St. Louis on the first solo, nonstop flight across the Atlantic from New York to Paris. This stunning achievement made Lindbergh an instant celebrity and catalyzed progress toward commercial aviation.

In August 1927, Charles Lindbergh flew his Spirit of St. Louis to Ford Airport in Dearborn, Michigan. During his visit to the Michigan cities of Dearborn and Detroit, Lindbergh met with Henry Ford. The two icons created a significant moment in the history of aviation and industry. This stop was part of Lindbergh's national tour, during which he flew the Spirit of St. Louis to all 48 states in the Union at that time. It was during this visit that Henry Ford accepted Lindbergh's invitation for a ride, making it Ford's first trip in an airplane. Although Ford had been invested in aviation since 1909, this experience was his first time airborne, courtesy of Lindbergh.

Charles Lindbergh's commitment to aviation extended beyond his famous flight. In 1924, this handsome 22-year-old, 6'3" blue-eyed Swedish-American enlisted in the Army's Air Service Reserve Corps, motivated by both patriotism and the opportunity to access sophisticated aircraft. Graduating as a second lieutenant in 1925, Lindbergh's career soared following his 1927 transatlantic flight. He was promoted to colonel and awarded the Medal of Honor. In 1954, his contributions were further recognized when he was elevated to brigadier general in the Air Force Reserve.

The achievements of Henry Ford and Charles Lindbergh exemplify American excellence and innovation, propelling advancements in both aviation and industry. As a member of the Model A Club, preserving Henry Ford's Model A vehicles means you are also helping to preserve a vital piece of American history, ensuring that future generations can appreciate the legacy of these pioneering figures.



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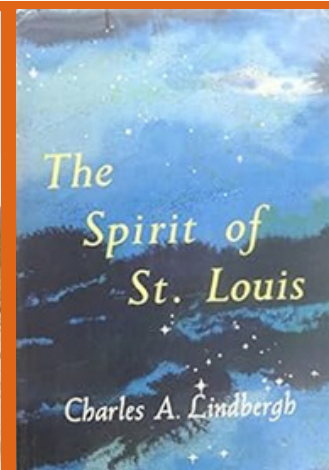


Second Lieutenant

Charles Lindbergh, March 1925



Charles Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis Airplane at Ford Airport, August 1927



The Spirit of St. Louis Book

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I thought about writing this month's words of wisdom one word kept popping up in my head. No not AI. But, first the questions that keep coming up in the San Fernando Valley Model A Ford club and a few side notes before I reveal the all-important word or words.

A President judges his success by how many members attend the monthly meeting. The Tour Director likes to have well attended events. How do we attract more new members and lastly how do we keep our board and committee positions filled?

So I will test my theory at the August meeting. Ice Cream. Yes those two simple words will fill our next meeting to standing room only capacity. (Please note-we start at 7:00 PM) The past tour director Arthur Bender could fill a tour by offering ice cream at the completion. Our Board meetings at Sizzler are much better attended when the soft serve ice cream machine is working. Just think, we could probably overfill the car show if we just advertised free Ice Cream.

I could come up with some witty statement like you get out of a car club only what you are willing to put into a car club. But, the take away is come to the meetings, go on our many wonderful tours and please join the board. You will be rewarded in more ways than just being treated to Ice Cream.

Larry Margules

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Monthly Meeting

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

Who We Are

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

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



GENERAL CLUB MEETING

July's San Fernando Valley Model A Club meeting was one for the books! We kicked off the evening with the Pledge of Allegiance, a fitting start for a group so dedicated to preserving a piece of Americana. Our ever-entertaining club President, Larry, was in top form, excitedly proposing a holiday banquet and a brilliant (and delicious) idea to boost membership and event attendance: free ice cream! Good one, Larry. Who can resist ice cream?

Scott McNatt, our club's Tours and Activities Director, shared an update. He's been face to face networking with Model A clubs in Burbank and Glendale, in addition to our current cross-club activities with Simi Valley, Conejo Valley, and Ventura Model A Clubs . Thanks to Scott's in-person efforts with local Model A clubs, we're getting more Model A's on the road and fulfilling our club's goal of sharing the joy of these antique cars. Our tours and activities are the perfect way to introduce new folks to the Greater Los Angeles Model A community. Who knows, your guest might just be inspired to buy their own Model A! (In that case, please see the "For Sale Classified" section of this newsletter)

Jim Lank, our dedicated car show mastermind, has been hitting the pavement and going above and beyond to spread the word about our upcoming November Car Show and Swap Meet. Jim has been face-to-face with fellow enthusiasts at local car meetups, personally handing out flyers and sharing stories to generate buzz and excitement. Jim's tireless efforts are truly inspiring, and he's put out a call for helpers to ensure our event is a roaring success. If you've got some free time and want to lend a hand, now's the perfect opportunity to join in. Your participation will not only support the club but also help create an unforgettable experience for everyone involved. Let's rally together and make our major club event one for the books!

The highlight of the evening had to be the raffle. A big congratulations to Stan Monheit, who walked away \$30 richer. Enjoy those winnings, Stan!

We had a blast and can't wait to do it all again. Remember, you're welcome to bring a non-member friend to our next meeting or to one of our fun tours or activities. Let's share the love for Model A's (and ice cream) with more people. See you all soon!

Birthdays

- Fred Albrecht 8/2
- Catherine Tompkins 8/4
- Norman Goodwin 8/7
- Amy Cass 8/8
- Chris Haynes 8/10
- Audrey Bell 8/19
- Carroll Vaughan 8/21
- Phil Shiver 8/24
- Leda Osborn 8/25
- Kathy Roberts 8/29
- Enrique Castillo 08/31

Anniversaries

- Carl & Kathy Buratti 8/3
- Victor & Martha Lerma 8/8
- Richard & Ruth Arroyo 8/11
- Arthur & Peggy Bender 8/17



Next General Meeting

Mark your calendars! Join us on August 15th at ~~7:30 PM~~ 7:00 PM (ice cream event) on the second floor of Galpin Ford, 15505 Roscoe Blvd, North Hills, CA 91343, for the San Fernando Valley Model A Club general meeting. It's the perfect way to catch up on all the latest club news, from upcoming tours and activities to exciting events on the horizon.

Want to make an evening of it? Arrive early and join fellow club members for dinner at the Horseless Carriage restaurant. Great food and even better company!

Don't miss out—come for the cars, stay for the camaraderie. See you there!

TOURS & ACTIVITIES

A DAY OF NOSTALGIA AT THE NETHERCUTT



Andy Blake from the Conejo Valley Model A Club and Brendan Beatty, the maestro of Model A merriment, orchestrated an unforgettable cross-club escapade to the Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar, California. This grand event brought together the San Fernando Valley, Conejo Valley, Ventura, and Simi Valley Model A Clubs for a private tour of automotive nirvana.

The adventure kicked off with a convoy of classic Model A Fords, turning heads and probably a few speedometers. Upon arrival, members were greeted by a gleaming collection of over 130 meticulously restored American and European automobiles. It was like stepping into a time machine, but without the questionable hairstyles.



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A DAY OF NOSTALGIA AT THE NETHERCUTT



Mike and Renee Petrella were particularly captivated by an 1886 Benz replica—the first patented gas-powered vehicle. They were fascinated by the vehicle’s historical significance and its intricate design.

Meanwhile, Bob Sarnelle and Scott McNatt found themselves drooling over the luxurious interior of a 1932 Maybach. They admired its opulent features and marveled at the craftsmanship that made it a standout piece in the collection.

The tour also featured a demonstration of rare mechanical musical instruments, including a mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ. The docent played a medley of silent movie sound effects, challenging the group to guess them. To everyone’s amazement, the Model A club members nailed every single one. Clearly, they’ve watched their fair share of old-timey films.

Robin Pomeroy added a touch of elegance, gracefully exiting a 1936 Pierce Arrow Travelodge Trailer.

By the end of the day, it was clear that this was more than just a museum tour. It was a delightful blend of history, camaraderie, and a shared passion for all things automotive. Andy and Brendan’s cross-club activity proved that when it comes to having a good time, these Model A enthusiasts are firing on all cylinders.



TOURS & ACTIVITIES

4th of JULY BBQ FEAST

The annual 4th of July BBQ for our Model A club was a smashing success, thanks to our grill master extraordinaire, Wade Ratzlaff, and his wonderful wife, Stacie. Picture this: tri-tip, ribs, and burgers sizzling away, while homemade ice cream and peach cobbler teased our taste buds. The food was mouthwateringly good, and the socializing even better. We laughed, swapped car stories, and maybe even polished a fender or two. Hats off to Wade and Stacie for a feast that left us all happily stuffed and ready to rev up our engines for next year's shindig!



FOR SALE

1931 Model A Ford Pickup in Santa Barbara, California

Rare 1931 Model A Ford pickup with all-steel top and wide bed (45.5" x 60"). Zero miles on rebuilt engine with insert bearings. Stored under a canopy in Santa Barbara, CA, currently on "non-op" license. Fenders off, body on refurbished chassis. Rear fenders are original, not fiberglass.

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Drive it home today for \$13,500!

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1931 Ford Model A Pickup in Camarillo, California

Dark blue over black, this 1931 Ford Model A standard bed pickup is in good running and driving condition. While the older body renovation and paint need attention, it's ready for daily driving, parades, or town trips. The engine and drivetrain were thoroughly renovated less than 800 miles ago, featuring aluminum pistons, new insert bearings, modern clutch set, and more. Brakes, transmission, suspension, and interior were also refurbished. Includes a stainless steel front bumper, turn signals, and original 6v positive ground electrics.

Your next adventure starts at \$15,000 or best offer.

Text Tom to assist the elderly owner (805) 625-2642



LUNCH WITH THE FELLAS

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



GET INVOLVED

THE RUMBLE SHEET

Membership Application

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



Why join? Because Model A's are meant to be shared! Our club provides a laid-back space for Model A aficionados in the San Fernando Valley and surrounding areas to unwind, swap stories, and revel in the charm of these timeless classics. Whether you own a Model A or simply admire their beauty, we invite you to join us in celebrating the essence of these legendary automobiles.

As a member, dive into a world of Model A fun with driving tours, lively Wednesday member luncheons at Lulu's Restaurant, engaging general membership meetings, thrilling Swap Meets and Car Shows, and our informative monthly newsletter, The Rumble Sheet.

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



Model A Youth Restoration Awards

Rev up your engines, folks! Welcome to our car restoration program, where we turn rust buckets into roaring classics! We get it - convincing the younger crowd that a '31 Ford Model A is cooler than the latest electric wonder can be a tough sell. But fear not, our [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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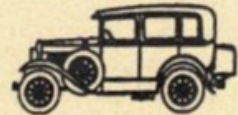
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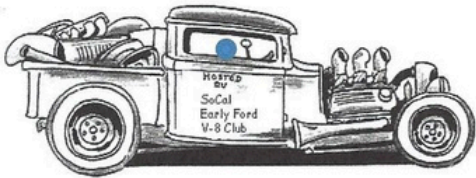


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