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RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

As the August tour was pushed so late in the month, and the August edition of the Reflector came out so late that it contained the story of July's Last Sunday Breakfast to Tip Top meats, there are not many items to post in this month's edition of Recent Club Activities.

We did hold the August meeting, though, and have several photos for you to enjoy. August 24th and 25th will have back to back events to look forward to, so the October issue should make up for it.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mark and I were chatting about September tours the other day. September 7th is our normal Saturday and is National Tailgating Day and that coincides with the first football game at Palomar College's brand new stadium. September 14th is MAFCA's International Model A Day, and lots of clubs tour on that day and promote the hobby. September 21st is the 13th Annual Model A Days started by MAFFI in Hickory Corners and lots of clubs get together that day in solidarity with their event. September 28th is the date of the Paradise Valley Chapter's Fall swap meet in San Bernardino, and the 29th is the Last Sunday Breakfast at the Silverback Breakfast Café.

What a great number of choices!

What we figure will possibly attract the most members would be to head down to San Diego's Little Italy neighborhood on September 21st to join with the San Diego chapter on their tour of the Firehouse Museum, located at 1572 Columbia St. It is a great opportunity for our club to view Firehouse memorabilia dating back 100 years.

Karyn and I will attend the Comets' football game on the 7th for a tailgate party, but won't be leaving our Model A in the parking lot for three hours while the game is played. We'll be taking our modern car instead. We'd enjoy your company and your support for the team.

I just got word that we can, indeed, hold our September meeting at the Palomar Estates Clubhouse. I know most of the folks I'm going to mention won't be reading the following, but I have a lot of people I need to thank. Including Vista Library Manager, Orquidia Contreras. I was surprised how easy it was to make the appointments and set up the room. Then there's Auto Technology classmate Ralph Looney who advised me about his neighborhood, which includes Old Poway Park. Mark Greenlee, who went to the San Dieguito County Park well over a half hour before the park's opening, getting the first place in line so he could get a good space despite our not paying for the reservation. Dianne Frazee, whose home was just made for a party,.. and a meeting. Finally, Sandy Wagner who has kept me informed, and has it set up the rest of the meetings at Palomar Estates.

Karyn and I are also happily relieved that our granddaughters, Alaia and Sofia, were delivered without incident on the 18th. Healthy and beautiful. I do hope they love they cats and cars.

See you at the Car Olympics!

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

David Frazee, President Pa



AUGUST MINUTES

The August meeting of the Palomar Model A Ford Club taking place at the home of Dianne Frazee was called to order at 7:10P initial attendance 15

Pledge of Allegiance lead by David Frazee

Minutes of the June and July meetings were published in Reflector

Are there any additions/corrections None

Motion to approve June's minutes - no meeting in July - approved

Treasurer report - Bank of America statement read to membership, two Print Pro bills for total of \$35.06 approved by membership

Motion to approve report and pay bills made by Chuck Grabowsky, seconded by Mark Greenlee. Passed by vote

Visitors and Correspondence - None

Public Relations - Barbara Kruegel posted notice of August meeting to be held at Palomar Estates was in the UT

Sunshine and Sorrow - Nancy DiTomaso in convalescent care; Anthony Lugo returned convalescent care; Karla Maxwell recovering from medicine allergy (I spoke with her 8/19 she hopes to return to next month meeting); Long time member Mary Norman passed last Sunday 8/4.

Last Sunday breakfast - TipTop Meats had 8 attendees; Money Pit will be end of August and September at Silver Back Cafe

Short Tour Report (Mark Greenlee) - August 24 Olympics at Plaza Camino Real followed by Texas Roadhouse for lunch

Long Tour - Bruce Howe not here

SCRG - October 26, Orange Blossom A's in Riverside - 3rd annual vintage car show

SCRG - November 7 -10 Grand Tour Palm Springs and Barstow

Vice President Report (Bill Adams) - that was sold, Bill will research other color of hats and t-shirts for future purchase

Hospitality (Chuck Grabowsky) difficult carrying coffee pot and supplies, Bill Adams volunteered to help when he is in town.

Next meeting September 4 volunteers for treats - Chuck Grabowsky, Karen Beel, Karyn Frazee and Bill Adams

Technical Report (Mark Greenlee) - how capacitors work and checking if good (paper roll chart made for a visual)

Old Business - committee to reduce number of volunteer board positions has not met, Member comments received were against any changes.

New Business - Chuck Grabowsky resigned his position as hospitality chair. Bill Adams volunteered to help with hospitality, but will need assistance.

Raffle (Karen Beel) - none in June or July

Big Opportunity Winner - no winner—nine of clubs now out of the pack

Monkey Business - John and Judy Burrell - working on transmission—win King and Queen of the Garage.

Adjourn the Meeting - 8:25PM Presented by Bruce Furbush

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: Regal Cinemas parking lot at Marron and El Camino Real 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 MAFFA 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 MAFFA founders for their vision. In 1967, Red sold "Betsy" to a Ford car dealer named Dave Grubbs 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 or <http://maffi.org>

MODEL A FORD SERVICE BULLETINS COMPLETE: DISTRIBUTOR

The Ford Service Bulletins book looks like a great historical resource, but so difficult to use with its tiny print, and the chronological order organization is pretty pointless, forcing you to rely on the index. In order to judge its usefulness, I've collected several tips on distributors in one place. You can judge for yourself if you think purchasing this book is something you can use to help keep your car in the best condition.

Bulletin 246: The distributor breaker points should occasionally be checked to see that the points are clean, smooth, and meet squarely. A point which is in good condition has a dull frosted appearance. Whenever necessary to clean the points, use a fine oil stone—never a file. If badly pitted, new points should be installed. The gap between the points should be set between .018" and .022"

Bulletin 399: A new distributor heat baffle A-12280 has just been released. The new baffle, which is for use in hot climates only, protects the condenser from exhaust manifold heat. The baffle is attached to the cylinder head as shown in figure 803.

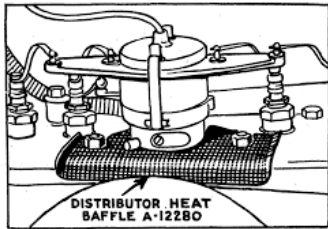


Fig. 803

Bulletin 446: Contacts on the distributor body and on the rotor, should be cleaned with very fine sandpaper. This will remove any corrosion on the contacts. Corrosion sets up a high resistance in the secondary circuit. Check the breaker point gap. The gap should measure between .018" and .022"

Bulletin 480: PLATE LEVER NOTCH IN DISTRIBUTOR BODY MUST NOT BE ALTERED

Several instances have been reported of dealers increasing the width of the plate lever notch in the distributor body in endeavoring to increase the travel of the plate lever.

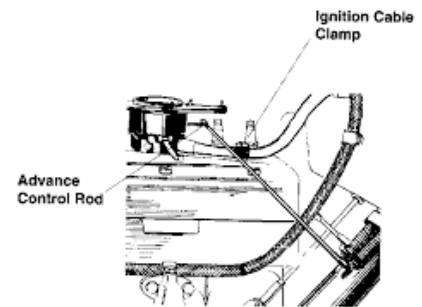
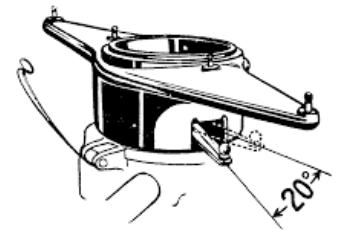
This is exceedingly poor practice and must be discontinued at once.

The plate lever notch in the distributor body is accurately machined to permit the lever to travel 20° from the fully retarded to the fully advanced spark lever position. See figure 950. When the width of the notch is increased, it permits the lev-

er to travel beyond the recommended 20° range and this of course affects the timing.

Before timing an engine always check the travel of the plate lever. This can easily be done by fully retarding the spark lever on the steering gear quadrant then noting whether the plate lever is touching against the side of the notch. Next pull the spark lever all the way down on the quadrant to the fully advance position and see if the plate lever is touching the opposite side of the notch. If the plate lever does not make the full 20° travel disconnect the spark control rod (see figure 951) and slightly bend the control rod lever (see figure 952) until the plate lever touches one side of notched within distributor body when spark lever is total advanced and touches the opposite side when totally retarded. Do not under any circumstances attempt to correct this condition by increasing the width of notch in the distributor body.

PLATE LEVER NOTCH IN DISTRIBUTOR BODY MUST NOT BE ALTERED



After checking travel of plate lever proceed with timing operation in usual way. When timing ignition, do not remove distributor body.

Inasmuch as there has been some misunderstanding on the part of mechanics, please make correct travel of plate lever part of your regular inspection.

Bulletin 482: A quantity of distributor cam shafts A-12178 were shipped less the .128" to .132" drilled pin hole. Please check yours stock and if you have any of these shafts that do not have this .128" to .132" hole drilled in the shaft, return them to your branch for drilling.

We prefer to have the branch perform the drilling operation as the dimension from the center of the pin hole to the shoulder on the shaft is very important.

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LAST SUNDAY BREAKFAST
August 25th Breakfast

We're scheduled to have breakfast at one of my favorite restaurants, **The Money Pit** 1360 E Mission Rd San Marcos. It's got great décor—money, movie posters, and license plates. It's eclectic and very appropriate for folks who restore cars for a hobby. And, also a good choice because as we spend all of our fun money on car parts, it has good food at reasonable prices. So, I hope to see you there.



BIRTHDAYS

Steve DeAmbrogio	3 Sept
Erin Terry	7 Sept
Bill Husar, Pres 2007	8 Sept
John Burrell	13 Sept
Hark Hervey	15 Sept
Charlie Tuck, Pres 1966	18 Sept
Kim Wright	19 Sept
Bruce Furbush	23 Sept

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2024 CALENDAR IN PROGRESS

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 (pictured right) 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.santamariamodelaclub.com or by phone at 805-598-8133.

September 21 Tour to the San Diego Firehouse Museum, 1572 Columbia St, meeting the San Diego Chapter, and afterwards, lunch at the El Indio Taco Shop at nearby 3695 India St We will most likely meet at 8:30 at Palomar Estates and leave at 9:00, but San Diego hasn't published their plan.

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

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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