

# 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 Michigan: From Prosperity to Decline—What Went Wrong?

Before he was famous, Henry Ford rode his bike through the clean, bustling streets of Detroit—a city that represented the promise of Michigan's golden age. Back then, Michigan wasn't just any state; it was the heart of American ingenuity and prosperity. Detroit was the wealthiest city on the planet, and Michiganders enjoyed incomes far above the national average. In the 1960s, Michigan's economy was the sixth largest in the U.S., outpacing even states like Florida and Texas, and rivaling many Western European nations. Manufacturing powered nearly half of the state's GDP, and the future seemed limitless.



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Ford wasn't just an industrial giant; he was a community builder who invested in Michigan's future. His funding of Henry Ford Hospital ensured that quality healthcare was available to all Detroiters—a reflection of the commitment to community that characterized the Michigan of his time. People invested in each other, creating a thriving, interconnected society where success was shared.

But today, that vibrant Michigan is a distant memory. Factories that once employed thousands have closed their doors, the bustling Port of Detroit now struggles, and economic stagnation has gripped the state. The community bonds that once held Michiganders together have frayed, and the social and demographic shifts have left many feeling like strangers in their own state, watching as their cultural and economic inheritance fades.

Michigan's decline wasn't inevitable; it was the result of a slow erosion of values, industries, and the community spirit that once made it great. To reclaim its future, Michiganders must recognize what's at stake and act boldly to protect their legacy. We need policies that honor our past and secure a prosperous future for generations to come.

How did Michigan, once a shining symbol of American innovation and success during Henry Ford's time, fall so far from grace? What truly contributed to this drastic transformation from then to now?

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As my tenure on the board is coming to an end I feel it is time that new blood takes over our club. I acted as a bridge from the great Ron Mosher to fill in the blank. I have listened to what the club members want. I do not possess the skills nor the horsepower to pull it off.

I rarely endorse a product or a service but, if you have not found the Paul Shinn YouTube channel you are in for a real treat. We are looking for someone like Paul to run our club. I met Paul and Tina at the Turlock swap meet. He is the real deal and also on the MAFCA board.

So in my waning days as President I will pull out all the stops. No, not more Ice Cream. September is the first annual Garage Sale. Elephants not allowed. October is Pizza night and nominations to fill 3 board positions. This is your chance to help make this a better club. November is election month. That should be a real roller coaster ride. If you have any suggestions for this meeting please let me know.

Stay tune for December. No meeting but, if I have learned anything from my friend Andy Gross, I might have a few tricks up my sleeve.

It's 3:30 AM. The Ice Cream is wearing off and I have to go back to bed. I just wonder how many people overdosed on Ice Cream at our August meeting.

News Flash—Installation Banquet is Sunday January 5, 2025 at the SmokeHouse restaurant in Burbank. Save the Date. More info to follow.

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 MEETING

The San Fernando Valley Model A Club General Meeting was short and sweet—mainly because everyone was itching to dive into the ice cream social and catch the magic show! Chris Haynes took home the big raffle prize—lucky guy! A few announcements were squeezed in between the excitement: Jim Lank, our tireless car show promoter, is on the lookout for volunteers to help with the upcoming car show. Come on, folks, lend a hand!

Scott McNatt, our enthusiastic tours and activities director, unveiled a lineup of upcoming adventures that got everyone buzzing. He's got a cross-club pre-war car event in the works, teaming up with Dustin from Super Car Sunday on September 15th. The best part? We'll have VIP parking to show off our shiny Model As—talk about star treatment!

And it doesn't stop there. After Super Car Sunday, we'll roll over to The Rock Store for a hearty breakfast, followed by a leisurely winery tour. Classic cars, VIP spots, breakfast, and wine—Scott really knows how to plan a good time. So, get ready for some fun, folks! Our Model A's are going places, and so are we. See you at the next general meeting!

## Birthdays

- 9/3 Jay Russell
- 9/7 Jan Neice
- 9/8 Kathleen Smith
- 9/11 Stan Monheit
- 9/12 Dennis Neice
- 9/13 Lisa Conner
- 9/15 Heidi Van Elgort
- 9/17 Victor Lerma
- 9/18 Sondra Kurtz
- 9/18 Mark Sutter
- 9/20 Hank Frazee
- 9/20 Stewart Levin
- 9/21 Catherine Levin
- 9/26 Connie Jennings
- 9/28 Christopher McCabe
- 9/30 Jim Rummel



## Anniversaries

- 9/2 Ben & Carol Hoskins
- 9/4 Dennis & Jan Neice
- 9/5 Larry & Virginia Keene
- 9/15 Ken & Gerri Radman
- 9/15 Jeff & Yolanda Robin



## Next General Meeting

Mark your calendars! Join us on September 19th at 7:30 PM 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!

# ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The San Fernando Valley Model A Club ice cream social and magic show was a blast! Picture this: classic cars, happy faces, and enough ice cream to float a Model A. One member even brought his mom—hi Mom! Root beer floats were the crowd favorite, disappearing faster than you could say "vintage wheels." Laughter echoed, spoons clinked, and we all agreed: nothing beats the sweet combo of classic cars and creamy goodness. See you at the next one!



# TOURS & ACTIVITIES

## CROSS-CLUB GRIFFITH PARK ADVENTURE



Our cross-club Model A tour of Griffith Park was a blast! We kicked things off with a big thank you to Glenda McElroy of Glenroy's Equestrian Shop for her great presentation on the Los Angeles Equestrian Center. A shout-out also goes to Darrell Payne from The Glendale Model A Club and Wayne Crabb for treating us to a steamer train ride and a fun talk about the Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum. After cruising through Griffith Park, we wrapped up at Celia's Mexican Restaurant. Good times, great company, and tasty tacos—what more could you ask for? See you on the next tour!



# MEMBER STORY

## MODEL A CRAZY!



In the summers of the 60s, eight of my cousins and I learned to drive, not all at the same time, in my Uncle Gordon's 1929 Model A flatback pickup. None of us were of age, but we didn't need to be, on the dirt roads around Uncle Gordon's cabin on Incline Lake, above Lake Tahoe.

That pickup got deep into our blood, and my cousin Mike, the oldest, bought another Model A pickup as his first car. Then, my cousin Stephen bought a '29 Standard Tudor sedan when he turned sixteen. That hooked me, and I got an unassembled '30 Standard Tudor when I was fifteen, and then my cousin John bought a '31 Tudor. Scott McNatt moved in next door to my cousins at age ten, and the fumes got him too; when he was sixteen, he got a '31 Model A coupe. Then, our friend Rand bought a '30 coupe after Scott! But before all that, I met Todd Tanzi in homeroom at Portola Junior High in Tarzana when we were eleven. I was reading a Model A repair book. I had no car, but I had the book! Todd walked over and told me his dad had a Model A coupe. I walked home with Todd to see the car that afternoon, and that was the beginning of our lifelong friendship. Todd converted that coupe into the '31 roadster now owned by his nephew and San Fernando Valley Model A Club member, Russell Buelna.

Uncle Gordon bought a '28 phaeton, and Uncle Jack bought a '30 Deluxe Fordor. Did I mention we were all crazy for Model A's? My cousin, Stephen MacLean, and Todd both worked with Hank Sorney restoring Model A's, and Stephen later started the Model A Clinic in Chatsworth.

Stephen, John, Scott, Russell, and I still have our Model A's and a lifetime of friendships to go with them. And all of us are still members of the Model A Club. The picture above is from our trip in 1976, driving over the Continental Divide at Independence Pass in Colorado, at 12,095 feet. From left to right is me with my '30 Tudor, Armand D'Allo, Hawley MacLean and Scott McNatt with Scott's '31 coupe, Jerry Brockelsbee, Stephen MacLean with his '29 Tudor, Gordon MacLean with his '28 phaeton, and John Hastings with his '31 Tudor.

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Our families were very adventuresome in those cars. Here are some of the trips we took:

1968: The precursor of things to come. We drove to Colorado, with Uncle Gordon's '13 Model T in tow, and he drove it through the Rockies each day we were there.

1972: We drove to the Grand Canyon in five Model A's, including Dick Messick's '29 flatback pickup.

1974: We drove to the World's Fair in Spokane and onto Calgary, across to Vancouver, and back home to the Valley.

1976: Monument Valley, the Grand Canyon, and over the Continental Divide.

1977: Yellowstone and Sun Valley, Idaho.

We had wrecks and breakdowns galore all along the way, including purchasing an engine and rebuilding it in a hotel room in Aspen. The management must have loved that.

The love and friendship and adventure all came about because of our camaraderie and love for Model A's.

I publish an online post each week, The Saturday Morning Post, and have written many short stories of our Model A adventures and life growing up in the San Fernando Valley. Visit [HankFrazee.com](http://HankFrazee.com) or [click here](#) to subscribe now.

-Hank

# 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!

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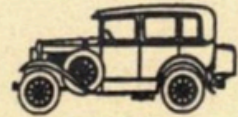


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