

# THE REFLECTOR

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## RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

The end of August and the month of September was both fun and memorable even though events didn't bring out dozens of Palomar members. We had a car Olympics, the Wavecrest Woodie Show, and the tour with the San Diego Chapter to the Firehouse Museum.

The September meeting was lots of fun with Mark Greenlee and Chris Fuller providing a tech talk on hydraulic brakes, spiced up a bit for the ladies. Then Mark earned the crown for King of the Garage for the weld repair of his frame as well as creating and installing a more sturdy trailer hitch to his pickup.



# ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

Both the Orange Blossom A's Vintage Car Show on October 26th which the Southern California Regional Group had planned to sponsor, and the SCRG Grand Tour to Palm Springs scheduled from November 6th through 10th, have been cancelled. I have yet to hear back whether they would be revived at a later date. I have no details about the Car Show, but the Grand Tour was cancelled for lack of time for its successful promotion.

There are plenty of other events for us to attend not to need these two to fill the time, but large, multi-chapter, events with the opportunity to see new cars and make new friends are a whole other ballgame from short, club tours in which you and old friends can see new places. I wouldn't want a multi-chapter extravaganza every couple of weeks, but two or three times a year could spice up the routine and potentially increase community interest in the hobby.

Speaking of, back in May, nine of us joined the San Diego club for a tour of Hansen's garage. In July, six of us met the Temecula club for breakfast at the San Luis Rey Bakery and a tour of Heritage Park. On a recent Saturday, six of us met the San Diego club for a tour of the SD Firehouse Museum. All three destinations were inside the friendly confines of San Diego County, and were greatly enjoyed, so they offer a glance of what the larger, multi-chapter events will be. We've decided to tag along with San Diego on their October 12th tour to Bates Nut Farm and to change the October 27th, last Sunday breakfast location from Denny's to the San Luis Rey Bakery and from the 8 AM start to 9:00 AM because then it will be a dual club tour with Temecula. Afterwards, we'll head over to the Guajome Ranch's Steam Tractor Museum for the tractor show. Please join us if you are up for a multi-chapter extravaganza.



This being October, thoughts have turned like the leaves to who will serve as officers when the new year springs upon us? Looking at the roster and the offices we've filled in the recent past, half of all local memberships with a least one healthy spouse, would need to volunteer to move the club to 2025 **unchanged**. Because of jobs not being done and because of several (now burned out) folks taking multiple position just to keep things going, we've gotten by with seven volunteers this year. In discussions with them, seven volunteers for seven jobs appears more reasonable than sixteen jobs.

For background, MAFCA requires five board members who are also MAFCA members: President, Secretary, Treasurer and two open offices. Our current bylaws, approved in 1997, call for ten officers: the first three, as well as Vice President, Tour Leader, Newsletter Editor, Membership, Publicity Chairperson, Librarian/Archivist, and Entertainment (Shhhh. i.e. Raffle). Notice that they do not name specifically the offices of: Breakfast Coordinator, Assistant or Long Tour Director, Hospitality, Tech Director, Webmaster, Sunshine and Sorrow, and MAFCA Representative.

Many clubs also have specific fundraising event chairs, women's activities chairs, fashion chairs, or tool library chairs. Those chairs broaden the appeal and bring publicity and purpose to the clubs.

Figuring the necessity of three officers for MAFCA, if we only had seven members volunteer for 2025, we'd fill President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four other positions. Which positions would you prioritize? I'll quiz members at Wednesday's meeting. More than likely, if you are a member, active or even inactive, who lives in the San Diego North County area, you will be approached to volunteer for one of those positions in order to move forward.

I look forward to seeing you on the road, gassed up, with your chrome shiny,

David Frazee, President Pa

# SEPTEMBER MINUTES

The Sep. 4, 2024 Meeting of the Palomar A's was called to order by President, David Frazee at 7:04 PM with 31 in attendance including 5 guests. We were very happy to return to Palomar Estates after many months due to renovation of the kitchen.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Judy Burrell.

Our guests included Sandy Wagner, the Social Secretary for Palomar Estates along with Andrea and Debbie, residents of Palomar Estates. Sandy welcomed us back and provided a beautiful cake to be shared after the meeting. Two additional guests of Steve and Irene DeAmbrogio were Merlene and Eric Heeren. Irene and Merlene have known each other since kindergarten. Not technically a guest, but brand-new member Dave Jacobson was attending his first meeting at Palomar Estates.

David Frazee thanked all involved for the success of the past months: The Vista Library for providing a room for multiple meetings as well as speakers, various members that came forward to fill specific needs and to Dianne Frazee for hosting a last-minute August meeting in her home.

A motion was made by Bruce Parker to approve the minutes of the August, 2024 meeting as published in the Reflector, and seconded by Chuck Grabowsky. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Bruce Furbush gave an accounting of the treasury and reported an outstanding bill from Print Pro. Motion to approve the Report was made by Mark Greenlee and seconded by West Leffingwell. Motion carried.

Sunshine & Sorrow – We were happy to have both Anthony and Donna Lugo in attendance after both their extended (separate) hospital stays. West Leffingwell reported having gone through Covid and pneumonia and was glad it was over. Karyn and David Frazee were happy to be new grandparents to twin girls Alaia and Sofia. Karla Maxwell announced a new cancer diagnosis and, after the meeting, many members offered information, recommendations, and support.

Last Sunday Breakfast – The August Last Sunday was held at the Money Pit in San Marcos. David Frazee highly recommends it for good food at a fair price. The September 29, Last Sunday will be at the Silverback Café, 1717 E.

Vista Way. Meeting at 8:00 AM. Check the 2024 Calendar in Progress printed in the Reflector for future Last Sunday locations and dates.

Short Tours – Mark Greenlee reported that the August Car Olympics was a bust but those in attendance went to the Texas Roadhouse for grub and were pleasantly surprised at how good it was.

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 19 – Encinitas Cruize Night leading up to the Wavecrest Woodie Car Meet and Show on Saturday September 21 on Moonlight Beach.

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 AM at Palomar Estates and leave at 9:00, but San Diego Chapter hasn't published their plan.

October 5 Tour of the Palomar College Arboretum in the morning. Meet at Palomar Estates at 9:30AM – leaving around 10-10:15. Lunch at George Burgers or My Yard Brewery and then an afternoon trip to San Marcos Historical Society.

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

Long Tours – In Bruce Howe's absence there was a general discussion of potential tours and who might be interested. Also, discussion of the November 7 through 10 SCRG Grand Tour to Palm Springs and Calico Ghost Town. (Cancelled)

Miscellaneous – David Furbush will be verifying pricing for the December 14, Christmas Party Lunch. The previous prices quoted may no longer be valid.

Vice-President Report – Bill Adams is getting quotes for men's and women's T-shirts with the cub logo silkscreened. He asked for input as to interest. Estimates depend on quantity ordered but initially \$14-17 each shirt for smaller logo on the front and around \$24 each for larger logo on the back.

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## SEPTEMBER MINUTES—CONTINUED

Hospitality – Great news is that, along with the renovation, Palomar Estates has offered the Club a storage cabinet. Now supplies and the coffee machines won't have to be transported each month. Bill Adams has stepped forward to take over for Chuck Grabowsky. When Bill is not in town Chris Fuller has offered to substitute. Thank You to all! Next months snack contributors are Ed Simpson and Chuck Grabowsky

Tech Report – Mark Greenlee & Chris Fuller gave a show as well as a report. Mark said there had been comments that some of the female members would like the tech reports to be more interesting. To that end, he and Chris pulled off their T-shirts to reveal another shirt underneath that was fully photo screened with "manly" images. Mark sported a burley hairy chest while Chris glistened with a sleek "six pack" There was much laughter in the room.

The actual report was tips and tricks to convert rod brakes to hydraulics. Chris showed speed bleeders he had purchased as a set of 4 that would allow a single person to bleed the brakes. The set could be purchased for around \$15-\$20.

King of the Garage – In the running this month was Bruce Parker who had found and replaced the battery in his Model A along with replacement windshield wiper blades he had found on ebay. Chuck Grabowsky reported installing a new fuel pump. Ed Simpson installed tube shocks he had obtained from a 1972 Pinto. The crown went to Mark Greenlee who took us through the steps of taking the bed off his truck to weld fracture cracks in a cross member. He described removal of multiple rivets and replacing with bolts. After re-installing the bed he added a trailer hitch.

Entertainment – Karen Beel conducted the Door Prize event. This month there were 19 offerings with many winners having their tickets pulled for multiple prizes.

Birthday Prize for September went to John Burrell

Big Opportunity Winner for the radiator surround - The lucky draw is the ace of spades. Judy Burrell got the chance to draw and came up with the jack of clubs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Submitted by Karla Maxwell, Secretary

## ***CALENDAR IN PROGRESS***

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. Meet at Palomar Estates at 9:30 AM

October 12 Tour with the San Diego Club to the Bates Nut Farm 15954 Woods Valley Rd in Valley Center. San Diego hasn't yet set a time, but Bates opens at 9:00 AM

October 26 Escondido High School Pumpkin Fest Car Show \$30 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Supports the EHS Automotive Education Program

October 27 Last Sunday Breakfast San Luis Rey Bakery and Restaurant 490 N El Camino Real, Oceanside with the Temecula Valley Club, followed by a visit to the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum meet at 9:00 AM.

November 6 General Meeting Palomar Estates 7:00 PM

November 9 Tour TBD

November 24 Last Sunday Breakfast Charlie's in Escondido 8 AM

December 11—12 MAFCA National Awards Banquet – Salt Lake City, Utah

December 14 Christmas Party and Installation Lunch The Hunter Restaurant 12:00 PM 1221 Vista Way in Oceanside.

January 25 –26, 2025 Turlock Swap meet at the Stanislaus County Fair Grounds

April 3—5, 2025 CCRG 2025 Jamboree – Visalia, California



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**LAST SUNDAY BREAKFASTS**

The August 25th Breakfast at **The Money Pit** was fun and pretty well attended with 11 people and two Model A's. As this was just 20 hours after the car rodeo tour with 5 people and three Model A's. The positive turnout was something of a surprise.

The September 29th Breakfast at **The Silverback Café** had 10 people, two Model A's and one vintage Ford and it was also a great time.

October 27th we'll return to the **San Luis Rey Bakery**. Check the calendar for details.



**BIRTHDAYS**

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|----------------|------------|
| Bruce Howe     | 4 October  |
| Jim Quinlan    | 4 October  |
| Wes Wright     | 7 October  |
| Dave Belt      | 10 October |
| Bill Adams     | 14 October |
| Joe Moraes     | 14 October |
| Rio Montijo    | 17 October |
| Linda Dixon    | 18 October |
| Karla Maxwell  | 22 October |
| Sandy Wagner   | 25 October |
| Barbara French | 26 October |
| Jim King       | 27 October |
| Lisa Frazee    | 29 October |

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| Jon & Anna Velasco          | 1 October  |
| Hark Hervey & Peggy Hopkins | 4 October  |
| Joe & Marsha Moraes         | 19 October |
| Steve & JoAnn Cordtz        | 23 October |

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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.palomarmodelaclub.org](http://www.palomarmodelaclub.org)

**Business Meetings** are held the first Wednesday of each month, except 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 future events.

All Model A Ford hobbyists are welcome.

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