

San Diego Model A Ford Club Inc.

Dedicated to the memory of Valarie Basham

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OCTOBER 2024

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Guy McElroy

I want to tell you all a little story that struck me as humorous. Most of you know that Judith Ann and I frequent the Cruising Main St. event in El Cajon. I think I have gone every Wednesday this year and frequently I take a Model A. Last week I took the Victoria that I bought from Ed Brown, and I must admit, she was looking fine. Some folks came over and were very interested in the car. Judith and I were sitting in the shade a few feet away. Whenever someone gets real interested I walk over and start a conversation, which is what I did this time. The gentleman started asking me questions about the steering column and the wife was trying to take pictures through the driver's window. I opened the door so she had better access as I was fielding his questions. Finally he asked



me if I belonged to any clubs and of course I said I did. He said I should join The San Diego Model A Ford Club and that he was in the club...... I was speechless, for a second. I said I was already in the club and was, in fact, the current President of the club. He didn't know what to say, except he didn't go to many meetings. I asked him if he read the Quail Call online, and possibly the President's Report. He said he did. I guess I need a better picture next to my report. So anyway their names are Ruben and Maria Sanabria and I think they may start coming to more meetings. I told him that there were several people at the meetings that knew more about the steering columns and associated parts than me. Really nice folks, but I swear I've never seen them at any function. I feel almost like I recruited a new member.

I took the AA Flatbed truck to a car show in Clairemont the other day and she won a trophy for "Best Ford", and it was a beautiful day and was turning into a great day. About three o'clock I left the venue and started home, with my new trophy sitting proudly on the seat next to me. I was alone, unsupervised, as Judith had not come with me. I was cruising along at about 65 in the #3 lane when the fire went out and it got real quiet in the truck. I slid her into neutral (automatic) and moved into the slow lane then the shoulder and coasted to a stop near the Fletcher Parkway offramp. I pulled out my tool bag and looked under the hood. The truck is slightly modified and has a pumper carburetor. I pulled the throttle and no squirt squirt. I pulled the gas line to the carb and hit the starter, no gas coming out. I had topped off the fuel the day before, so concluded the fuel pump was the culprit. So there I was with my "Best Ford" sitting on the side of the freeway waiting for a tow truck. (Continued on Page 9.)





The Spooky Issue

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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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SAN DIEGO MODEL A CLUB, INC.

General Business Meeting – September 13, 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 September 13, 2024. Fred Crone led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guy asked if there were any corrections to the August 2024 Minutes as published in the Quail Call; no corrections were needed.



A motion by Tina Weisenseel was made to approve the minutes and seconded by John Weisenseel; approved by all members. Guy announced that Joan Dainer had fallen and had undergone a left shoulder replacement; a card for Joan will be circulated during the meeting. Guy also received a Thank You card from Joyce Patterson to the club for the Model A Display at Vic's Memorial Service.

Tours: [Dave Kelsen] Past Tours: August 24th – Air & Space Museum's Behind the Scenes Tour led by Zach & Rochelle Svelling. Zach also arranged for the club's membership at the SD Automotive Museum, so we were able to tour both museums. SDMAFC members will have free admission to the Automotive Museum for the next year. Zach's contact at the Air & Space Museum recently had surgery, so a thank you/get well card was passed. Future Tours: 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 has been waived. Museum also has a party room, which we will use for lunch; bring chairs and a lunch. Meet at El Cajon Target at 8:15. October 12th – Bates Nut Farm Tour coordinated by the Neimeyers. November 16th – Motor Transport Museum in Campo. More information next month on these tours. A lively discussion ensued regarding tour mileage when members chose to drive directly to the venue vs. touring with the club from a designated meeting place. This was topic was tabled until next month.

<u>Parades/Displays</u>: [Ron Niemeyer]. September 14 – Poway Rodeo (Rotary Foundation) Parade. Cliff Hughes will lead, meeting at the staging area at 8 AM. Bring a lunch for a picnic afterwards. September 21st – Display at the San Diego Fire Department Museum (see above.) October 31 - Edgemoor Hospital Display (Santee). November 3rd – Fall Back Festival in the Gaslamp Quarter (4 cars only). November 11th – Veteran's Day Parade, downtown San Diego; Ron has sent our application. It was noted that Skyline Church has a Trunk or Treat event on October 31st – Ron will investigate participating.

<u>Treasurer</u>: [Nayola Bieber] Checking account balance included **money deposited in August**: \$49.00 from Ways & Means August meeting, \$18.00 for refreshments, \$150.00 donation from Good Samaritan Display and \$200.00 donation from Eastlake Display; a total of \$417.00. **Bills to pay**. Refreshments to Dave Sohr: \$25.60; Quail Call printing to Kris Francis: \$35.88; Ways & Means to Tina Weisenseel for \$40.00, and Artwork of Val's car to Zach Svelling for \$34.47. A motion was made by Tom Lazar to pay these bills seconded by Steve Lovell; approved by all members.

Old Business: Hard Luck Trophy: The Baehrs, who had a dead battery at the Wings & Wheels event were presented with the Hard Luck Trophy. Business Cards: Are now available and all members are encouraged to take a few to distribute. The new cards have a QR code that will take a viewer to our website. Write your name on the ones that you distribute.

New Business:

Era Clothing - Guy noted that late member Bob Bowie's family has donated era clothing that will be available at the break.

Model A Parts - Valarie Basham's son has Model A parts available for sale prior to turning over Val's household to an Estate Sale.

Mullins Trailers - Tom Lazar questioned if we could include advertisements for the Mullins Trailer Association in the Quail Call - they are period correct; Tom will request more info from Mullins.

<u>Membership</u>: [Patty Winchester] 64 members are in attendance at tonight's meeting with 2 new members: Glenn &Pat Frehafer have a 1929 Sport Coupe.

Installation Banquet: [Patty Winchester] The Installation Banquet committee has set the date for January 18, 2025 at the Alpine Community Center. They have on site catering, and are waiving fees for the room. For those members that don't wish to drive to Alpine there will be a shuttle service from the El Cajon Target. Dinner will be \$30.00 per person, with a theme of "Small Town 'A'merica". Tina Weisenseel will do the centerpieces and the raffle, Cliff Hughes & Jim Train will provide music, Kris Francis will do the program, Fred Crone will design the artwork and Rochelle Svelling will coordinate the shuttle. Other committee members are Jan Baehr and Steve Lovell.

Defender: [Ray Beardslee] Not in attendance.

Refreshments: [Dave Sohr] Passing a sign-up sheet for future months.

Merchandise: [Julie Halter] Showed us "specials" available this meeting only. Webmaster: [Chris Halter] Our website is attracting international views.

Property: [Jim Taber] Nothing to report.

Correspondence: [Kris Francis] Will submit articles for the next issues.

Ways & Means: [Tina Weisenseel] Six raffle items with an Auto Zone gift card for the Door Prize. Era & Fashions Presentation: [Cliff Hughes] Cliff presented artwork that showcased Model As

Technical: [Arlyn Bieber] Discussed Model A tire gauges and brought a dealer's display to share.

<u>Membership</u> drawing prize [\$50]: Tom & Lorrie Allingham's names were drawn but were not in attendance. Next month = \$60.00.

Entertainment: Ric Bonnoront shared some jokes.

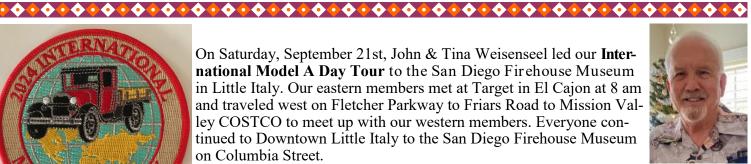
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM by Tom Lazar and seconded by Steve Lovell. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kris Francis,

Kris Francis (Recording secretary)



On Saturday, September 21st, John & Tina Weisenseel led our International Model A Day Tour to the San Diego Firehouse Museum in Little Italy. Our eastern members met at Target in El Cajon at 8 am and traveled west on Fletcher Parkway to Friars Road to Mission Valley COSTCO to meet up with our western members. Everyone continued to Downtown Little Italy to the San Diego Firehouse Museum on Columbia Street.



John & Tina did so much preparation to arrange for parking all our cars in front of the Museum which was very impressive. The cars drew the eyes of passersbys to stop and look at the cars and take many pictures. The Museum was a self-guided Tour. Unbe-

lievable equipment is on display going back to the 1800's in San Diego history. I learned a lot. John & Tina had also arranged for our Club to use the Party Room in the Museum so we could relax and enjoy a picnic lunch. Tina & John provided chips and delicious homemade cookies by Tina. It was an awesome turnout with 17 Model A's and 4 Moderns. Thank-you John & Tina and to all who participated.

Mileage goes to: Mike & Jen Baehr, Arlyn & Nayola Bieber, Fred Crone, Michael Dainer, Victor & Gloria Figueroa/Rod Tuttle (with son Brian), Dave & Kris Francis, David Frazee (with 4 members of the Palomar Club joining him), Chris & Julie Halter, Tim & Theresa Johnson (with daughter & friend), Larry & Carolyn Kaiser, Steve & Nancy Lovell, Danny & Karen Machado, Linda & Ron Neimeyer, Ed Poffenberger and Anne Di Napoli, Jim &



Gene Train, and Paul & Patty Winchester (with Paul's brother), and Ed Woodruff.

Participation Points: Ken Hatfield, Cliff Hughes, Dave & Sherill Kelsen, John & Tina Weisenseel. (More photos on Page 5)

Upcoming October Tour: Ron & Linda Niemeyer are planning to lead us on a festive Fall Tour to Bates Nut Farm on Saturday, October 12th. Bates Nut Farm will have pumpkins, special treats, and activities going on that day. It's a great location. The Sign-up sheet will be at the October meeting so you can sign-up if you haven't done so already. It will include details regarding departure location/ time.

<u>Upcoming November Tour</u>: Dave & Sherill Kelsen are planning to lead us on a Tour to Campo for the history of the area and to the Motor Transport Museum on Saturday, November 16th. The President of the Campo Motor Transport Museum has arranged for us to see the Buffalo Soldiers' Barracks (the last mounted Calvary in the US), and the Gaskill Brother's Store Museum from the 1800's. We will also spend time at the Motor Transport Museum and enjoy a picnic lunch there. A Sign-Up Sheet will be at the next meeting with details regarding departure location/time.



Outstanding October

Looking back out the rear window

September 14, the Poway Rotary Club parade was "A"ttended by Cliff and Kathryn Hughes, Ross and Sue Piper, Arlyn and Nayola Bieber, Ron and Linda Niemeyer. Members Joe and Gia Caci arrived in their beautiful blue 1931 Roadster that previously belonged to Joe's father. Congratulations on the first club event with their car. After the parade we all enjoyed a picnic lunch under the huge trees at Garden Road neighborhood park.



Looking forward out the windshield "A"head. Details forthcoming on these events:

Saturday, October 12-Bates Nut Farm tour and display.

<u>Thursday,October 31@10:00</u> am- Edgemoor skilled nursing center Halloween car display in Santee.

Thursday PM, October 31- Trunk or Treat at Skyline Church, Rancho San Diego.

Sunday, November 3- Gaslamp Quarter Fallback Festival car display.

Monday, November 11- Veterans Day Parade

Saturday, December 7- La Jolla Christmas parade

More photos from International Model A Day at the Firehouse Museum (Cont. from page 4.)









Control Rod for Distributor & Carburetor

By Lynn Sondenaa MAFCA Beaver Chapter newsletter, December 2022

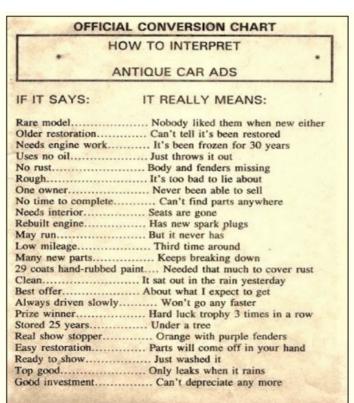
Control rods ae the three rods (A-9743/4/5) that connect the spark and throttle rods to the distributor and carburetor. At the base of the steering column, connected to the spark and throttle rod are control arms with small balls that the control rods attach to (A-3541). Disconnect the rod to the distributor and grease the ball on the control arm and the upper distributor plate. Inside the

distributor, lightly lubricate with grease the three lips of the upper distributor plate. Now use Aero Kroil to lubricate

the control rod springs. Connect the control rod to the spark rod and distributor upper plate. Next put one half of a drop of oil under the spark rod by the steering wheel. Move the spark rod up and down about five times. The action should be very smooth.

Now perform the same task on the accelerator linkage. There will be four balls on the accelerator linkage system. These are the control arm ball, left side accelerator arm ball, right side accelerator arm ball and carburetor throttle shaft ball. There are also two places to oil on the accelerator linkage. These are located on top of the linkage just behind the rear of the cylinder head. Attach the two accelerator control rods, oil the top underside of the throttle rod and then move the throttle rod up and down about five times. The action should be very smooth.

By greasing and lubricating these assemblies you have eliminated the metal-to-metal contact that causes metal drag, friction and wear. Your spark and throttle rods should now be smooth to operate!



SAVE THE DATE!

2025 Installation & Awards Luncheon

- Saturday, January 18th, 2025
- Alpine Community Center
- \$30.00 per person—
- Details available in the November Ouail Call



The Frights of Yesteryear: Halloween in the 1920s

The Parties - Even without cocktails flowing, Prohibition Era Halloween parties packed a punch. Spooky celebrations got a whole lot more festive thanks to the Beistle Company, which launched its line of Halloween decor in 1920. Especially popular were the company's cutouts of skeletons, witches, and black cats, which still hang in windows and on walls every October. These novelties helped Halloween party hosts create a party atmosphere that was equal parts frightening and fun.

The 1920s also produced its share of Halloween songs. Brassy, big band tunes like Jack Hylton's "Bogey Wail" and stripped down, mournful little earworms like Helen Gross & the Kansas City Five's "Undertaker's Blues" were the soundtrack of the 1920s Halloween party. Friends, neighbors, and partners danced the night away to scary stories set to swinging music and sang along to macabre melodies about ghosts, goblins, and devils.

No 1920s Halloween party was complete without playing games. One popular pastime was pumpkin ring toss, where competitors tried to throw a ring – usually made of rope – around a pumpkin. Another 1920s classic lives on to this day: Bobbing for apples was the go-to party game. In some areas of the country, the old school version of apple bobbing comes with a romantic twist: Women marked the apples in different ways, and if a man caught a woman's marked apple, they were destined to be a match.

The Costumes - 1920s Halloween costumes are a far cry from their modern counterparts. For starters, they were homemade, as manufactured costumes didn't hit the market for another decade. Many costumes were made from aprons or sheets (think the classic ghost costume) and were often the loving handiwork of resourceful parents. That's not the only way Prohibition Era costumes differ from today's mass-produced versions. These days, trickor-treaters and Hallow-



een party-goers often dress up as someone or something specific. It might be your favorite superhero, a celebrity, a nod to a pop culture phenomenon, or a historical figure. This was not necessarily the case in the 1920s, as the focus was more on concealing one's identity than inhabiting a particular character. People dressed up as witches, clowns, animals, and whatever monsters they could craft with their own able hands.

The Mischief - Halloween and pranks go hand-in-hand. But by 1920s standards, today's Halloween mischief is child's play. Rather than toilet-papering trees or egging houses, the pranksters of yesteryear stole gates, put people's wagons on their roofs, whacked unsuspecting victims with sacks of flour, and broke windows. The vandalism eventually got so out of hand in some places it was illegal to wear a mask to the local Halloween parade.

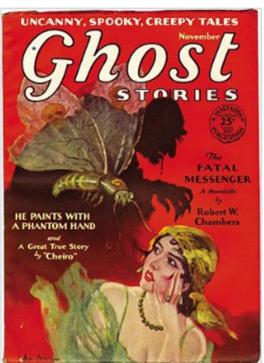
The uptick in destruction coincided with the rise of trick-or-treating. Unlike today, saying the phrase "trick or treat" wasn't a Halloween ritual, it was an ultimatum; it was a quid pro quo. Either a person "treated" the masked person at their door – often with cookies, nuts, or toys – or they made themselves vulnerable to a "trick."

We think we speak for everyone when we say we're glad those days are behind us.

Model A Era Reading 1928-1931:

"Ghost Stories"

Ghost Stories was an American pulp magazine that published 64 issues between 1926 and 1932. It was one of the earliest competitors to *Weird Tales*, the first magazine to specialize in the fantasy and occult fiction genre. It was a companion magazine to *True Story* and *True Detective Stories*, and focused almost entirely on stories about ghosts, many of which were written by staff writers but present-



Cover of the November 1929

ed under pseudonyms as true confessions. These were often accompanied by faked photographs to make the stories appear more believable. *Ghost Stories* also had original and reprinted contributions, including works by Robert E. Howard, Carl Jacobi, and Frank Belknap Long. Among the reprints were Agatha Christie's "The Last Séance" (with the title "The Woman Who Stole a Ghost"), several stories by H. G. Wells, and Charles Dickens's "The Signal-Man". Initially successful, the magazine began to lose readers and in 1930 was sold to Harold Hersey. Hersey was unable

to reverse the magazine's decline, and publication of *Ghost Stories* ceased in early 1932.

The magazine began as a slick, in bedsheet format and switched to pulp layout with the July 1928 issue; it remained as a pulp until the end of its run with the exception of eight issues in large pulp format from April to December 1929. There are

64 issues, with six issues per volume, except for the last volume which included only four issues. The price was 25 cents throughout; it had 128 pages when pulp-sized, and 96 pages when a bedsheet and when it was a large pulp.

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To read this entire 1930 issue, (shown on right) visit <u>Ghost Stories</u> v09 n04 [1930-10]: Free Download, Borrow, and Streaming: Internet Archive



HERE'S SOME FUNNIES...

If your mother spit on her fingers and wiped the dirt off your face with it and you thought that this was normal, you came from a great era.

I'd like to live like a poor man - only with lots of money.

- Pablo Picasso

I'M AT THAT AGE WHERE
MY MIND STILL THINKS
I'M 29, MY HUMOR
SUGGESTS I'M 12 WHILE
MY BODY MOSTLY KEEPS
ASKING IF I'M SURE I'M
NOT DEAD YET.

President's Report, Continued from page 1..

It would be way too long a story to try and tell you the ordeal I went through to get a tow through my Insurance company. They did get me a tow, it was "Nearby" Towing, which was a misnomer, because it came from Temecula. I had to pay \$240 out of pocket to get the AA on the tow truck, which goes back to the aforementioned ordeal. Well, the AA and I made it home just as the Sun was setting, 7:30 PM. Four and a Half hours to go maybe thirty miles, that sounds like a Model A doesn't it? Now, I have a Question for you. Am I the proud new recipient of The Valarie Basham Memorial Hard Luck Trophy? I always say "Admit nothing, Deny everything, and Demand proof". It's probably a good thing I was unsupervised that day, That might have been Judith's last ride with me in a Model A. Oh, I should tell you, it was the fuel pump, and it's all better now.

I want to take this opportunity to again thank Zach Svelling. This time it's for getting the club free entry to the Automotive Museum for this year. If you are a member and in the club roster you can get in free, friends and grandkids etc have to pay their own way. Way to go Zach! Along the same lines, I need to thank all the club members who are stepping up on a daily basis to help out and make things run smoothly. We are getting good ideas for tours and for displays, some of which are requiring a lot of work to bring to fruition. Our installation luncheon group has exceeded all my expectations by coming to agreement and securing a location for us so quickly.

I'm not going to talk about displays and tours this time, I'll let Dave and Ron cover those. If you ever see me sitting alongside the freeway stop and say Hi!

Your President, Guy

What's In a Name?

Ol' Yeller Transforms to Rubie – Ed Woodruff's Model A Story

Ed Woodruff tells that when he originally purchased his 1930 Closed Cab Pickup, it was yellow. Nicknamed Ol' Yeller during the earlier part of its life with Ed, it sported a specially made camper shell which was

great for touring.



About 20 years ago and after removing the camper shell, Ed decided to restore and repaint his A and selected Rubelite Red. Ed reported that a club member actually painted the pickup in Ed's garage, at which time Ol' Yeller became Rubie.

Ed and Rubie have enjoyed many travels together including a tour up the California coast to the MAFCA National Convention in Portland, OR. Ed has been a member of the SDMAFC since 1992.





Sunshine Report

Joan Dainer took a tumble and sustained a shoulder injury. Joan had a left shoulder replacement surgery with a reverse ball joint in her shoulder. She has her own personal physician watching over her with Michael in attendance!

Judy Boyer experienced a mishap in her garden, which left her with torn ligaments in her leg. Since this injury is not surgically repairable, Judy is working with PT and utilizing a walker.

Our prayers for speedy healing to Joan and Judy!

On the Back Page:

"Halloween Party"

From the book, <u>Advertising the Model A Ford</u>, we snipped the artwork and information from the advertisement titled "Halloween Party".

"The neighborhood Halloween party is in full swing. One group of party-goers has parked their new Three-Window Fordor Sedan between two jack-o-lanterns. The costumed merrymakers can be seen through the windows of the house. This ad was published in 14 different magazines between October and November 1930."

REFESHMENTS: Dave Sohr

Snacks for the October 11th Meeting will be provided by:

Jen Baehr Sherill Kelsen Joan Dainer Nina Taravella Gail Ganong



October Birthdays

- 3 Joan Dainer Rodney Tuttle
- 7 JudyJo Beardslee
- 8 Susan Valentino
- 13 Mark Sawyer
- 16 Joe Ambrose Judy Boyer
- 17 Sonya Hill
- 18 Gia Caci
- 23 Arlyn Bieber
- 24 Anne McMillian
- 25 Victor Figueroa
- 27 Theresa Johnson
- 30 Susan Ramsey Nelson
- 31 Ron Niemeyer

October Anniversaries

David & Bette Pauls October 5, 1963 Steve & Joann Cordtz October 23, 1976 Karl & Jane Wehrle October 30, 1976 Michael & Mary Joslyn October 11, 1986 Vern & Lori Schwebke October, 1, 1989



The September Membership Drawing was \$50.00. Tom & Lorrie Allingham's names were drawn. Unfortunately they were not at the meeting, so in October the pot increases to \$60.00. Be sure to attend our October meeting and the next winner could be YOU!



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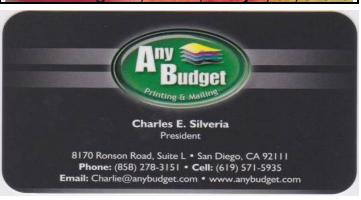
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