

# 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 Legacy: A Century of Reflection

Henry Ford, the legendary industrialist who revolutionized American manufacturing, had strong views on immigration, education, economic stability, and war—thoughts that remain strikingly relevant in today's political landscape. As we navigate the presidential elections of 2024, it's compelling to reflect on how Ford's century-old concerns echo in our current debates.



For many women in the early 20th century, Henry Ford's affordable automobile represented freedom and financial security, especially if they were fortunate to be part of the Ford Motor Company family. Often their expressions of thanks were homemade and in this case also politically inspired. Although Henry Ford never admitted to any presidential aspirations, many Americans wanted to see him in the White House.



Henry Ford Pondering a Run for President, 1923  
Source: [TheHenryFord.org](https://www.thehenryford.org).

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## Ford's Views on Immigration and Cultural Preservation

Ford believed America had a unique ability to manifest ideas inherited from Europe, rooted in Roman and Greek civilization. However, he worried that mass immigration might disrupt this cultural evolution, arguing that some immigrants arrived with deeply ingrained beliefs that could clash with American values. He feared that these foreign influences, particularly from groups struggling to assimilate, might threaten America's cultural progress.

The 1965 Hart-Celler Act, which abolished national origins quotas favoring European immigrants, marked a turning point in America's immigration landscape. While celebrated for promoting anti-discrimination, it also raised concerns about cultural cohesion in an increasingly diverse nation. Today, with immigrants from Latin America, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East shaping American life, the U.S. is more multicultural than ever.

Many see this diversity as a strength, enriching the national tapestry with enrichments like Mexican cuisine and African American contributions to music. But others—echoing Ford—worry about the erosion of shared culture. Much like the discontented masses in ancient Rome, who became dependent on their government for sustenance and entertainment, there are concerns that a divided population might lose sight of common values, making it more vulnerable to instability.



# HENRY FORD'S LEGACY: A CENTURY OF REFLECTION

## Ford's Vision for Education

Ford's concerns about unchecked migrations naturally extended into his views on education. He envisioned an education system that transcended mere knowledge transmission; it should shape character and foster a shared sense of community. In 1916, Ford founded the Henry Ford Trade School, aiming to equip young men with practical skills and a solid academic foundation. His vision was to cultivate a skilled workforce capable of supporting American industry from within, rather than relying on external labor forces.

## Henry Ford Trade School

**FOUNDED OCT. 1916. WITH 6 BOYS & 1 INSTRUCTOR**  
**PRESENT ENROLLMENT 1000 BOYS & 75 INSTRUCTORS**  
**GRADUATES 400 — EMPLOYED BY FORD MOTOR CO. 300**  
**BOYS ENTER AT 12 TO 15 YEARS OF AGE**  
**FINISH JUNIOR COURSE AT 18 — FINISH SENIOR COURSE AT 20**

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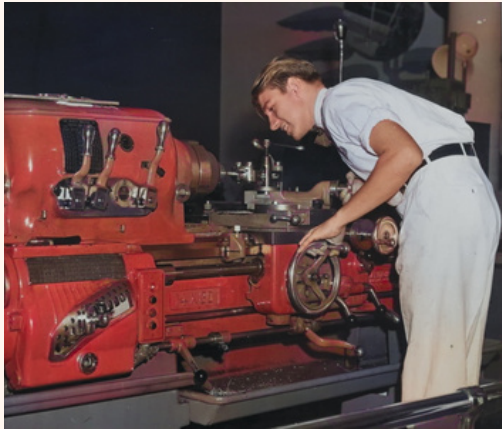
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 ACTUAL TIME OF BOYS AVERAGES 17% TO 18% OVER ESTIMATE  
 DEFECTIVE WORK AVERAGES 4%  
 VALUE OF MATERIAL PRODUCED DURING FIRST QUARTER OF  
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 ALL UPKEEP OF EQUIPMENT —  
 BOYS GIVEN CASH SCHOLARSHIP PAYABLE SEMI-MONTHLY  
 AMOUNTING TO \$375 TO \$936 PER YEAR  
 BOYS GIVEN \$2 PER MONTH TO PUT IN BANK  
 BOYS GIVEN A HOT LUNCH AT NOON  
 NEEDY BOYS GIVEN PREFERENCE  
 PRESENT ENROLLMENT INCLUDES 60 ORPHANS AND 370 SONS  
 OF WIDOWS  
 MORE THAN 5000 LOCAL BOYS ON WAITING LIST



Ford's commitment to education didn't stop there. In 1925, he established a School of Nursing for women at Henry Ford Hospital, offering tuition-free training that not only developed technical skills but also instilled a sense of responsibility and character. The six-story Clara Ford Nurses Home provided housing for 300 students, ensuring they received hands-on training in a supportive environment. For Ford, education was not merely about preparing for a career; it was about nurturing capable and responsible citizens.

Today's education system often prioritizes test scores and college admissions over holistic development. With modern debates focusing on failing schools, we must ask ourselves: Have we lost sight of the purpose of education?



# HENRY FORD'S LEGACY: A CENTURY OF REFLECTION

## Ford's Economic & World Peace Plan

Ford's vision for economic stability included a radical proposal to end wars. He aimed to buy the nitrate plants and the power generated from the Wilson Dam in Muscle Shoals, Alabama to ensure that "the American people will never again consent to the issuance of an interest-bearing bond for an internal improvement." Instead of relying on loans, Ford suggested the government could issue money backed by the country's natural wealth and resources.

His ambitious plan for the world's largest power plant on the Tennessee River sought to replace gold with an "energy currency," backing money with units of energy rather than precious metals. This shift would render wars over financial power obsolete.

Although Congress rejected his purchase proposal, Ford's concerns about our economic system remain relevant today. Since the U.S. abandoned the gold standard in 1971, the dollar has become fiat currency; the value relying solely on public trust in the government. This shift prompts deeper questions about the stability of our economic system: Is an economy built on trust alone sustainable in the long term, or are we risking future financial instability?



## Ford's Legacy in 2024: A Century of Reflection

During Ford's lifetime, there was a widespread sense of optimism as Americans united to build the "World of Tomorrow." Americans built machinery, innovative architecture, and technological advancements that enhanced lives across the nation. The achievements of Ford's era reflected boundless possibilities and a journey toward a more advanced civilization. Yet, a century later, we find ourselves still grappling with many of the same challenges he sought to address.

As we approach the 2024 elections, these longstanding debates—over immigration, education, economic policy and a plan for World peace—remain among the most divisive issues we face. At this pivotal moment, the 2024 presidential election compels us to reflect deeply on our past and our present. Today's choices will not only define our future but also the legacy by which we will be remembered by future generations.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The year was 2006. Lynley and I had been in the club about 6 months when a husband and wife strolled into the meeting. They looked like they had come off the set of the Beverly Hillbillies. Phil and Pat had come out of the Hills of Box Canyon. They were Model T people but, had a Model A as a daily driver for the last 30 plus years. When they introduced themselves as the Shiver's -Lynley said she had a speech client, Bradley Shiver. Turns out he was their nephew's son.

So our friendship started that day. In 2011 I became treasurer and the Shiver's took over as tour director. For the next 2 years we traveled to the board meetings together. In 2012 I became President for the first time. Sad to say most of my Board has moved on to the great beyond.

Pat left us February 28, 2014. I had driven up to the Bay Area to teach woodworking at Woodcraft San Carlos. Phil called me that afternoon to tell me Pat had died in an accident that morning on the 118 Freeway in Simi Valley. She had left us way too soon. A few years later Phil called me to tell me his son John had died. If Phil knew what was happening on June 19, 2024, he would have contacted me. I had tried to call him for his birthday in August. There was no answer which was not a surprise but, I would usually get a call back in a few days. Not this time. Sad but, true. After a google search, here is what I found out.

I will always remember the adventures I had with Phil from trips to swap meets together and moving a fully assembled Bend Pack Lift to our house in Lake Arrowhead. Plus he would often stop by to show me his latest treasure he was dragging home. Rest in peace my friend.

## Board of Directors

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Club Historian - Carol Mosher

## Mailing Address

San Fernando Valley Chapter  
MAFCA  
P.O. Box 8017  
Van Nuys, CA 91409

## 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.





# TOURS & ACTIVITIES

## SUPER CAR SUNDAY - PREWAR EVENT

The cross-club pre-war car event at Super Car Sunday was a roaring success! We had a fantastic turnout of vintage beauties, and the driving tour to The Rock Store was the cherry on top. The San Fernando Valley Model A Club worked the crowd like pros, promoting our upcoming car show and scoring 10 potential new members! Here's to getting more Model As on the road and keeping those classics rolling. Who's ready for the next adventure? We sure are!





# TOURS & ACTIVITIES

## ENCINO TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT

The San Fernando Valley Model A Club had a blast at the 2nd Annual Encino Touch a Truck event! Special thanks to Amber Fuellenbach and OneGeneration for the invite. The kids loved checking out the Model As, and we even snagged a certificate of recognition from the California Legislature. What a day!





# 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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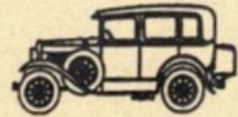


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**Presented by San Fernando Valley  
Ford Model A Club**



**25  
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*Vendor gate opens at 5:45am -- Swap meet starts at 7am.  
Car show staging at 7:00am to 8:30am -- Judging starts at 9am  
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-- Rain or Shine -- No Refunds --*

**50/50  
Drawing**

(PLEASE PRINT)

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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

CAR MAKE: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
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