

THE REFLECTOR

Newsletter of the Palomar Model A Ford Club
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RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

There were four car activities in October—and would have been five had I had the time or if others had the energy (gas?) to attend the Pumpkin Fest Car Show fundraiser at Escondido High School on the 26th. Hopefully we'll be there in 2025.

First of was a trip to the Palomar College Arboretum. The maps of the plantings online are now obsolete, a fact that they warn you about when they say that drought has killed off quite a number of the older plantings. They also have new handicapped accessible trails. It's still a great walk with beautiful plants and weather.

The next weekend we joined the San Diego club at Bates Nut Farm after we enjoyed breakfast at the Golden Egg Omelet House in Escondido.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's getting close to "Drive your Model A Uphill and not Overheat" weather. I hope you have plans to try it.

When I get around to it, I've got one car that needs a new radiator and another that probably needs a new water pump. More than that, I could replace the sparkplugs with a colder type, change the license plate clamp from the light bar to the bumper, ala 1932's like I saw on Rudy Perez's Victoria so the radiator gets better airflow, flush the coolant, change the hoses and grease the fittings. I could not advance the spark so much, turn the carburetor-adjusting valve closer to off than a quarter turn, and be content driving slower, just to enjoy the ride.

There are so many ways to get the same result. If you didn't know any better, you'd think it was easy to fix, but it turns out, with so many ways to get your car to run better/cooler, that also means that there are almost that many ways to cause it to overheat. It also means that you are probably driving your car right now with one or two things unnecessarily raising the temperature and shortening the road life of some other part which is adversely effected by heat when doing so. I know I have been, and it all comes back to haunt me later when, of course, fixing one or two problems seems to have little effect, so then, I can't drive my car until it is "Drive your Model A Uphill and not Overheat" weather.



I gets me to thinking that we put a lot of preventative maintenance off because we've gotten by without working hard on it for a while. Back East and North, this is the time of year folks garage their Model A's to keep them safe until next spring. It's the time we receive dues requests for next year's club memberships. It's when we do one last cleaning before we put out the holiday decorations. It's when we take the photo for the Christmas card and spend weeks addressing the envelopes. It's probably a good time to perform all of that delayed maintenance on the Model A.

With all of those things to do, I've got two ideas. For one, we could do them together, as with company things would pass more quickly, and also, my advice for the next club president would be to arrange for officers in August 2025 when we've got nothing going on because you might tell someone "your work won't be required for months when all this will be behind you" but they won't feel like you're telling the truth! Ask them in August when they're in hammocks drinking mint juleps.

May your Chrome be Polished and your Spare Tire Filled with Air, David Frazee, President Pa

CALENDAR IN PROGRESS

November 6 General Meeting Palomar Estates 7:00 PM Bring money for dues & Christmas Party.

November 9 Leo Carrillo Park with Temecula Club meet at Palomar Estates at 9AM.

November 24 Last Sunday Breakfast Charlie's 210 N Ivy St, 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. \$30 must pay in advance. Bring wrapped present valued under \$20 to participate in gift exchange.

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

April 3—5, 2025 CCRG 2025 Jamboree – Visalia, California Organizer: Phil Kneeland
(559) 679-1980. lindannphil@sbcglobal.net

May 23—25, 2025 Northern California Regional Group Roundup – Sacramento <https://sacramentocapitolas.org/2025-ncrg-roundup-hosted-by-capitol-as/>

OCTOBER MINUTES

Call to order October 2 @ 7:05P

Attendance - 24

Minutes from September meeting written by Karla Maxwell approved with no corrections. Motion to approve Jim Quinlan and Anthony Lugo, seconded by Bruce Parker

Treasurer report - Bruce Furbush Checks written since last meeting to RB PrintPros \$53.46 and donation to SD Firehouse museum \$100. New bill \$16.66 for RB PrintPros. Motion to approve Mark Greenlee, second Linda Thamer, approved by vote.

New member - Charlie Doherty (29 Roadster and 31 Pickup) joined and paid \$20 dues.

Christmas party discussed and have same menu as last year at the Hunter, \$30 per person will be the cost and Karen Beel will conduct gift exchange (\$20 suggested maximum cost and indication on wrapped gift if male or female oriented).

Sunshine/Sorrow - Karla Maxwell out due to medical; Chris Fuller in hospital; Sally Sheridan passed.

Last Sunday Breakfast -Greg Wilson choice of Silverback cafe was liked by all. Plus Greg showed his (new) 50 Ford in parking lot.

Next Breakfast - Oct 27th San Luis Ray Bakery with Temecula Club 9 AM. Tour report - Sept 21 at SD Firehouse Museum with San Diego Club had 17 cars and lunch inside the museum.

Next Tours - Oct 5 at Palomar College Arboretum meet at Palomar Estates at 9:30A. Oct 12 Bates Nut Farm pumpkin carving will meet at Broken Yolk at 8:30A. Nov. 9 Leo Carrillo Park with Temecula Club meet at Palomar Estates at 9AM.

Long Tour - nothing to report. Bruce Howe not present.

Vice President report- Bill Adams not present

Hospitality - Coffee and snacks Karen Beel and Ed Simpson; next month volunteers - Greg Wilson, Karen Beel and Karyn Frazee

Show and Tell - Mark Greenlee crank shafts for Model T and A, David Frazee demo of floor board manual bell.

Old Business - ballot to reduce number of officers to 8, President, Secretary and Treasurer must remain to keep club status.

Drawing - Jim Quinlan winner.

Monkey Business - Chris Fuller received the crown for carburetor and wiring jobs, as he was ill and not in attendance, David Frazee was asked to photoshop the crown onto his head..

Began collection for Christmas dinner (\$30/ person). Greg Wilson will assist Bruce at next meeting collecting for dinner and annual dues.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Submitted by Bruce Furbush



Greg Wilson's and Bruce Howe's cars at the Vista Library's 30th Anniversary event



A crown appears on Chris Fuller's member photo after helping Chuck Grabowsky with his truck.

OCTOBER EVENTS

There was a great turnout and lots of different pumpkin patch related activities. Ron & Linda Niemeyer entered a scarecrow dressed in vintage clothes which won 4th place with a \$75 prize.

On Saturday 19th, five members brought their cars to the Vista Library branch to help celebrate the location's 30th Anniversary.

Librarian, Leslie Ann Masland gave them "A very much heartfelt thank you from myself and everyone here at the Vista Library for your participation on Saturday! Everyone was quite impressed by all the cars in the show and the variety of cars and knowledge you all imparted. Personally I was quite nostalgic as I used to go on the car show circuit as a child in his Triumph Dolomite.

"We hope to work together again in the future soon (with more lead time!). Until then, please take care and think of the Vista Library should you need a meeting spot. We're happy to host again anytime."



LAST SUNDAY BREAKFASTS

October 27th we returned to the San Luis Rey Bakery with the Temecula Valley chapter which was followed by some visiting the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum in Vista. For breakfast we had a turnout of 25 people and 11 cars.

On November 23rd at 8 AM we will eat at **Charlie's** 210 N Ivy St, in Escondido





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 Birthday: Oct 25
 Black 1931 Pickup

DUES ARE DUE

It's the time of year to pay your dues and to try to recruit additional members to the club. Send \$20 and potential membership applications to:

1836 Sunny Slope Terrace
 Escondido, CA 92027

BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Fiebke	1 November
Martie Wiedle	4 November
Karen Beel	7 November
Barbara Kruegel	10 November
Fred Slikker	14 November
Jim Ball	15 November
Danny Montijo	20 November
West Leffingwell	23 November
Doug Dixon	25 November

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Debra Kruegel	6 November
Wayne & Martie Wiedle	8 November
Jim & Betty Foster	21 November
West & Johannah Leffingwell	23 November
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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 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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