

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 Thoughts on Giving with Purpose This Holiday Season

As the holiday season approaches, consider how our acts of charity impact those around us. Henry Ford believed true charity should come from individuals within the community, not large institutions, which often create dependency. For Ford, genuine giving not only helps someone in the moment but empowers them to thrive independently. Let's take inspiration from his vision to make a real difference in our communities.



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Henry Ford and H. G. Wells with Edison Institute Schools Students, 1937 Source: TheHenryFord.org

Offer Practical Support:

Know someone recovering from illness or grieving? Offer practical help like preparing meals or covering a house-cleaning or landscaping service. This support meets real needs and helps them regain self-reliance.

Mentorship in Meaningful Tasks:

If you're skilled in cooking, woodworking, or mechanics, invite a young person or neighbor to learn from you. Share these skills with others. Baking holiday treats, organizing a workshop, or helping someone learn to fix their car empowers them with valuable skills and reduces their dependence on others.

Ford cautioned against charity that merely "coddles," creating dependency and diminishing self-respect. Instead, think of donations that align with his philosophy: tools, materials, or training that help people build skills or find work. Consider supporting a local trade school or funding skill-building programs that open pathways to independence.

Ford's approach to charity respects others' potential. When we give to help others become independent, we honor their dignity and abilities. Ford reminds us that a great community is built on individuals who support one another, not through endless giving but by creating opportunities for growth and self-reliance.

This holiday season, let's give with purpose, inspired by Ford's vision. Whether teaching a skill or providing practical help let's aim for charity that empowers, respects, and builds a resilient community.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I near the end of my current term I feel I am handing over a club that is great shape. Try as I may I could not deplete the club's bank account.

Pizza night was a big success. After eating 11 pizzas people were fighting for board positions. I am happy to say all positions will be filled and even Jim Lank got up to fight to get his position back as Newsletter Editor. I want to thank Russ for getting the yummy pizzas. Whatever the mystery herb sprinkled on those pies did the trick. And don't forget the brownies.

By the time you read this the swap meet will probably be over. I want to thank Jim Lank for his dedication to the cause and to Hunter Bloch for his hard work dragging in cars to pay for this event. As prices go up at Rancho San Antonio Boys Home we might have to rethink our plan. Maybe it is time to go big or go home. Just look around at other Swap Meets (Turlock) and other Car Shows (Classic Chevys-300 cars) for ideas on what we might be able to pull off in the future.

My last official act will be the installation banquet on January 5, 2025. 11:00 AM at The Smoke House in Toluca Lake. Come see the outcome of the Pizza Night Brawl. So far we have 38 people coming. Good seats are still available. That is the day we announce the Board positions and the all-important job of swearing in the new President. Will we see a repeat of January 6, 2021? Stay tuned.

Larry Margules

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President - Larry Margules
Vice President - Mike Petrella
Treasurer - Hunter Bloch
Secretary - To Be Announced
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Sunshine - Lynley 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

Highlights from the Model A Club Meeting!

The San Fernando Valley Model A Club's last general meeting was a hoot and a half! We got through those 2025 - 2027 board and committee nominations, and boy, are we in for some new and exciting leadership! We cherish our past leaders, of course (because who else could keep the gaskets from flying off our engines?), but we're also revving up to welcome some fresh voices.

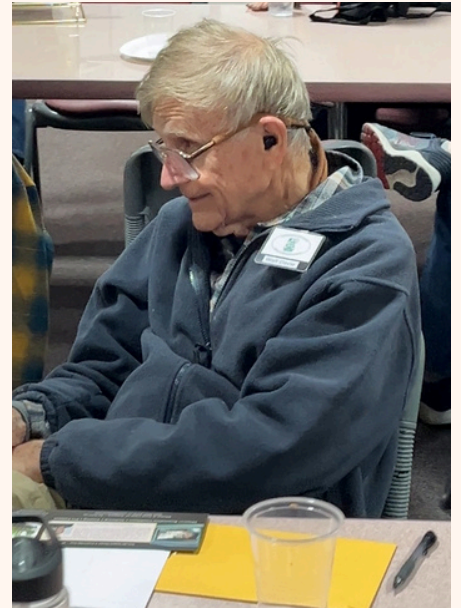
Speaking of luck, Stan the Man must have made a deal with Lady Fortune herself. He won both raffles: the Members Raffle and the 50/50! Someone check that guy's pockets for four-leaf clovers.

A special shout-out goes to Shelbie, Wade Ratzlaff's daughter, who proudly accepted her brother's Go Kart trophy for winning the race and setting the fastest lap time. Way to keep it in the family, Shelby!

Meanwhile, poor Walt Davie is calling for a cavalry of grease monkeys to help tinker with his stubborn Model A. Let's rally, folks! We're a club, after all—one for all and all for carburetor adjustments.

And the highlight announcement: Our Banquet is set for January 5, 2025, at the Smoke House in Toluca Lake! If you roll in with your Model A, we'll cover your parking fee (fancy, right?). The cost is \$35 per person, but the club is matching that, making it practically a steal. Pay your dues and banquet cost by December 15, and we'll throw in a waived \$6 ACC fee. Sure, it's not a big savings, but hey, I tried! No refunds if you already paid, though. Sorry, my hands are tied!

See you at the next meeting—unless you're busy trying to siphon off some of Stan's raffle-winning magic!



Birthdays

Sharon Kreis 11/5
Craig Edmonds 11/5
John Ciccarelli 11/10
Virginia Keene 11/15
Janet Waters 11/17
Ted Roberts 11/18
Vicki Carlisle 11/19
Gregory Hoyt 11/19

Anniversaries

Mike/Renee Petrella 11/11
Carroll & Valerie Vaughn 11/15

Next General Meeting

Mark your calendars! Join us on November 21st 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!

TOURS & ACTIVITIES

SFV CAR SHOW & SWAP MEET

The San Fernando Valley Model A Car Show and Swap Meet was a roaring success—thanks to the club members who somehow kept things running smoother than a freshly greased chassis! A huge shout-out to the tireless Hunter Bloch and Jim Lank, who coordinated it all. Jim even managed to stay behind the camera, snapping event photos like a pro. Carol Mosher was in the spotlight, proudly accepting the Ron Mosher Memorial trophy alongside the winner of the last car Ron restored. It was a heartwarming moment, complete with laughs, maybe even a tear or two (we won't tell).



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MODEL A CLUB'S HIGH-SPEED ADVENTURE

The San Fernando Valley Model A Club took a detour from nostalgia to nitro! Starting at the Valley Relics Museum, members marveled at neon signs and a retro arcade, then hit MB2 Raceway for go-kart mayhem. Picture Model A fans zooming like teenagers—except a real teenager won, leaving everyone in a cloud of chuckles and disbelief!



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Planes, Autos, and Chili Dogs

Another high-speed adventure with the San Fernando Valley Model A Club! First stop: Apollo Airfield, where members marveled at RC model planes soaring and swooping—thanks to Joe, a passionate RC pilot who even convinced some Model A folks they could fly. Next, it was off to the Encino Velodrome for thrilling RC auto races, with Jay the racer revving up their enthusiasm. The grand finale? Chili dogs and hamburgers at The Stand, where racing tales met ketchup stains and laughter filled the air.



MEMBER STORY


Cats, Karma, and Car Parts

Scott McNatt, the ever-adventurous tours and activities director for The San Fernando Valley Model A Club, recently turned a road trip into a Model A parts safari. Venturing into Arizona, Scott made a pit stop at the iconic Hackberry General Store, where he snapped a photo with none other than Charlie the cat, the local four-pawed Model A enthusiast. Next, he met Sammy from Arizona Model A, whose vast parts yard was like a Model A candy store. Aimee, Scott's partner, looked on with a knowing smile, thinking, "This must be karma for all the antique shops I drag him into!"



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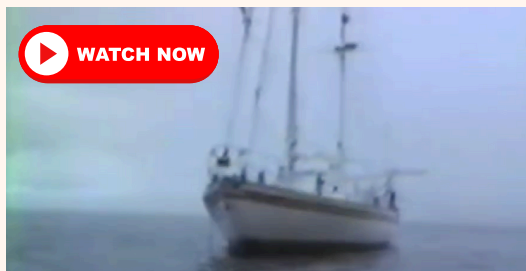
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FROM BACKYARD DREAM TO HIGH SEAS



Conejo Valley Model A's: The Mohr Boat Adventure

Back in the 1970s, Steve and Linda Mohr embarked on a grand adventure that began with a question most wives would cautiously consider. Steve, with his infinite optimism and a vision for the future, asked, “Honey, you want to build a boat and sail the world with me?” Without missing a beat, Linda, his ever-supportive partner, replied with a simple but life-changing “Sure!”

Thus began a boat-building escapade that spanned years and took over their lives. They had Australian Naval Architecture plans—a little more than your average DIY project—but Steve and Linda came from that golden era where people just knew how to build and fix anything. Or at least they believed they could.



It all started in their garage. A garage. To build a boat. And not just any boat—a 55-foot yacht. You can only imagine the neighbors’ faces when they saw that Steve and Linda had moved their boat project to the backyard, hand-sewing balsa wood planks like some nautical quilting project. Steve would push the needle through the balsa wood while Linda was inside the hull, pushing the needle back out to Steve, in and out, in and out—like the most extreme version of arts and crafts ever—but with way more splinters.

Before long, Steve sent Linda off to find a new place with one condition: “Make sure we can get this boat in and out of the property.” Easy, right? Linda, always up for a challenge, found them the perfect home—right next to the railroad tracks in Northridge, because of course, moving a boat near active trains wouldn’t complicate things at all.



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They sewed, they sanded—an 8-foot sanding board, mind you—and their boat slowly took shape. Their sons and Steve's brother, Ed, a body shop expert, jumped in to help, because nothing bonds family like hours of manual labor on a giant floating project. Free labor is a beautiful thing, especially when it involves melting 17,500 pounds of lead made from wheel weights collected from half the Valley to create the ballast. Who melted all that lead? Linda, of course—armed with a 55-gallon drum coated in tin.

After all the fiberglass, Bondo, sanding, and sweat, they finally mounted a 54-foot mast and installed a Ford diesel marine engine—because when Steve and Linda do something, they do it big. Steve affectionately named Linda his "plugerette" after she hammered in 2,000 plugs. Talk about a love language!

The day finally came to move the boat to the water, and the truck driver tasked with the job wore a huge grin to disguise his panic as he hauled the giant vessel toward the train tracks. At one point, the truck actually spun out on the gravel, and the driver calmly asked Steve's brother Ed to "stop the train." You know, just a casual favor. And wouldn't you know it? The big boss of the train came by, and instead of being furious about the interruption, he took one look at the boat and exclaimed, "This is the most beautiful boat I've ever seen!" Crisis averted.

Steve christened the boat "Linda Marie" after his loyal, tough, and loving wife, and off they went—sailing to Hawaii, San Diego, the Channel Islands, and beyond. They lived aboard for a year, reveling in their hard-earned freedom.

Linda, a Bronx girl at heart, couldn't believe she'd become a sailor. "What a feeling!" she'd say. "Who ever thought a girl from the Bronx would be sailing the high seas?"

Fewer than 1% of people who start building a boat actually finish, and even fewer get that boat on the water. But Steve and Linda Mohr? They weren't just part of that 1%—they were the entire story. To watch the Linda Marie maiden voyage click [watch now](#).



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

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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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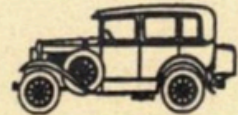


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