

THE REFLECTOR

DUES ARE DUE

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CHRISTMAS DECORATION DAY AT THE MODEL A MUSEUM



From left to right: Carol & Mike Sluis, Carol & Wally Healy, Pat & John Marshall and John Hoffman headed up to Kalamazoo to decorate the Model A Museum for the Holidays just before Thanksgiving. The Gilmore Museum Complex has the spectacular "Winter Wonderland a Holiday Light Spectacular" from 5pm till 9pm everyday until December 30th. www.gilmorecarmuseum.org for more info.



"Betsy" the 1930 cabriolet restored by Red Grow, donated by Donna Lewis, and raffled by the MAFFI foundation in October, was won by Neil Wingate of Lowell, Indiana.



It's a happy time at the museum which has been so generously supported by Model A Ford lovers and the community that construction is progressing nicely.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Twenty-Twenty-Four has been a marathon, but the finish line is in sight. I've wanted to keep my messages hopeful, thoughtful, and truthful because after each month ends, another one starts, and it's another for which as club president, I would be responsible. Until now.

Even though I will be irresponsible on December 14th, I think it's best not to change the essence with this one. I'll just try making it short.

It's been an honor to be the President. You folks have all been so nice to me despite my tendency to ramble on. Thanks for not griping when I experimented with summer picnic meetings on either end of our territory, and for being understanding when we had to move the meetings to the Vista Library. I don't feel a single bit guilty pushing Bruce Furbush into accepting the job for 2025 as I know he'll do great and you'll be just as nice to him.

I've been looking forward to making big changes in my life, and getting the time back to doing things I've put aside to take classes, work for the chapter, and set up a big family reunion (first having to find everyone), and it's about here.

Cleaning up, restoration, repair, preservation, exercise and creative expression are all things I look forward to. With all the repetitiveness, they got boring after my first couple of years of retirement, but they're looking a lot better, now. As I sign off for a last time, I really do wish for you the consistent positive you get when "Your Chrome is brightly Polished and your Spare Tire Filled with Air"

Merry Christmas, David Frazee, President Pa

MAFCA PRESIDENT, BOB BULLARD'S DECEMBER MESSAGE

I am finishing my second term as MAFCA President and this will be my final Web column message. It has been a pleasure serving on the Board of Directors over the previous four years and as president of MAFCA for 2023 and 2024. It has been a pleasure serving with fellow board members: Ed Tolman, Gary Price, Melanie Whittington, Will Langford, Paul Shinn, Chet Wojcik, Jr., Dave Gill, Bill Truesdell, Kay Lee, Jay McCord, Happy Begg, Dean Potter, Dave Libbey, Dan Foulk, Tom Jeanes, Doug Linden and Ruth Janke. A great group one and all for donating their valuable time and financial resources to serve the MAFCA membership

As MAFCA members we are very blessed to have the dedicated office staff of: Sandra Aguirre, Brenda Rodriguez, Juanita Villa working on our behalf. They do a wonderful job of "grinding the gears" and keeping MAFCA between the "white lines." If you have ever had the occasion to contact MAFCA's office in La Habra you can

attest to their professionalism, effectiveness and courtesy in serving the membership.

On page 3 of the Restorer is a list of the various MAFCA committees and appointments that are incredibly involved with all the many aspects of MAFCA's day to day operations. Starting with Andy Scheer, Editor of The Restorer to Sherry Winkinhofer as Era Fashion Editor and A World Youth Newsletter Editor, Garth and Janet Shreading providing MAFCA History vignettes, Robert Kreipke as Honorary Historian and Tom Jeanes as Technical Editor, each of these individuals spend considerable time and effort researching and writing monthly articles for The Restorer magazine which in my opinion is the premier magazine devoted to the Model A automobile. Also, thanks to Peter Gariepy our new Web Master as he works to manage MAFCA's new webpage and webpage content.

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NOVEMBER MINUTES

Minutes for November 6, 2024 - Meeting of the Palomar A's was called to order by President, David Frazee at 7:03 PM with 26 in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Bill Adams.

A motion was made by Linda Thamer to approve the minutes of the October meeting as published in the Reflector, and seconded by Chuck Grabowsky. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Bruce Furbush gave the Treasurer's report and received Members upcoming dues as well as reservation deposits for the Christmas lunch at Hungry Hunter. There were no bills for October. Motion to approve the report was made by Mark Greenlee and seconded by Bruce Parker. Motion passed by those in attendance.

Sunshine & Sorrow – David Frazee gave a brief report on the passing of Sally Sheridan. Karen Beel received a day early birthday present with the birth of a great grandson. Roseanne Meyerhoff was healing nicely from recent successful cancer surgery. Greg Wilson was not in attendance due to his normal Fall cold and Chris Fuller was dealing with ongoing health issues. Steve DeAmbrogio's vertigo has still not subsided.

West and Johanna Leffingwell invited everyone to an open house celebration of their 44th wedding anniversary and West's 90th birthday. Saturday, Nov 23. Hours are 10 AM – 3 PM, 1095 Hygeia Ave, Leucadia.

Last Sunday Breakfast – November 24 Last Sunday Breakfast 8 AM Charlie's, 210 N Ivy St., Escondido.

January 23, **THURSDAY**, will be at Pegah's in Vista at **9 AM**. 945 S Santa Fe Ave, Vista, CA 92083.

Greg Wilson will be taking over coordination of the Last Sunday Breakfast events.

Short Tours – Mark Greenlee – Nov 9; Leo Carrillo Ranch in Carlsbad. Attendees can meet either at intersection of freeways 76 and 15, at Palomar Estates, 8:30 AM or at the Ranch. After the tour there will be a bring your own lunch picnic and Mark will bring a grill if anyone wants to grill their own meats.

Mark also presented a slide show reviewing past events of the year. Good memories and happy faces.

Long Tours – Over the Thanksgiving holiday there will be the "Larry Tour" in remembrance of Larry Beel. The tour will include the Temecula Club and exploration of Death Valley. Tour leader is Rudy Perez.

April 3-5, The CCRG 2025 Jamboree in Visalia.

August 24 – September 6, 2025 there will be a tour between Santa Monica and Chicago.

Old Business: Club Bylaws [existing] – Article 5, Section A – Officers – "The Club officers shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tour Leader, Newsletter Editor, Membership Chairman, Publicity Chair, Librarian/Archivist, and Raffle Chairman."

There was a suggestion to replace with - "The Club officers shall be: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tour Leader, Newsletter Editor, Membership Chairperson and Entertainment Chair and such other officers as may be elected in accordance with the provisions of this Article."

Motion was made by David Frazee and seconded by Chuck Grabowsky. Motion passed by those in attendance.

New Business - President Report – David Frazee : Slate of Officers for 2025: Bruce Furbush as President, Karla Maxwell as Secretary, Bill Adams as Treasurer and Ed Lopez as Membership Chair. The offices of Tour Leader, Newsletter Editor and Entertainment Chair are currently vacant. Volunteers for additional offices are as follows: Mark Greenlee as Technical Chair, Donna & Anthony Lugo as Hospitality as well as Sunshine and Sorrow, Greg Wilson as Breakfast Coordinator and Ed Simpson as Publicity. Note: Vice President, Librarian, Southern California Regional Group Rep, Long Tour Chair and Webmaster, are no longer officers within the Bylaws and will not have regular reports.

A motion was made by Chuck Grabowsky to approve the Slate as it stands and seconded by Barbara Kruegel. Motion carried. David Frazee congratulated the board for 2025.

Vice-President Report – Bill Adams has been sourcing suppliers for new Club T-shirts. He

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NOVEMBER MINUTES CONTINUED

passed around samples and described the possibility of silk screening the front logo for estimated \$22-24, shirt included, or a print on technique of estimated \$15-18. Both prices were for 15 shirts minimum with turn around about 1 month. The Club members indicated approval of staying with the current blue color. A motion was made by Bill Adams to place an order of \$400 in assorted sizes. Motion seconded by Bruce Parker. Motion carried.

Hospitality – Bruce Furbush and Mark Greenlee have offered snacks for the **January 8, 2025** meeting. Bruce Furbush and Roseanne Meyerhoff offered to bring the cake to the Christmas Dinner.

Tech Report – Mark Greenlee suggested a workshop on distributor rebuilds. A show of hands indicated many Members had spare distributors or parts that could be traded or shared. Mark suggested the goal would be that everyone would have a spare to include in each A's emergency kit.

Show & Tell – Ed Lopez gave an interesting presentation on succulents as house plants. He

brought examples of various succulents planted in glass containers and gave instructions on planting medium as well as watering and sun suggestions. These low maintenance options could easily fit into any home environment.

Entertainment – Karen Beel oversaw a variety of items for door prizes. A lot of treasures found new homes. There were 2 birthday prizes. West Leffingwell's name was pulled for November and Ed Simpson for December.

There was a reminder for those that would participate in the Christmas gift exchange. A wrapped present with label stating Male or Female should be attached to the gift if appropriate. Also, value of the gift should be \$10 minimum to \$20 max.

Big Opportunity Winner [radiator surround] was Nancy Quinlan. She tried to draw the ace of spades but pulled the 8 of spades instead.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Submitted by Karla Maxwell

MAFCA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Additionally, MAFCA has Tom Rut as Chairman of the Judging Standards Committee's eight-member team working to create the wonderful technical standards and information necessary to service, restore and enjoy our Model A's. Their work sets the benchmark for understanding how original or how modified our cars have become over the years. But if your car has been modified don't despair, Howard Eckstein as Chairman of the six member Restorers Class Committee stands ready with a recognition program for all those "drivers" out there. It is the perfect "no man gets left behind" approach to our Model As' restoration, care and use. Chair Laurie Elliott and her six-person team form the Era Fashion Committee and they provide excellent guidance in the preservation, display and wearing of Model A era clothing and stand ready to assist any member assembling an era correct wardrobe. Besides driving a historically correct Model A, you do it in appropriate era fashion.

An African proverb is credited with originating the phrase "it takes a village to raise a child" conveying the message that it takes many people ("the village") to provide a safe, healthy environment

for children, where children are given the security, they need to develop and flourish. I believe the same could be said for all the leaders and volunteers that graciously offer their time and financial resources to MAFCA so that we can all safely enjoy the venerable Model A automobile. "It takes a village to manage this club" and MAFCA is blessed to have a great one.

"See you down the road!" Robert Bullard

LAST, LAST SUNDAY BREAKFAST

On November 23rd at 8 AM eight of us ate at **Charlie's** 210 N Ivy St, in Escondido. It's been about the steadiest restaurant I've ever been to in the 28, yes 28 years I've lived in Escondido. So many other restaurants that were real local institutions have changed and soon gone out of business, but Charlie's has outlasted them all with good food, good prices, and good service. With us there, you could add good company.

There's no breakfast scheduled in December, so look for a **Thursday** the 23rd breakfast at **9:00 AM** at **Pegah's** in Vista to start the new year.



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BECAUSE: Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

In golf, where did the term 'Caddie' come from?

BECAUSE: When Mary Queen of Scots went to France as a young girl, Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scots game 'golf.' He had the first course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her.

Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into caddie.



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Dianne Frazee	13 December
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Sandra Yancey	15 December
Betty Foster	22 December
Ed Simpson	24 December
Donna Lugo	28 December
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ANNIVERSARIES

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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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