

Quail Call

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Over 65 years of Model A'ing



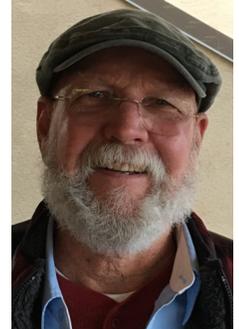
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July 2025

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Guy McElroy*

Well, here we are, six months of the year behind us and six in front.

We have been having some really big weeks as far as available activities go. The day of the La Mesa Flag Day parade there was also Gillespie Field's Wings and Wheels display which some folks went to and also the Kaisers had a luncheon for any who wished to come. Just around the corner we have the Fourth of July which has two events: the Mount Miguel Covenant Fourth of July Parade and lunch as well as a display at the Alpine Community Center. I believe we have cars going to each event. Some days it's really hard to pick which event to attend. We are making Ron (and Linda) Niemeyer really work keeping track of who shows up at which event and who is in a Modern and who is bringing two vehicles. But it's all good, right, so much better than not getting the buggies out at all.



Speaking of Ron Niemeyer, his Phaeton got a beautiful People's Choice Trophy at the All Ford Picnic. It was nice to see that people do recognize a beautiful car when they see one. I think Ron was pretty happy with the way that worked out.



Judith and I drove separate vehicles to the All Ford Picnic, she took the little coupe and I came in the AA truck. (see photo right). When it was all done and time to go Judith jumped in the coupe and started it right up and turned to me with a big grin. She's still trying to master the startup procedure, but she nailed it that time. After about five seconds the engine died (so did the grin). She tried several times to no avail. The gas was on, the spark retarded, the throttle down three clicks, the key on. (Continued on Page 7.)

UP-COMING EVENTS: **Save these dates!**

JULY

- 1 Board Meeting at the Niemeyer's
- 4 Covent Village Parade & BBQ
- 4 Alpine Community Center Car Display
- 11 Business Meeting—Santee 7 PM
- 13 Village Walk car display @ Eastlake
- 16 Granite Lyon Cellars Winery—Jamul
- 26 Pine Valley Parade

AUGUST

- 8 Business Meeting—Santee 7 PM
- 16 Obsolete Technology Tour—Jim Train



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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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E-mail: modelarestorers@sbcglobal.net

Website: www.modelaford.org

Dues are \$50.00 per calendar year.

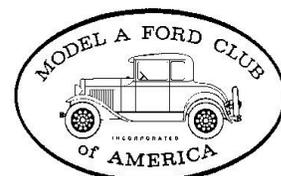
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250 S. Cypress Street
La Habra, Ca. 90631-5515
(562) 697-2712

E-mail: info@mafca.com

Website: www.mafca.com

Dues are \$50.00 per calendar year.



SAN DIEGO MODEL A FORD CLUB

General Business Meeting – June 13, 2025



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 June 13, 2025. Guy led the Pledge of Allegiance, then asked if there were any corrections to the May 2025 Minutes as published in the Quail Call. Ray Beardslee moved to accept the minutes; Paul Winchester 2nd; motion passed.

Tours: [Dave Kelsen] **Past Tours:** **May 3&4 Historic Ridge Route Tour** - Zach Svelling will have a presentation about this trip later in the meeting.) **May 10– Historical Poway Tour** coordinated by Cliff Hughes visited the Poway Community Church, Poway Park, a vintage car collection, Poway Old Town Museum and the Rancho Bernardo Winery. Attending were 9 A's & 4 moderns. **Upcoming Tours:** **June 21 – All Ford Picnic** at Santee Lakes. The event is free but Santee Lakes charges \$7.00/car to get into the park. Meet at El Cajon Target at 8:45 AM. **July 16 – Zach & Rochelle Svelling** are coordinating a tour to **Granite Lyons Winery** in Jamul Will take back roads to the winery; bring a picnic lunch. Meet at El Cajon Target at 10:30. **August 16th – Tour to Jim Train's Obsolete Technology Shop.** **September 20th - International Model A Day.** Looking for a historic place to visit and display the cars. Mission San Diego was suggested.

Parades/Displays: [Ron Niemeyer]. **Past Parades:** Ron Niemeyer picked up the award for Best Community Entry for the Lakeside Western Days Parade. **May 17th – Tierra Santa Patriots Parade** 5 A's attended. **May 26 – Kensington Memorial Day Parade;** 16 A's attended and most made it to the end. **June 7 – Descanso Day Parade & Fair** –Cliff Hughes was the only A attending. **June 8 – Car Display at Carlton Hills Lutheran Church,** 12 A's attended with a First Tour for Ray & Gail Ganong. **June 10 – Good Samaritan Car Display;** 8 A's attended and we received a \$100.00 donation. **Future Parades/Displays:** **June 14 – La Mesa Flag Day Parade and Wings & Wheels at Gillespie Field.** **June 15 – Father's Day Car Show at Shadow Mountain Church.** **July 4th – Alpine Community Center Festival** 11 AM-2 PM, **Scripps Ranch Parade and Covenant Village Parade/Display.** **Evening fireworks** at Dave Sohr's house- bring chairs and a potluck dish. **July 13 – Village Walk Eastlake.**

Treasurer: [Nayola Bieber] Checking account balance included **money deposited in May:** \$36.00 Ways & Means; \$26.00 Refreshments and \$360.00 for apparel. **Bills to pay.** \$300.00 to Carlton Hills Lutheran Church for use of meeting space for January – June. A motion was made by Kathryn Hughes to pay this bill, seconded by Ray Beardslee; approved by all members.

Old Business:

Texas State Tour June 12-15 – flyer with info is available for raffle of long block

New Business:

Leno's Law – Tom Lazar contacted State Senator Shannon Grove's office regarding correct information about "Leno's Law" (classic car legislation). Bottom line: new legislation will not affect our Model A's.

MAFCA Banquet December 3-6 in Mobile, AL

SD Regional Group tour to Grand Canyon – Paul Winchester spoke about this tour meeting up with the A's that are driving from Chicago. If interested, you need to register so they can get an idea of participation.

Membership/Merchandise: [Rochelle Svelling] 54 members are in attendance tonight with 1 visitor. Rochelle is actively recruiting a Merchandise Chair.

Property: [Jim Taber] – Nothing to report

Defender: [Ray Beardslee] Nothing to report

Refreshments: [Jennifer Baehr] Lots of snacks tonight. Passing around the sign- up sheet for August and beyond.

Webmaster: [Chris Halter] Chris has added a way to sign up for events via the website. Also available are tech videos that correspond with Paul Winchester's monthly technical presentation.

Correspondence: [Kris Francis] Waiting for the current national magazines to publish our chapter articles.

Era & Fashions Presentation: [Cliff Hughes] Cliff discussed Model A accessories and Zach Svelling had a video about the Ridge Route Trip.

Technical: [Paul Winchester] Paul Winchester discussed changing oil and types of oil to use.

Ways & Means: [Tina Weisenseel] Six raffle items with a \$20.00 Auto Zone gift card for the Door Prize.

Membership drawing prize [\$10.00]: Joe & Susan Valentino's names were drawn and were present. They re-donated their prize Next month = **\$20.00.**

Hard Luck Trophy: Larry & Carolyn Kaiser were presented the Valarie Basham Memorial Hard Luck Trophy for issues experienced during the Kensington Memorial Day Parade.

Closing: Ric Bonnorant entertained us with a few jokes. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 PM by Zachary Svelling and seconded by Dave Sohr. Meeting adjourned.

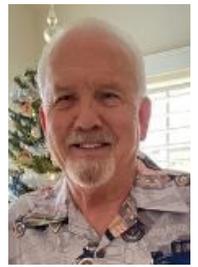


Respectfully submitted, *Kris Francis,*

Kris Francis (Recording secretary)

Tours Report

Hello everyone! On Saturday, June 21st, our Tour was the San Diego Early Ford V-8 Club's "All-Ford Picnic". It was held at Santee Lakes and was a beautiful day. Guy and Judith McElroy were nice enough to lead us. They each drove a Model "A"! We met at the El Cajon Target at 8:30am and drove through North El Cajon to Santee, avoiding freeways. We made our way into the Park to find (3) Model As from the Temecula Model A Club drove down for the event.



Many Fords and Mercurys, of all years, from Model Ts through 1980s attended. Also Chevys and others showed up. All were welcome and lots of park visitors were excited to see the cars. So many nice people were excited to share information about their cars.

For \$10.00 a great Lunch was provided by the V-8 Club; or you could bring your own. Tina and Nina offered delicious homemade cookies to enjoy. We had our chairs in the shade near the cars and had lots of great conversation.

Holder of Raffle Tickets had an opportunity to win prizes on the 1/2 hour. Several of our Club Members were winners! Most exciting was the People's Choice Car contest. Throughout the day, you could vote for your favorite car. Our own Ron & Linda Niemeyer won 3rd Place. What an honor, considering how many nice cars were in the competition! Congratulations to Ron & Linda and thank you to Guy and Judith. A special thanks to Joe and Susan Valentino and the Early Ford V-8 Club for putting on this great Event. (See Ron's winning Phaeton right →.)



We had 14 Model As and 5 Moderns. **Mileage goes to:** Mike & Jen Baehr, Arlyn & Nayola Bieber, Michael Dainer, Victor & Gloria Figueroa, along with Rod Tuttle, Dave & Kris Francis, Cliff Hughes, Steve Lovell, Guy McElroy, Judith McElroy, Ross Nelson, Ron & Linda Niemeyer, Ben & Nina Taravella, John & Tina Weisenseel, Paul Winchester. **Participation Points goes to:** Steve Albrecht, Bob Green with his friend Chris, Chris Halter, Dave & Sherill Kelsen, Joe & Susan Valentino.

Upcoming July Tour: On **Wednesday, July 16, 2025**, Zachary & Rochelle Svelling have arranged for us to visit the Granite Lyon Cellars Winery in Jamul. We visited last year and it was a popular Tour. We will meet at the Rancho San Diego Dixieline parking lot at 3607 Avocado Blvd., La Mesa, located at (Avocado Blvd & Highway 94). Arrive by 10:30am, departing at 10:45am. Directions to the Winery will be provided. We will drive the backroads on a beautiful trip to Jamul. Please bring a picnic lunch and chairs. A sign-up clip board will be provided at the Model A Meeting, Friday, July 11th. Call or text Sherill Kelsen at (619) 997-0598 to be included, or sign-up at the July meeting.

Upcoming August Tour: On **Saturday, August 16th**, Jim & Gene Train will be leading our Tour to his shop, Obsolete Technology, in Kearny Mesa. We will meet at Starbucks in Kearny Mesa, located at 9449 Kearny Mesa Road, near Miramar Road, at 10:30am, departing at 10:45am. (This is the same cul-de-sac location we met for Cliff and Kathryn's Poway and Rancho Bernardo Tour). Jim will give us a Tour of his shop and share with us what he does there to restore and bring back to life the wonderful phonographs, cameras, radios, and more ~ used before and when Model As were manufactured. Afterwards, we will go to Lunch at nearby Filippi's Italian Restaurant. Jim will give more details at the Model A Meeting, Friday, July 11th. A sign-up sheet will be provided at the July Model A Meeting; and you can also call or text Sherill Kelsen at (619) 997-0598 to be included.

Upcoming September Tour: Plans are underway for the International Model A Day Tour. **SAVE the DATE, Saturday, September 20, 2025.** We will keep you informed.



Thank you for your ideas and participation!

JUBILANT JULY

Looking back out the rear window:

Sunday June 8- The Carlton Hills Lutheran Church Car Display - A big thank you to Dave and Kris Francis for organizing and working this first annual event. Chris & Julie Halter and John & Tina Weisenseel assisted with check-in, snacks & kids activities. 12 A's participated. Speaking of firsts, Ray and Gail Ganong had their beautiful blue Roadster Pick up on display (the first of many to come). A's in attendance were Dave and Kris Francis, Phil Kowalewski, Ron Niemeyer, Joe Valentino, Fred Crone, Ed Woodruff, Judith McElroy, Betsy Johnson, John and Tina Weisenseel, Mike Baehr and Ross Nelson. In addition to A's, members Jim and Gene Train drove their Model T, Ross Piper drove his 56 Chevy, our President Guy McElroy drove his 48 Super Deluxe Coupe. *(Ray & Gail Ganong's First Tour, photo right)*



Tuesday June 10- Good Samaritan Car Display - 8 A's participated for a couple hour display bringing back memories for residents there. One resident asked me if she could sit in the rear seat of our Phaeton, she got in for a picture and was so happy I asked if

she would like a ride around the parking lot, to which her reply was "You bet! Let's go!" A staff member rode along beside her and when we circled back she told other staff and Nuns about it. That started a series of parking lot laps with many women that sounded like cheerful schoolgirls laughing and giggling over the bumps with the wind in their smiling faces. Sharing the joy is what this is about! Food was served and we received a cash donation. In attendance were Fred Crone, Paul and Patty Winchester and Paul's brother, Dave Francis, Ross Piper, Ben Taravella, Guy and Judith McElroy (with 2 vehicles) Ron and Linda Niemeyer. *(See the Nuns riding with Ron photo left.)*



Saturday June 14- La Mesa Flag Day Parade - 10 A's met in the baseball

field parking lot to dress up patriotically for the parade. A La Mesa staff member took a group photo of us so look for that in La Mesa Chamber of Commerce Website. Attending were Cliff Hughes, Dave and Kris Francis, Phil and Naomi Kowalewski, Fred Crone, Guy and Judith McElroy, Ron Niemeyer, Ahna Holder and her parents Curt and Barbara, Ed Woodruff, Ross and Sue Piper, Larry and Carolyn Kaiser. First event for Ahna's new to her '28 Blindback Sedan. *(See photo of Ahna's new ride →.)*



Also Saturday June 14- Wings and Wheels Show Gillespie Field - Why not a Parade in the morning and a Display in the afternoon? That's what Dave and Kris Francis and Phil Kowalewski decided after completing the La Mesa Flag Day Parade; besides they were serving lunch there! Paul Winchester cruised over independently to join in as well. *(Wings & Wheels photo left)*

Parades & Displays Continued from page 5

Sunday June 15- Father's Day Car Show Shadow Mountain Community Church- 6 A's showed their presence in the 170 vehicle show, the most from any club in attendance! Of many different vehicle types on display Guy McElroy received a first placed blue ribbon in the Vintage Class with his '29 Town Sedan. If you show up with 2 cars like he and Judith then you theoretically double the likelihood of winning something, congratulations! Keeping us cool were Dads Root Beer, an easy up tent with soft pretzels, and gift cards to the air-conditioned cafe. Rick Bonnorant had his A 400 on display with his new Burtz, can we call this a first time event? Attending were Betsy Johnson, Guy and Judith McElroy (2 cars), Dave and Kris Francis, Ron and Linda Niemeyer and Dave Sohr in his '35 Pick up. (See Guy's winning Town Sedan right →)



Saturday June 21- All Ford Picnic Santee Lakes - A hearty showing from our club with 13 A's in attendance. Victor Figueroa and Rod Tuttle's Roadster (Photo below left) decided to shed some weight enroute to the staging area at Target in El Cajon by eliminating the front bumper... only to be gathered from the road and tucked away until new mounting hardware has been procured. I was fortunate enough to win 3rd place People's Choice from the V-8 Club for our '29 Phaeton. (Photo below right) Mc Elroy's brought their AA Flatbed and Judith's Coupe (doubles points right?) which decided to not start up for the trip home; yes Judith was doing start up procedure correctly. After checking the basics, an obstruction in the fuel line was determined to be the cause. Rudy Perez from the Temecula Club apparently likes the taste of gasoline and blew air up backwards through the fuel



line dislodging the obstruction and Voila on the road again! A's attending were Ron and Linda Niemeyer, Guy and Judith McElroy, Mike and Jen Baehr, Dave and Kris Francis, Michael Danier, Steve Lovell, Ross Nelson, Cliff Hughes, Victor and Gloria Figueroa and Rod Tuttle, Paul Winchester, John and Tina Weisenseel and Nayola and Arlyn Bieber. Other attendees were Chris Halter in his Mustang, Sherill and Dave Kelsen, Steve and Lisa Albrecht and Joe Valentinno. (Members at the All Ford Picnic below.)



Looking out the windshield ahead

Friday July 4- Covenant Village Parade and BBQ lunch

Friday July 4- Alpine Community Center Festival Car Display

Sunday July 13- Eastlake Village Walk Car Display

Saturday July 26- Pine Valley Parade

Saturday September 13- Poway Parade

October 2025- Edgemoor Hospital Car Display (date TBD)

November 11- Veteran's Day Parade at the SD Embarcadero

December 2025 -Pacific Beach Holiday Parade (date TBD)

Ron Niemeyer~ Parades and Displays



Model A Valve Stems



July is here and it is Model A Parade time so check your tires for the correct air pressure. The tires do not have a weight rating or pressure recommendation, so I use 32-35 lbs. If you have rubber stems sticking through the rim sometimes when the air gets low the stem can get damaged. If you have to put in a new Tube why not change the rubber stem to a metal stem. They are available from most Model A Ford parts suppliers. You can also purchase the tube with the stem in it.



Paul Shinn is a MAFCA member and is the Technical guy for MAFCA; he has articles in the National Magazine "THE RESTORER" he also has a YouTube video about installing a metal valve in a standard tube. Watch his video Installing metal valve stems in standard inner tube, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mfJ1cjRKjVw>



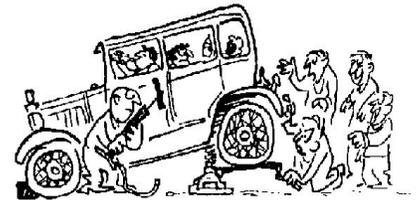
(if a YouTube screen comes up, click on Browse).

I will give my comments at the next meeting on how I install the metal valve in a tube with a rubber valve stem.

Paul Winchester, Technical 2025

President's Report, Cont. from Page 1:

What the heck, I jumped in, still no luck. At this point I need to let you know that several Model A's From the Temecula club were parked right alongside of Judith's car. I got out and went to look under the hood and was checking the carburetor. This initiated a sequence of events that were out of my control. The Temecula boys led by Rudy came to the rescue of the old man and his cute wife with the broken Model A. They checked the power to the coil, the power out of the coil, the spark at the coil wire, the spark at the plug. They checked the points and re-adjusted them. They checked the contacts in the distributor and on the rotor. Rudy said he wanted to check the timing, which I vetoed. Finally it was decided to disconnect the gas line from the carb. The gas valve was on but no gas to the carb with 3/4 tank in the car. Rudy blew into the gas line towards the tank and voila, we had gas. After hooking everything back up the car started and ran like a champ. All the way home, with me following and without so much as a hiccup. It seems Judith's coupe did not have the "in Tank" filter which I am remedying right now.



I must confess that I am not the Guy that usually needs assistance with my cars, but it was a wonderful thing to see how those Temecula boys stepped right up, especially Rudy, and came to our aid. I'm afraid that the stress of seeing all those strangers elbow deep in my wife's little car was a bit much for me. I was not as appreciative to them as I should have been and I regret that. I'm going to try and let them know how grateful we are. They are shining examples of how Model A people are - they always want to help.

(Editor's Question: Does this mean that the Hard Luck Trophy will now reside in Guy's Garage? Just asking.)

DIY Fireworks Instructions from the 1920's

Americans love things that sparkle, things that glow, and especially things that blow up. So it makes sense that on America's birthday, we take great pride in our various spectacles of light and noise. Today, there are countless YouTube videos and how-to websites showing how to create your own firecrackers and noisemakers. But back in the 1920s, it was the medium of magazines (remember those?) that spearheaded the DIY fireworks movement. And their advice was utterly insane. The July 1925 issue of Science and Invention magazine included a full page of illustrations showing how to make everything from a roll of caps for your cap gun to a swirling steel wool sparkler. The magazine claimed that they were all relatively safe (they're not), and could even save you money during your Fourth of July festivities. The dialogue below in Red is taken directly from this publication:

The joys of celebrating the Fourth of July can be greatly increased by making your own fireworks and noise makers. Those described on this page are safe and it is only necessary to use a few simple precautions where explosive materials are being used. Another advantage of these home-made fireworks is that by their use you can reduce your yearly expenditure for the celebration of Independence Day considerably.

I can't stress enough how dangerous even the most seemingly innocuous chemicals can be when not handled properly. Needless to say, it's better to be safe than sorry and don't try any of this at home!

DIY Sparklers: Very fair imitation sparklers can be made as shown above. Affix a long mass of steel wool to a bent iron rod. Light the end of the wool and twirl about in the air in order to produce sufficient air current to burn the steel. Do not use this indoors.

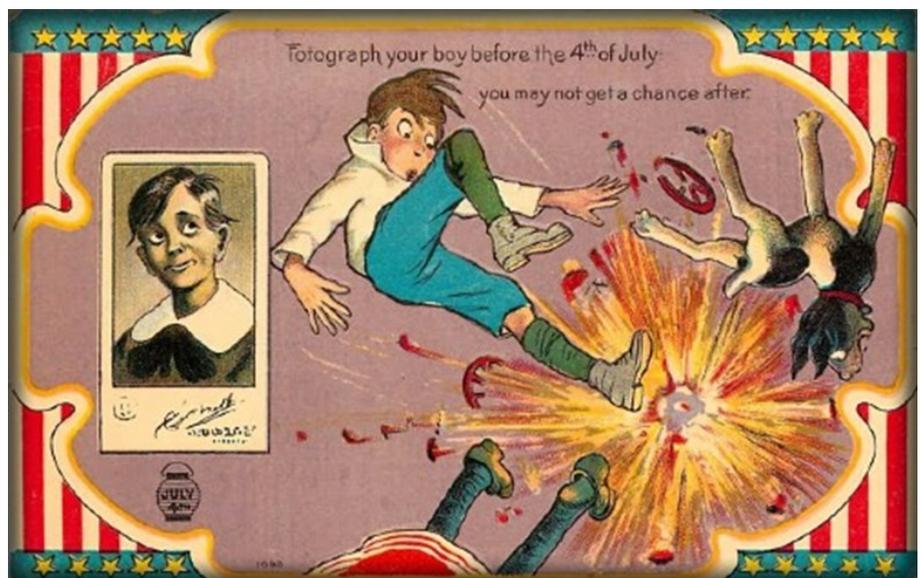
Cap Gun: Caps for cap pistols and other noise making devices of a similar nature may be made as follows. Powder together 7 parts of potassium chlorate, 3 parts of Sulphur and 2 parts of black antimony sulphide. Moisten with thin glue and spot the solution on a glued paper strip. Cover with another strip of moistened glued paper and allow to dry.

Glass Water Bombs: Glass water bombs when detonated make a terrific noise. They are made by sealing water in a glass tube. The tube should be about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch in diameter. Cool and slowly heat on an iron plate over a fire. Steam will be generated and the tube will explode. Stand away from flying glass.

Invisible Fire Pictures: Invisible fire pictures afford much indoor fun. Draw a picture or design on white paper with a solution of saltpeter or potassium nitrate. When dry, nothing is visible, but the figure will immediately come to light when a glowing cigarette is touched to one of the lines.

Noisemaker: A safe and simple noise maker can be made from a key and nail. Fill the hole in the end of the key with scrapings from the heads of matches. A wire frame should first be made to hold the nail and key together. Now with the material in the hole in the key, introduce the nail, place on a hard surface and hit the end of the key with a sharp blow with a hammer. A loud report will result.

Again, I can't stress strongly enough that playing with things that sparkle and boom is incredibly dangerous. Don't be stupid. Explaining that you lost an eye or a few fingers with a homemade sparkler would be a really dumb story that you'd have to tell for the rest of your life. (Reprinted in part from Tech News article by Matt Novak)



(Editor: I found this 1920s postcard (right) that says it all: "Photograph your boy before the 4th of July; you may not get a chance after!")

LENO'S LAW UPDATE PROVIDED BY TOM LAZAR:

Dear Fellow Club Members:

So far, 2025 has been an important year for new classic car legislation in California! Senate Bill 712, also known as Leno's Law, named after the famous late night show host, comedian, and classic car collector, Jay Leno, has been introduced to change outdated smog check requirements for classic cars that are 35 years or older. After reviewing some outdated information about the new law on the Internet, I called the Office of



State Senator Shannon Grove, the author of the new law, and had the good fortune to speak directly with Brook, Senator Grove's Director of Communications. She explained to me that all pre-1976 classic cars will remain fully exempt from all smog check requirements. If the new law is enacted, a 35-year exemption will be placed on a rolling basis so that, as time passes, more classic cars will become exempt from smog check requirements. However, as the law is currently worded, those new classic cars will be required to bear historical vehicle license plates (not year-of-manufacture plates) and must be insured by classic car insurance companies (which, as you know, have their own mileage limitations). Bear in mind, a vehicle with historical license plates can only be operated primarily for historical exhibitions, such as parades, club activities, and non-commercial events. However, Brook assured me that, under the current version of Senate Bill

712, all pre-1976 classic cars like ours will continue to be fully exempt from all smog check requirements and continue to be permitted to bear year-of-manufacture license plates. If enacted Senate Bill 712 will become effective on January 1, 2027, and is likely to be further amended as it works its way through the legislative process so we will need to keep a close eye on it.

If you have any questions you would like answered, or would like to express your own views on this proposed new law, you can always call the Office of State Senator Shannon Grove directly at (916) 651-4012, and I recommend you ask for Brook! All the best, Tom Lazar

FOR SALE—1931 DELUXE COUPE

Very clean & presentable running 1931 Deluxe Coupe with nice paint & interior. Roll-Down rear window & rumble seat. Totally stock. This was the personal car of William H. Mcree, author of the books "The Model A Engine" "The Model A Generator" and other Model A literature.

Please call
Perry at
(619)840-4142.
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\$16,000



FOR SALE

1929 TUDOR

1929 Tudor – Complete, solid car. Needs restoration. Current CA title. \$4,500 OBO. Contact Dave Kelsen—619-772-2625



JUST FOR FUN!

Still trying to get my head around the fact that “Take Out” can mean food, dating or murder.

HOW OLD CARS & OLD MEN ARE ALIKE

By Roy Sheridan

They don't work well when cold
They emit more fumes
They have more wrinkles
They take longer to get up to speed
Their resale is lower
Used parts are hard to find
They like to be in the garage
They don't have much mo-hair left
They don't see well in the dark
Leak in some joints
They won't run for the wife

FIRE-CRACKER ONE-LINERS

- **What did the colonists wear to the Boston Tea Party?** Tea-shirts.
- **What was the most popular dance in 1776?** Independance.
- **What does the Statue of Liberty stand for?** It can't sit down.
- **If you cross a patriot and a dog with curly hair, what do you get?** A Yankee Poodle.
- **Was the Declaration of Independence written in Philadelphia?** No, it was written in ink.
- **Did you hear the one about the Liberty Bell?** Yeah, it cracked me up too!
- **What is red, white, blue and green?** A seasick Uncle Sam



WHAT'S IN A NAME? “Shanks” for the Memory! Phil Kowalewski’s 1928 Sport Coupe

I had the pleasure of sitting with Phil Kowalewski at the Wings and Wheels event at Gillespie Field on June 14th. We'd both made haste from the La Mesa Flag Day Parade to the next event on the rotation, and were enjoying the classic airplanes and cars on display. Phil told me the story of his 1928 Sport Coupe and how it got its name: “Shanks”.

Phil grew up in Detroit and his grandfather worked at the Ford Rouge Plant for 30 years installing gas tanks. When Phil did the math, he figured his grandfather's employment began during the Model A era, which meant his grandpa began his Ford career installing gas tanks on Model A's. So when Phil had the opportunity to purchase a 1928 A, he figured it was meant to be – a divine intervention if you will, and a dedication to his Grandpa “Shanks”.



Last March Jim & Gene Train traveled to Australia and made a point of visiting with the Model A Ford Club of New South Wales. Here's a clip from the New South Wales' Club newsletter about their international visit:

A Visit from the Trains

BBQ at Bills, 24th March 2025

Our club recently had the pleasure of hosting Jim and Gene Train, two delightful members of the San Diego Model A Ford Club, who reached out during their trip to Sydney with hopes of meeting up with some local enthusiasts. Thanks to Josh and Bill's initiative, we organized a BBQ at Bill's place in Picton, inviting club members to join the festivities and welcome our visitors.

Despite the wet weather, the turnout was impressive, with around 20 members making the journey to Picton. Seven members brought along their Model A's, which were displayed alongside Bill's vintage car collection, creating an irresistible showcase of automotive history. The rain certainly didn't dampen spirits, as everyone mingled, shared stories, and admired the incredible vehicles.

Lunch featured a classic BBQ spread, followed by coffee, tea, and cake—a perfect combination that kept everyone warm and cheerful. The atmosphere was lively, and Jim and Gene were met with the enthusiastic hospitality our club is known for.

Meeting the Train's was an absolute pleasure, and we hope they enjoyed the day as much as we did. They're welcome to visit us anytime, as are any members of their club—our doors are always open to friends who share a passion for Model A's and vintage cars.

The event was a shining example of how shared interests can bring people together, even across oceans, and it left everyone with fond memories of friendship, connection, and a love for classic automobiles.

Josh Daws



BILL'S CORNER

I am back running on all cylinders, I have been missing in action at club functions due to my 91 year old knees wearing out and needed replacement.

Fortunately, my surgeon was able to find some NOS in his doctor bag. I was surprised to see they don't come with zerk fittings to pump a little grease into them.

See you all soon.

Bill Corson



REFRESHMENTS: Jennifer Baehr

The following have signed up for Refreshments at the July meeting:

*Judy Jo Beardslee
Judy Boyer
Tom Lazar
Nancy Lovell
Dave Shor*



July Birthdays

3 Dave Sohr
Ed Woodruff
6 Tom Hurley
7 Ruben Sanabria
9 Joel Baumbaugh
10 Barbra Green
13 Judith McElroy
16 Michael Joslyn
18 Billie Bonnoront
Patricia Potts
20 John Weisenseel
20 Kathryn Hughes
20 David Frazee
22 Mark Williamson
24 Stan Boyer
26 Trish Ravits
27 Richard Books
28 Reen Kotas
Judy Swartwood
Steve Lovell



Hoping you get through the 4th of July festivities with both of your eyes and most of your fingers.



July Anniversaries

Walter & Roxy Faust July 2, 1966
Michael & Joan Dainer July 1, 1967
Steve & Nancy Lowell July, 1971
Victor & Gloria Figueroa July 23, 1977
Gary & Lisa Elliott July 13, 1985
Joe & Susan Valentino July 7, 1990
Ross & Sue Piper July 10, 1999
Ross & Susan Nelson July 29, 2000
Howard & Barbara Kruegel July 27, 2002



I've been to a lot of places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently you can't go alone, you have to be in Cahoots with someone. I've also never been in Cognito, either. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport, you have to be driven there. I have made several trips.



MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

\$20

The May Membership Drawing was \$10.00. **Joe & Susan Valentino's** names were drawn, and they were in attendance with their name badges on. They re-donated their prize, so in July the pot will be \$20.00. Be sure to attend our Junly meeting and the next winner could be YOU!

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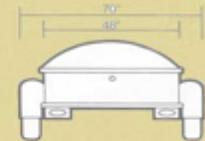
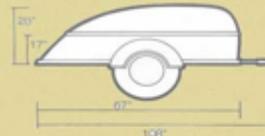
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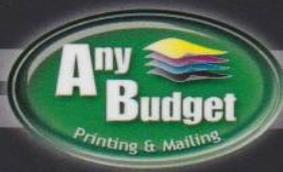
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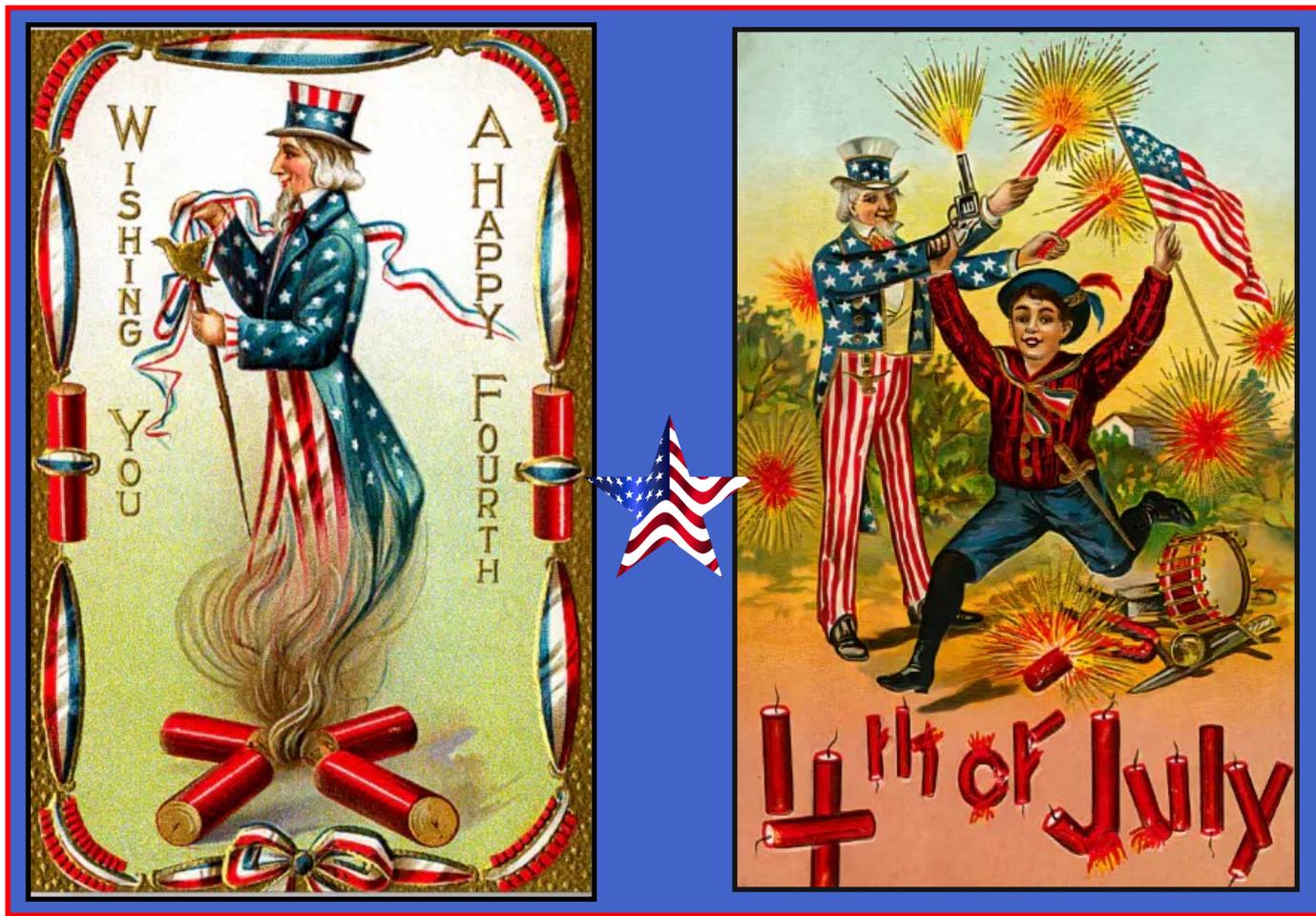


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