



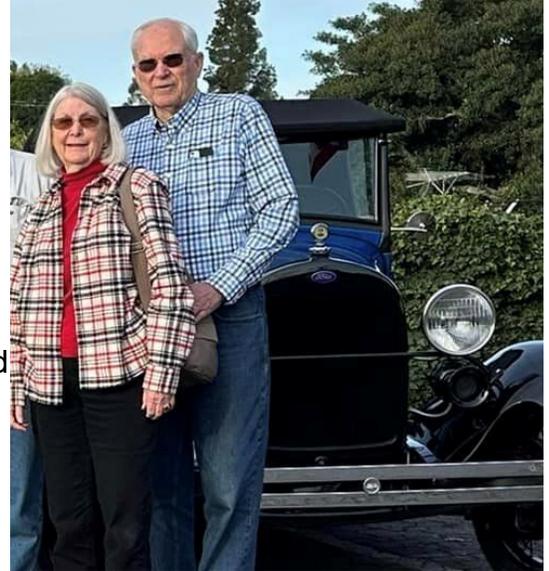
THE REFLECTOR

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Seeking Jeff

Jeff is a 1931 Sport Coupe that has been modified with a Mitchell Overdrive (36%), the engine was rebuilt in 2018, a 5:1 high compression head, oversized intake valves, lightened fly-wheel with a V-8 clutch, alternator and Model B carburetor. Sounds good right? The problem is that Jeff is currently located in Knoxville, TN. You see Jeff was originally here in San Diego and owned by Valarie Basham the past President of the San Diego Model A club. I have never met Valarie but know that she was very instrumental in keeping that club active even while fighting cancer. She passed about a year ago after which her son and grandson took the car on a ride to their home in Knoxville. They contacted the San Diego club recently and offered to sell Jeff since they realized it didn't fit into their lifestyle. Hoping that someone in San Diego would like to bring it back home. I don't know why Valarie named it Jeff but I have photos of the car and the license plate reads JEFFFF. Very Nice! Her grandson, Chandler, still has the plates even though they have registered it as a historic vehicle in TN.



At our last monthly breakfast I asked Bruce Howe if he knew Valarie and the car. Bruce said his first Model A was a Sport Coupe. He has provided me with multiple pages of facts about this Model which helped me decide to go for it. I have never purchased a vehicle that is out of state and know that I will need insurance and a good transport carrier. I am working on it and will share it with you next month. Wish me luck.

Bruce

JULY MINUTES

Minutes from July 2, 2025 - Meeting of the Palomar A's was called to order by President Bruce Furbush at 7:04 PM with 18 in attendance including 1 guest.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Karla Maxwell.

Our guest was Lance Johanson who moved from Hemet to Carlsbad. He's looking forward to meeting others in the club and learning the technical aspects of owning a Model A.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - A motion was made by Mark Greenlee to approve the minutes of the June meeting as published in the Reflector, and seconded by Karyn Frazee. Motion passed by those in attendance.

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JULY MINUTES CONTINUED

TREASURER'S REPORT – In Bill Adams' absence, Bruce Furbush provided Treasury figures and David Frazee reported outstanding bills to Print Pro, purchase of Forever stamps and a contribution given as a memorial for Chris Fuller. Motion to approve the report and pay the bills was made by Mark Greenlee and seconded by Steve DeAmbrogio. Motion passed by those in attendance.

SUNSHINE & SORROW – We were all quite pleased to see Karen Beel at the meeting. New member, Russ Parks received a shocking letter from the IRS indicating a payment due of \$12,500 plus penalties. He immediately verified with the bank that the payment for his taxes had indeed cleared, it had. The issue ultimately was erased but only after many frustrating calls and letters.

Russ then countered that "sorrow" story with a "sunshine." He was looking for Cars & Coffee type locations and discovered www.idrivesocal.com. It lists So California car shows and automotive news. He attended a get together in Carlsbad that meets each Saturday morning 7-9 AM at 7130 Avenida Encino. He reported finding Woodies and Model A's along with a chance meeting with a co-worker of 30 years, Phil Boone.

Karla Maxwell reported another interesting emblem restoration job. It involves multiple emblems for a 1960 Ferrari 250 GT, hood, trunk, 2 fender badges and 1 interior. This car had been owned by Robert Wagner and was part of the chase scene at the end of the original Pink Panther movie.

BREAKFAST GET TOGETHER – Greg Wilson reported 9 people showed up for the June breakfast. The July 16 gathering will be at The Money Pit, 1360 E. Mission Rd. San Marcos. Meet at 8:45 for the 9:00 AM seating. He also suggested a lunch event Wednesday, July 30, so Howard & Barbara Kruegel can attend. It will be held at the Hamburger Factory Family Restaurant in Poway Park - 14122 Midland Rd, Poway. [**Note: the meet has fallen through and will not take place.**] Check the 2025 Future Activities printed in the *Reflector* for additional Breakfast locations and dates.

MISCELLANEOUS – David Frazee reported 53 members and handed out the new 2025 Directories.

Karen Beel indicated she has 2 Blindbacks for sale, a 1930 and 1931.

A neighbor of Bruce Furbush has a Model A for sale for \$6000 along with a large box of parts.

Crusin' Grand had their opening night on June 13 and a June 27 Ford theme. There were mixed reviews regarding the street layout with the new roundabouts. Anthony & Donna Lugo arrived

early for dinner and had no parking issues. Bruce Furbush & Roseanne Meyerhoff arrived somewhat later and had to do some cruising of their own before locating a spot. David & Karyn Frazee reported arriving around 6:30 and also had no parking issues.

Karla Maxwell reported any vehicle over 100 years old qualifies for a "Century Plaque" from the Horseless Carriage Club. Because the request process to obtain a plaque is simple and inexpensive [currently \$5 processing fee], the initiative to honor a vehicle can be taken by anyone for any vehicle (whether it is part of a private or public collection) – Go to: Hcca.org/century-plaque-program

TOURS – David Frazee indicated the Santa Anita A's are hoping for a great turnout at their car show to honor their 50th Anniversary, August 10 at Pasadena Elks Lodge, 8:30-11:00 AM. He also reviewed the October 5-11 SCRG Grand Canyon / Route 66 tour and combining with those that will be arriving from the Route 66 Tour starting in Chicago. David has a hand out with more details.

REFLECTOR REPORT – David Frazee has provided lots of organization, history and content but will not be Editor of The Reflector after 2025. He will provide support for the new editor though.

TECH REPORT – Chuck Grabowsky continues to work on his truck but can't get it up his inclined driveway. He said he tested the compression, which was good, so there is another problem. He appreciates, and thanked the group for helping to get his truck to run. He also indicated any Model A would need upkeep. To that end he highly recommended the trio of publications: Ford Model A Trouble Shooting & Diagnostics, and the 2 volume Mechanics Handbook.

HOSPITALITY – Donna & Anthony Lugo organized all the donated treats provided by different members. Thank you to all the contributors.

ENTERTAINMENT – David Frazee has taken over organizing the raffles. There were quite a bit offerings with Steve DeAmbrogio hitting a lucky streak along with the 50/50. The Birthday Prize went to David.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Submitted by Karla Maxwell, Secretary

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- August 4 Joe Williams' Birthday
- August 6 Meeting at Palomar Estates 7:00 PM
- August 10 Henry & Gerrie Rivera Anniversary
- August 15 Barry & Katie Mylar Anniversary
- August 17 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance
- August 20 Breakfast Pancake House, 435 S. Melrose Dr. Vista, 8:45 mtg.
- August 28 Chuck & Nedra Grabowsky Anniversary
- August 31 Bonnie Fiebke Birthday
- September 3 Meeting at Palomar Estates 7:00 PM
- September 13 International Model A Day and Santa Maria 23rd Annual All Ford Car Show in Old Town Orcutt. This year, the Show is celebrating 70 years of the Ford Thunderbird.
- September 17 Breakfast Pit Stop, 3825 Mission Ave. O'side 8:45 mtg. 9:00 AM
- September 20 Model A Day and Grand Reopening of the expanded Model A Ford Museum in Hickory Corners.
- September 22—October 13 : Route 66 Tour – Chicago to Santa Monica
- September 27 Paradise Valley Swap Meet, Little League Hdqt 6707 Little League Dr. San Bernardino
- October 1 Meeting at Palomar Estates 7:00 PM
- October 3—5 The Race of Gentlemen on the beach in Wildwood, New Jersey
- October 5—11 SCRG Grand Canyon / Route 66 tour
- October 15 Breakfast Fallbrook Café 739 E. Mission Rd. 8:45 mtg. 9:00 AM
- November 1 Vintage Car Show sponsored by the Orange Blossom A's at the Riverside Elk's Club
- November 5 Meeting at Palomar Estates 7:00 PM
- No meeting December 3
- December 3-6 MAFCA National Awards Banquet – Mobile, Alabama
- December 13 Christmas Party at Hunter Restaurant in Oceanside



1929 Ford Complete Engine, ran when replaced.
 Still has original 1952 Bill of Sale \$300
 Also, many rear end parts, brake assembly stuff.
 These are free. Ed Simpson, 760-439-9103

HELP WANTED
 Club Officers needed, some nights and week-ends required, work from home available. Feel like you are part of the team. Please contact Bruce Furbush or the Editor

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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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