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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jeff's Update

My 31 Sport Coupe Jeff made the trip back to San Diego, but it took a little longer than I expected. I contracted with SGT Transport a company that Greg Wilson had used successfully for his 50 Ford. They subcontracted with EZ Haul LLC who picked the car up in Knoxville and within two days we received a text that car was 169 miles away (we think in Yuma) and ready to be delivered. The next text said there was tire damage and the delivery would be delayed.

Well the delay was over seven days and the best I can figure is the pickup hauling the three axle car trailer was the problem. The transport crew appeared to be East European or maybe even Russian. Anyway the car finally made it to El Cajon and was dropped off at my bother-in-law Guy's barn. No worst for the trip. The driver never said a word just unloaded Jeff and took his money.

Guy owns three or maybe four Model A's and offered to look over Jeff before driving him. He knew Jeff and his owners, Jeff and Valarie Basham, and was instrumental in my decision to buy a car unseen. It's been two weeks now and I have driven Jeff a couple of times. He is a fantastic car and I couldn't be happier. The one issue is my ability to successfully shift the transmission. Guy gave me a "C" the last time I drove him. The big bonus is all the records that Chandler (Basham's grandson in TN) sent along. For the last thirty years I have every repair or modification done to Jeff. He has been repainted authentic Washington Blue, has a new engine, interior, numerous Hansen services and a Mitchell overdrive installed. Guy has said several times that "I did good" which is a complement he does not give very often. The San Diego club members have been talking with Guy and even waved at us as we drove around El Cajon plus some have visited Jeff in the barn.

The final bonus to this story is at the bottom of the box of records. I found a handwritten page titled Owners of Car. It is a history back to 1963 of the seven owners of Jeff. He was in Oxnard for four years, Mill Creek for one, La Mesa for twenty, El Cajon for one, Bonita for three, the Basham's for thirty, and Tennessee for one.

I have also driven one of Guy's cars with the Mitchell transmission. It is very nice upgrade and I have contacted them to buy one. Unfortunately, they are backlogged 8+ months, but I am determined to give Jeff one more modification to keep him and me happy.

Bruce

SEPTEMBER MINUTES

Minutes from September 4, 2025 - Meeting of the Palomar A's was called to order by President Bruce Furbush at 7:04 PM with 23 in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

was led by Bill Adams.

[PREVIOUS MINUTES](#) - A motion was made by [Roseanne Meyerhoff](#) to approve the minutes of the August meeting as published in the Reflector,

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SEPTEMBER MINUTES CONTINUED

and seconded by Karen Beel. Motion passed by those in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bill Adams reported the Club's balance with no outstanding bills submitted. He also accepted a monetary gift to the Club from Karen Beel. Motion to approve the report was made by Karla Maxwell and seconded by Chuck Grabowsky. Motion passed by those in attendance.

SUNSHINE & SORROW – Karen Beel shared that she, sister Patty Clark and daughter Shila Saxman had been on the return trip from attending a sister's funeral. Unfortunately, Shila became sick and required a hospital stay. She has since been released and is on the mend.

Roseanne Meyerhoff reported a niece, aged 46, had recently passed away. The niece, and husband, had been living in Singapore.

Donna Lugo extended an invitation to attend a presentation given by her ukulele group, the New Sunset Strummers. The free gathering will be at the Encinitas Library, September 24 from Noon to 1:00.

Karla Maxwell announced that, at the recent Pebble Beach Concours, the British automobile Invicta was celebrating 100 years. One of the included Invictas carried a radiator badge restored by her. The vehicle won the Gran Turismo Trophy and had also been featured on the Concours program cover artwork this year.

BREAKFAST GET TOGETHER – Greg Wilson scheduled a change from breakfast to lunch for the September gathering. This was to accommodate Howard & Barbara Kruegel's comment that it was hard to attend a weekday breakfast while also dealing with morning rush hour traffic from San Diego.

The lunch will be held at the Hamburger Factory Family Restaurant in Poway Park - 14122 Midland Rd, Poway, September 17. Drive your "A" if possible and plan to arrive around 11:15 AM.

Check the 2025 Future Activities printed in the Reflector for additional Breakfast locations and dates.

MISCELLANEOUS – Bruce Furbush gave a synopsis of his 31 Sport Coupe's delivery. "Jeff" was delayed, but ultimately successful on the trip

from Tennessee to San Diego. Jeff traveled in a covered transport but lack of communication from the driver along the way caused many anxious days waiting before arrival.

SHORT TOURS – Mark Greenlee reviewed a gathering of the Temecula group. The trip was to the Pauma Casino where they loaded up on free doughnuts and a great \$10 steak and egg breakfast.

LONG TOURS – David and Karyn Frazee will be attending the September 20 Model A Day and Grand Reopening of the expanded Model A Ford Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. The Museum is part of the greater Gilmore Museum.

David mentioned that many of the Club's members are represented on commentative bricks used to build the Museum. Also, since the Palomar A's Club is over 50 years' old, it has its' own commentative brick in the museum.

REFLECTOR REPORT – David Frazee announced that the new Want Ads section seems to be a success. Ed Simpson was happy that his engine sold. Ed said the engine went to a fellow in Oceanside and hopefully we will be gaining a new member.

TECH REPORT – Mark Greenlee covered many aspects of grease and lubricants and their vital role in protecting hard to replace or expensive parts. He expressed frustration in not being able to learn the actual make-up of some of the products. This is an issue because some are not compatible.

He started by showing a variety of grease guns and adapters for hard-to-reach locations. He also mentioned The National Lubricating Grease Institute [NLGI], an international trade association that serves the grease and gear lubricant industry. It exists to promote research and development of lubrication technology. It also publishes industry standards for greases as well as offering 9 grades of viscosity and temperature ranges. Mark also suggested going to "Project Farm" on YouTube for comparisons on lubricants as well as many other offerings.

BIRTHDAY PRIZE went to Steve DeAmbrogio.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Submitted by Karla Maxwell, Secretary

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

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 4 Bruce Howe's and Jim Quinlan's Birthdays

October 5—11 SCRG Grand Canyon / Route 66 tour

October 7 Wes Wright's Birthday

October 10 Dave Belt's Birthday

October 14 Bill Adams's and Joe Moraes' Birthdays

October 15 Breakfast Fallbrook Café 739 E. Mission Rd. 8:45 mtg. 9:00 AM

October 17 Rio Montijo's Birthday

October 18 Linda Dixon's Birthday

October 19 Joe & Marsha Moraes' Wedding Anniversary

October 21 David Moyer's Birthday

October 22 Karla Maxwell's Birthday

October 23 Madison Moyer's Birthday

October 25 Sandy Wagner's and Charlie Doherty's Birthday

October 26 Barbara French's Birthday

October 27 Jim King's Birthday

October 29 Lisa Frazee's Birthday

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, noon at Hunter Restaurant 1221 Vista Way, Oceanside



Bill Horn is looking for a starter for a 1930. bill-horn5@gmail.com

Henry Rivera is looking to hire a mobile mechanic to work on his Model A. He needs a head gasket replaced, carburetor work and other things phone (510) 387-7575

HELP WANTED

Club Officers needed, some nights and weekends required, work from home available. Feel like you are part of the team. Please contact Bruce Furbush

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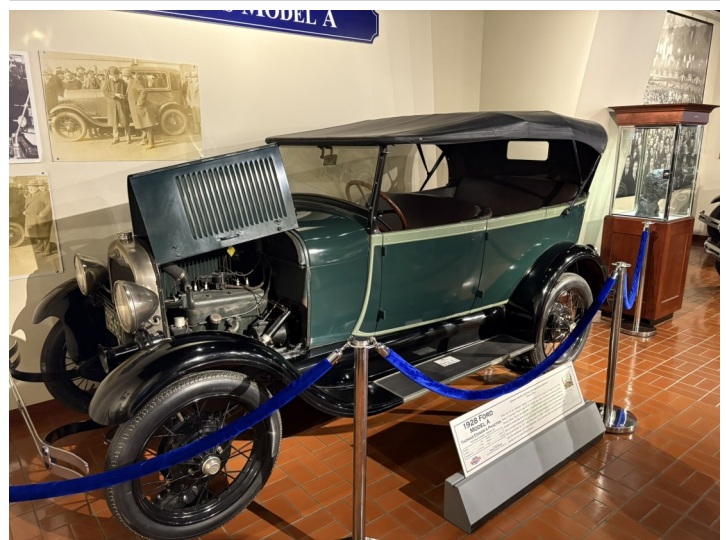
PALOMAR MEMBER ACTIVITIES



Ten members met for lunch at Poway's Hamburger Factory



Line up to ride AA Bus

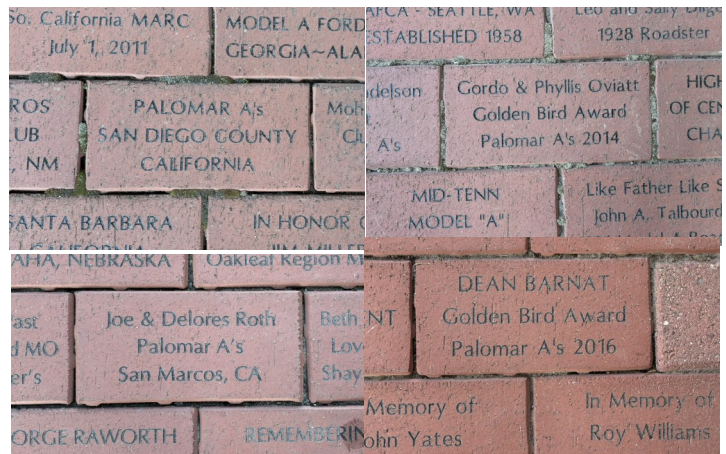
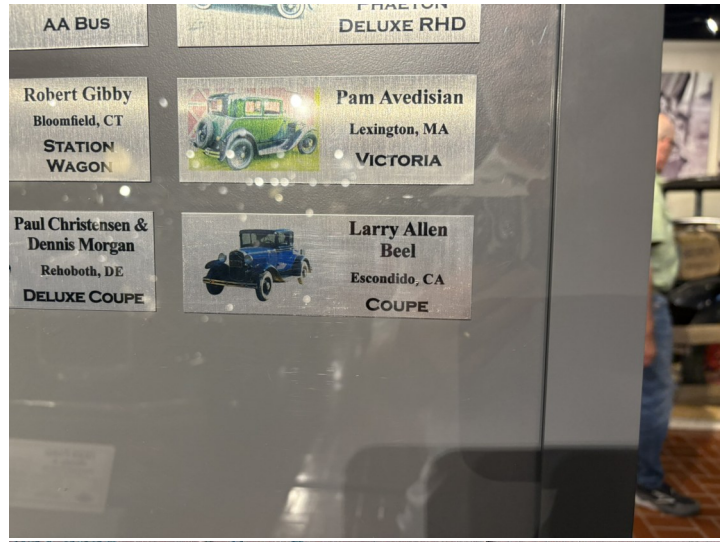


No. 1 Model A owned by Thomas Edison



There were about 180 Model A;s at the Gilmore in 2025

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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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