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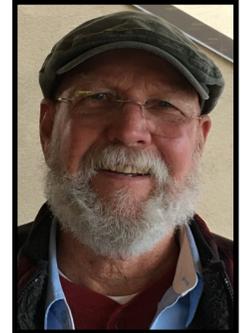


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October 2025

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Guy McElroy*

Fall is here and I'm starting to see the Halloween items in the stores. I have even noticed a few yards decorated with the tombstones, goblins and such. My better half has really gotten into it this year, I think each year she tries to outdo the previous year. The tour on October 11th will be coming to our house and you simply must come in and see what she's done with the place.



Speaking of the October 11th tour, I won't go into meet up times and locations because that will be covered by the club's tour directors, Dave and Sherrill Kelsen. I do want to touch on the main event for the day which will be the "Hubley Derby". I have been asked by some of the new club members "what is a Hubley?" Hubley was a company that made many smaller cast metal products ranging from cast iron door stops to cast iron toys. During World War II the company shifted to military production, including shell casings and equipment. After the war, the company began using zinc alloys and plastic creating combination metal and plastic toys. They produced detailed, scale model kits including well-known classic car models. I found a MAFCA article that states that Hubley manufactured seven Model A Ford body styles: Four Door Sedan, Station Wagon, Coupe, Roadster, Roadster Pickup, Victoria, and Phaeton. Hubley went out of business, but you can still find some of the cars for sale online. Some have never been built and need assembly and many have been put together and can be purchased. Prices vary quite a bit.

Now we come to the next part: The Hubley Derby. Many years ago someone got the idea that it might be fun to "race" these cars down a track similar to the Pinewood Derby that the Boy Scouts use. This is a gravity race using the die cast Hubley Model A cars and trucks. In 1994 the Hubley Derby came into the national spotlight when it was an official event at the Tacoma MAFCA/MARC National Meet. In years past our club would frequently have these races on International Model A Ford Day. *(Continued on Page 9.)*

UP-COMING EVENTS: *Save these dates!*



The Halloween Issue

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| OCTOBER | 1 | Board Meeting @ Carlton Hills Church 7 PM |
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| | 10 | Business Meeting—Santee 7 PM |
| | 11 | Hubley Races & Tour (Guy McElroy) |
| | 30 | Edgemoor Hospital Car Display |
| NOVEMBER | 2 | Fall Back Festival—Gaslamp Quarter |
| | 11 | Veteran's Day Parade—Downtown San Diego |
| | 14 | Business Meeting—Santee 7 PM |
| | 15 | Jacumba Hot Springs Tour |

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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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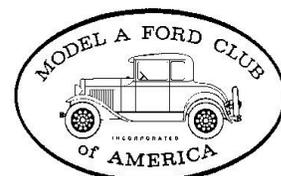
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Dues are \$50.00 per calendar year.



SAN DIEGO MODEL A FORD CLUB

General Business Meeting – September 12, 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 September 12, 2025. Guy led the Pledge of Allegiance. Rochelle Svelling moved that we accept the August 2025 Minutes as published in the Quail Call. Ray Beardslee 2nd; motion passed.

Tours: [Dave Kelsen] **Past Tours:** August 16th – Tour to Jim Train’s Obsolete Technology Shop. Met at Starbucks at 15 Fwy & Miramar Road at 10:30. Visited Jim’s shop where he restores vintage electronics and converts cameras to modern film. 7 A’s, Jim’s T and 7 moderns attended. **Upcoming Tours:** September 20th - International Model A Day. Will tour to Marston Point in Balboa Park. East County members meet at the El Cajon Target at 11:00. Will pick up City and North County members at the SD Unified building at 4100 Normal Street at 12:30 and tour to Marston Point. Bring chairs & lunch. We are starting later to avoid an earlier event in Balboa Park. **October 11th – Hubley Races.** Meet at Dixieline on Avocado at 9:00 – will tour back country roads to Guy & Judith McElroy’s home to race Hubley cars. Then continue on to Dickie’s Bar-B-Que in Rancho San Diego for lunch. **November 15th Tour** – TBD.

Parades/Displays: [Ron Niemeyer]. **Past Parades/Displays:** August 18 – Billie Bonnoront’s Memorial Service. 7 A’s attended along with many club members at the beautiful Celebration of Life for Billie Bonnoront. **Future Parades/Displays:** September 13 - Poway Parade; Cliff will lead this parade. **October 30th (Thursday) – Display at Edgemoor Hospital.** **November 2 – Gaslamp Fallback Festival.** **November 11 (Tuesday) – Veteran’s Day Parade.** **December 13th Pacific Beach Holiday Parade.** **Treasurer:** [Nayola Bieber] Checking account balance included **money deposited in August:** \$30 Ways & Means; \$27.00 Refreshments; \$90.00 Membership (a total of \$147.00). **Bills to pay.** \$40.00 to Tina Weisenseel for Ways & Means supplies. A motion was made by Anne DiNapoli to pay this bill, seconded by Ben Taravella; approved by all members.

Old Business:

2026 Board Positions. Positions that still need to be filled next year include Treasurer and Tours. Cliff Hughes will continue with the Era/Fashions position. Please volunteer.

MAFCA Banquet December 3-6 in Mobile, AL

Model T Swap Meet in Fullerton October 28

MAFCA Convention May 31-June 7, 2026 in Pendleton, OR.

MARC National Meet July 12-16, 2026 in French Lick, Indiana.

MAFFI 100th Anniversary of the Model A Sept 12-16, 2028 at the MAFFI Museum/Gilmore, Hickory Corners, MI.

New Business:

“Help & Learn” Seminars coordinated by Cliff Hughes - Every 3-4 months will schedule a tech seminar. First one on October 4th at 10 AM at Ahna Holder’s garage at 3680 Midway Drive. Will be switching out her fan. Bring a lunch. Guy says that mileage points will be given.

Membership: [Rochelle Svelling] 54 in attendance tonight with 3 guests. New member Pete Franke’s 1929 Roadster Pick Up needed a new engine and 3 members volunteered their re-buildable cores.

Installation Banquet [Rochelle Svelling] Date is set for January 17th with a theme of “Henry’s Speakeasy”. Committee members are Karen Machado, Jenn Baehr, Linda Niemeyer and Kris Francis. Event to be held at the Alpine Club again this year.

Merchandise [Lisa Albrecht] Not in attendance tonight.

Property: [Jim Taber] – Jim will bring the Hubley race track he is storing to the McElroy’s for race day in October.

Defender: [Ray Beardslee] Tom Lazar reported that the Leno’s Law died in committee. This does not affect our Model A’s. Other bills being discussed are Senate Bill 720 “Red Light Cameras” and Assembly Bill 382 “School Zones” (a permanent speed trap).

Refreshments: [Jennifer Baehr] Need sign-ups for October.

Webmaster: [Chris Halter] Nothing new on the website.

Correspondence: [Kris Francis] The Restorer printed our club report on June/July activities.

San Diego Excursion Race coordinator visited to provide information on the Point Loma Road Race planned for January 11, 2026. Last year’s race had 90 cars participating. Due to interest, this will now be an annual event. Please check the website for up-to-date info as the date draws near: SDExcursion@HCFL.org.

Era & Fashions Presentation: [Cliff Hughes] Ahna Holder presented 2026 Great Race participant’s Technical Issues during the race.

Technical: [Paul Winchester] Tom Lazar and Arlyn Bieber discussed and displayed original Model A Tool Kits.

Ways & Means: [Tina Weisenseel] Six raffle items with a \$20.00 Trader Joe’s gift card for the Door Prize.

Membership drawing prize [\$40.00]: Joan & Michael Dainer’s names were drawn and they were in attendance wearing their name badges. Next month = **\$10.00.**

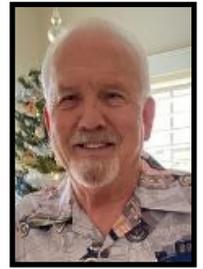
Closing: Ric Bonnorant told “Jokes for Retirees”. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM by Ed Poffenburger and seconded by Judy Jo Beardslee. Meeting adjourned.



Respectfully submitted, *Kris Francis,*

Kris Francis (Recording secretary)

Tours Report



Greetings! On Saturday, September 20th, we celebrated "International Model A Day". Our Club celebrated one week late because of the Poway Parade on Saturday, September 13th. It was a perfect weather day for our Tour. 9 Vehicles met at El Cajon Target. We stayed off the freeway, using surface streets going west to the San Diego Unified School District Offices on Normal Street. There, we met-up with 9 more vehicles from San Diego and North County areas. It was a great meeting spot.

From there, we toured through the Prado area of Balboa Park, ending in Marston Point in Balboa Park. It is a beautiful spot at the Southwest corner of Balboa Park. Plenty of parking, shaded grass areas, and a beautiful view awaited us. Mike & Jen Baehr and Bob & Barbra Green met us at Marston Point. I had never been there until Zachary suggested it for our Tour. It was perfect! We had a picnic lunch and a nice time to visit. If you go back, go across the street from our Picnic Area, West side parking lot area, walk up to the look-out point which is historical and has plaques and maps telling about Marston Point.



There were 16 Model As and 4 Moderns. Fred Crone brought his daughter, Rod Tuttle brought his son, and Karl & Jane Wehrle brought their daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter. **Mileage goes to:** Fred Crone, Michael Dainer, Victor & Gloria Figueroa, Rod Tuttle, Dave & Kris Francis, Chris & Julie Halter, Ahna Holder, Cliff Hughes, Gary Karr, Guy & Judith McElroy, Teri Nance & Chuck Brush, Ed Poffenburger, Jim & Gene Train, Joe & Susan Valentino, Karl & Jane Wehrle (they both drove Model As), Paul Winchester.

Participation Points goes to: Mike & Jen Baehr, Bob & Barbra Green, Dave & Sherill Kelsen, Ben & Nina Taravella.

Upcoming October Tour: Hubley Races at the McElroy's home! Guy & Judith have been nice enough to lead our October Tour on Saturday, October 11th. We will meet at the Rancho San Diego Dixieline parking lot, located at 3607 Avocado Blvd. & Highway 94 in La Mesa. Arrive at 9:00 am, departing at 9:15 am. Directions will be provided. Guy will lead us on some of the El Cajon backroads to their home. The Hubley Racetrack will be there for fast action. Bring your Hubley Car(s); or come to watch and join the fun. We will then head over to Dickey's Barbeque Pit, located at 2959 Jamacha Road, El Cajon, for lunch and post-race discussion. The sign-up sheet will be provided at the Friday, October 10th Model A Meeting; and you can also **Call** or **Text** Sherill Kelsen at (619) 997-0598 to be included.

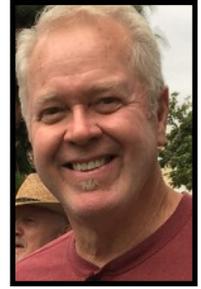


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Outstanding October 2025

Looking Back Out The Rear Window :

For the record, 7 Model A's made their appearance at **Billie Bonnoront's celebration of life** Monday August 18. It was a very beautiful service honoring her life followed by a reception. "A" drivers in attendance were Dave Francis, Betsy Johnson, Guy and Judith McElroy, Ron Niemeyer, Zachary and Rochelle Svelling, Paul and Patty Winchester and Ed Woodruff. Several other club members attended in their moderns. All in all a great day for a special gal. Our sincere condolences to our club member Ric Bonnoront. Thank you for including us in such a special event.



Saturday September 13, 2025 was the Poway Rotary Parade. Cliff Hughes' report follows as Linda and I were out of state. "On September 13th was the Poway Parade and 8 model A's showed up. A few special highlights: This was Bob Green's first club event with his Model A, and brought his daughter Rebecca. Also Mike Matthias and his wife's (Laura) first club even with their Model A. Cliff and Kathryn Hughes brought their friends Rich and Lee Hake. Ahna Holder brought her parents, Barbara and Kurt Holder, and drove her roadster racer. Thank you Ahna for bringing the donuts; that was a nice treat. Arlyn and Nayola brought their Victoria. Ed Poffenburger & Anne DiNapoli in their sedan. Ross Nelson in his blue coupe. Ray & Barbara Miller in their blue sports coupe. We had a cloud coverage which kept things cool as it turned out to be a lovely day for a parade. We rapped things up around 11AM and went to Panda Express for lunch. Overall it was a really nice parade." (See photos.)



Looking Out The Windshield Ahead :

Thursday October 30, 2025- Edgemoor Hospital car display. Prepare to decorate your cars with a Fall or Halloween theme. Details forthcoming via email.

Sunday November 2, 2025- Gaslamp Quarter Fall Back Festival Car Display. Details forthcoming via email.

Tuesday November 11, 2025 -San Diego Veterans Day Parade. The parade begins at 10:00 am and meeting details forthcoming.

Saturday December 13, 2025- Pacific Beach Holiday Parade. Details forthcoming



It's Shocking!



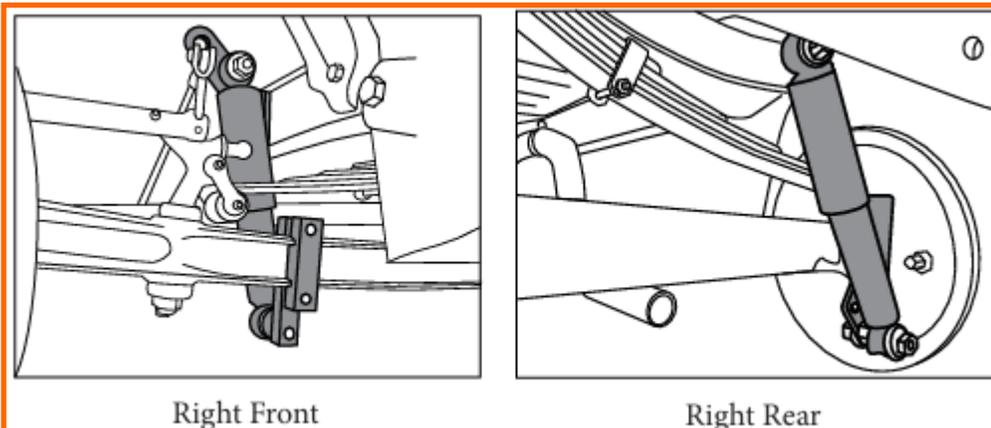
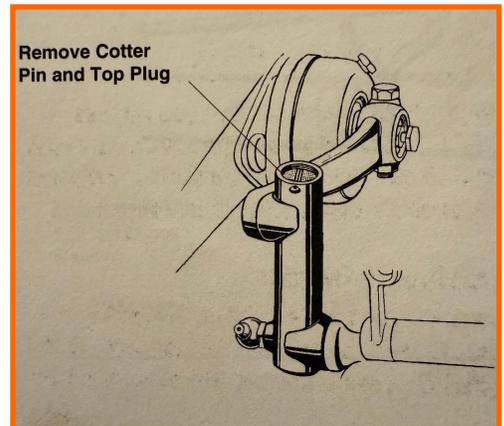
What a shock it's October already. The Fall Equinox is behind us, Halloween is right around the corner.

On occasion you should crawl under the Model A just to have a look around, don't do this right after lunch or you may fall asleep laying on the cool garage floor, take a grease gun with you so you can grease the fittings you find. Also check for oil stains on the floor under where the shocks are.

The shocks are those round things bolted to the frame just above the brake drum with an arm and link down to the axle. If the shock links are loose, tighten them up with the screw plug on the top of the link. Be sure to reinstall a cotter pin or the screw will come loose. (See drawing right)

If the shocks are leaking oil, you will need to add some shock oil, remove the square nut plug and add oil until it runs out, then replace the screw plug. This oil can be purchased from any Model A parts supplier or use hydraulic jack oil. The original oil in 1928 was Glycerin.

If your shocks are missing or non-operational you might want to look into changing to new tube shocks, as the tube shocks could be cheaper



than rebuilding the old ones. There are a couple of types of tube shocks, ask around and you will get information from other club members who have already made this change. (Tube Shock installation example drawing Left)

I am still using the stock Model A shocks as they are still working.

There is a good chapter in the Red "Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook" by Les Andrews about removing and repairing Model A Shocks. The Model A Restoration and Judging Standards book has chapter 23 dedicated to shocks and shackles. There were nine different shock bodies made for Model A's. Having the right one is worth 20 points for judging. I don't know if mine are the right ones for my year of car, but they work, so I am using them.

A Little Trivia, a guy named Lloyd Copeman who was about 10 years younger than Henry Ford both growing up on farms in Michigan, and also worked for a time at Edison in Detroit, made quite a few inventions and had about 600 patents. A couple of them were, 1912 the Electric Stove, his invention was the heat control switch, and another one in 1928, the flexible ice cube tray, and best of all, his Granddaughter was Linda Ronstadt.

Paul Winchester, 2025 Somewhat Technical Guy



Seers, Mystics and Seam Artists

The period from 1910 to 1920 was a decade of innovations, like canned soup and Oreo cookies, as well as political turmoil in the years leading to the Great War, which would later be referred to as World War I. The decade ended with widespread deaths worldwide due to a flu pandemic first diagnosed among soldiers in 1918. Nine million people died in the war and about 50 million worldwide died from the flu. Is it any surprise that the public would turn to mystics and seers to help them navigate what seemed like an increasingly frightening world?

Many people want another chance to speak with loved ones who are dead and gone and want answers to unfathomable questions. That need to reach out across the divide that is uncrossable by the living was felt by Americans famous, infamous and unknown.

Inventor and electric light developer Thomas Edison was apparently a believer in the spirit world. Edison wanted to develop a "spirit phone" that would receive the voices of the dead. He spoke to Scientific American about it in 1920 and even wrote about his wish in his diary.

It's well-known, of course, that the escape artist and performer Harry Houdini spent much of the last six years of his life, leading up to his death on Halloween 1926, debunking stage spiritualists. Houdini was frustrated that he'd never been able to make contact with his departed mother, Cecilia Steiner Weisz, despite the promises of mystics that he would be able to. He exposed frauds and even, in 1926, testified to the widespread duplicity of seers in front of a Congressional hearing, unsuccessfully advocating laws against fortune-telling for money.

Although Houdini, starring in silent films, piloting aircraft and traveling with his own stage act of magic feats and escapes, would seem to have been sufficiently busy, in the 1920s he took on mediums and mystics in cooperation with Scientific American. The magazine offered a \$2,500 reward for a psychic who could prove stage spiritualism was real.

This put Houdini, who was working with Scientific American, on a collision course with Margery Crandon, a popular mystic who amazed people at her seances. Houdini debunked Crandon to the magazine's satisfaction, thwarting efforts to award her the \$2,500.

Houdini's exposes of spiritualists put him at odds with his friend, Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes, who was a believer. Conan Doyle wrote a series of articles, published as the collection "The Edge of the Unknown," in which he wrote about his beliefs and even postulated that his friend Houdini was not only the "greatest medium-baiter" but also "the greatest physical medium of modern times."

Faith in the unseen was a hard thing to shake, even for the creator of literature's best-known and most discerning detective.

Houdini's wife, Bess, famously held seances every Halloween after her husband's death to see if he could communicate from beyond the grave. She stopped the practice in 1936 after no mediums could provide the code phrase, "Rosabelle believe," that she and Harry had worked out before his death. Bess believed that if anyone could cross the divide between life and death, her husband would have been the one to do it. She gave up. "Ten years is long enough to wait for any man," Bess reportedly said.



Psychics once ruled the airwaves

In the 1920s and '30s, some of the most popular radio programs in the United States featured radio psychics. The most successful among them made hundreds of thousands of dollars reading the minds and predicting the futures of eager listeners. To do it, they took advantage of a new and mysterious medium: radio.



Georgetown-based author John Buescher dove deep into this history in the book "Radio Psychics: Mind Reading and Fortune Telling in American Broadcasting, 1920-1940". He told that many of these programs originated at so called border blaster stations located on either side of the Texas-Mexico border, in an effort to avoid regulation. Read on for portions of an interview with John Buescher and the Texas Standard.

Why was radio such a natural medium for the supernatural? *It was because there had been a lot of speculation for several decades before commercial radio began in the early 1920s, having to do with the technology of radio. The technology was construed by many people to be a kind of*

mystic invisible force that would eventually allow even such things as telepathy and universal mind reading.

So who were these radio psychics? *These were actually mostly skilled vaudeville magicians who did this at first on the stage, live. It was a kind of a specialty of magic as opposed to doing tricks.*

Why did Texas become a place for radio psychics? *Throughout the '20s and early '30s, the federal government did whatever it could do to push these people off the air. A few entrepreneurs, Dr. John Brinkley, for one, and Norman Baker for the other decided, well, if they won't let us on the air in the United States, we'll just step right down to the border and set up huge broadcasting stations down there. The studios would be on the Texas side and then the actual transmitters pointed north would be on the Mexican side. The most famous one was in Del Rio, but there was one in the Eagle Pass, there was one in Laredo, there was one in McAllen, there was one in El Paso and there were a couple down south in Brownsville. Some of these stations were, in fact, the strongest, most powerful stations in the world. The one in Del Rio, XERA, eventually was broadcasting at a million watts. With that, you could essentially broadcast all over the continent.*

Why and how did the prevalence of radio psychics diminish? *I think it went away because the economics was such that you just couldn't sustain an operation of a million watts indefinitely. The owners of these stations got into trouble in various ways and finally had to give up the stations. Another reason is, I think, the act itself became less and less plausible. But it's never something that was completely eliminated. When they got pushed off the air, finally, a lot of them went back and continued to travel, to tour before live audiences.*

What made you decide that radio psychics was a development in radio history that you wanted to dedicate to sharing with others? *It's really something that historians of radio have neglected. It was a huge portion of every day radio life. If you turned on your radio, there was no way that you could avoid hearing one of these people. More than 250 local stations in the United States were running these shows between the mid-'20s and the mid-'30s. I think the historians were afraid of it, the subject, or they just simply dismissed it as some kind of oddball kind of thing. But one of the things the book shows is how important this was, not only just in itself, but in putting some kind of rod up the FCC's [Federal Communications Commission] back in order to gain regulatory power in order to force these folks off the air.*



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Cont. from Page 1...

Jim Taber, our club person who stores all of The San Diego Model A Ford Clubs extra stuff and our track used for the races in his garage, tried to get the club to have the Derby this year on International Model A Ford Day, but there had already been other arrangements made for that day. So, that being, said we are now in October, only one month late, and we are going to have the races at the McElroy house on the 11th.

I saw some of the newer members going online to find a car that they could use for "race day". That is one option, but we are getting close to "race day" and there may not be time to get these online cars ready for the races. There are some of our club members who have unbuilt, or multiple Hubleys stashed away. Possibly I can

persuade some of you to agree to sell these "extra cars" to a club member that is in need. If you have an extra car let me know and I will try to find a home for it in the club. The second option that I thought of is that if persons with multiple cars would bring them on race day and loan them to a driver who has no car. My Hubley was donated to me by Vern Schwebke (see photo. left).

Stay alert for the reminder that the Kelsens will send out regarding the October 11 tour. I have contacted Dicky's BBQ to prepare them for our coming. I am looking forward to seeing you all.

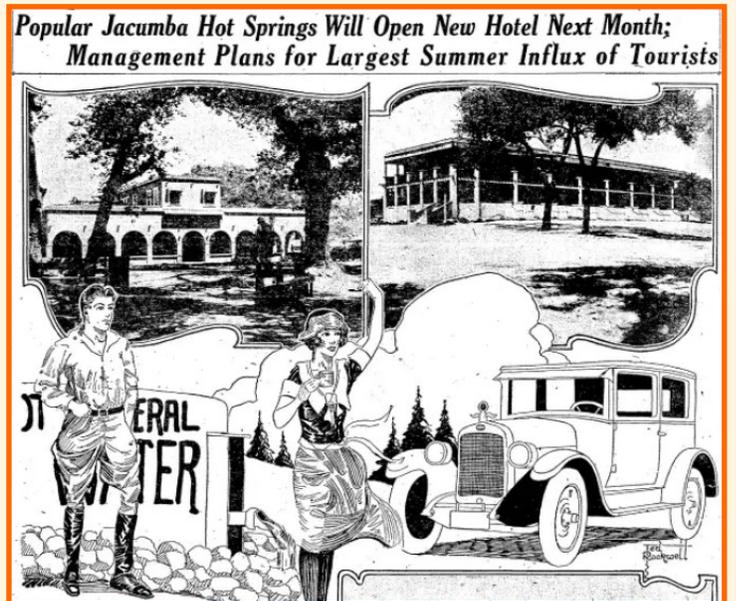


Keep your head down, your shoulder to the wheel, your nose to the grindstone and your ear to the ground.....
See if you can get anything done in that position,

Guy

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Upcoming November Tour: We are planning a Tour on Saturday, November 15th, to Jacumba Hot Springs. We will meet at the Rancho San Diego Dixieline parking lot, located at 3607 Avocado Blvd. & Highway 94 in La Mesa. Arrive at 9:00 am, departing at 9:15 am. Directions will be provided. We will travel Highway 94 through Campo and continue until Highway 94 meets Old Highway 80, ending at Jacumba. The newly renovated Jacumba Hot Springs Hotel is located at 44500 Old Highway 80, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934. We will check out the Hotel and view the original mineral-rich hot springs. More details will be shared at the October Model A Meeting. A clip board will be passed around for sign-up.



Thank you for your ideas and participation!

Hotel opened in 1925—Here's an ad from the SD Union

My ALMOST Model A



If Mr. Ford was still alive, I would ask his forgiveness for how I deviated from his original invention. I have been one easily influenced by other model A owners, and many suggested on how to improve our vintage car's performance.

Upon acquiring mine, it was for the most part stock, except for having been changed to a 12 volt system with an alternator and electric windshield wiper. Over the years I made quite a few "improvements", with the justification that a lot of my travels are on freeways and interstate highways. Add-on's included cowl lights, and turn signals, not standard on 1929 vehicles.

Since the floorboards got a little on the warm side while doing the annual Laughlin, NV run I installed a Cool-foot apparatus that did seem to help.

A former club member talked me into changing to an electronic ignition system. He put one on his sedan, but experienced problems so went back to the original. So far mine has been functioning O.K. but, I do carry the one I removed, just in case.

The original steering box had a tremendous amount of slop, requiring constant action to keep it going straight so I changed it with one from a 1939 Ford pick-up.

The coupe's former owner supposedly overhauled the transmission shortly before I purchased it but it was less than satisfactory, so I replaced it with 1939 "Henry's Lady" synchromesh tranny I found at the former Big Three Swap Meet. A good addition indeed.

Other added items include a 3rd brake light splash pans, a "B" carburetor, luggage trunk, and lap belts in the cab and rumble seat area.

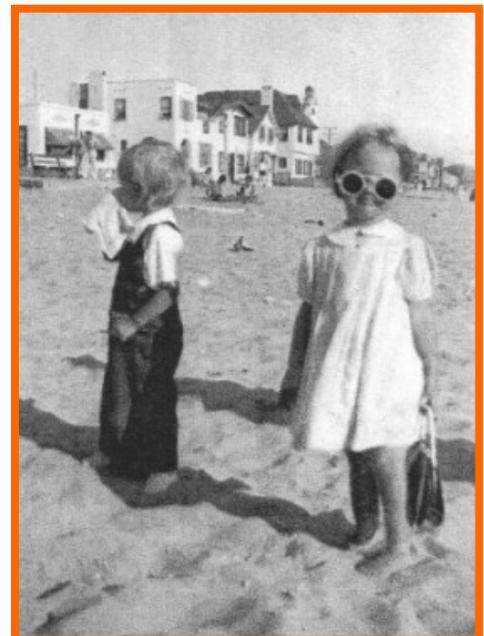
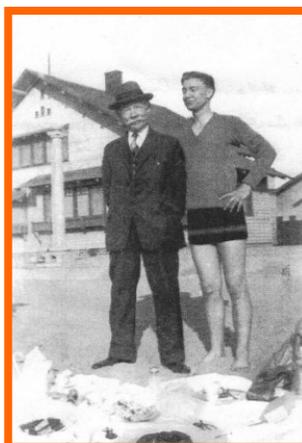
If I had it to do over I would take a different path, like Arlyn says, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Bill Corson

Looking Back...

As Larry & Carolyn Kaiser celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on September 17 (1955), Carolyn provided these photos from her childhood taken on the beach in Hermosa Beach. On the right is Carolyn and her brother in the 1930's and on the left, her father and grandfather in 1928.

Thanks for sharing these fun photos!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Southern California Regional Group (SCRG) Model A Ford Club of America Fall BBQ

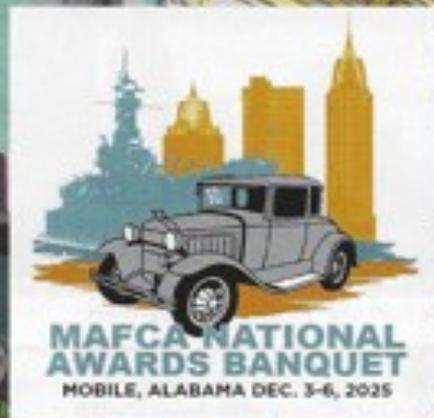
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- Saturday, January 17th, 2026
- Alpine Community Center
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- Details available in the November Quail Call



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THE *running* BOARD REPORT

From Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

September 2025

Meeet us next May in the beautiful Finger Lakes Region of New York State when we present the MARC 2026 Membership Meet/National Tour as a joint event! The Finger Lakes area is renowned for its scenery, local wineries, and quaint villages. For an extra thrill, drive your Model A on the world-class Watkins Glen International Speedway! Details are still being finalized so keep checking the *Model A News* and *The Running Board Report* for information as it develops!

ALERT! Scammers are back again. Recently an email, purportedly from Tom Hovetter, MARC President, was sent to Regional officers requesting gift cards be sent for veterans. This is a scam. MARC does not solicit funds except for payment of membership/Region dues.

Recently the Driver Class committee met to make changes to the judging standards based on feedback we have received. An example of a few of the changes made are that we will include vehicles with fiberglass fenders and later Ford axles to participate going forward and have enhanced the awards! We want to encourage participation of almost any Model A with non stock parts and modifications. Look for the updated standards on the MARC website shortly.

Certainly you've seen that we have the digital version of the *Model A News* posted on our website for MARC members to view. If you are a new member or just renewed, at the bottom of your receipt is a button to view your account and it will take you to it. This method is in addition to access through the MARC website. If you need a copy of your receipt, just contact the office at 734-427-9050 and we can sent it to you..



Items For Sale

1929 5-Window Coupe

This car is an American treasure, with the same owner for 52 years. Original motor, transmission and body; mechanically it is completely sound. It is as original to 1929 as possible with advancing the spark, choke and starter button on floor. Full leather seating and interior with rumble seat. It's being stored at Hansen Garage in Ramona and is available for viewing there. It's insured for \$23,000. For more information **contact Steven Cowen at (858) 775-1958.**



1929 Tudor

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Something to Think About

English is the only language where:

- ◆ You recite in a play and play in a recital
- ◆ Your fingers have fingertips but your toes don't have toetips. Yet, you can tiptoe but not tipfinger.
- ◆ Jail and Prison are synonyms. But, jailer and prisoner are antonyms.
- ◆ When you transport something by car, it's called a shipment. But when you transport something by ship, it's call cargo.



REFRESHMENTS: Jennifer Baehr

The following have signed up for October refreshments:



Jane Hatfield
Betsy Johnson
Nancy Lovell
Judith McElroy
Ross Nelson

October Birthdays

- 3 Joan Dainer
- Rodney Tuttle
- 5 Glenn Frehafer
- 7 JudyJo Beardslee
- 8 Susan Valentino
- 13 Mark Sawyer
- 16 Joe Ambrose
- Judy Boyer
- 17 Sonya Hill
- 18 Gia Caci
- 23 Arlyn Bieber
- 24 Anne McMillian
- 25 Victor Figueroa
- 27 Theresa Johnson
- 30 Susan Ramsey Nelson
- 31 Ron Niemeyer



October Anniversaries

Steve & Joann Cordtz October 23, 1976
Karl & Jane Wehrle October 30, 1976
Michael & Mary Joslyn October 11, 1986
Vern & Lori Schwebke October, 1, 1989
Mike & Jenn Baehr October 5, 1997



MEMBERSHIP DRAWING



The September Membership Drawing was \$40.00. **Joan & Michael Dainer's** names were drawn, and they were in attendance wearing their name badges. In October the pot will return to \$10.00. Be sure to attend our October meeting and the next winner could be YOU!

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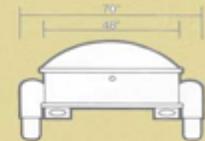
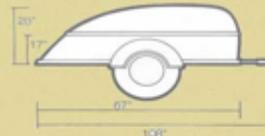
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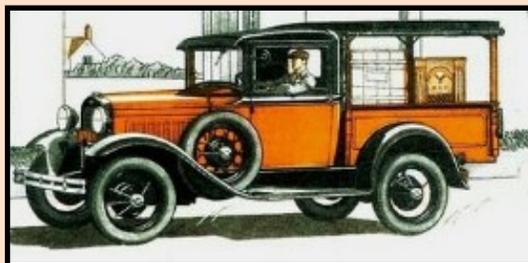
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Advertising the Model A Ford

From the book, Advertising the Model A Ford, we snipped the artwork and information from the advertisement titled "Tennis Player Delivery"

"As the workers unload the large wood crate from the Ford Pick-Up they are interrupted by a young man on his way to the tennis courts"

This ad was published in The Saturday Evening Post in July 1931. The ad contained two-color ads for both Ford trucks and commercial vehicles in 1931 and early 1932.



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