

# "Rod Chatter"



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**FROM: The JEWEL CITY CHAPTER**

**MODEL A FORD CLUB of AMERICA**

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# SPECIAL EDITION

**NOTICE: This special edition will be the last newsletter for the year 2025 and contains some very important information so be sure to read ALL of what is here!**



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**Tour report for November** – The Jewel City model A Club goes to the theater! As the rain came down, it certainly was not a discouragement, (although no one drove their model A). What a day it was for us to visit Joe Rinaudo’s Theater that is attached to his home. Joe being a local Glendale guy and a previous member of our Model A club, we’ve heard about his building the theater for many years. And it has now become a reality.

We were warmly greeted into the lobby area that pictures could never begin to express. Joe, along with his assistant Gary was there to greet us and started describing each piece of equipment in the lobby area with its history, the era it was from, along with a demonstration on how they operated. There was antique mechanical and musical instruments displayed of which each piece that is there has a special story behind it. Plus he has some photo viewers, movie projectors and Victorla’s. He has it all there and they all work as they did back when they were new? Some are over 100 years old.



The number one expression used by everyone there was, “WOW, this place is amazing!” And it absolutely is!! As with the lamps Joe has created at Rinaudo’s Reproductions, he has really gone all out here. (I believe there are 96 of his lamps in this entire incredible theater facility)



Ellen Fuller came across this T-shirt that we all thought fit Joe “to-a-T”, and presented it to him.



Soon the announcement came that “It’s show time”, so with that, we were escorted into the theater. The theater will comfortably seat 20 people in the main area with 3 additional seats in the balcony. After we were seated Joe took to the stage and gave us a little preamble of what we were going to be seeing. For starters, as in years ago, we started with a news reel update and then of course there was a cartoon. Ours was with Daffy Duck.

The movie Joe had picked out for us today was a W.C. Fields movie dating back to 1934, titled “It’s a Gift”. Fields plays a humble middle class New Jersey grocery store owner Harold Bissonette (Bissonette is pronounced Biss-on-ya). After a blind man accidentally breaks his store front windows and a display of light bulbs, and a child spills a barrel of molasses on the floor, Bissonette decides he has had enough of the grocery business and sells the store. He has dreams of moving to California to start an orange grove business. Bissonette’s uncle Bean is ill and eventually dies from choking on an orange, which is ironic – since Bissonette dreams of running an orange grove one day. Bissonette receives some inheritance from his uncle Bean so he purchases a ranch in California where the orange grove business is prosperous.



As it was back in the day, there was an intermission. During our intermission Joe got behind the bar and created some vanilla, strawberry and chocolate malts using his era Hamilton Beach blender. WOW, what a treat! He also had soft drinks, bottled water and snacks available for those that wanted them.



The movie goes into their moving there in a 1929 Model A Ford Phaeton, their troubles and tribulations along the way. Needless to say, the model 'A' really took it hard.



The movie of course was enjoyed by all even though it turned out to be quite an ordeal for the family and especially for the model A. The attendees as pictured here with Joe:  
Ellen & Eric Fuller, George Erhard, Anita & Fred Garcia, Adrienne Grigorian, Carol & Al Magee, Ruth & Darrell Payne, Vern Prueett, Bob Reeves, Mary & Walt Thompson & their son Scott.  
Dinner afterwards was to the North Shore Burger in Montrose where Janice & Dennis Ricotta joined us.

Editor's note: I would like to acknowledge that just like what MAFCA & MAFFI have done with the Model A Ford, the LLC that Joe has established is structured towards the Restoration & Preservation of Silent Movies. His intentions here are so later generations will be able to enjoy these movies as we did. This is not only just for the film but includes the entertainment equipment used during that time.

Final note: Joe is a former member of the Jewel City Chapter and still has his 1929 model A Coupe which is currently being stored at his shop.

## The Itinerant Projectionist



Film historian and projectionist Joe Rinaudo shows silent movies the way they were projected over 100 years ago with an original hand-cranked 35-millimeter motion picture projector.

We would also like to welcome back into the club, Vernon Pruett and his family. We'll look forward to seeing them with his 1929 Sport Coupe, joining us in the years to come.

## TOURS & ACTIVITIES FINISHING THE YEAR 2025

Dec 13 – **JEWEL CITY's 2025 CHRISTMAS GALA is on and here's what is happening.** Bob Reeves has offered his home this year for our annual Christmas gala to be held on December 13. The theme this year is going to be **HEARTY HORDURVES**. Signups have started so f you **HAVE NOT YET signed up, please do so real soon by calling Mary Thompson @ (818) 842-9390.** She will also need to know what you could provide as a **HEARTY HORDURVE** to share.

Bob Reeves address is 107 Wilton Dr., Los Angeles,  
The starting time is 5:30pm

Those who have already signed up, please call Mary to see what you could contribute.  
Thank you!



Dec 25 – To all, we're hoping you have a very **Merry Christmas!!**  
and a very

Jan. 01 – **HAPPY Model 'A' NEW YEAR!**

Jan. 07 – Jewel City business meeting at STAR FORD in Glendale located at 1101 S. Brand Blvd, second Floor Conference room. Meetings starts at 6:30 PM.



**Dues are due** – If you haven't already paid your dues for 2026, Make checks payable to Jewel City MAFCA or U can pay cash to Bob Reeves. They will remain at \$30.00. Jumpin Gee Wilikers, What a bargain! **That is until January 15th.** After that ???

Meetings: The Jewel City Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at Star Ford in Glendale, CA located at 1101 S. Brand Blvd. Meetings start at 6:30 PM.  
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**FROM THE ROD CHATTER STAFF**  
**HAVE A SAFE & JOYFUL HOLIDAY!**



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## JEWEL CITY MODEL 'A' FORD CLUB OF AMERICA



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy Birthday Dylinn Loopson	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Happy Birthday Brenda Lantien CMB Christmas Gals at Bob Reeves Home. RSVP to Mary Thompson 818-842-9390
14 Happy Birthday Frances Geisen	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Happy Anniversary Karen (Ryan) & Mike Lrette	22 Happy Birthday Al Magge <i>hello winter</i>	23	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27
28	29	30 Happy Birthday Charles Loopson	31  New Year's Eve			