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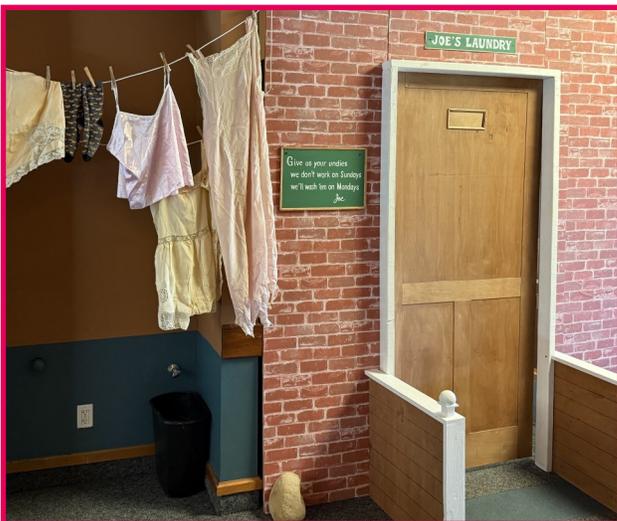
PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Kris Francis*

What a wonderful start to our club's New Year! Although New Year's morning dawned very wet and rainy, many members kick-started the day with our traditional New Year's Breakfast at the Omlette Factory. (We weren't so lucky at our house, as our visiting son had scheduled his January 1st flight back to the UAE departing from LAX at noon, so instead we were eating granola bars in the car and avoiding spinouts on the 5 while the rest of you were enjoying pancakes and omelets.)



Next up was the San Diego Excursion on January 11th, where 17 A's from the SDMAFC participated in touring the historic 1915 Road Race route with 100 other vintage autos. Imagine my surprise on Monday morning to open up the SD Union-Tribune and find Chris Halter's photo on the front page! (See photo page 6.) I'm told that a 2027 race is already in the planning stages.

Which brings me to January 17th, when we "spoke easy" at Henry's Speakeasy. Through Rochelle Svelling's visions and Fred Crone's imagination, we were treated to a wonderful event at the Alpine club that included moonshine, gangsters, gambling and friends. Although we gathered to install/thank our board and recognize membership & mileage awards, the day encompassed so much more. Did you knock on the door of Joe's Laundry and give the secret password? Did you get a photo op with Victor Figueroa's bootleg car and/or the vintage attire photo booth? Did you yell "BINGO"? Win a raffle prize? Enjoy a slice of homemade pie? I could go on and on! Many, many thanks to Rochelle and her team for such an enjoyable event! (Check out the photos on Page 4.)



New Membership Rosters will be available at the February Meeting. The first one is free—additional copies are \$2.00/each. Hope to see you in February!

Kris Francis

UPCOMING EVENTS: Save these dates!



FEBRUARY

MARCH

- 13 Business Meeting—Santee 7:00
- 14 Tractor Supply Valentine Display
- 21 Jacumba Hot Springs Tour
- 7 Lakes Tour W/ Model T Club
- 13 Business Meeting—Santee 7:00
- 28 Kite Flying / Mission Bay BBQ Tour
- 31 Board Meeting

Here's Looking at you, Kid!

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tend, just let the host or hostess know you are coming.
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**Carlton Hills Lutheran Church;
9735 Halberns Blvd.,
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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:



Model A Restorers Club

6721 Merriman Road,
Garden City, Michigan 48135
(734) 427-9050

E-mail: modelarestorers@sbcglobal.net

Website: www.modelaford.org

Dues are \$50.00 per calendar year.

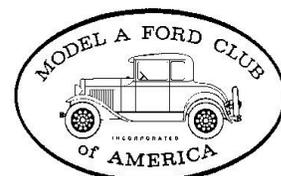
Model A Ford Club of America

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

Installation & Awards Luncheon—The Alpine Club, January 17, 2026



President Guy McElroy called the Awards & Installation Business Meeting to order at 1:35 PM and led the flag salute. Guy welcomed everyone and thanked the Banquet Committee for their hard work: “The Speakeasy Team”: Rochelle & Zach Svelling, Fred Crone (artwork), Dave & Kris Francis, Jennifer Baehr, Kathryn Hughes, Linda Niemeyer, and Tina Weisenseel.

Vice President and Parades (Ron Niemeyer): Ron presented President Guy McElroy with a personalized plaque as thank you for service in 2024-2025, and thanked Judith McElroy for her support. Guy was also presented with a “Temporarily Out of Service” badge. **Upcoming Parades:** Saint Patrick’s Day Parade – March 14th, Lakeside Western Days Parade – April 25th, Kensington Parade Memorial Day – May 25th. Lots more to come in June. Stay tuned.

Guy McElroy presented Webmaster **Chris Halter** with a plaque from MAFCA awarding him the 2025 Website of the Year!

2025 Outgoing Board: Guy McElroy thanked each 2025 Board Member: **Vice President:** Ron Niemeyer, **Secretary:** Kris Francis, **Treasurer:** Nayola Bieber, **Tours:** Dave Kelsen, **Technical:** Paul Winchester, **Past President:** Fred Crone.

2025 Committee Chairs: Guy McElroy thanked each Committee Chair: **Membership:** Rochelle Svelling (Remaining), **Refreshments:** Jenn Baehr (Remaining), **Era Events & Fashions:** Cliff Hughes (Remaining), **Club Property:** Jim Taber (Remaining). **Ways & Means:** Tina Weisenseel (Remaining). **Merchandise:** Lisa Albrecht (Remaining) **Web Master:** Chris Halter (Remaining), **Defender/SoCalRep/Mailbox:** Ray Beardslee (Remaining), **Corr Secretary:** Kris Francis (Retiring), **QC Editor:** Kris Francis (Remaining)

Installation of New Board and Committee Members for 2026: The slate of new officers and committee chairmen for 2026 was presented: **President** Kris Francis, **VP/Parades:** Ron Niemeyer, **Secretary:** Julia Halter, **Treasurer:** John Weisenseel, **Tours:** Ross Nelson, **Technical:** Paul Winchester, **Past President:** Guy McElroy.

2026 Committee Members: See above. Only new committee chair for 2026 is Kathryn Hughes as corresponding secretary.

Membership Awards (Rochelle Svelling): Rochelle recognized members: **5 years** (none), **10 years** (2015): Richard & Janet Books, Tim & Teresa Johnson. **15 years** (2010): Michael & Joan Dainer, Clyde Marion **20 years** (2005): Ken & Jane Hatfield, Jim & Cyndi Croff. **25 years** (none) **30 years** (1995): Bill & Meripa Corson, Verne Schwebke. **50 years** (1975): Tom Hurley. **55 years** (1970): Webb & Avalee Smith.

Mileage & Participation Awards (Dave Kelsen): Dave recognized members for first tours and Mileage awards. **First Time Tour Awards** (driving their Model A first time on a tour): Steve & Lisa Albrecht, Joel Baumbough, Gary & Lisa Elliott and Peter & Brenda Franke. **500 Mile Award:** Teri Nance & Chuck Brush, Ross Nelson & Susan Ramsey, and Rodney Tuttle. **1,000 Mile Award:** Mike & Jenn Baehr, Victor & Gloria Figueroa, Phil & Naomi Kowalewski, Ross Nelson & Susan Ramsey, and Rodney Tuttle. **5,000 Mile Award:** Steve & Nancy Lovell, Guy & Judith McElroy, Ross & Sue Piper, Ed Poffenburger & Anne DiNapoli. **Participation Award:** Guy & Judith McElroy.

New President Kris Francis welcomed everyone and thanked the Banquet Committee for an incredible and fun event. This was followed by a moment of silence to commemorate the passing of club members Marv Munzenmaier, Billie Bonnoront, Reen Kotas and Carolyn Kaiser in 2025. Tom Lazar moved to approve the minutes of the December 2025 meeting as published in the Quail Call; 2nd by Judith McElroy – motion passed.

Tours (Ross Nelson) Ross thanked Dave & Sherril Kelsen for their years of service. Reported on successful 2nd Annual San Diego Excursion Race on Sunday Jan 11th with 17 cars from our club participating. Plans underway for 3rd annual race in 2027. **Upcoming Tours and Events:** Help & Learn Seminar – January 24: (update by Cliff Hughes) to fix brakes and wheel bearings. Tour of Jacumba Hot Springs – February 21st. Lakes Tour with San Diego Model T Club – March 7th. Kite Flying and BBQ Mission Bay – March 28th. Orange County Pancake Breakfast (update by Paul Winchester) – April 12th, 2026.

Treasurer (John Weisenseel): Presented Club with plan to open new SDMAFC account at US Bank and transfer all funds from Bank of America accounts to US Bank. After outstanding checks clear, B of A account will be closed. With board approval, to permit the placement of current funds into interest bearing accounts such as short-term CDs or a high yield savings account. Rochelle Svelling moved to approve, 2nd Mike Baehr – motion passed. Jen Baehr moved to approve payment of \$2,391.76 to Rochelle Svelling to cover banquet expenses, 2nd David Frazee – motion passed.

Other: Rochelle Svelling and Kathryn Hughes presented new President Kris Francis with a floral arrangement to welcome her. **Sherill Kelsen** reported that club’s First Aid Kit backpacks (one for Tours & one for Parades) have been replenished with fresh supplies for 2026 and thanked Julie Halter for creating them.



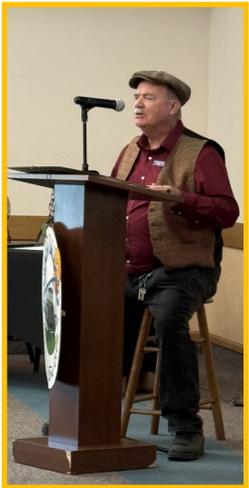
Ways & Means (Tina Weisenseel): Many happy winners of raffle prizes. Tina noted that all raffle prizes were donated.

Entertainment: Jim Train, Cliff Hughes and Barbra Green

Adjourned: Event adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Julia Halter*, Recording Secretary

HENRY'S SPEAKEASY



Speakeasy
BINGO

When you get five in a row, shout "BINGO!"

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Tours Report



Happy New Year! My name is Ross Nelson and I am your new Tour Chair. A little about myself. I've been a club member since 2022. I have a '31 Std Coupe that my father purchased in 1972 and did a ground/up garage restoration. Since I've retired, I finally got Eva Louise running in October 2024 and now have 2000 miles on her new engine. My wife Susan, and I currently live in Pacific Beach; we enjoy travel, trout fishing, gardening, and of course, the vintage cars. My contact info is in the club roster. Please feel free to reach out to me with any comments, concerns, or ideas for tours.

A special shout-out to Dave and Sherill Kelsen for their successful term as Tour Chair. Three great years! Thank you for your service and thank you for spending time with me over the last two months to help ensure a smooth transition keeping our club's wheels turning, and to make these tours run smoothly. Thank you Dave and Sherill! By the time you read this Susan and I will be vacationing in Sweden near the Arctic Circle. Northern Lights, dog sledging, ice fishing, and two nights in an ice hotel where I'm told is a constant 20° F (Hmm). We won't be back in time for the February business meeting but WILL be back for the February Jacumba tour. Hope to see you all there! Let's talk about upcoming tours:

Saturday Feb 21st 09:00: Jacumba Hot Springs Hotel – Arrive 9:00am @ Dixieline Lumber for a 9:15 departure. First stop is in Jamul for a local Cars & Coffee..... Upon arrival at the newly renovated Jacumba Hotel, the hotel staff will lead us on a tour of the hotel and hot springs. We will enjoy lunch at their hotel restaurant (or bring a picnic lunch to eat at the community park). We have to provide the hotel a head-count for lunch. When signing-up please indicate if you are buying or bringing a lunch.

Saturday March 7th 08:30: Lakes Tour – The San Diego Model T Ford Club has invited us to join them on their March Tour. Beginning in El Cajon (location mentioned below) we will drive to Lindo Lake, El Capitan, Lake Jennings, and finish at Loveland Reservoir for a picnic lunch. On-the-way we will be stopping at Jersey Mike's to buy our own meal, (or you can bring a lunch from home). Since it is a Model T Event we will be all be meeting at their "El Cajon Starting Point" which is the parking lot (on the Magnolia side) near the Courtyard Marriot 141 Magnolia Ave. El Cajon, 92020. (One mile away from our clubs El Cajon Target meeting point.) If you are trailering-in it's okay to leave your trailer there.

Saturday March 28th 09:00: Mission Bay Kite Fly & BBQ – Bring a kite! Arrive 9:00am @ South Shores Parking Lot (near Sea World) for a 9:15am departure. We will do a tour through La Jolla Cove before heading to Mission Bay (exact location TBD) for our Kite Fly and BBQ. Please let me know if any children will be attending with kites and I will have participation certificates for them. I will be grilling hot dogs for everyone; others bring a dessert or a side if you'd like. When signing up please indicate if you can bring a side or dessert.

Saturday-Sunday April 11th-12th: Orange County Model A Ford Club Pancake Breakfast – Hart Park, City of Orange. This event is always well attended by our San Diego Club! There are overall 100+ Model A's in attendance. The Breakfast is on Sunday. Drive your A (or modern) up on Saturday and stay at the yet-to-be-announced hotel (typically Best Western). The event is still early in the planning stages, so I will keep you updated as I receive information but sign-up below and get this one on your calendar!

Last but not least:

New for 2026 – Now there are now **three** ways to sign up for Tours:

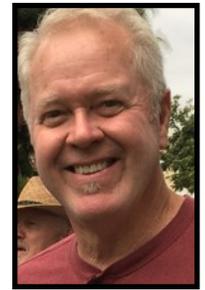
- ⇒ Online at the San Diego Model A Club website (sandiegomodelaclub.com)
- ⇒ QR Code (attached right)
- ⇒ In person at the monthly business meetings



Looking forward to a great 2026 – "A on"

Ross Nelson—Tours

Another Fabulous February 2026



• Looking Back Out the Rear Window :

Thursday January 1, 2026- New Years Day Breakfast: The year began with our traditional New Year’s Day breakfast at the Omelette factory in Santee. Even though there was no opportunity to display our cars due to the heavy rain – what we fondly call “Liquid Sunshine “– everyone’s spirits remained high. The turnout was impressive, and we thoroughly enjoyed spending time together as we welcomed in 2026.

Sunday, January 11, 2026–2nd Annual San Diego Excursion.: 17 Model A’s joined in for the second annual San Diego Excursion this year. This event provided a wonderful opportunity to connect with other clubs and celebrate the rich history of San Diego. Among the participants were Mike and Jen Baehr, Jim and Cyndi Croff, Fred Crone, Michael Dainer, Ron Niemeyer, Pete Frank, Chris and Julie Halter and friend, Ahna Holder, Ryan Smith and Curt Holder, Guy and Judith McElroy, Tim and Theresa Johnson, Joe and Susan Valentino, Teri Nance, Chuck Brush, Ross Nelson, Ben Taravella, Paul Winchester, the Olettas and Ed Woodruff. (*see photos below*)

Saturday, January 17, 2026 - 2026 Annual Awards Banquet and Luncheon: Wow, another outstanding memorable event! 13 model A’s on display were Zachary and Rochelle Svelling, Ron and Linda Niemeyer, Guy and Judith McElroy, Michael and Joan Dainer, Rod Tuttle, Victor and Gloria Figueroa, Betsy Johnson, Mike and Jen Baehr, Richard Potts, Tom and Karen Lazar, Ben and Nina Taravella, Ed Woodruff, Arlyn and Nayola Bieber and Paul Winchester.

Looking Forward Out the Windshield A-head:

Saturday, February 14, 2026-Jamul Tractor Supply Car Display (Valentine’s theme)

Saturday, March 14, 2026 – 44th annual St. Patrick’s Day parade.

Saturday, April 25, 2026 – Lakeside Western Days Parade

Saturday, May 16, 2026–38th annual Tierrasanta Parade

Monday, May 25, 2026 – Kensington Memorial Day Parade

June-La Mesa Flag Day Parade (date tbd)

Details on each event our forthcoming via email.

Ron Niemeyer, Parades and Displays



Model B Carburetor



It is February already and only four months till the MAFCA National Convention in Pendleton Oregon, which runs from May 31st to June 7th 2026. I'm sure many of you will want to go to this event and drive your Model A there.

If you have a stock Babbitt engine with a stock Zenith carburetor and no overdrive you can drive to Pendleton just like the people driving a Burtz engine with a Zenith B carburetor and a Mitchell overdrive, you may be a little slower so you can look out the window and get a picture of what the faster cars miss.

I have a Zenith B carburetor on my car and it gives me a little bit more power, but we all will get there. Below is some information on the Zenith B Carburetor.



The Zenith carburetor, which is now commonly called the "Model B", was built for original installation in Ford Model B engines from 1932 - 1934. However, some Model A Ford owners like to adapt their Model A engines with the Model B carburetors, with the expectation of obtaining additional horsepower.

The Model B Zenith carburetor has a .866-inch inside diameter Venturi compared to the .846 inch diameter Venturi of the Model A carburetor. The Model B carburetor input and output throats are also larger than the throats of the Model A carburetor. These changes provide greater air-flows.

Another significant difference is that the Model B has a Power Jet circuit to increase the amount of fuel supplied to the engine during acceleration and high-speed driving. This circuit is controlled by the throttle shaft position.

The Model B carburetor's mounting flange and bolt holes are identical to the Model A carburetor. However the flange on the Model B manifold is rotated somewhere in the range of 7 degrees, compared to a Model A manifold. Therefore, if a Model B manifold is used in a Model A with either a Model A or Model B carburetor the Model A choke rod will not align and connect properly. The choke rod will align if a Model B carburetor is mounted to a Model A manifold in a Model A. The throttle linkage will also connect without modification. However, the fuel line will require modification as the Model B carburetor's fuel inlet connection is on the end rather than the side.

The Zenith, Model B carburetor works in much the same way as the Zenith, Model A carburetor (with the exception of the added Power Jet). Quite a few of the parts are interchangeable. So, much of the information found on this website on the Model A carburetor is directly relatable to the Model B carburetor.

Good sources of information on this Model B carburetor can be found in [Resources](https://www.modela.org/resources.html) at, <https://www.modela.org/resources.html> which is where the above is from, and by Vince Falter at <https://www.fordgarage.com/pages/bcarbassembly.htm>

To take advantage of the larger Venturi on the Model B Carb the intake manifold on a Model A needs to be enlarged. This can be done with a drill press or better yet a milling machine.

EYE SEE YOU!

Poor vision? Italian monks were the first to craft semi-shaped ground lenses in the 13th century, which worked like magnifying glasses. To make the lenses, the monks used a type of quartz called beryl.

Fast forward to the 1920s: glasses featured small, rounded, or oval shapes, often with gold-filled or steel wire rims, but also saw the rise of thicker, bolder horn-rimmed styles for men, with cable temples for security; by the late 20s, "white gold" (a type of platinum alloy) and rimless designs grew. Wearing glasses became more socially acceptable during the Jazz Age, moving from purely functional to fashion-forward.

Xylonite was a synthetic early plastic that formed dark-rimmed glasses in the same styles as the tortoiseshell. Black was the most popular color, with deep shades of brown as an alternative. Comedian Harold Lloyd wore his dark-rimmed glasses as part of his "look." In 1927, Bausch and Lomb enthusiastically concluded "there is hope that in the not too far distant future it may be possible to make glasses stylish and to sell them as jewelry. That is what we have got to come to."



made a light blue tint that became very popular, although later was known to be toxic. Sun goggles as they were called, caught on quickly as a sporty set of eye shades for summer days, but were also promoted as winter wearable "to relieve the eyes from the glare of indoor lighting during the dull afternoons and long evenings of the winter season." The term sunglasses or sun glasses was also used, but less often than goggles for most of the 1920s.

Sunglasses' initial marketing was promoted for outdoor sports and activities such as driving cars, skiing, and farm work (dust protection.) Some had leather side piece or full leather cases for extra protection. The casual sun goggle used the same thick frames as eye glasses.

How much were a pair of sunglasses in the 1920s? Eyeglasses and sunglasses cost about \$1 in the 1920s. You could find pairs for as little as 60 cents or up to \$20. In modern USA currency that is about \$20 to \$350 per pair.

What brands on sunglasses were sold in the 1920s? A few American brands were Wilson, B.B.W, Frank Kremetz, Wellsworth, Humboldt, Shur-on Optical, OPC Optical Products Corp, Sears and many others. Most are no longer in business today. Brand names meant little to people in the 1920s. Many eyeglasses and sunglasses were not imprinted with the brand name.

"THE BANKER"
A new All-Shell Oxford



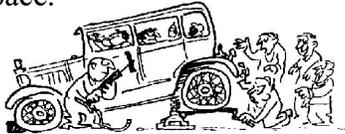
Looking cool: It wasn't until the 20th century that modern sunglasses as we know them were invented. In 1929, Sam Foster began selling the first mass-produced shades, which soon became a hot fashion item on the Atlantic City boardwalk.

Crookes Sunglasses were developed by Sir William Crookes and sold by Bausch and Lomb, with special lenses available in light green, medium grey and amber brown tints. He accidentally



Help 'N Learn Technical Seminar

Thanks to Cliff Hughes who coordinated the January 24th Help 'N Learn Seminar held at Ahna Holder's "barn". The project encompassed greasing the front wheel bearings of Fred Crone's Model A, discussing what causes sticky brakes, what to do to fix them, and what to inspect on your front brakes. 15 members attended the session, all agreeing that they enjoyed Cliff's excellent presentation and demonstration (and jokes!) Many thanks to Ahna for her hospitality and sharing her garage space.



Valentine Sillies...

- "The date on this milk is February 14. Wait, even *the milk* has a Valentine's date?"
- "If Q and T were dating, their celebrity couple name would be Cutie."
- "What did the puzzle say on Valentine's Day?" "You complete me."
- "Why did the syrup give the waffle a Valentine's Day ultimatum?" "It was waffling on their relationship status."



Upcoming Regional & National Events:



Orange County Model A Ford Club

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Hart Park, 701 S. Glassell St, Orange, California

7:30am-11am



2026 MAFCA NATIONAL CONVENTION MAY 31—JUNE 7 PENDLETON, OREGON

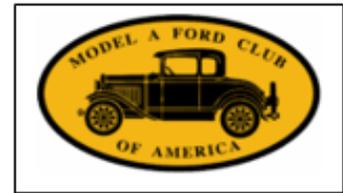
Make plans to attend the 2026 MAFCA National Convention hosted by the Blue Mountain As in beautiful Pendleton, Oregon! More information to be added to this event as it becomes available. [Please watch the video on YouTube about this fabulous upcoming event.](#)

Website: <https://www.2026mafcanationalconvention.com>

See Following page for info about the Southern California Regional Group Tour to Pendleton



**SCRG Tour to Pendleton, Oregon
May 26th to May 31st 2026**



The Southern California Regional Group of MAFCA would like to invite you to join us on a Tour to the MAFCA Convention in Pendleton, Oregon being held May 31, 2026 to June 7, 2026. All of our overnight stays on the Tour have a Best Western Hotel. We will try to get a group rate when we know how many people are going. So please register with us as soon as possible. You also need to register with the Pendleton Convention, see 2026mafcanationalconvention.com

You may join the group at anyplace along the road, just let us know when and where you will be. CB radios will come in handy as cell service may not be available everywhere. You may drive your vehicle at any speed you like, we will all get there. Your input is welcome. Contact Paul Winchester at pwin99@aol.com

Tuesday, May 26th, I will leave from Rancho San Diego Ca. at 7am, and travel mostly on 395 and interstate 15 to Lone Pine, Ca., about 312 miles.

Wednesday, May 27th, Visit Museums, and Manzanar National Historic Site, with stops at Bishop and Bridgeport, ending at Topaz Lake Nevada, for the night, about 193 miles.

Thursday, May 28th, if the 89 is clear of snow we can go through South Lake Tahoe by way of Mar- kleeville and Monitor Pass, about 78 miles or if the road is still closed by snow we can use 50 and Nevada 206 and 207 from Gardnerville through South Lake Tahoe, then on around Lake Tahoe to Portola, to see the Western Pacific Railroad Museum. Then on to Chester for the night near Lake Almanor, about 218 - 253 miles, depending on which way we go.

Friday, May 29th, Again depends on snow, preferred route through Lassen National Park to Lake- view, Oregon, for the night, about 210 miles. Or, the Alt route through Susanville to Lakeview, Ore- gon of about 192 miles.

Saturday, May 30th, Continue north on 395 to John Day, Oregon, about 213 miles.

Sunday, May 31st, Continue on north on 395 to Pendleton, Oregon, about 126 miles, in time to check in for the Convention and get settled into your room for a week of fun. The return trip options will be provided later.

To register, fill out this form & send it and send a check for \$20 made out to SCRG to 107 Wilton Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90004

Name _____ Additional Adult _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ Email address _____

MAFCA Member # _____ Chapter _____

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

January 2026

MARC's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that our completely restored website is alive at ModelARestorersClub.org (modelarestorersclub.org.) (If you have the link to the old website on your phone or computer, the old website will automatically connect to our new website). This upgrade marks an exciting step forward for MARC. Our new site uses modern technology to make it easier for members to:

- Browse national and regional events
- Renew memberships online
- Connect with other Model A enthusiasts
- Access club news and resources anytime — even on your phone

As our club continues to evolve, this new digital foundation helps us reach the next generation of Model A owners while staying true to our heritage.

Please take a moment to visit the new site and explore what's new. We welcome your feedback and ideas as we continue improving the online experience for everyone.

As some of you may have noticed on the MARC Facebook group, we advertised a special promotion to attract new members. If you have not been a member of MARC previously, you qualify for this promotion! Sign up for a MARC membership at the regular price of \$50 (12 months membership) and receive FREE editions of *Technically Speaking*, volumes one through thirteen, including shipping (while supplies last). AND if you want to purchase volumes fourteen and fifteen for an additional \$25 they will be shipped with the other volumes! Sign up on our new website by clicking join now. If you want to purchase the additional volumes you must call the office at 734-427-9050 within 48 hours of joining to qualify for free shipping.

Regions, please note that 2026 dues in the amount of only \$25 are now due. They can be paid by accessing our new website at modelarestorersclub.org, select Regions and the Region toolbar to take you to renew. Also, a reminder that most membership fees are due at this time of the year. Don't let your membership expire and miss an issue of the *Model A News*!

Circle your calendars now for July 12-16 and make your hotel reservations for the 2026 MARC National Meet in French Lick, Indiana. 894-241-8391. Driver Class judging standards have been updated and are available to download at modelarestorersclub.org. Plan to enter your Model "A" in the judging!



Bill's Corner

Year end down- sizing

While doing our holiday food shopping I was shocked at the price of meat, etc. Not wanting to take a second mortgage on our house, I opted to forget about the rack-of-lamb and go with a rack-of-spam.

That canned meat is a good alternative to turkey but, a real challenge to put stuffing in it.

P.S. Offering my annual New Year resolution, I resolve to not tell any more corny jokes.

"What's that, The church is on fire?"

Well, Holy smokes.

Sorry !

Bill Corson



Marketplace

1930 Year-Of-Manufacture Plates:

Larry Kaiser is offering the 1930 year-of-manufacturer plates that he removed from his Town Sedan when it was sold. Plates were DMV approved while on Larry's A, but buyer should check for current DMV approval. \$250.00. Contact Larry at (619) 460-5233 or cell (619) 840-9181.

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REFRESHMENTS: Jennifer Baehr

Signed up to bring snacks at the February Meeting:



Jane Hatfield

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Sherill Kelsen

Judy Norman

Nina Taravella

February Birthdays

- 4 Walter Faust
- Carol Tennebaum
- 5 Terry Tennebaum
- 9 Peter Franke
- 12 Ross Nelson
- 13 Carol Thrush
- Mike Richardson
- 16 Judy Norman
- 18 Michael Oletta
- 19 Betsy Johnson
- 20 Clyde Marion
- 23 Vern Schwebke
- 28 Joe Costa



February Anniversaries

Tim & Sonya Hill Feb. 2, 2002
Richard & Janet Books Feb. 15, 1986



MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

\$10

The December Membership Drawing was \$30.00. Chris & Julie Halter's names were drawn, AND they were in attendance wearing their name badges. There was no Membership Drawing in January, due to the Banquet. In February the pot returns to \$10.00. Be sure to attend in February and the next winner could be YOU!

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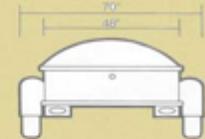
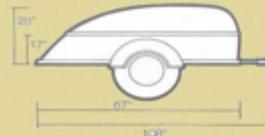
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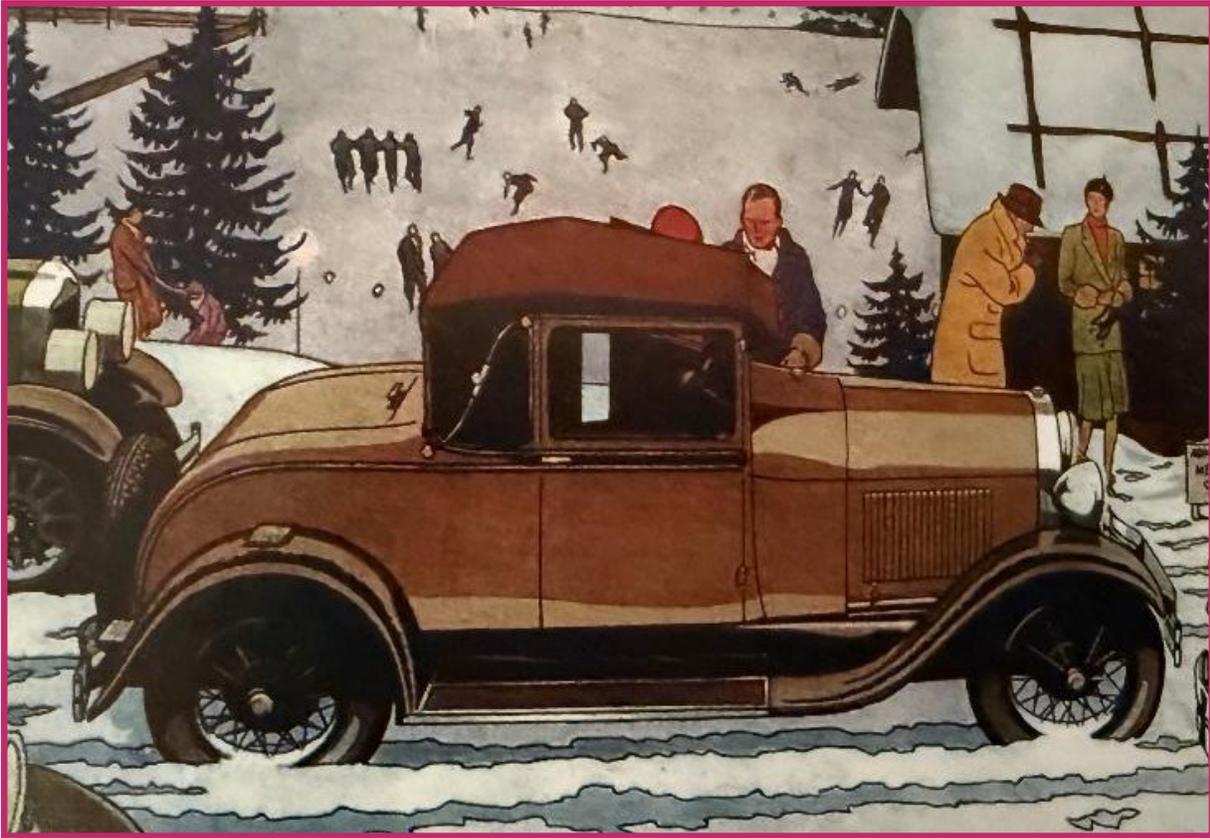


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From the book, Advertising the Model A Ford, we snipped the artwork and information from the advertisement titled "Ice Skaters".

"It's a cold winter day as a couple arrives at the frozen lake to join in the ice skating fun. Their new Ford Sport Coupe receives an admiring glance from a nearby lady, ice skates in hand.."

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