

# Quail Call

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Kris Francis*

**SPOILER ALERT: Plans can change!** Tomorrow we had planned to be winging our way to Abu Dhabi to visit our son, with a side trip to Egypt. I wondered if we would encounter any Model A's on this trip? When I googled "Model A Clubs in Egypt", there were no hits, however AI told me that there were classic car clubs in Egypt. Hmmm.



Out of interest, I also googled international Model A manufacturing, and found that Ford had Model A assembly plants located in Canada, South America (Argentina, Brazil and Chile), Mexico, UK, Germany, Soviet Union, France, Denmark, Ireland, Italy, Spain, **Turkey**, Australia, Japan and **South Africa**. Well, South Africa is the same continent as Egypt, but Turkey is a lot closer. So, one would expect that Model A's that arrived in Egypt would have been born in Istanbul, Turkey.

The Ford assembly plant in Turkey was operational from 1929 through 1934. Built in an effort to avoid import taxes, limited numbers of Model A's and Model B's were produced before they suspended assembly in 1934 due to the depression. This facility was significant as it was one of the early international Ford assembly locations. Check out the photos I found of the plant along with some A's staged in front.



So, back to "**plans can change**". I managed to fracture my ankle this week, and am now in a walking cast for 6 weeks. We decided that my limited mobility did-



n't align with long flights and trekking through Egypt. I guess I'll have to wait for another time to see Model A's in front of the pyramids - **Kris**

## UPCOMING EVENTS: Save these dates!



Do Ya Feel Lucky?

MARCH	7	Lakes Tour w/ Model T Club
	13	Business Meeting—Santee 7:00
	14	St. Patrick's Day Parade
	21	Help N Learn Seminar
	28	Kite Flying / Mission Bay BBQ Tour
	31	Board Meeting at Carlton Hills Lutheran Church
APRIL	10	Business Meeting—Santee 7:00
	12	OC Pancake Breakfast
	25	Lakeside Western Days Parade & Car-B-Que

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**Carlton Hills Lutheran Church;  
9735 Halberns Blvd.,  
Santee, CA. 92071**

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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Dues are \$50.00 per calendar year.

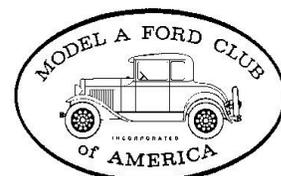
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Dues are \$50.00 per calendar year.



## San Diego Model A Ford Club Business Meeting—February 13, 2026



The General Business Meeting of the San Diego Model A Ford Club was called to order by President Kris Francis at 7:00 PM on February 13, 2026. Dave Francis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Tours:** [Dave Kelsen for Ross Nelson] **Attendance at Past Tours:** 35- New Year's Day breakfast; 27 - San Diego Excursion Point Loma; 75 - Installation Banquet; 14 - Help & Learn Event. **Upcoming Tours:** **February 21 – Jacumba Hot Springs Tour** – Meet at old Dixieline in La Mesa @ Avocado & 94 at 9 AM. Plan to eat lunch at the Hotel. **March 7 8:30am Four Lakes Tour and Poker Run**, Combined tour with Model T Club, meeting at 141 Magnolia Avenue El Cajon. **March 28 –Mission Bay Kite Flying & BBQ**. Meet at the South Shores Boat Ramp at 9:00 AM. **April 12-13th – OC Pancake Breakfast.** **June 27 – All Ford Picnic**, \$7 fee for parking (Contact Joe Valentino with questions).

**Parades/Displays:** [Ron Niemeyer]. **Upcoming Events:** **March 14 – Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.** **April 25 – Lakeside Western Parade and Car-BBQ** hosted by John and Tina Weisenseel. **May 16 – Tierrasanta Parade.** **May 25 – Kensington Memorial Day Parade**, lunch hosted afterwards by Betsy Johnson. **Other Events: Poway In & Out Burger Car Show**, First Saturday of every month. Cliff Hughes invited all to come.

**Treasurer:** [John Weisenseel] Transition from Bank of America to new account at US Bank has begun. Finalized next month when all balances have been transferred over. **Income:** \$480 Membership, \$480 Banquet, \$490 Ways & Means, \$75 Quail Call Ads. **Bills to pay:** \$341.82 to Fred Crone for Banquet Decorations, \$150 to Ron Niemeyer for St. Patrick's Day Parade entry fee 2025 & 2026, \$70.42 to Dave Kelsen for First Aid Kit medical supplies, \$185.88 to Ron Niemeyer for Banquet candies & gift cards, \$350 (\$50 to each board member x7) for Membership in MAFCA or MARC, \$331.54 to Kris Francis for Plaque, Membership Rosters, Banquet Programs, \$141.41 to John Weisenseel for Bank Stamp, MARC Club Membership & 5 gift cards, \$229.62 to Guy McElroy for Club In-Person Drawing (\$10/month in 2025) and banquet gifts for past board members, \$216.00 to Ray Beardslee for Post Office box rental. A motion was made by Steve Lovell to pay these bills; 2nd by Tom Lazar; approved by all members.

### Old Business:

**Installation Banquet:** [Rochelle Svelling] Congratulated Fred Crone on spectacular props and décor for the event. Club thanked Rochelle and entire Banquet Team for putting on a fabulous event.

**Awards from Banquet:** Kris Francis has Mileage & Membership Awards for those not present at banquet.

**MAFCA Website of the Year:** Kris Francis presented Website of Year certificate to webmaster Chris Halter. Also mentioned front page photo and UT article from January 11 San Diego Excursion.

**SCRG Tour to Pendleton for MAFCA Meet:** [Paul Winchester] discussed the MAFCA National Meet in Pendleton Oregon, May 31 to June 7. SCRG plans to take 6 days to drive 395 up to Oregon and multiple days to return, touring through Crater Lake. Interested members should contact Paul.

### New Business:

**Help & Learn Event – March 21:** Cliff Hughes is coordinating this event. To be held at Ahna Holder's garage 3688 Midway Drive. Topic: Distributors

**2026 Rosters are Available:** 1<sup>st</sup> is free, extras are \$2 each. Honor system and pickup at meetings.

**Donation to OC Pancake Breakfast:** [Dave Frazee] Motion to donate \$150 raffle prize to OC Pancake Breakfast from our Club, gift certificate to Best Western Orange Plaza for 1-night stay at hotel. Dave will spearhead acquiring gift certificate. Dave's motion was seconded by Ben Taravella; approved by all members.

**Possible Host for 2028 MAFCA National Convention:** [Dave Frazee] presented idea of hosting a National Convention in 2028 since MAFCA currently has no host club. He proposed a possible pared down 3-day event rather than the 7-day event, possibly at a casino because of hotel room space. Dave expressed interest in forming (and chairing) an exploratory committee to gauge interest and feasibility among all regional clubs since 35-50 volunteers are needed. Club suggested he approach the idea with other San Diego County clubs to gauge interest and report back with findings.

**Membership:** [Rochelle Svelling] 66 members in attendance tonight with 2 visitors

**Merchandise** [Lisa Albrecht] Not in attendance tonight.

**Property:** [Jim Taber] Nothing to Report

**Defender:** [Ray Beardslee] New Bills for School Zones 25mph day or night, Red Light Cameras, billed to registered owner of vehicle, Street Racing crackdown, and proposed Mileage Tax.

**Refreshments:** [Jennifer Baehr] Need sign-ups for May

**Webmaster:** [Chris Halter] Nothing to report

**Correspondence:** [Kathryn Hughes] Articles in both magazines.

**Era & Fashions Presentation:** [Cliff Hughes] Relayed true story of Alice Ramsey's Drive across US in 1909 Maxwell.

**Technical:** [Paul Winchester] Topic: Model B Carburetor and Venturi to increase air velocity.

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

**Membership drawing prize** [\$10.00]: winner Dave Sohr

**Closing:** Ric Bonnorant told some jokes. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM by Dave Sohr and seconded by Kathryn Hughes. Meeting adjourned.



Respectfully submitted, *Julia Halter*

Julia Halter (Recording secretary)

## TOURS COORDINATOR: *Ross Nelson*

### Welcome to March!



Our first tour of 2026 is officially in the books—and what a way to kick off the year. A huge thank-you to Team Svelling for the planning, coordination, and all the behind-the-scenes effort that made the Jacumba tour such a standout success. There were 44 participants overall, 15 Model A's and 10 Modern's. We finished the day at the Jacumba Hotel with a gourmet taco bar meal with enough food there that most of us took home leftovers. And as Cliff mentions below, riding home into a spectacular sunset. A Great Day! Allow me to share with you Cliff's FB account of the day;

**Jacumba Tour Feb 21, 2026 by Cliff Hughes:** Well today was a perfect day for a perfect tour to East County. We had 15 Model As and 44 people turn out for this tour which is amazing. Started at La Mesa (the old Dixieline hardware store) and we drove to Jamul Tractor Supply for a car show and donuts. Headed out old highway 80. Stopped at Wisteria Candy Cottage in Boulevard. A store that is over 100 years old and has been operating continuously over that time. Arrived at Jacumba Hot Springs\Restaurant/Hotel about 3 pm. Broke for lunch. Checked out the hotel. Due to the

lateness of the day most decided to try to get back to San Diego before sunset. Kathryn and I caught a few local sights of Jacumba, train collection, & some buildings. As the sun started to set, we decided to pull off at Mañanitas Mexican



Restaurant for some tacos (what else?). Caught the lovely sunset before it sank below the horizon. Thank you, Zack & Rochelle (and Ross), for setting up this terrific day. The weather was great, and nobody's car broke down. Ya can't beat that with a stick.



### Upcoming Tours:

**Saturday March 7th 08:30: Lakes Tour Poker Run** – Bring a folding chair. Hosted by the Model T Ford Club San Diego. ---Model A members will receive mileage and participation points. --- Time is running out. If you haven't already signed up, sign up now on our club website or QR code and I will provide the head-counts to the Model T folks. This tour begins in El Cajon at their Model T meeting point (details below). ---We will drive to Lindo Lake, El Capitan Lake, Lake Jennings, and finish at Loveland Reservoir for a picnic lunch and an optional hike down to the water. Along the way we will be stopping at Jersey Mike's to buy our own meal, (though you're welcome to bring one from home). **PLEASE NOTE: Because this is a Model T Club Event we will all be meeting at their "El Cajon Starting Point" @ 8:30 at 247 Magnolia Ave. El Cajon, 92020.** Look for the parking lot between the Courtyard Marriot & the El Cajon PD on Magnolia. ---(This is just 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 start the day with a tour through La Jolla Cove before heading to Mission Bay's **Vacation Isle Park located near the Model Yacht Pond** for our Kite Fly and BBQ. Someone in the club 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. Also, Please let me know if any children will be attending with kites and I will have participation certificates for them. (*Continued on Page 5*)

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**Saturday-Sunday April 11th-12th: Orange County Model A Ford Club Pancake Breakfast** – Bring a folding chair. The breakfast takes place at Hart Park, 701 S. Glassell St, City of Orange. Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> 07:30-11:00. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, Cocoa & Coffee. Adults \$10, Children \$5 (ages 2-10). Stay for the raffle. There's always a large selection of great prizes.

The OC Pancake Breakfast is well attended by our San Diego Club! If you bring your A the club is offering 200 miles + 50 display points for this one. Don't miss out. There are overall 100+ Model A's in attendance. It's not just for Model A's, also well attended by the Model T group!

---Drive your Model A or Modern. --- Breakfast begins @ 07:30 on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>. If you choose to drive up the night before, we've reserved a block of rooms for April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western Orange Plaza – 1302 W. Chapman Ave, Orange, CA 92868. Group rates are \$105 + tax for (1) King, \$115 + tax for (2) Queens. **Room rates expire on April 1st. Contact the hotel now at (714) 633-7720 to hold your room. Be sure to mention the Model A Club San Diego** to receive these fabulous rates. Your credit card holds the room. Your card will not be charged until your arrival.

Anyone interested in caravanning up on Saturday or how about getting together for Dinner on Saturday eve? Let's chat!

**Saturday May 9th – Save the date - TBD**

**Saturday June 27 – All Ford Picnic – Santee Lakes – 8:00am – 2:00 pm.** This annual event brings together a fantastic crowd and showcases Fords of every type and vintage—always a treat for enthusiasts and families alike. Hosted by the San Diego Early Ford V8 Club, the day is packed with People's Choice Awards, exciting raffles, BBQ eats, and plenty of friendly, fun-loving folks to mingle with. The Santee Lakes entry fee is \$7 per carload, however there is no fee for the event! Please note that pets are not allowed at Santee Lakes. Delicious BBQ eats will be available for purchase. **In addition to signing up with us, be sure to register with the Early Ford V8 Club to reserve your meal.** (see attached flyer)

**Saturday September 19 – Save the date - International Model A Day (location TBD)**

### 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](http://sandiegomodelaclub.com))  
QR Code (attached)  
In person at the monthly business meetings



If you're not called crazy when you start something new, then you're not thinking big enough.

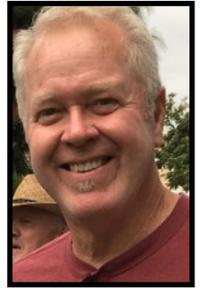
Only in math problems can you buy 60 cantaloupe melons and no one asks, "What the Hell is wrong with you?"

When the pool re-opens, due to social distancing rules, there will be no water in lanes 1, 3, and 5. Was Moses there?

Tip: Save business cards of people you don't like. If you ever hit a parked car accidentally, just write, "Sorry" on the back and leave it on the windshield.



**Marvelous March 2026**



**Looking Back Out the Rear Window:**

**Saturday February 14 Jamul Tractor Supply- Valentine Day Car Display** - 9 Model A's met at the old Dixieline parking lot at Avocado/94. All participants arrived slightly early, so we hit the road for Jamul Tractor Supply. Ahna Holder and her dad Kurt joined us with Kurt's Prowler and Ahna's Mustang (should we classify the 'stang as a "modern" albeit 60 years old?) Local vendors were on site to satisfy any hunger or thirst. (I thoroughly enjoyed a pulled pork panini!) Linda supplied coffee and donuts, and Betsy Johnson shared delicious red velvet heart-shaped cookies. Participants were: Ron and Linda Niemeyer, Nina and Ben Taravella, Guy McElroy, Fred Crone, Dave and Kris Francis, Betsy Johnson and Pete Frank. Our club's Jamul residents Ric Bonnoront and friend, and Zachary and Rochelle Svelling met us there and secured our lineup.



**Looking Forward Out the Windshield A-head:**

**Saturday March 14-** 44<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

**Saturday April 25-** Lakeside Western Day Parade and Car-B-Que (at Weisenseel's home)

**Saturday May 16-** Tierrasanta Kiwanis Patriots Day Parade

**Monday May 25-** Kensington Memorial Day Parade (luncheon to follow at Betsy Johnson's home)

**Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>-** La Mesa Flag Day Parade

**Sunday June 21-** Father's Day Display (location TBD)

**Saturday June 27-** All Ford Picnic at Santee Lakes

**Sunday June 28-** Eastlake Village Walk Car Display



*Parades and Displays, Ron Niemeyer*

*(Editor: Now we know why Ric Bonnorant parked in the EV spot To charge up his "A"!)*

## 6 V IGNITION COILS



It's MARCH, get your kite out and go fly it, that's what my wife told me to do when I suggested she clean the house.

This month's topic: 6v Ignition Coils

Model A Ford ignition coils do not go bad very often, but if one does it is good to understand how they work so you can trouble shoot the ignition system.



The Model A ignition system consists of the battery, amp gauge, ignition switch, coil, distributor, spark plugs, and wires connecting these parts. A failure in any part means no spark to the plugs.

The coil always has 6 volts at the primary terminal and the coil is connected to the points when the ignition switch is turned on. The pop out switch in the OFF position grounds the points, so the distributor contact on the pop out cable should show continuity to ground and the coil terminal (by the key end) should show no continuity to anything. In the ON position the distributor contact should show continuity to the coil terminal, and neither terminal should show continuity to ground.

Repro switches are simple OFF-ON single pole switches with no connection to ground. The main fault I find in repro switches is the contacts in the back of the switch are not a very positive contact and often don't make a good connection.

When the car doesn't start, check the simple things first. Pull the coil wire from the cap and hold it 1/4" from a head nut while cranking the engine with the key on. You should have a good blue spark. If you have a weak yellow spark check the points and condenser first. Condensers are very easy and quick to change if you follow these steps exactly.

1. Have the new condenser laying next to the distributor.
2. From the passenger side, remove the ground screw FIRST.
3. From the driver's side remove the condenser terminal screw and be sure to keep light pressure on the screw while you slip out the old condenser and slip in the new one.
4. Tighten the terminal screw, then go to the passenger side and tighten the ground screw.

Always set the points to .020" first then, set the timing. Remember that the points setting can affect the timing, but the timing can't affect the points setting. Be sure to have lube on the points rubbing block. I always carry a small piece of sandpaper in my billfold just in case I need to clean points, or check an engine number at a swap meet, etc. A point's file is good to keep in your car's tool kit and only costs about a dollar. To check the function of the points, stop the engine with the points open and key ON, then short the points contacts off and on using a screwdriver. If this produces a good spark, then the points need to be cleaned. If you are getting no spark, but the coil is getting hot, then something is grounded between the points and coil, which keeps the coil turned on full time. Be sure to oil the distributor often.

The Model A coil primary consists of 250 turns of # 20 enameled wire. The coil secondary consists of 16,000 turns of #38 enameled wire. The condenser is .3 mf.\* See page 390 in the SERVICE BULLETINS for a change in the coil connections. 1928-9 coils have the negative terminal on the passenger side, while Nov. 1929 and later coils have the negative terminal on the driver's side. Date codes can be found on the coil mounting bracket.

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When checking cylinders for power, it's better to SHORT the spark plug, rather than to disconnect the plug wire. When the spark has no place to go it tries to find the easiest path to ground, which may be to jump internally inside the coil to the metal body, or arc at the coil tower.

1928-9 slant pole coils have the metal case around the primary terminals, so make sure the first thing to go on the terminal studs is an INSULATING WASHER, then a flat washer, lock washer, and a hex nut. Barrel nuts are used to secure the wires to the slant pole coils. NO boots are used on the coil wire.

To check coil polarity hold a pencil lead in the spark path with the plug wire about a third of an inch away from the distributor terminal. You'll see a FLARE on one side of the pencil lead and this flare should be on the spark plug side of the lead.

If you do a Google search on "COIL POLARITY", CHICAGOLAND MG CLUB has an excellent short article about checking spark plug polarity and why it's important. <http://www.chicagolandmgclub.com/tec...neral/574.html>

\* Thanks to Vince Falter for the coil and condenser information

There you are, now you know more than I do about coils.

*Paul Winchester, Technical again 2026*

*"People who wonder whether the glass is half empty or half full are missing the point.  
The glass is refillable."*



## Help & Learn Seminar—March 21

March 21st, 10 AM, will be the next Help & Learn seminar at Ahna's barn at 3688 Midway Drive, near the Sports Arena. Cliff Hughes will discuss distributor rebuilding and timing. Bring a chair. Refreshments will be served. Cliff will send out an email reminder prior to the date.



## *With Sympathy*—TERRY NORMAN THRUSH

Our most heartfelt condolences to the Thrush family in the untimely passing of their son, Terry Norman Thrush. Terry Norman has been a member of the SDMAFC since 2006, with his parents members since 1994. We will provide service information when it becomes available. Our thoughts and prayers to the Thrush family!



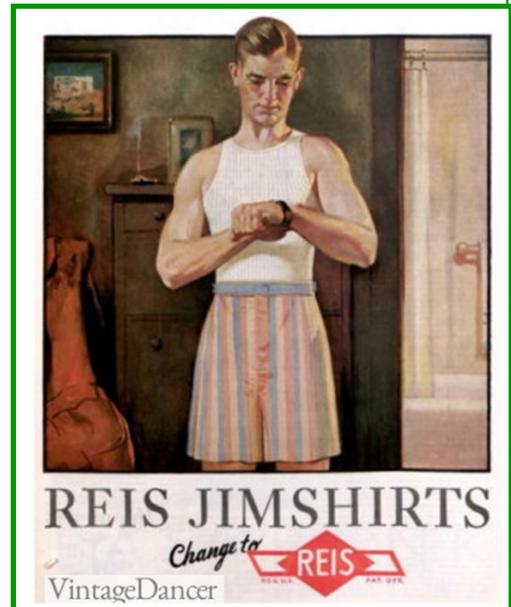
**Mentioning the Unmentionables**

Out with white, in with color! In the 1920s, men’s underwear and socks became just as colorful, if not more so, than women’s. The most intimate of underwear remained white as a sign of it being sanitary. The concern for health in the 1920s was the underwear manufacturers’ new platform. Ads touted lighter fabrics like linen, silk, cotton, and breathable rayon as healthier and more versatile from summer to winter. Colors came out in pajamas, robes, socks, and the newest late ’20s invention – boxer shorts.



Until the 1920’s, men had been wearing the same style of underwear for nearly 100 years. Long sleeve, long leg, union suits with drop seat flaps were the standard style for traditional men came in separate top and bottom pieces. In the 1920s the all-in-one union suit freed a man from confines at the waist.

Boxer shorts as we know them today were first designed for – you guessed it- boxers. In 1925, Jacob Golomb, founder of Everlast, designed trunks with elastic bands to give fighters more freedom for their foot work. Boxers were happy to change out the leather belt-fastening tights that hindered their movement. Companies marketed a lightweight version of the trunks as an undergarment. Boxers were the first advancement in men’s underwear of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, but they weren’t an instant success. Men complained of a lack of support and most stuck to their long johns.



Boxer shorts in bright color stripes were a new trend, although slow to catch on. They took inspiration from men’s athletic shorts—both tops and bottoms. Popular colors were stripes of pink, pale blue, mauve, and peach in silk or cotton. In 1929, clothing companies introduced rubber in the waist band of loose undershorts rather than a tie string. At the same time, they also introduced a fly that opened to the side.

Boxer shorts didn’t gain a leg up until the military issued them to soldiers in WWII. Veterans were used to the freedom and comfort the shorts offered and kept their preference when they came home. War heroes have long been the standard-bearer of conventional masculinity, and with their endorsement, boxer shorts were finally able to dominate the fight.

**MEMORIES**

**Recalling an incidence from the past.**

While returning from a club tour to Portland, Oregon in 2004, the San Diego group stopped for lunch at a restaurant. Returning to my Model A on the parking lot, I noticed an elderly lady walking around my Coupe. As I approached, she engaged me in conversation and related the following story:

Her family had sold their farm in Oklahoma and were reroute to the western states, hoping to find work in California or any place along the way. With money received from the farm sale, her dad bought an older Model A coupe, possibly a 1928 or 1929.

After packing up the car with essentials, they headed out on their journey. As the eldest child, that included two brothers and a baby sister; the kids rode in the rumble seat and the infant was placed on the package shelf behind the parents. She did not recall what month they left, but did know it was awful hot crossing the desert states.

The car had several flat tires, but her father was always able to patch them up - except for one inner tube, that he fortunately remembered to bring along a spare.

At one point they ran out of gas, with the nearest service station about 10 miles away. Just as her dad was about to walk with a gas can, a State Highway Trooper stopped to inquire about their problem. Being a Good Samaritan, he drove to the service station, filled the can at his own expense and returned it to them (what a thoughtful thing to do!)

She remembered them stopping at a labor camp in either Arizona or Nevada, where her dad got a week's worth of work picking fruit. That was enough to get them to San Bernardino, California where they eventually settled into a permanent residence.

They kept the old car in the family for many years, and since that time she has always felt a fondness for Model A's.

Don't we all?

*Bill Corson*



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**All Ford Picnic**



**June 27, 2026 8:00AM—2:00PM**



**Santee Lakes Regional Park**



**Model T - Model A - Early Ford - Thunderbird - Mustang - Pickups - All Fords**



## What's in a Name? '29 Clyde

### Pete Franke's 1929 Roadster Pick-Up



At the Tractor Supply display on Valentine's Day, I had the pleasure of chatting with Pete Franke, who joined the club in 2025. Although his '29 Roadster pickup was sporting Year-of-Manufacturer plates, his A also had personalized California black plates reading "29 Clyde". As I'm always ready to hear the naming stories of Model A's, I asked for clarification.

Pete related that his A had belonged to a friend for over 30 years. Pete had been saving up to purchase it and had collected about half when a good night at Sycuan Casino supplied the remaining funds. Once in Pete's garage while cleaning and examining his new purchase, he located a wooden board under the seat that read "CLYDE 29". His friend who had owned the car over 30 years had never discovered the Clyde 29 board, so some previous owner in the distant past had christened the A with this name. Of course, personalized plates were in order, however Clyde 29 was already taken; but 29 Clyde was available. Pete told me that his birthday is on February 9, so what could be more fitting? Happy Birthday to Pete and Clyde!

### MEMBER ROSTER CORRECTIONS:

As my Quail Call disclaimer promises "We guarantee mistakes in every issue", I found some missing or incorrect information AFTER the Roster was printed. Please update your 2026 Roster to include:

#### MEMBERS:

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*1928 Tudor Sedan*

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#### SERVICE DIRECTORY—Parts & Supplies (Pg 19):

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### NEW MEMBERS—WELCOME!

**RODRIGUEZ, TERRY** (Jan 20) &  
**DAVID** (Aug 24)  
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*1930 Coupe*

## 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*

## UPCOMING BAKERSFIELD AREA EVENTS—May 1 –3



Bakersfield is part of the Central California Regional Group, which is commonly called the CCRG. Every 8 years, the clubs in the CCRG host a get-together of all the clubs in their region, these are called Jamborees. This year, it is Bakersfield's turn to host the Jamboree.

Complete information about the Jamboree will be available via email and at the next club meeting.

### Also May 1-2 in Bakersfield

The Swap Meet event (listed on right) isn't affiliated with the Jamboree.

A poster for the Bakersfield Swap Meet Pre-War. The title 'BAKERSFIELD Swap Meet Pre-War' is at the top in yellow and white. Below it is an illustration of a red vintage car with several people. Text on the right says 'Don't miss the West Coast's premiere Swap Meet celebrating early antique, classic and special-interest automobiles produced before World War II'. Below that, it says 'Browse acres of vintage auto &amp; cycle parts, antique engines, tools, books &amp; literature, automobilia and much more...'. Further down, it says 'LIVE - Both days, the renowned Ragtime Racers will present their thrilling speed exhibitions!'. The name 'RAGTIME RACERS' is in a stylized font, with 'Exhibitions of Speed' below it. A checkered border separates this from the date 'MAY 1 &amp; 2 - 2026'. Below the date is an illustration of a blue vintage car. Text on the right says 'Admission \$10', 'Gates open at 8 AM Fri &amp; 7 AM Sat', 'FREE Parking / Food Vendors', and 'Minter Airfield' with the address '201 Aviation Street - Shafter, CA (A few miles North of Bakersfield)'. At the bottom, it says 'Brought to you by:' followed by logos for 'RAGTIME RACERS', 'BAY AREA IMPERIAL CARRIAGE CLUB', and 'MINTER FIELD AIR MUSEUM'. At the bottom left, it says 'Vendor Registration NOW OPEN at BakersfieldSwapMeet.org'.



## Marketplace

### 1930 Year-Of-Manufacture Plates:

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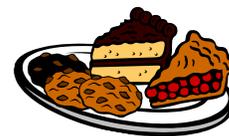
**WANTED:** 1929 Model A used wheels and a Zenith carburetor.

Contact Paul Palombo - 619.890.8105

## REFRESHMENTS: Jennifer Baehr

Signed up to bring snacks at the March Meeting:

*Gail Ganong  
Betsy Johnson  
Nancy Lovell  
Linda Niemeyer  
Terry Rodriguez*



## *March Birthdays*

- 1 Richard Potts
- 2 Tina Weisenseel
- 5 Patty Winchester
- 8 Gloria Figueroa
- 10 Jane Wehrle
- 17 Barbara Miller
- 23 Jim Taber
- 25 Mike Matthias
- 26 Jim Croff
- 29 Ric Bonnoront  
Sue Winnett



## *March Anniversaries*

Russ & Lynn Sarnecki March 22,

David & Karyn Frazee March 20, 1993



## **MEMBERSHIP DRAWING**

**\$10**

The February Membership Drawing was \$10.00. **Dave Sohr's** name was drawn, AND he was in attendance wearing his name badge. In March the pot returns to \$10.00. Be sure to attend in March and the next winner could be YOU!

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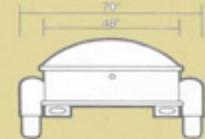
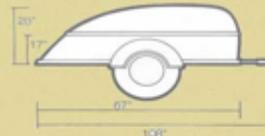
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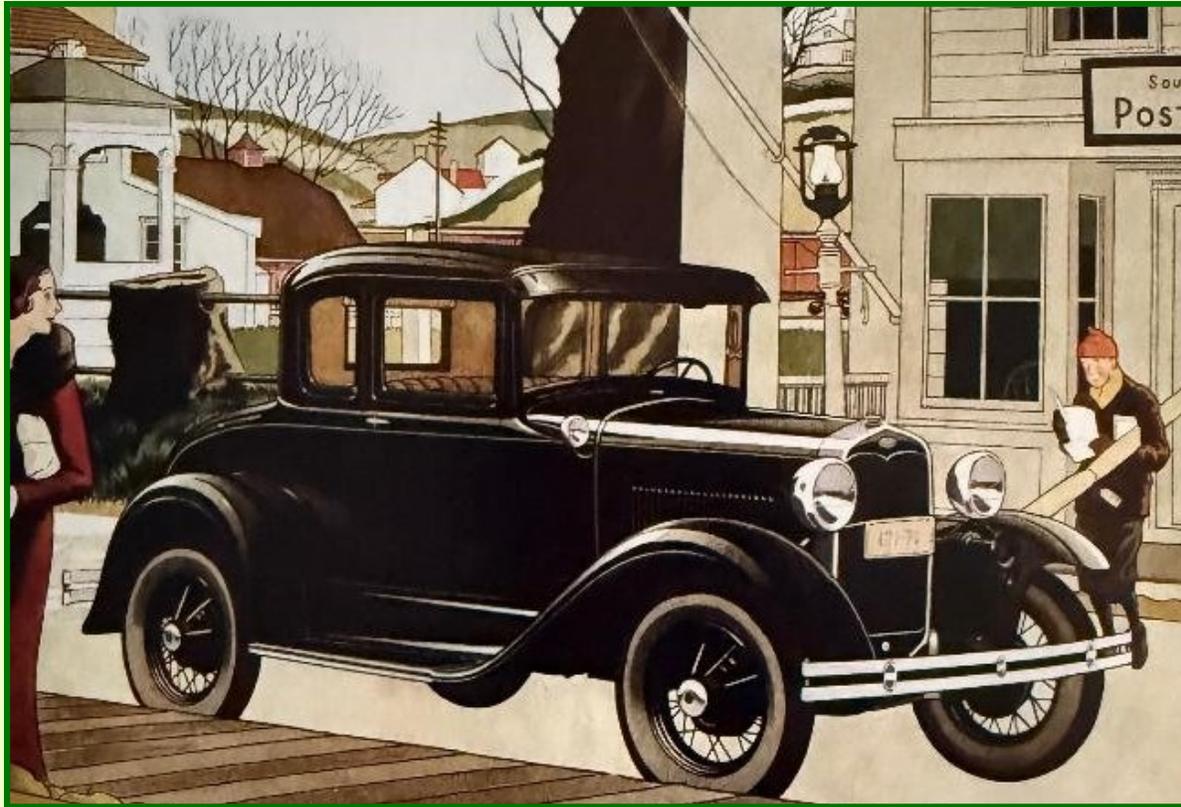


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### Advertising the Model A Ford

From the book, Advertising the Model A Ford, we snipped the artwork and information from the advertisement titled "Leaving Post Office".

*"A mother has parked her new Ford De Luxe Coupe to shop and has sent her son to pick up the mail. Junior, packages under his arm, is little concerned as he reads the letter he has just picked up at the post office.."*

This ad was printed in 4 magazines in March 1931 , and states "The New Ford is an economical car to own and drive."

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