

# Quail Call

**San Diego Model A Ford Club Inc.**  
*Model A'ing since 1957*



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Kris Francis*

Last month I wrote how plans to visit our son in the UAE abruptly changed when I fractured my ankle. We grudgingly canceled our trip 4 days prior to departure due to my lack of mobility. Little did we know that had we arrived as planned, we would have landed just as things were getting exciting in the Middle East. Sometimes things happen for a reason! So I can't complain too much about the walking boot or the cane Dave located that had been his Mom's. So stylish – it even has flowers!



Which got me thinking that actually canes were quite the fashion statement back in the Model A Era. Carrying a stick, cane or walking stick in the 20<sup>th</sup> century was a widespread social practice with multiple overlapping functions: status signaling, fashion accessory, practical utility, and cultural habit. A finely made cane, often with silver or gold mounts, conveyed wealth and refinement. It functioned like a visible badge of social rank. Walking sticks were an accepted element of male dress codes. Gentlemen carried them as part of a compete, respectable outfit.

As I researched further, I found that you could purchase many “upgrades” to the standard cane. There were canes with pill boxes or hidden compartments, or for wine lovers, you could find canes with a corkscrew. There were canes with snuff boxes or canes with lipstick compartments for the ladies. You had canes with fragrance bottles or fragrance dispensers. You had flask canes in case you wanted a drink on the go. You had watch canes, canes with a shaving kit that contained a little mirror, a little brush, soap, and, in fact, the razor, so all you needed was water. You could also have canes with opera glasses or even a violin cane for the musically inclined. Some even built guns into their canes.

So even though I should be done with the walking boot and cane by April, perhaps in the interest of Model A Era fashion, I should continue to sport a cane. Maybe I can even find one with an “upgrade”!

*Kris*

## UPCOMING EVENTS: Save these dates!

<b>APRIL</b>	10	Business Meeting—Santee 7:00
	12	OC Pancake Breakfast
	25	Lakeside Western Days Parade & Car-B-Que
<b>MAY</b>	1-2	Bakersfield Jamboree
	8	Business Meeting—Santee 7:00
	13	Olympic Training Center Tour
	16	Tierra Santa Kiwanis Patriots Day Parade
	23	Help 'N Learn Technical Seminar
	25	Kensington Memorial Day Parade
	30	Cuyamaca Lake Tour w/ Model T Club



**Easter Blessings**

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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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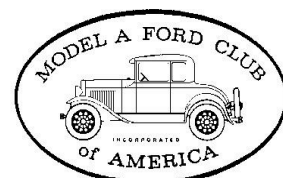
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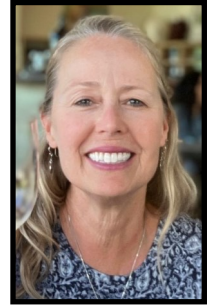
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Dues are \$50.00 per calendar year.



## San Diego Model A Ford Club Business Meeting—March 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 March 13, 2026. U.S. Navy Veteran Arlyn Bieber led the Pledge of Allegiance. Judith McElroy moved that we accept minutes from January 2026 Banquet meeting and February 2026 Minutes as published in Quail Call. Tina Weisenseel 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**Tours:** [Ross Nelson]: **Recap Past Tours: February 21 – Jacumba Hot Springs Tour:** Thanked Svellings for great tour. 44 participants, 15 Model A's with no breakdowns! **March 7 – Four Lakes Tour and Poker Run,** with Model T Club, great views of lakes and reservoir, 32 participants, congrats to Ron Niemeyer for winning poker hand. . **Upcoming Tours: March 21 – Help & Learn Event:** led by Cliff Hughes at Ahna Holder's garage 3688 Midway Drive. Topic: Distributors. **March 28 – Mission Bay Kite Flying & BBQ:** Meet at south Shores Boat Ramp at 9:00 AM. BYO kite, drink, and dish to share. **April 1<sup>st</sup> April Fool's Day Cloud Museum Tour:** See eclectic collection in Bard, CA near Winterhaven, \$10 admission, drive your modern, lunch at Penny's Diner in Yuma. **April 11-12 – OC Pancake Breakfast.** \$10 breakfast, caravan to Orange County on Saturday April 11th, dinner with group, overnight stay at hotel. **May 9 – TBD Save the date. May 30 – Cuayamaca Lake Resort:** with Model T Club, back country tour departing El Cajon 8:30am. **June 27 – All Ford Picnic:** 8am-2pm at Santee Lakes, \$7 fee for parking, pre-order food with V8 Club.

**Parades/Displays:** [Ron Niemeyer]. **Upcoming Events: March 14 – Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. April 25 – Lakeside Western Day Parade** and Car-B-Cue at Weisenseel's. **May 16 – Tierrasanta Patriot's Day Parade.** 10am **May 25 – Kensington Memorial Day Parade,** lunch hosted afterwards by Betsy Johnson. **June 13 – La Mesa Flag Day Parade. June 21 – Father's Day Display.**

**Treasurer:** [John Weisenseel] Bank of America account now closed. New account at US Bank. Checking account and investment account balances were given as of February 28, 2026: **Income:** \$60 Membership, \$35 Hospitality, \$37.50 Ways & Means, \$10 Additional Rosters. **Bills to pay:** None this month.

### Old Business:

**MAFFI:** [Kris Francis] confirmed Club donations in honor of Carolyn Kaiser, Reen Kotas & Billie Bonnoront.

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

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

**Donation to OC Pancake Breakfast:** [Kris Francis] Regarding the prior motion to donate \$150 raffle prize to OC Pancake Breakfast from our Club, a gift certificate to Best Western Orange Plaza for 1-night stay at hotel. Move to amend the motion passed on February 13, 2026 by striking out "gift certificate to Best Western" and instead provide a \$150 cash donation to OC Pancake Breakfast to raffle off as they see fit. This is intended for the raffle, not to be used for event costs. Dave Francis made motion, Zachary Svelling 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**2028 MAFCA Convention:** David Frazee will update next month.

**SCRG Tour to Pendleton for MAFCA Meet:** : [Paul Winchester] Paul will lead tour to Pendleton Oregon, May 26-31 driving up 395 through Tahoe and Lassen National Park. Convention dates May 31-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:

**Tribute:** [Michael Dainer] to commemorate passing of local legend Eddie Murphy, author of "Second in Command".

**Classic Car Shipping Companies:** Members are looking for reputable companies to ship cars across country.

**Saturday Neighbors:** [Kris Francis] Church is accepting donations of gently used clothing for homeless, adult sizes

**So Cal Regional Group Invitation:** [Paul Winchester]: Spring BBQ Saturday March 21, contact Paul if interested in attending

**Bakersfield Model A Club Carnival Invitation:** May 1, lots of games, BBQ dinner and Kern River Brass Band, in Bakersfield

**El Cajon Cruise Invitation:** [Paul Palombo] Beginning May 6, Wednesday evenings beginning at 4pm

**Membership:** [Rochelle Svelling] 49 members in attendance tonight with 2 guests

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

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

**Defender:** [Ray Beardslee] Nothing to Report

**Refreshments:** [Jennifer Baehr] Need sign-ups for April. Contact Jennifer

**Webmaster:** [Chris Halter] Not in attendance tonight

**Correspondence:** [Kathryn Hughes] Not in attendance tonight

**Era Presentation:** [Cliff Hughes] Lively slide show featuring celebrities born in the Model A era, including Mickey Mouse, Shirley Temple, Audrey Hepburn, Sean Connery, Grace Kelly, Leonard Nimoy, etc.

**Technical:** [Paul Winchester] Topic: How to test coil without tearing your car apart.

**Ways & Means:** [Tina Weisenseel] Happy winners of many raffle items, with a \$20 Home Depot gift card for the Door Prize.

**Membership drawing prize** [\$10.00]: No winner tonight, Hugh & Anne McMillan were not present. Next month \$20

**Closing:** Jokes by Ric Bonnorant. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM by Betsy Johnson, John Weisenseel 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, *Julia Halter*

Julia Halter (Recording secretary)



## Tours Report



Welcome to April in San Diego – What’s up with this summerlike weather? Wow!  
Let’s recap the March Tours:



**March 7 Lakes Tour** - On March 7<sup>th</sup> we attended the appropriately named Lake’s Tour hosted by the San Diego Model T Ford Club. Off we go. The tour began in El Cajon. We cruised surface streets to Lindo Lake and parked at the lake for some show & tell with the local folks under the shade trees. Then off to El Capitan Reservoir where we had the perfect parking spot with a spectacular view overlooking the reservoir..... The next stop was Lake Jennings where the water level at the lake was at the highest level that I’ve ever seen it. We drove in over the dam to the campground entrance before making a U-turn at the campground kiosk. All of this while being captured on the lake’s security footage which Lake Jennings proudly posted on their Facebook page... ☺ Our final destination was the Loveland Reservoir. After another beautiful stretch of the East County back-country we landed at Loveland Reservoir and ate our lunches, lingered some more, and determined the poker hand winner before heading for home. Congratulations to Ron Niemeyer on winning the jackpot with a pair of 10’s. The next highest hand was a pair of 8’s, then a pair of 3’s. Theresa Johnson shared a video synopsis of the day on our SDMAFC Facebook Page. Fantastic video Theresa, Thank you! Click [HERE](#) to see the video.

Between the Model A Club and the Model T Club there were 32 Participants, 8 A’s, 5 Model T’s, and 5 Moderns. **Club members receiving participation points are:** Dave & Sherill Kelsen, and Dave & Kris Francis. **Model A member’s receiving mileage are:** Tim & Sonia Hill, Cliff Hughes, Tim & Theresa Johnson, Guy & Judith McElroy, Ross & Susan (Nelson), Ron Niemeyer, Ben & Nina Taravella, and Paul Winchester.

A special thanks go to the San Diego Model T Club for their generous invitation. Oh and, no break-downs from either Club! Update: I just found out that one of the Model T’s overheated on their way home from the Loveland Reservoir. Their fan belt had slipped off. Fortunately, they were able to do a roadside side fix. After the car had cooled down enough, they were able to mount the belt back on, add water, and head for home. What a great day for all!

**March 28<sup>th</sup> Mission Bay Kite Fly** –The morning began at the Club’s South Shores Parking Area meeting spot near Sea World. Our tour passed through Pacific Beach and through the residential area of La Jolla’s less traveled



roads to meet at La Jolla Cove. On the way we were greeted by the “No Kings” protestors as we drove by and honked our non-partisan Aooohgah horns. Once we arrived at the La Jolla Cove we parked and took a 30 minute break to enjoy the fresh air and watch the waves breaking. Next stop! The Paradise Point Picnic Area where several of us put together and launched our kites. The wind gods were watching over us while it was a perfect day for a kite fly and it didn’t take long for us to work up our appetites for the grilled hot dogs and Potluck lunch provided by the club members. Thank you to everyone who showed up with their sides & desserts (and their kites) and made this a special day for all of us. There’s already whispers of making this an annual event!



Attending were 10 Model A’s and 2 Modern’s. Dave and Sherill Kelsen, and Ray & Gail Ganon receive **participation points** for this spectacular event. The following members will receive **participation & mileage** for bringing their Model A’s: Mike & Jenn Baehr, Arlyn & Nayola Bieber, Fred Crone, Dave & Kris Francis, Ahna Holder and her parents Curtis & Barbara, Cliff & Kathryn Hughes, Phil Kowalewski, Ross & Susan (Nelson), Joe & Susan Valentino, and Paul Winchester. *(Continued on Page 5)*

**Upcoming Tours:**

**April 11-12 Orange County Pancake Breakfast.** 200 club miles awarded for this one if you trailer or drive your A. The Orange County Model A Club puts this one on. The \$10 pancake breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee. The breakfast is held on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> followed by a car show and a large raffle selection. Stay for the raffle. They have some spectacular prizes. The event is held at Hart Park 701 S. Glassell St in Orange.

Most members that signed up to bring their A's will drive up the day before on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>. Members that signed up to bring their A's are: Ross Piper, Ed and Anne (Poffenberger), Paul & Patty Winchester, Ben & Nina Travella, David & Karyn Frazee, Tom & Karen Lazar(hopeful), and Jim Krugel. If you are driving or trailering your "A" in on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> then meet **@10:00AM at Dennys, 5445 Kearny Villa Road, San Diego 92123** and we'll caravan up together. The first stop will be at the Oceanside Rest Stop where we will meet up with the Frazee's. Modern's are welcome to tag along! Also let's put our heads together for dinner on Saturday night! How about 5:00PM at the Super Antojitos? It's a 2 minute drive or 10 minute walk from our hotel room. Let me know how many are going to dinner and I will make a reservation.

**May 13<sup>th</sup> – Olympic Training Center** – Introducing the tour to the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista. The OTC folks don't conduct weekend tours so this one is on a Wednesday. We'll meet at 08:15 at the old Dixieline Lumber on Avocado & 94 and cruise the backcountry to the Olympic Training Center. It's a \$45 pp for the Gold Tour which includes the guided tour & the athlete's buffet lunch at their cafeteria or you can opt for the Silver Tour for \$20 pp fee (excludes the cafeteria lunch) and you can bring your own lunch. If you wish to purchase the lunch, please mention how many lunches in the "Other Information We Should Know" cell in the QR sign-up, or on the sign-up sheet in person at the monthly meeting. I have to provide a head-count for the lunches by May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP your lunches with me no later than Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> or bring a bag lunch with you if you don't wish to eat at their cafeteria. There is a picnic area provided outside for the brown baggers.

**May 30<sup>th</sup> – Cuyamaca Lake Tour** - The Model T Club has invited us once again to join them for another one of their great back-country adventures — this time to the Cuyamaca Lake Resort. They'll be meeting at their usual spot, 247 Magnolia Avenue in El Cajon, at 8:30 AM for the drivers meeting, with a 9:00 AM departure. From there, we'll enjoy beautiful backroads run through Singing Hills, Sycuan, Japatul Valley, Descanso, Guatay, and Pine Valley, then cruise the Sunrise Highway over Mount Laguna before rolling into the recently renovated Cuyamaca Lake Resort for a well-earned burger lunch. It's always a treat to explore our local backcountry with these timeless vehicles. Don't miss out on this one!

**June 27<sup>th</sup> – All Ford Picnic.** The All-Ford Picnic is exactly what the title says it is. All varieties of Ford from Model T to current. The event is held at Santee Lakes. The event itself is free, but the Park charges \$7 per carload for entry. Come out and see the huge variety of Fords and mingle with the other Ford owners who love their cars like we do! The V8 Club is offering grilled Hot Dogs and Hamburgers for sale. Please help the Early V8 Club determine how much food to bring and preorder your food by using the provided link or this QR code.

**Registration is Free! To Register for the All-Ford Picnic go to:**

**<https://bit.ly/4kE6AKJ>**



*Ross Nelson, Tour Director*



*Lakes Tour with Model T's photo left*

*Mission Bay Kite Tour photo right*



## PARADES & Car Displays: *Ron Niemeyer*

Awesome April 2026



### Looking Back Out the Rear Window:

Saturday March 14 was the 44th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. 7 A's gathered at the old Rite Aid parking lot on Adams Ave. We all got to meet new members Gerry and Jeanine Roche and their "new to them" Sport Coupe. This parade was their first event with the A. Our group cruised down through historical neighborhoods and streets together en-route to the staging area.



Being #93 of 99 entries in the parade step-off, we capitalized on our waiting time by picnicking in the shade with delicious homemade goodies and fresh brewed coffee. It gave our group time to catch up and get to know one another better. The parade was festive with a great crowd turn out as we puttered down 5th and 6th Avenue. The weather couldn't have been more perfect with our windshields open to showcase the free air conditioning feature to the public.

Participants were Mike and Jen Baehr, Fred Crone, Cliff Hughes, Betsy Johnson, Ross Nelson and his son Derek and Ross's great-grandson Dace, Ron and Linda Niemeyer and Gerry and Jeanine Roche.

### Looking Out the Windshield A-head:

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

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

**Monday May 25-** Kennington Memorial Day Parade and luncheon to follow at member Betsy Johnson's home.

**Saturday June 13-** La Mesa Flag Day Parade

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

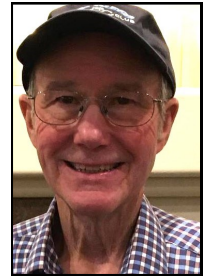
**Saturday June 27-** All Ford Picnic at Santee Lakes

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

*Parades and Displays,  
Ron Niemeyer*



## Spark Plugs



Wow it is April already, time to wake up and get the Taxes in.

Last month I talked about Ignition Coils, and was asked a question about switching polarity when using positive ground like the Model A. The answer is complex, the coil internal wiring was reversed in October of 1929, but the terminals were not marked, and off the shelf coils made before 1955 had the + and - labeled so you always put the wire from the battery to the + side and the distributor wire to the - side, when the grounds were changed from positive ground to negative ground around 1955 the coil markings were also changed so you could still put the battery wire to the + and the distributor wire to the -. The problem then is, when was the coil made? For judging you may need a coil for year of manufacture, but may not know which terminal is + or -.

Most of us have newer coils made after 1955, so when running a positive ground system the battery wire would go to the - side, and the distributor would go to the + side, unless the parts supplier has made a coil to mimic the originals, then it would go the other way. The only way to really know is to test the direction of electron flow.



### **This month we are discussing Spark Plugs.**

A French Bicycle racer and sometimes Moto Cycle racer got injured in a race in 1899 and retired from racing to the United States in about 1905, Albert Champion began making porcelain spark plugs with a couple of partners forming the Champion Spark Plug Company in 1908, his partners soon decided they did not need him so he left the company with his name on it, and started a new company AC Spark Plug Company, now called AC Delco. Most spark plugs use Champion's porcelain designs. Ford used Champion's plugs in the Model T and Model A.

Below is an informative article from Larry Brumfield:

**Spark Plug Heat Range Test:** A heat range test is the best way to determine the correct spark plug for a particular engine set up and a person's driving habits. When in doubt always choose a colder plug first until you determine what works best. The worst thing that can happen is the plug can foul out whereas too hot a plug can cause pre-ignition and possible piston damage, i.e., a hole melted right through the piston! Some people may think it's baloney but it's the truth.

**Conduct a heat range test as follows:** Drive out someplace where you can run the car at a sustained speed for a few miles without having to slow down or stop; very important. This allows the heat to build..

Run the car up to the maximum speed in high gear that you would typically drive if you decided to drive fast, and I don't mean dangerously high speed. Hold the car at that sustained speed and without letting off the throttle, reach over and turn off the ignition. Let off the throttle, push in the clutch right quickly and coast over to the side of the road. Open the hood and allow the engine to cool off a bit. Remove the spark plugs and examine the color and condition of the electrodes and insulators. The color will be a true indication of how hot or cold the plugs are running.

Now remember this .... if you run the engine and then let it slow down or idle and then check the plugs, you will not get a true indication of the heat, at speed that is. I've seen many a person judge a spark plug after an engine has been idling and use a hotter plug to get the reading they want, only to find out that at speed, the plug was too hot!

Of course this is not all set in stone. A person who putts around at say 35 or 40 MPH and never faster may need a hotter plug. The lower the combustion chamber temperature, the hotter the plug should be. On the other hand, as conditions cause the combustion chamber temperature to rise, a colder plug may be necessary. Also, a fuel mixture that is too rich or too lean can confuse the readings; plus a poor ignition system, poor compression, an oil burner, etc., etc.; so the accuracy of the above depends on an engine with proper function.

In conclusion, the plugs should run hot enough to keep the deposits burned off and that's it.... This means the color should range anywhere from light brown to grayish tan. Sooty black is too cold and chalky white is too hot.

Larry Brumfield, July 2019

*Paul Winchester, Tech 2026*

## **1920s Hanky- Danky**

Originally known as Handkerchiefs, Hankies were squares of fabric tucked into a pocket to be at the ready for a variety of uses. The first known use was in 1530, but people had been using these nifty pieces of cloth for millennia. Handkerchiefs have a myriad of uses, from drying tears to mopping a brow to cleaning a child's face to keeping dust out of one's mouth and nose to commemorating special events to getting a man's attention and gifts of affection. Its utility is vast. The most common one is to blow or wipe one's nose.

For a long time, handkerchiefs were something only the wealthy could afford because linen and silk were expensive. Because handkerchiefs were valued, they would be listed in dowries and bequeathed in wills. The wealthy would have bigger and bigger handkerchiefs and more elaborately adorned to display their wealth. In 1785, Louis XVI didn't want anyone to have a handkerchief bigger than his, so he mandated a size and shape. He decided on the square shape as well. Before then, handkerchiefs could be square, round, rectangle, or even a triangle. Louis decided that square was the most pleasing. All handkerchiefs from then on made in France had to be of that size and shape.



Handkerchiefs were everywhere as an accessory in the early 20th century. The industrial revolution had led to more economical methods of processing materials and manufacturing products, including handkerchiefs. They had become a necessary part of life for men and women,

young and old. Well into the 1920s, handkerchiefs for the average man were white. If a lady wanted something different, she could embroider colorful flowers and designs on her hankies. Hankies were no longer made from silk and lace as decorative accessories. They could be mass-produced out of cheaper textiles, like cloth or cotton.

But two things happened that halted the story of the hankie in the twentieth century. During the First World War, the world was struck by a global flu pandemic of 1918's. Capitalizing on the fact that this pandemic was still very recent history in the world's collective memory, and that people carried possibly contagious germs on their person, the Kleenex slogan "Don't carry a cold in your pocket" was ingenious marketing for new disposable facial tissues.

With the "Roaring 20's" of post-war economic growth, more disposable income meant that there was an appetite for innovation. These facial tissues had been around for a while as a convenient way for a woman to remove makeup at the end of the day. Handkerchiefs continued to exist throughout the 20th century in fashion and as a practical accessory but their widespread use dramatically tailed off as disposable facial tissues came to dominate the market.

During the depression of the 30s, women didn't have the means to buy new clothes and often could only afford a new hankie as a fashion accessory. A lady would "change" her outfit by sporting a different hankie.



## Help ‘N Learn Technical Seminar - Distributors



Thanks to Cliff Hughes who coordinated the March 21<sup>st</sup> Help ‘N Learn Seminar held at Ahna Holder’s “barn”. This hands-on seminar focused on disassembly and re-assembly of a Model A distributor, setting the timing on a distributor, and also locating top-dead-center of the number one cylinder. Cliff’s 1930 Tudor Sedan was the “guinea pig” for teams using the “Spin & Pin” method to locate top-dead-center. Each person had the opportunity to first “spin” the rear wheel to help their partner find the “Pin” on the front timing cover. Cliff also touched on some of the “upgrades” that are available for a Model A Distributor. Members attending praised Cliff’s excellent presentation and the “hands-on” experience. Many thanks to Ahna for her hospitality and sharing her garage space.

### IDEA EXCHANGE

In late February, Blaine Maus of the Twin City Model A Ford Club reached out to us via our website. Blaine was going to be visiting San Diego the end of February and asked if there were any club events that weekend, as he would like to meet and chat with some of our club members. Of course, that was the only weekend with nothing going on, so Arlyn & Nayola Bieber invited him over for a pizza gathering with a few San Diego club members.

36 year old Blaine has a 1928 Tudor, which he’s owned for 7 years. Last summer, Blaine accomplished a cross-country drive all the way from Minneapolis, MN to Crescent City/Klamath, CA and back to MN, a 3 week (mostly) camping trip.

As we chatted, the discussion moved from our cars to our clubs and the idea exchange began. We described our Hard Luck Trophy and Blaine said they had the Spark Plug award. The Spark Plug award was given annually to 1 to 4 people who have been a “Spark Plug” in their club that year.

Since the Twin City club covers much of the state of Minnesota, their business meetings are held via zoom. He estimates that they have 200 families in their club. Blaine also related how lucky Californians are to have touring weather year-round. Many of the Minnesota members only drive their cars from Memorial Day to Labor Day!!

It was an enjoyable afternoon and we sent Blaine home with some San Diego club merch. Thanks to Arlyn & Nayola for hosting!



## 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**



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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.](#)

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### Bakersfield, CA Model A Club

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 at the April club meeting.

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Hello everyone, looking forward to the 2026 car season here in San Diego, the Cajon Cruise starts May 6th and goes through August 26th, every Wednesday at Main St. and Magnolia Ave. downtown El Cajon. REMEMBER do not park on Main St. before 3.00 pm each Wednesday. Cruise hours are 5.00 to 7.30 pm. Some entertainment on the promenade and 2 DJ's (east end and west end) playing a variety of music.

The public would like to see some Model A's represented (hardly ever see them). We can have Orange Ave for just Model A's on a Wednesday if the CLUB would like to, just contact me Paul @ 619-890-8105 to set it up if we can get 7-10 A's to show.

The Cajon Cruise does not get funding from the city or very little so... Sponsorships start at \$500. Individuals wanting to donate in smaller sums will find our GO FUND ME page on charger Steve's FB or on the Go Fund Me Site !

THE 3 O'CLOCK RULE WILL CONTINUE! NO Show cars can park on Main Street until the clock strikes 3pm - A condition we had to agree upon to continue having car shows, so please abide by it as it keeps the local merchants content.

*Paul Palombo*

**NEXT**  
**HELP 'N LEARN SEMINAR**  
**MAY 23RD**

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday, 10:00AM, will be the next Help & Learn training seminar at Ahna's barn, 10 AM-Noon, at 3688 Midway Drive, near the Sports Arena.

Cliff Hughes will be discussing maintenance, repair and inspection of the **Zenith Model A carburetor**. Bring a chair. Refreshments will be served. Cliff will send out an email reminder prior to the date.



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A homeless outreach that partners with Carlton Hills Lutheran Church is looking for gently used adult clothing and shoes for their guests. **Most needed are adult T-shirts, sweats, jackets, jeans, sneakers or boots.** Save your used finery and suits for another time, as what is most needed are the basics. Please freshly launder donated items. Bring any donations to our monthly Model A club meetings, and we will make sure they get to our neighbors in need. Thank you!



# The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

## THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

March 2026

**M**embers, we are now offering a MARC digital membership on a promotional basis for 12 months at \$30. You get all of the privileges of full MARC membership except that the *Model A News* is only available on the MARC website. This promotional offer is in addition to our FREE 12 month digital membership for members of your Region who have never been MARC members previously. Call the office at 734-427-9050 to enroll.

Don't forget that we have some additional membership options to our regular 12 month membership.

-*Junior Membership*, for young adults between the ages of 18-25, digital *Model A News*. FREE!

-*Surviving Spouse Membership*, for those who wish to continue to participate in club activities, digital *Model A News*. \$15.

-*Complimentary Membership*, to attend a specific MARC event including dignitaries, vendors, companions or others not involved in the hobby. No other benefits except ability to attend events and MARC liability insurance. FREE (short duration).

-*Temporary Membership*, for speakers, vendors, others who profit from the event. No other benefits except ability to attend the event and MARC liability insurance coverage. \$15 (Board approved required)

**A**re you following Model "A" Restorers Club on Facebook? Our new social media strategy has exploded the number of views, viewers and visits by almost 1000%. People who follow our postings are up by an even higher percentage. Younger viewers, the next generation of MARC members, are talking about the cute video clips and showing more interest in our hobby. Many thanks to our development team and our new Facebook administrators!

**R**egarding our new social media strategy, our website development team continues to add new features to our website. Members can now register for the upcoming French Lick National Meet on our website. No more mailing/lost registration forms, hard to read names and addresses and addition errors. Just log in to the MARC website and scroll down to French Lick 2026 online registrations, click read more and it will take you to the registration form. Electronic payment is welcome, or you can still send a check!

**C**old weather has delayed or cancelled many Region events. Time now to get your cars ready to attend MARC's spring Finger Lakes Tour/Membership Meet. There are still a few registrations available so plan to make yours today.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### **Jim & Debra Kruegel**

258 Alpine Ave.  
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Debra Cell: 619-616-9659  
Email: [kruegelj@gmail.com](mailto:kruegelj@gmail.com)  
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## UNIQUE CLUB MERCHANDISE

In previous years, the club utilized the services of a custom embroidery vendor (Sherry Jager) located in Santee. She provided and embroidered jackets with the club logo or you could bring in your own jacket, vest, shirt, etc and she would embroider it for you. Her prices are very reasonable and the turn-around is usually about a week.

At this time the club is not taking group orders, so if interested, you will need to coordinate directly with Sherry Jager. If you provide your own garment, she has a liability release that needs your signature. More information will be available at the April club meeting.

### Embroidery Vendor Contact:

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### Physical Address:

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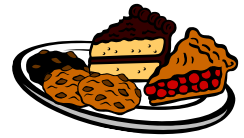


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## REFRESHMENTS: Jennifer Baehr

Signed up to bring snacks at the  
April Meeting:

Jennifer Baehr  
Nayola Bieber  
Karen Machado  
Judith McElroy  
Tina Weisenseel



## *April Birthdays*

2 Bill Corson  
2 Jerriann Taber  
11 Anne Di Napoli  
20 Nayola Bieber  
23 Nina Taravella  
24 Kris Francis  
24 Fred Crone  
25 Amy Pasquinelli  
26 Meripa Corson  
26 Bill Hansen  
26 Jim Train  
27 Steve Cordtz  
29 Paul Winchester



## *April Anniversaries*

Ron & Linda Niemeyer, April 4, 1981  
Ben & Nina Taravella April 24, 1982  
Mark & Tamara Williamson April 26, 1986  
Ray & Gail Ganong April 5, 1997  
Ray & JudyJo Beardslee April 25, 1998  
Zachary & Rochelle Svelling April 10, 2021



## **MEMBERSHIP DRAWING**



The March Membership Drawing was \$10.00. **Hugh & Anne McMillan's** names were drawn but they were not in attendance. In April the pot goes up to \$20.00. Be sure to attend in April and the next winner could be **YOU!**

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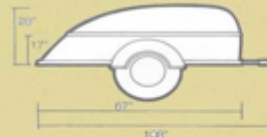
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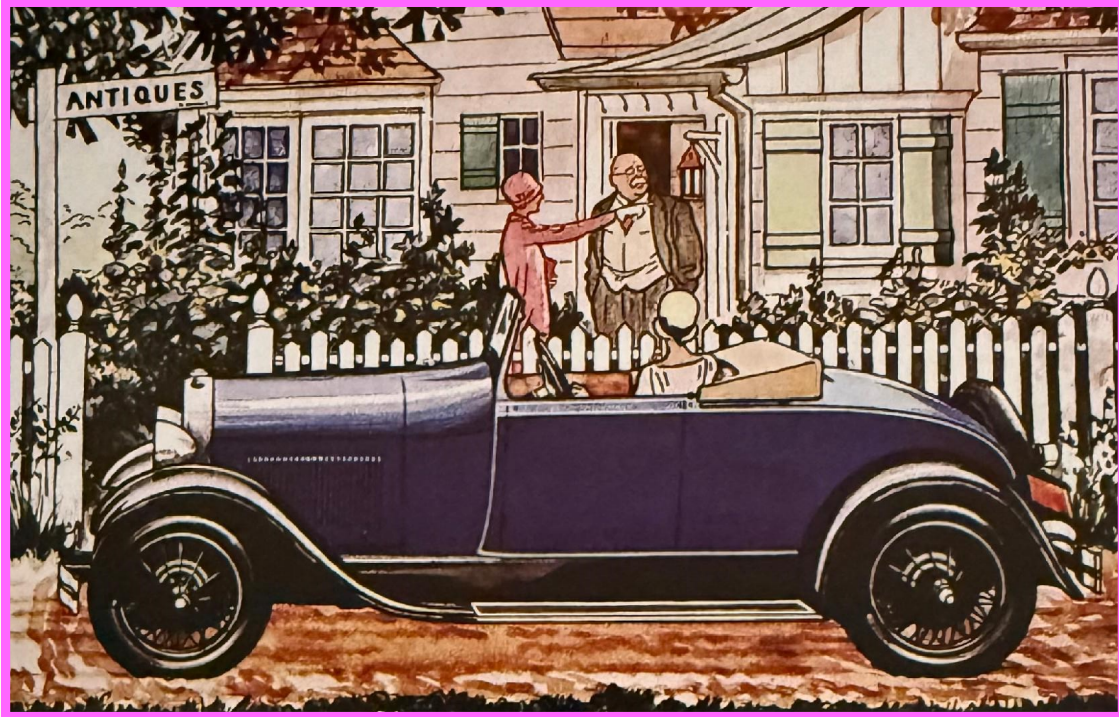


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