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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There is something special about seeing a Model A Ford roll down Main Street, U.S.A. at Disneyland or through the streets of Disney California Adventure. Those old Fords remind us of a simpler time, when a Sunday drive was an adventure and the journey was every bit as important as the destination. Walt Disney had a deep appreciation for early American automobiles, and our beloved Model A fits right into that vision. Whether you're riding down Main Street in one of the vintage vehicles or simply admiring the craftsmanship of those early automobiles, it's hard not to imagine our own club members behind the wheel, smiling as they wave to families lining the sidewalks. It reminds us that these cars aren't just pieces of history—they're rolling memories that continue to bring joy to people of all ages.



Speaking of joy, this month's meeting is shaping up to be a sweet one! We're trading wrenches for waffle cones as we celebrate with an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social. If that isn't enough to cool everyone off during a California summer, rumor has it there may even be a birthday cake making an appearance. So come hungry, bring your sweet tooth, and enjoy an evening filled



with great friends, plenty of laughs, and, of course, plenty of Model A conversation. After all, the only thing better than talking about old Fords is doing it with a bowl of ice cream in one hand and a fork full of birthday cake in the other!

Wade

Dr. Frankenstein's Monster

From the dejection we felt in January when we learned we'd been thrown out of the Boys' Home to the elation we experienced in February when we realized that the Nethercutt would be our host this year's car show / swap meet, this year has been a series of peaks and valleys! As of today (July 31), we have 115 cars signed up (and paid for) the car show! Hunter keeps upping his capacity number—from 120 to 130, using a shoehorn, he's now at 140 to 150 using the shoehorn with some KY jelly. And while we have a mere six signed up for the swap meet, last year, we entered the day with 12 signed up and we sold another 18 at the gate. Yes, it appears that we have created a monster.

WE NEED HELP! Hunter has said that other clubs have offered to help and we'll probably take them up on it, but we need to exhaust our on folks first.

PLEASE, put your name, the name of your spouse, kids, mother-in-law on a blank space on the sign-up sheets!

This is our only fundraiser this year and because of the new upper crust venue, we are elevating our game: food to be catered, porta-potties to be rented, swag for the participants and a no charge admission policy will cut into years' past profits, but we want to make this a first class event! And we need your help. Let's all pitch in and use the other clubs to augment rather than BE the help.



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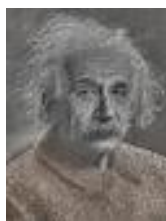
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WEB GEEK

Joint venture
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Thursday, August 13

6:30 PM

Board meeting

Mimi's Restaurant, 19710 Nordhoff Place, Chatsworth All are invited, however comments and remarks are permitted only if on the agenda.

Saturday August 8
8 AM

Breakfast and Scuttlebutt, Bob's Big Boy
4211 W. Riverside Dr. Burbank

Saturday August. 8

Early Ford Swap Meet (See flyer Page 12)

Sunday August 9
Roll in 7-10AM

Moorpark Motor Classic
Arroyo Vista Park
4550 Tierra Rejada Road
Moorpark
moorparkmotorclassic.com

Sunday August 16

Meet at Supercar Sunday - Pierce College
Leave Supercar Sunday at 9:30 AM and drive to Marmalade Café, 4783 Commons Way, Calabasas

Thursday, August 20

7:30 PM

General Membership Meeting

Galpin Motors 15505 Roscoe Bl. North Hills

Our annual ice cream social. And we'll be having dinner at Galpin's HORSELESS CARRIAGE restaurant around 6PM.

Most Every Wednesday —Lunch with the fellas at Millie's. Feel free to join us any Wednesday at Millie's Restaurant, 16840 Vanowen St, Van Nuys, CA 91406 at 11AM for master classes in Model A maintenance, marital functioning, world problems (state and local) solving and other general yucks. Our venue has changed but not the conversations!



LOOK AHEAD...

Saturday September 5

Breakfast and Scuttlebutt
Mama's Table
23340 Cinema Dr.
Santa Clarita

Saturday September 12

Tour to Fillmore (details to be announced)

Sunday October 4

San Fernando Valley Chapter MAFCA Car show and swap meet



SUNSHINE



No one is bringing refreshments for this evening's meeting, as the club is furnishing the ice cream and all the fixins for the annual ice cream social!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8/ 2 Fred Albrecht
8/ 7 Norman Goodwin
8/ 8 Amy Cass McCabe
8/10 Chris Haynes
8/16 Rod Romano
8/19 Audrey Bell
8/21 Carroll Vaughan
8/25 Leda Osborn



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

8/ 3 Carl & Kathy Buratti
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Words of wisdom for your pondering

“The secret of getting ahead is getting started.”

Mark Twain

From where I sit...

We're now just 1 day and two months out from our car show and swap meet to be held at the Nethercutt Museum. Yes, we still need help, but I'd like to focus on the nerve center of the event—our club booth.

That will be the center of activity for most all the folks not entered into the car show. At 6:30, the club booth will be responsible for feeding doughnuts and coffee to the early risers. That location will be the center point of ticket sales for the 50 /50 raffles AND they shall be responsible for the sale of donated tools, parts, apparel, literature and the like that will be donated.

So we're looking for honest, outward folks who like to talk with the folks and wear several hats at the same time. If you've got a kid or grandkids who may want to do a term in the tent, please talk to them and sign them up at our next meeting. (Get their OK, first.)

There's a Ford in your past!

Jim

ERA FASHIONS

Edith Head



In fall 1929, women's fashion began a major turning point away from the short, loose flapper style toward higher waistlines, longer hemlines, and asymmetric details. Key style shifts included rising waist placement, dropping skirt lengths, and fitted caps.

Silhouettes and Skirts

Longer hemlines: Skirts began dropping below the knee toward the calf, signaling the end of the short 1920s flapper hem.

Rising waistlines: The classic low drop-waist moved upward, shifting back toward the natural waistline.

Bell-shaped and uneven flares: Skirts featured circular, flared, or irregular asymmetric cuts rather than straight lines.

Coats and Outerwear

Lavish fur trim: Heavy winter coats featured plush fur collars and cuffs.

Princess lines: Coats adopted form-fitting upper bodies with flared lower skirts.



Back capes: Draped capelets and back-cape details added drama to outerwear.

Hats and Accessories

Asymmetric caps: The ultra-tight classic cloche hat evolved into snug felt caps and toques worn tilted to one side.

Detailed closures: Hat brims were turned up and pinned with decorative brooches or needles.

Henry Ford

Henry Ford was born in 1863 and died in 1947. He didn't just witness important events in United States history; he helped make them happen. Ford's innovations and his namesake car company are a crucial part of our current economic system. And he didn't just build cars — he totally revolutionized the process, inventing new systems and methods that are still in use today. People are complicated creatures, though, and Henry Ford had some controversial opinions and beliefs that, for better or for worse, affect his legacy. For instance, he was a known anti-Semite, harboring deep prejudice against Jewish people. And some of his business practices that were initially considered progressive may have had darker motivations. As a result, a lot of Americans still feel strongly about the man. One faction wants to gloss over his unsavory qualities, arguing that his positive contributions to the American economy and industry outweigh the fact that he wasn't a very nice person. Others believe that his poor treatment of other people, and ethically questionable business practices, shouldn't be excused. *(Con't in September)*



Make sure you say howdy to our newest members

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Marilyn Nebe & Richard Osmund
1928 A/R Roadster 11/25



Vuvic Marijan 1931
Sport Coupe 11/25



Howard Levine



Boe Yeager

Hey, if you are a newish member and don't have your picture here, seek me out (Jim Lank) at the next meeting and we'll get that corrected pronto!

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Have them check out <https://www.modelayouthrestorationaward.org/>

The Model A Youth Restoration Awards helps young restorers restore his or her Model A by funding them with gift certificates from our major Model A parts suppliers. Fifteen applicants were awarded \$2,500 and another 3, \$1,250 each in 2025. MAYRA is funded by clubs like ours and by generous donations from the participating vendors.



CLASSIFIED ADS

Long time members and past tours directors, Harvey and Roberta Jacobs are selling their beautiful 51 Ford Convertible Custom Coupe. Equipped with a flat head V8 (Model # 8BA engine), four barrel carburetor and manifold, mechanical and electric fuel pump, 6V alternator (positive ground), electronic distributor (points), aluminum radiator with electric cooling fan, electric power cut off switch, dual exhaust with chrome tips; three speed manual on the column with overdrive;; white and blue vinyl seats and door panels, 6 seat lap belts, working heater but radio and clock (NOS) not working, day and night rearview mirror, secondary additional gauges : temp, volt and oil pressure. Painted dark blue metallic with all chrome and stainless, hubcaps and wheel rings in good condition. White wall tires (including spare).

Contact: **Harvey Jacobs (818) 621-4774**

Asking price: \$29,500.00



Dale Farnes (Bud and Pat Farnes' son) called to tell us that Pat has passed away and that they are in process of selling Bud's beautiful Huckster truck. The 1930 hardtop comes complete with awning cover for the bed, and roll up and down side curtains plus the mock fruits and vegetables Bud and Pat stocked the bed with. Also all the manuals, and paperwork. The truck has been in storage for a couple years and it needs a new battery and a tune up. Dale is not sure of a selling price. His email is farneslafdao@sbcglobal.net



signs of the Times

**Last night, my wife
asked me if I'd seen
the dog bowl.
I said, "I didn't know
he could."**

**I'm in search for
someone to assist with
milking cows on my
dairy farm.**

**Must work well with
udders.**

Tiny Tips (To Stan from Jim)

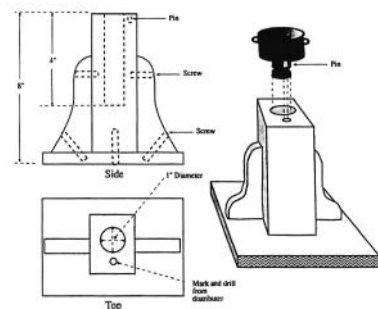
TINY TIPS

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BUILD A DISTRIBUTOR WORKSTAND

In the process of rebuilding several Model A distributors, I have developed a workstand which has proven to be very helpful. The distributor casting (with the upper shaft in place or removed) can be mounted at a convenient work height and be held securely without the use of a bench vise. The stand consists of an upright portion (3" square) with a 1" hole drilled vertically to a depth of approximately 4". A second and smaller hole is drilled in the top of the upright to accept the index pin on the casting. When in place on the stand, the distributor is held securely and will not turn during restoration. A base is secured with a wood screw and glue as well as two supports for additional strength. The whole project can be constructed of scrap wood, a few screws and wood glue in less than an hour. It may not revolutionize the hobby, but it does make this job a lot more convenient and protects that metal casting!

Distributor Workstand



Submitted by Donald R. Geddis, Summit, New Jersey

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2026

President Wade kicked the meeting off with a Pledge of Allegiance.

Brendan spoke about a couple of outings he was planning, in spite of his being under the weather. Jim introduced our guest speakers for the evening—CHP volunteers talking about Senior driving.



Their talk started with a short video clip of Officers Ponch and Jon pulling over a car and who should be driving but Brodrick Crawford. They covered salient point about driving and especially driving as senior citizens. Basically, they covered the stuff we all should be aware of, but the refresher

certainly didn't hurt. Three of the guest are volunteers to the CHP. The fourth, Officer Katherine is a fulltime officer with the Highway Patrol. We thank them for their service



and the time they spent with us.

Upon the conclusion of their talks, the club took a break. After the break, the Ladies' Only drawing was held for the nosegay and was won by Marilyn Nebe (again).



Brendan was the lucky winner of the Members' Only drawing. And finally, the

50 /50 winning ticket was drawn and who should win but Phil Saileen.



The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.



Ratzlaff Hoe-down

July 5, 2026

Wowzers! What a party! Big thanks to Wade and wife Stacie along with daughter Shelby for throwing the wing-ding of the year! On Sunday, July 5 the Ratzlaffs open their front driveway, their spacious backyard and, if and when needed, their toilet facilities. The front was jam packed with Ford Model As (and a Buick), including Wade's AA truck. The backyard was populated by revelers from 4 different clubs: San Fernando Valey, of course, Conejo Valley, Orange County and Diamond Tread (Whittier).

Everyone dined on trip-tip, hamburgers, hot dogs and side dishes brought by guests. Included in the festivities was a 50 /50 raffle to benefit The Model A Youth Restoration Awards with a contribution to MAYRA for \$130! The other end of the raffle was won by Russell Buelna of the San Fernando club.

The afternoon was topped off with homemade peach cobbler with a generous dollop of ice cream.

Many thanks to Wade, Stacie and Shelby (son Cody wasn't to be found)! While Wade says that Stacie refuses to allow him to do it again in 2027, if we start to lobby now, perhaps she'll change her mind!



Ratzlaff hoe-down (continued)



LOOSE NUT @ THE WHEEL



Our youngest member, Boe Yeager, brought his beautiful 2 door Phaeton to Wade and Stacie's July 5th BBQ only to find that his rear wheel was about to fall off! The lug nuts were loose and the studs would spin. As you can see, he had to drill holes around the studs to enlarge the holes and pull the rim over the lug nuts. He finally got the rim off and put on his spare with three studs that could be tightened enough to let him limp home at low speeds safely. His dad came to follow him back and make sure that all went well.

Boe Yeager working on his Tudor Phaeton after learning that the rear passenger wheel was on with only 2 lug nuts. Note his crew team on the wall, apparently 'job-planning'.

Board meeting

July 9, 2026

Once a month, your club board retreats away to Mimi's Café in Northridge to plot, oops, plan and chart the club's future. Assembling at the bar, and on occasion, having an adult beverage, the group retires to a table where the sage advise and wise council begins. The more adult beverages, the sager and wiser the conversation. In actuality, after we arrive at the table, our dinner order is taken, but the strict agenda set forth by president Wade is adhered to except when someone has a brilliant idea, which happens often. The meal is eaten over polite conversation and afterward, the meeting resumes. The main topic for the past few meeting is the Car Show / Swap Meet.

Anyone is welcome to attend, but if you want to be able to say anything, please get yourself on the agenda. Board meetings are held at 6:30PM on the second Thursday of the month at Mimi's Café, Northridge.



Brendan suggesting that the board meetings be considered tours. Chris, Hunter and Scott contemplate the idea.

Steve, President Wade, Brendan, Chris and Hunter contemplating some heavy idea.



President Wade with Steve, who is celebrating his acceptance into Chapman University!

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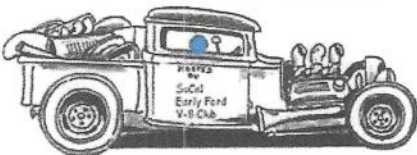
Swap Meet

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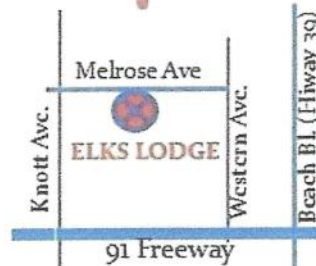
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Sunday October 04, 2026

50/50 Drawing

50/50 Drawing



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Car Club: _____

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San Fernando Valley Chapter

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WHO WE ARE

The San Fernando Valley Model A Club (SFVMAC), a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA), is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for enthusiasts of the Model A Ford car, to aid members and other enthusiasts in their efforts to restore and preserve the car in its original likeness. The Rumble Sheet is the newsletter of the SFVMAC, published monthly, January through November. The organization disclaims any liability for the technical information provided herein. The material published are the opinions of the authors and not those of the organization. We invite all those interested in the Model A Ford to join us. Ownership of a Model A Ford is not required. All members must join MAFCA. Membership includes a subscription to the newsletter. Material in the Rumble Sheet may be used in other publications provided that credit is given for the source.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

General Meetings are held at Galpin Motors 15505 Roscoe Blvd., North Hills, CA (just east of the I-405) on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM except in December - No Meeting.