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PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Kris Francis*



In just two years we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Model A Ford! With still two years out, the Gilmore Museum is already publicizing their special events for 2028. But in the near-term on Saturday September 19, 2026, we celebrated **98 years** of Model A vehicles on International Model A Day by caravanning a collection of 28 A's into historic Julian. I witnessed Coupes, Tudors, Fordors, Roadsters, Victorias, Hucksters, Station Wagons, Pick-Up Trucks, and Town Sedans navigating scenic Hwy 79. It felt magical to wind through the mountain communities on our way to Julian with the sun shining and windows rolled down; with a line of Model A's ahead of us and another line behind.

The Julian Chamber of Commerce welcomed us like we were celebrities gifting us with swag bags, and "The Olde Goat" store even designed T-shirts to commemorate the day. We enjoyed Julian's hospitality by shopping, dining and visiting their historic sites, while our cars were parked along Main Street delighting residents and visitors alike.

Thank you Ross Nelson & Susan Ramsey for your hard work in coordinating this memorable event with the Julian Chamber of Commerce, and inviting the Palomar, Hemet and Temecula Clubs to join us! Additional thanks to all of our club members that participated either by driving their A's or joining us in Julian for this International Model A Day celebration.

How could year 100 be any better?!

Kris



UPCOMING EVENTS: *Save these dates!*



The Monster Mash

OCTOBER

- 3 Mission San Diego Tour
- 9 Business Meeting—Santee 7 PM
- 17 Technical Seminar at Ahna's Barn
- 18 Block Party & Pet Blessing at CHL Church
- 31 Edgemoor Car Display

NOVEMBER

- 1 Fall Back Festival—Gasslamp Qtr
- 11 Veteran's Day Parade—Harbor Blvd
- 13 Business Meeting—Santee 7 PM
- 13-14 Brawley Cattle Call Rodeo & Parade

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**Carlton Hills Lutheran Church;
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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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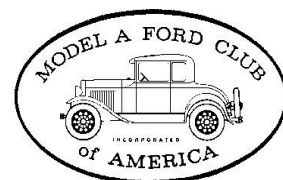
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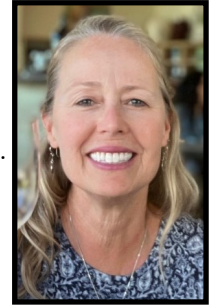
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Dues are \$50.00 per calendar year.



General Business Meeting September 11, 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 September 11, 2026. U.S. Navy Veteran Guy McElroy asked all members to observe a moment of silence for the 2,977 lives lost on September 11th, including flight crew members and first responders. Guy described his Navy service (4 years active, Vietnam Veteran, radio operator) and led the Pledge of Allegiance. John Weisenseel moved to accept the minutes from the August 14, 2026 meeting, 2nd Nancy Lovell; approved by all members.

Member Update: Kris Francis gave update on Fred Crone, recovering from a heart attack and medical procedure. And Judy Boyer who is in a skilled nursing facility. Cards and visitors are welcome.

Tours: [Kris Francis for Ross Nelson]: **Upcoming Tours: Sept 19 – International Model A Day in Julian.** 27 cars signed up. Joint venture with Palomar A's and Temecula A's. Meet at 8:00am Target El Cajon or 9:30 at Dudley's in Santa Ysabel. Explore Julian 10am-2pm, enjoy local restaurants, return on your own. **Oct 3 – Mission San Diego de Alcalá** – Meet at Target El Cajon 8am, \$10pp for docent led tour, bring picnic lunch for Mission Valley River Park afterwards. **Nov 13-14 – Brawley Cattle Car Rodeo and Parade** – Room rate expires Oct 19, rodeo tickets \$32.50. Joint venture with Model T Club. General Business meeting will remain on Friday Nov 13th despite overlap. Looking way ahead, **Jan 10, 2027 for San Diego Excursion Race. June 13-18, 2027 MAFCA National Tour in Durango CO.**

Parades/Displays: [Ron Niemeyer]. **Aug 15 – Jamul Car Display** – Ron represented club and thanked Zachary & Rochelle Svelling for providing donuts and coffee. **Aug 29 – Christian Rods and Customs Car Show** – Kris & Dave Francis represented club for this one. **Upcoming Events: Sept 12 – Poway Rotary Parade** – 9:00am start time. **Nov 1 – Gaslamp Quarter Fallback Festival**, 12-4pm, downtown, free food. **Nov 11 – Veterans Day Parade**, downtown, details to come. **Dec 12 – Pacific Beach Holiday Parade**, details to come.

Treasurer: [John Weisenseel] Checking account and investment account balances given through September 1, 2026. **Income:** \$338.60 total income for Aug/Sept. **Bills to pay:** August Bills \$68.82 Ways & Means, \$30.57 Refreshments. September Bills: \$40 for Refreshments, \$40 Brawley Chamber of Commerce. A motion was made by Rochelle Svelling to pay bills; 2nd John Weisenseel; approved by all members.

Old Business:

Help & Learn Event – Oct 17: [Cliff Hughes] 10:00-11:30am, Ahna Holder's garage 3688 Midway Drive. Topic: Generators

Oct 18 – Community Block Party at Carlton Hills Lutheran Church: [Kris Francis] All are welcome.

MAFCA Elections: [Kris Francis] Encouraged all club members to vote. Ballots Due Oct 15th

New Business:

Membership: [Rochelle Svelling] 47 members in attendance tonight. 2 returning members. 1 Guest.

Banquet Updates: [Rochelle Svelling] 2027 Banquet Committee still taking helpers. Save the date! **January 16th 2027 Banquet**

Merchandise [Jen Baehr] Tee shirts on sale for \$10! Check out merchandise page on Club website and order now.

License Plate Toppers [Chris Halter] Taking orders and payments. \$25 each. Paul Winchester made motion for Club to purchase 10 additional toppers to have on hand for future members. Ben Taravella 2nd, motion passed.

Property: [Jim Taber] Looking for someone to take over club property storage in 2027. Please volunteer and get in touch with Jim.

Defender: [Ray Beardslee] Nothing to Report

Refreshments: [Betsy Johnson] Snow cones to celebrate such a hot and humid week in San Diego! Thanked all who provided snacks.

Webmaster: [Chris Halter] Merchandise page is up.

Correspondence: [Kathryn Hughes] Upcoming article on Montgomery Fire Fleet Maintenance Facility tour.

Era & Fashions Presentation: [Paul Palombo] gave a presentation about his Austin/Waco Texas trip that featured era Texaco signage, a 1904 fire engine, and an original Model A 1929 car advertisement selling for a whopping \$622, or \$38 monthly payments.

Technical: [Paul Winchester] Topic: Cam gears and crank shaft gears. Explored the durability of various types of gears: Phenolic (resin/fiber) occasionally break, Aluminum is more durable, bronze is an option. Billet steel or cast iron steel for crank shaft gear.

Ways & Means: [Tina Weisenseel]. Six great raffle items and a \$20 Home Depot gift card for the Door Prize. Lots of happy winners.

Membership drawing prize [\$10.00]: winners Bob & Barbra Green, not present. \$20 next month.

Reminder: [Kris Francis] Next Board Meeting on Sept 29 at the Halter's home.

Closing: Ric Bonnorant told a joke. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 PM by Anne Di Napoli, Steve Lovell 2nd. Meeting adjourned.



Respectfully submitted,

Julia Halter

Julia Halter (Recording secretary)

October 2026 - This October, we're shifting into fall with friendship, fun, and a fleet of Model A's that never go out of style.



Text by Ross Nelson, Photography by Theresa Johnson



The 2026 International Model A Day:

A heartfelt thank you to all of you who participated in our joint tour with the **San Diego, Palomar, Temecula Valley, and Hemet Model A Clubs** in Julian on Sept 19th. It was a perfect reflection of the **Model A Ford Club of San Diego's mission**: promoting the Model A Ford, building friendships within and beyond our community, and creating new memories together.

A total of **60+ participants** made the trip, including **41 San Diego members** and **19+ friends** from the Temecula Valley, Palomar, and Hemet Clubs. The streets of Julian were lined with a total of **28 Model A Fords**, accompanied by **8 modern vehicles**—two of which were charmingly “modern” only by comparison, being **1936 Fords**.



It was a beautiful Saturday morning filled with fellowship, shared stories, and the unmistakable joy of seeing our clubs come together in the spirit of Model A motoring.

Club members receiving mileage for making this memorable event are: Mike & Jenn Baehr, Joel Baumbough & guest, Arlyn & Nayola Bieber, Michael Dainer, Victor Figueroa, Dave & Kris Francis, Bruce Furbush & Rosanne Meyerhoff, Ahna Holder & parents Curt & Barbara, Cliff & Kathryn Hughes, Tim & Theresa Johnson, Phil Kowalewski, Guy & Judith McElroy, Teri Nance & Chuck Brush, Ross Nelson & Susan Ramsey, Ed Poffenberger & Anne DiNapoli, Rob Roland & guest, Ben & Nina

Taravella, James Veltri & guest, and Paul & Patty Winchester. **Participation points are awarded to:** Dave & Sherril Kelsen, Ray & Judy Jo Beardslee, Chris Halter, Danny & Karen Machado, and Zachary Svelling. Way to go all!

Lots of people to thank here that helped make this a momentous day: First off, I want to give a shout out to the **Julian Chamber of Commerce** for hosting our 2026 International Model A Day.



Their support helped make the celebration feel right at home in Julian. Second of all, thank you to Ray & Judy Jo Beardslee for the generous donation of the International Model A Day Patches. The Beardslee's made this substantial donation all on their own in the context of their true club spirit.

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Next, a thumbs up goes to **Paul Winchester**, who led our first group out of El Cajon and guided the caravan safely to Santa Ysabel. His calm leadership and Model A know-how kept everything running smoothly. And last but certainly not least we can't forget our talented videographers, **Theresa Johnson** and **Zachary Svelling**. Thanks to their skills behind the camera, we will be able to relive the joy and excitement of this special day for years to come.

Upcoming Tours:

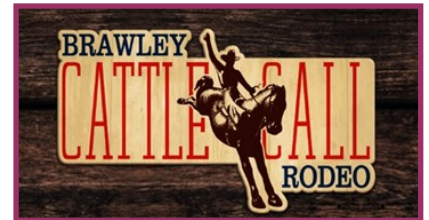
October 3rd – Mission San Diego de Alcalá: Meet @ 08:00 at the Target in El Cajon and caravan to the Mission for a docent led Tour.

The cost of the tour is \$10 per person. Bring a bag lunch for a picnic afterward at the nearby Mission Valley River Park. **This tour comes before our next monthly meeting. Sign up online or contact Ross Nelson @ 619-938-5609.**

November 13-14 – Last Call for the 70th Annual Brawley Cattle Call Rodeo & Parade Weekend: Trailer in, or drive your "A" to Brawley on Friday morning for this multi-faceted tour that includes a local tour in Imperial Valley with our iron horses, a BBQ brisket dinner, attend the Friday night rodeo, entry into the Cattle Call Rodeo Parade on Saturday morning, and lots of good eating along the way. Reserve your room now. Our group room rates are **valid until October 16th**. (see flyer below for more info)

Tour Director Ross Nelson

2026 Brawley Cattle Call Rodeo & Parade Weekend—November 13-14, 2026



Howdy y'all, gather 'round and lend an ear!

We've got ourselves a date for this year's **Cattle Call Rodeo Weekend**, so go on and circle it on your calendars.

A joint venture with the Model T Club San Diego. Along with a **local tour** on Friday this rootin'-tootin' weekend offers a brisket dinner on the Rodeo grounds at the **Dirt Floor BBQ**, a night of boot-stompin', dust-flyin' action at the **Friday Night RODEO**, a Saturday morning **Chuck Wagon Breakfast**, and entering our iron carriages into Saturday mornings' **RODEO PARADE**. Last year's posse had themselves a mighty fine time—just ask any of the rowdies who rode along and they'll tell you straight!

Now, start squirrelin' away your **greenbacks** for this year's rodeo admission. The **reserved seat** ticket prices haven't yet been posted, but last year they ran **\$32.49**. We bought 'em in advance so we could all sit together, and if we're fixin' to do that again so I'll **need a head count** & a little **gold dust** up front. More details on that comin'.

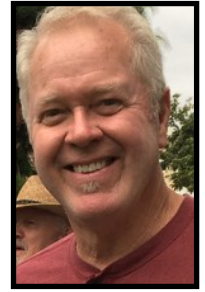
We've also wrangled **group rates** at the **Best Western Hotel - 1562 Main Street** in Brawley. The hotel proprietors have kindly agreed to honor last year's prices @ **\$162 a night**. This price includes their complimentary breakfast chow and plenty of trailer parking. Click **[HERE](#)** to stake your claim on a room. Your credit card holds the room; nothin' gets charged to your card 'til you mosey on in at check-in time.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The hotel reservation defaults to **three nights**, but most of us are only stayin' **one**. Be sure to click "**Edit Your Stay**" to remove Saturday & Sunday night—unless you're hankerin' for an extra night under the desert stars! Don't get left in the dust on this one, partner....

PARADES & Car Displays: *Ron Niemeyer*

OUTRAGEOUS OCTOBER 2026



Looking Back Out the Rear Window:

Saturday September 12- Poway Rotary Parade. 3 A's represented the club for this well attended community parade. Cliff and Kathryn Hughes in their '30 Tudor Sedan, Mike & Jenn Baehr in their '30 Pick-up and Ron Niemeyer in the '29 Phaeton. We were lined up not far behind some horses so had to pay attention to avoid some fresh contributions while honking and waving to the crowd! Speaking of fresh, Panda Express was conveniently located at the east end of the parade route so all of us went and enjoyed a good lunch, chit-chat and air conditioning.

Looking Out the Windshield "A"-head:



Sunday October 18 – Community Block Party & Pet Blessing at Carlton Hills Lutheran Church

Saturday October 31 -Edgemoor Hospital Car Display

Sunday November 1-Gaslamp Quarter Fallback Festival/Car Display

Wednesday November 11-Veterans Day Parade Harbor Drive

Saturday December 12-Pacific Beach Holiday Parade

That's it for Parades & Displays for 2026. Looking forward to next year's activities and your participation in them!!

Ron Niemeyer, Parades and Displays

WANTED: BOARD & CHAIRMEN POSITIONS FOR 2027

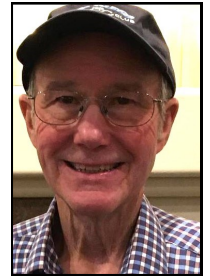
We have several positions to fill for next year. Won't you please consider taking on one of these jobs? Here is what is available and what these jobs entail:

Technical Director: Provides a technical article for the monthly newsletter and coordinates a technical presentation for our monthly business meetings. The article can come from another publication. You don't have to personally give the monthly presentations, you can coordinate someone else or find a video on-line that we can show at the meeting. We must have a Technical Director on our board.

Property: Need someone to store the club's property. According to Jim Tabor (our current property chair) this is 2 bookshelves full of club information.

Era/Fashions Chairperson: Coordinates a presentation for the monthly meetings. Does not have to give the presentation themselves, just coordinate someone to speak or find a video about the Model A Era or Fashions.

Ways & Means Chairperson: Coordinates the raffle for monthly meetings. Collects donated items for the raffle and provides proceeds to the club treasurer. **Thank you for your consideration!**



MODEL "A" LIGHT SWITCHES

It's October already, most Model A owners are getting ready for just a couple of more months before the cars get put away for the winter. We don't need to put our cars away but we may need to use the lights when coming home late from an event. Below is some information on Model A light switches.

I will be retiring from the Technical Position the end of this year, I tell what I have experienced while working on my car and then researched the subject some more to make it correct and understandable for you. I encourage a club member to try this Technical Position you will learn a lot by sharing with us.



The above pictures are from Snyder's Antique Auto Parts Catalog and seem to be correct for the Model A. There were a couple of changes to the metal body and to the wiring harness, but for the daily driver these will work fine. Oil will leak through the switch from the steering box especially on the six tooth 1928 box, just wipe it off occasionally and re fill the steering as needed and keep on going. Snyder has a disclosure for their reproduced part.

Snyder's Antique Part # A-11655/67 Light Switch Body: These new light switch assemblies have been reproduced using original Ford archive blueprints and original samples here in the U.S.A. While testing our prototypes we quickly found some shortfalls in reproduction light switch wiring harness contact rings.

The first issue we found was with the 3 detents where the contact ring sits when the switch is in the OFF position. The detents in the black plastic were too large and too deep. This causes the switch to be difficult to rotate from the OFF position. Using a sharp knife or small burr, taper the edge of the hole where the contact ring needs to rotate in and out of the hole. Be sure to leave a flat area between the detent and the brass contact next to it. This is not a problem with original Ford contact rings.

The second issue we found was with the thickness of the black plastic of the contact ring. The original archive print calls for a thickness of .310/.315". Every reproduction that we examined were thicker than this. Adding a taper to the OD where the lower cap of the light switch body mates will allow the lower cap to slide and twist into position easier. We are currently working with one of the major suppliers of the light switch harness to try and get these issues corrected.

Below is a light switch body from Ecklers Auto parts AKA Mac's. The flat area at the oil drain is incorrect for Model A's and is used for 1932 and up V8 powered cars. It may not fit correctly on a Model A, especially if you try to put the new lower half onto an original upper half.



Light switches can be re-built if you are persistent the harness contacts are what usually fail when switched often under heavy load of extra high wattage bulbs. Sometimes the contacts embedded in Bakelite can be damaged from the extra load. You can remedy this by adding an extra switch or using a relay.

Monster Mash 1931



The Great Depression was a really interesting time in movie history. The movies were a great escape for people wanting to get away from the misery of the outside world. Many movie studios still struggled during the Depression, but one studio struck gold in the early days, and it allowed them to keep the lights on year after year.

When the Great Depression started in 1929, the industry was in a time of transition from the silent era to the sound era. Studios had spent *hundreds* of millions of dollars in the late 1920s converting theaters to sound all over the country, and when the stock market crashed, suddenly they didn't know if they could recoup their investments. Before the Depression, there were about 90 million weekly admissions to the theaters, but over the next few years, admissions would drop to less than 60 million, and admission prices dropped by more than 10 cents to boot (average ticket price was 25 cents). The film industry, still relatively young at this point, wasn't sure it would survive.

Universal Studios was going through a little *extra* of a transition though with Junior Laemmle taking control of the studio when he turned 21 years old. Junior had grown up in the business, and had big ideas when he took over. He had a great sense of what audiences wanted to see, and he thought horror was the way to go.

Dracula: Universal bought exclusive rights to Bram Stoker's Dracula for \$40,000, and got to work on a movie. Junior and Universal were taking a huge risk by making Dracula. Hollywood hadn't really made a fully supernatural film like Dracula before, and nobody - except for maybe Junior's intuition - was sure how audiences would respond to it. But when Dracula came out, audiences flocked to theaters. Partly out of curiosity for this new, terrifying film that was making audience members *faint* from fear, but also because in the depths of the Depression, the film was a true escape. *Dracula* is easily one of the most influential horror films ever released. It effectively established the way that vampire stories would be told for the next century. It's an undisputed classic.



Casting – Bela Lugosi: The star of the movie, Bela Lugosi (Dracula) was a Hungarian immigrant actor who spoke no English upon arrival. He wasn't Universal's first choice for the movie part, but he eventually got it and turned out to be perfect. His thick Hungarian accent and exotic looks did the job. Lugosi's costume and mannerisms, including his iconic accent, have long been Dracula staples ("I want to suck your blood!"), and future vampire stories borrowed heavily from the mythology and imagery of *Dracula*. Lugosi agreed to a meager salary of \$500 per week of filming.

Filming: Filming on *Dracula* began on the Universal lot on September 29, 1930. The 36-day production was extremely loose and disorganized with no true shooting schedule. Overall the cast didn't think much of the movie while filming it, or after its release for that matter. Lugosi went as far as to vow to never play Dracula again. However, he would reprise the role in *Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein* (1948).



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When filming on *Dracula* wrapped it came in with a total cost of \$341,000.00. This was slightly under the production budget of \$355,000.

Box Office: The English language version of *Dracula* premiered at the Roxy Theatre in New York City on February 12, 1931, opening wide across the country two days later. It would go on to earn over \$1,000,000 at the box office ensuring it a profit of over \$700,000, making it Universal's biggest hit of the year.

Frankenstein: After the huge success of *Dracula* in early 1931, Universal Studios decided to make another horror movie. They chose "Frankenstein" based on the Mary Shelley novel of 1818. At first Bela Lugosi (*Dracula*) was considered to play the monster, but that didn't work out. Universal hired a new director, James Whale. Production began and the movie came out in late 1931 - another smash hit for that year.

Casting – Boris Karloff: Whale needed an actor for the monster, and he noticed a bit player eating lunch at the studio commissary, Boris Karloff. His gaunt features and lanky frame seemed just right for the part. A studio make-up artist, Jack Pierce (the real genius in this production) was given the job of creating the monster. Since Dr. Frankenstein had cut open the top of the monster's head and inserted a brain, Pierce created a flat, lid-like skull with clamps to hold it together. He also added heavy brow ridges and eye-lids for a creepy look, and blue/green makeup that photographed corpse-like grey in black and white film. We all think of Frankenstein's monster as being green, but he was originally supposed to be corpse-like grey. Bolts in the neck, shortened sleeves for an elongated body look, and asphalt spreader workman's boots completed the costume. It took three and a half hours to put on the makeup and an hour and a half to take it off each day.



Filming: During production Karloff would put a towel over his head when not on camera so few people could see what he looked like before the movie was released. When audiences saw him for the first time they usually freaked-out. *Frankenstein* remains remarkably proficient as a horror film, featuring some nightmarish imagery (like the monster tossing a little girl into a lake), convincing make-up effects, and oppressive black and white imagery. A memorable scene in the movie is when the monster first comes to life. After a big jolt of lightening from a storm, his hand begins to twitch. Dr. Frankenstein mumbles "It's alive" and then turns toward the camera and screams "IT'S ALIVE". Another total creep-out.

Box Office: The film opened in New York City at the [Mayfair Theatre](#) on December 4, 1931, and grossed \$53,000 in one week. The film was a commercial success. In June 1932, the film had earned reported rentals of \$1.4 million. By 1953, all the Frankenstein re-releases earned an estimated profit of \$12 million.

More Monsters... Universal and other studios made lots of horror movies during the 1930's including *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* (1931); *The Mummy* (1932); *King Kong* (1933); and *The Invisible Man* (1933). But 1931 was the beginning of it all. Historian David Skal said of the year 1931 - "**America's worst year of the century would be its best year ever for monsters.**"

Knowing Your Model A - True or False

As found in the Columbia Crier A Publication of the Columbia Basin Model A Club, Tri-Cities, Washington.

QUESTIONS

1. Speed of the wiper blades on a vacuum wiper motor depended on the how far the operating switch rod was pushed in or pulled out when the car was run at a fixed speed.
2. The vacuum windshield wiper blades would slow down when the car was suddenly accelerated and speed up when the throttle was not being pushed down.
3. The same front seats, hinges and seat rests were used on the 1928-31 Tudor cars.
4. The same design of the Battery flexible wire mesh Ground strap and bolt were used throughout production.
5. The bracket that the Cowl Light arm attaches to is called a Front Frame Strainer.



ANSWERS

1. True – speed of the wiper blades correlated to the placement of the rod. Service Bulletin March 1930 (03/30).
2. True – The change of vacuum off at the Intake Manifold fitting caused the wipers to change speed.
3. False – the 1930-31 Tudor front seat hinges and rear seat rests (at rear of seat bottom) were shortened by ½” for more headroom. Service Bulletin March 1930 (03/30).
4. False – A new Battery ground strap ran from the battery positive post to the frame center cross member has a hex headed bolt. The old design had a bolt with 2 flat sides and two rounded sides. (Service Bulletin March 1939 (03/30).
5. True – The bracket that the Cowl Light arm attaches to is called a front frame strainer.

The La Jolla Region
of the
Horseless Carriage Club of America
is pleased to host the
3rd Annual
San Diego Excursion
Sunday January 10, 2027



In 2027, the San Diego Model A Ford Club will be a sponsor of the San Diego Excursion!

For Information about this exciting event, visit:

Sign up form: <https://www.hcfi.org/sdexcursion/signup>

Driver info: <https://www.hcfi.org/sdexcursion/driver-information>

Caring Corner:

Health Updates on Club Members



Fred Crone—Happy to report that Fred is now home and recovering well. We hope to see Fred back at club events soon.

Judy Boyer— Judy was discharged from the skilled nursing facility in Mission Hills on September 18th. Although the original plan was for Judy to be transferred to an assisted living facility, Stan & his family decided that Judy would be much happier at home and they have coordinated 24 hour care for her. Stan sends his thanks for the cards and visits to Judy.

Please keep these Model A Friends in your thoughts and prayers.

NEW MODEL A MERCHANDISE & VENDORS

We have a new vendor for our Model A merchandise that greatly simplifies the process and takes us out of the loop as the middleman. This vendor specializes in car club merchandise and will utilize our logo on an assortment of different items including T-shirts, jackets, magnetic car logos, key chains, hats and more. Check out this website: www.carclubtshirts.com, and then click on **Model A Clubs** and scroll down to our club name. You can select the color & size of the items you wish and pay for it directly through their website. They take every possible credit card as well as PayPal. All clothing items are unisex sizes except for the Women's V-neck T. You can also reach the link through our club website. (see below some of the items for sale .)



MONSTEROUS JOKES

- ♦ What game do little monsters like to play? *Hide and shriek*
- ♦ Why did the police call in the mummies to the crime scene?
Because they know how to wrap up a case
- ♦ Why did Frankenstein's Monster go to the chiropractor?
Because he was feeling stiff all over
- ♦ What do you call a vampire that never loses at any games? *Draculuck*
- ♦ Who did Frankenstein's monster take to the prom? *His ghou! friend*
- ♦ What time is it when a huge monster sits on your car? *Time for a new car*



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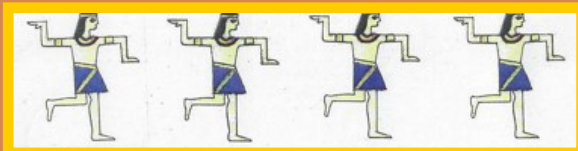
We have been invited to participate in the Carlton Hills Church Block Party. Please sign up to bring your car—we would like to have at least 5 cars for our display. You can also just come to enjoy the party—**Games—Food—Booths—Music—Book Exchange.** The Pet Blessing is at 12:30 if you are bringing your furry companion.

This is a free Community Event

All are welcome!

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WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN



- Saturday January 16, 2027
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Model A Marketplace



FOR SALE: 1931 Coupe—\$13,750.00

This beautiful 1931 Coupe has been gone through from spare tire to radiator. **Highlights:** 17" balanced & powder coated wheels; new \$900.00 radiator installed; recent off-frame restoration with new wood & padding. Rebuilt: distributor, water pump, starter, carburetor, generator and fuel gauge. Inspected & adjusted: wheel bearings, brake shoes, front end toe-in. There has been almost \$3K in new parts installed to bring this little gem into a real nice driver.

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BOOK EXCHANGE

At the October 18th Community Block Party held at Carlton Hills Lutheran Church, one of the activities is a book exchange. If you have books that you would like to donate you can bring them to the October 9th club meeting or on the day of the event. Then pick up some new reads at the Block Party (It's a Book Exchange, right?)



Bill's Corner

It's All in a Name

While in high school I knew a girl who had a reputation of dating every Tom, Dick, and Harry.

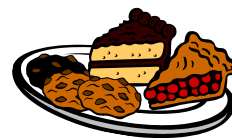


As she grew older she opted for someone who was Frank and Earnest.

Bill Corson

REFRESHMENTS: Betsy Johnson Signed up to bring snacks at the October Meeting:

*Kathryn Hughes
Barbara Kruegal
Karen Machado
Judith McElroy
Ross Nelson
Terry Rodriguez*



October Birthdays

- 3 Joan Dainer
- 3 Rodney Tuttle
- 5 Glenn Frehafer
- 7 JudyJo Beardslee
- 8 Susan Valentino
- 13 Mark Sawyer
- 16 Joe Ambrose
Judy Boyer
- 17 Sonya Hill
- 18 Gia Caci
- 23 Arlyn Bieber
- 25 Victor Figueroa
- 27 Theresa Johnson
- 30 Susan Ramsey Nelson
- 31 Ron Niemeyer



October Anniversaries

Steve & Joann Cordtz October 23, 1976
Karl & Jane Wehrle October 30, 1976
Michael & Mary Joslyn October 11, 1986
Vern & Lori Schwebke October 1, 1989
Mike & Jenn Baehr October 5, 1997



MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

\$20

The September Membership Drawing was \$10.00. **Bob & Barbra Green's** names were drawn but they were not in attendance. In October the pot increases to \$20.00. Be sure to attend in October and the next winner could be YOU!

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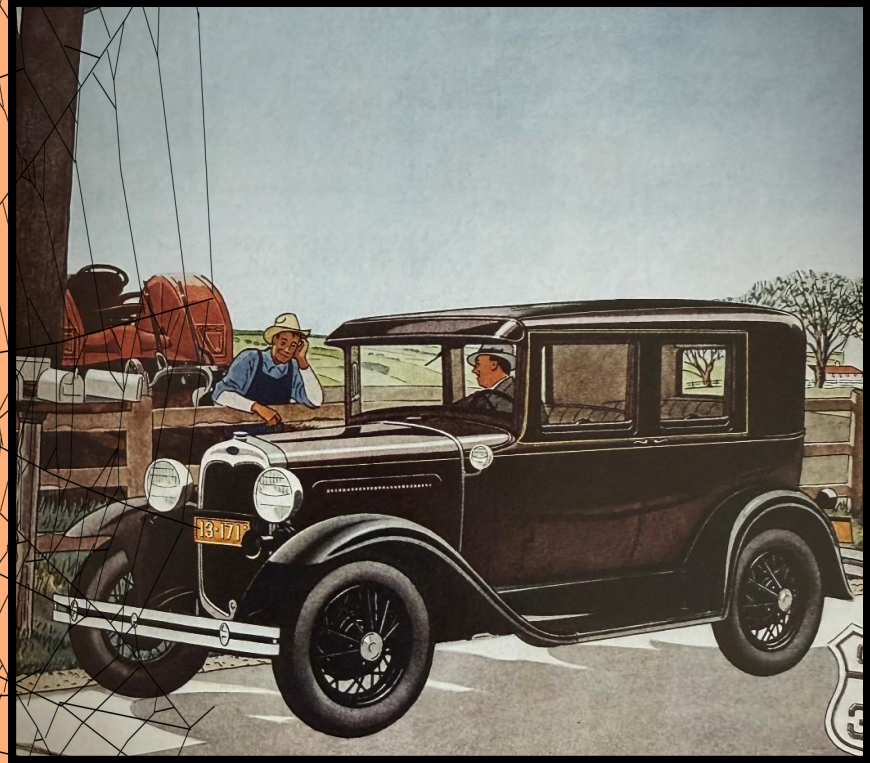
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Advertising the Model A Ford

From the book, Advertising the Model A Ford, we snipped the artwork and information from the advertisement titled "Taking a Break".

"The farmer has stopped plowing and has climbed down from his tractor to take a break. He leans on the fence while chatting with his friend who has just pulled up in his new Model A Ford Deluxe Sedan."

In May 1930 the Fordor Sedan received an upgraded interior and cowl lights. With these changes, it was reclassified as the De Luxe Sedan (170-B De Luxe). This two-window Model A sedan, produced by Briggs, was available until June 1931.

This ad ran in 5 publications in July 1930.

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