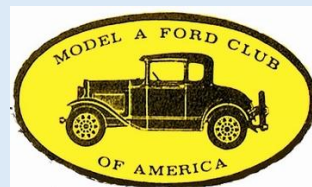




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October 2026

Hello Model A Family,

Well, we did it! Our first car show and swap meet at the Nethercutt is officially in the books, and I want to thank everyone who helped make it such a successful and enjoyable day. Events like this don't happen because one person has a good idea—they happen because a whole bunch of people roll up their sleeves, show up early, stay late, answer questions, move tables, park cars, sell parts, solve problems, and somehow keep smiling through all of it. A special thank-you goes to Hunter for everything he did to help make the car show come together. There are always a hundred little things happening behind the scenes that most people never see, and Hunter put a lot of time and effort into making sure the day was a success. I also want to give a big thank-you to Jim Lank for putting together a great swap meet. There's something about a Model A swap meet—you start out just looking around, and before long you've spotted a part you didn't know you needed and another one you've been hunting for forever.

And in my case, that's exactly what happened. I FOUND THE SPLASH APRONS I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!

Anyone who has worked on these old Fords knows the feeling. You can walk past tables full of carburetors, generators, headlights, brackets and boxes of parts whose original purpose has long since been forgotten. Then, when you least expect you find the part you've been looking for sitting right in front of you. That alone made it a pretty good day for this Shade Tree Mechanic.

More importantly, though, it was great seeing our members, their families, the cars, the vendors, and everyone who came out to support the club. The cars may be what brings us together, but it's the people who make the club worth belonging to.

Got photos from the show? Please share them on our website. Go to www.sfvmodela.com Open the Members section. Enter the password: *GalpinFord* (all one word-capital G-capital F). Upload up to 10 photos at a time. Add comments or descriptions if you'd like. Whether you got a great shot of a Model A, the swap meet, our members having fun, or that one part somebody carried home that their garage probably didn't need, please share it. It would be great to build a collection of photos from our first show at the Nethercutt for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you again to everyone who volunteered, participated, brought a car, sold parts, bought parts, helped organize the event, or simply came out and enjoyed the day. You all helped make our first show at the Nethercutt something we can be proud of. And now that we've proven we can do it there, I have a feeling somebody is eventually going to suggest that we do it again.

But first, I'm going home to admire my splash aprons.

See you down the road,

Wade Ratzlaff

San Fernando Valley Model A Club
The Shade Tree Mechanic

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TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

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Thursday October 8

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.

Sunday October 18

9AM to 4PM

Thousand Oaks Street Fair

For further information go to <https://tostreetfair.com>

Saturday October 24

9AM to 2PM

Simi Elks Car Show and Chili Cook-off

1561 Kuehner Dr., Simi Valley

For further information, go to <https://simivalleyelks.com/car-show-and-chili-cook-off>

Saturday October 24

F.A.S.T. Time Trial, Santa Margarita Ranch

Talk to Chris Haynes, if you're interested – (818) 262-9603

Sunday October 25

3PM to 5PM

Simi Elks Trunk or Treat

1561 Kuehner Rd, Simi Valley

Terrific family event. Bring your kids or grandkids!

Thursday October 15

7:30 PM

General Membership Meeting

Galpin Motors 15505 Roscoe Bl. North Hills

Our featured speaker for this evening is Ed Tolman. Ed has served four years on the MAFCA Board of Directors, and he is running again!

Join us for dinner around 6PM in the Horseless Carriage restaurant at Galpin.

A look ahead...

Saturday November 14

7AM set up

Eagle Rock Trompers Hot Rod swap meet

Don Bosco Technical Institute

For further information contact: Manuel @ (323) 833-8869

Sunday December 6

Granada Hills Holiday Parade

Saturday December 19

Christmas Light Tour and Dinner at Carrera's in Moorpark

SUNSHINE



Refreshments for the October meeting will be furnished by Wade and Jim. Trust me, the eats will be simple and sparse!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

10/ 5 Darlene Bell
10/11 Larry Singler
10/12 Andy Bell
10/14 Steve Grubbs
10/19 Keri Hausner
10/22 Ben Hoskins

10/ 9 David & Heidi Von Elgort
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"To succeed in life, you need two things: ignorance and confidence."

Mark Twain

From where I sit...

Harkening back to February, when we found out that we were not welcome back to the Boys' Home, and after Hunter had secured the Nethercutt for our fall car show and swap meet, we (Hunter and I) agreed that we had PLENTY of time! All of a sudden, it seems, it was October 1 and we still had what seemed to be quite a few loose ends we were not sure of. But after a couple false starts Sunday morning, the temperature was turned up and we were cooking! (Literally and figuratively!)

To everyone who pitched in to make this such a memorable event – helped at set up, served coffee and donuts, registered for the car show, manned the several gates and directed traffic, donated to booth sales collection and

everything else: a great big: **thank you!**

There's a Ford in your past!

Jim

Make sure you say howdy to our newest members...



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



Vuvic Marijan
1931 Sport Coupe
11/25



Howard Levine
1930 5 Window Coupe



Boe Yeager
1928 Tudor
1931 Coupe
1931 Deluxe Phaeton
1931 Sport Coupe

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!

**Model A Ford Club of America
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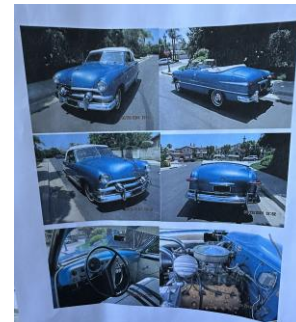
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CLASSIFIED ADS

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



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Tiny tips



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HALLOWEEN 1931

In 1931, Halloween costumes were largely homemade, creative, or repurposed due to the economic pressures of the Great Depression. Popular Costume Styles in 1931

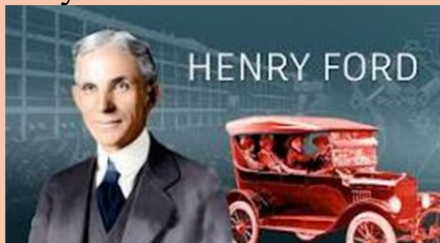
- **Traditional Spooky Characters:** Classic, budget-friendly handmade attire like witches, goblins, and scarecrows dominated neighborhood and community parties.
- **Cultural and Folk Costumes:** Newspaper guides from the era, such as the Kansas City Star in October 1931, featured ideas like Dutch boys and Mexican girls.
- **Clowns and Pierrots:** Circus themes, clowns, and traditional theatrical harlequin or Pierrot/Pierrette outfits were widely worn by both children and adults (as seen in community playground events across Southern California in 1931).
- **Early Pop Culture & Cinema:** The release of landmark films like Universal's *Frankenstein* in November 1931 helped spark the dawn of classic monster movie costumes, alongside silent-era icons like Charlie Chaplin's Little Tramp from *City Lights* (released in early 1931).



Henry Ford

In March 1919, Henry Ford pulled off a brilliant stock market prank that gave his family complete control of the Ford Motor Company.

- **The Announcement:** Ford publicly announced that he was stepping down and launching a rival automobile company to build a stripped-down Model T for just \$250 to \$300.
- **The Panic:** Fearing that Ford's new company would destroy the value of their existing shares, the seven remaining minority stockholders panicked and rushed to sell their shares.
- **The Twist:** Ford's secret agents quietly bought up every single one of those panicked shares.
- **The Outcome:** By July, the "rival company" turned out to be a complete hoax, and the Ford family owned 100% of the business for the very first time.



MINUTES FROM THE GENERAL MEETING

September 17, 2026

At 7:35 **President Wade** called on Mark Sutter to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Membership chair, Clark awarded the Ladies Only bouquet to Whitney Lank.

Being the beneficent fellow that he is, Clark continued in his giving streak, this to Members' Only winner Ron Waters.



Tours and

Activities chair Brendan, leapt to the floor as only Brendan can leap and touted the multi-club Model A picnic we've been invited to in Carpinteria, after we meet with a couple other clubs in Filmore.

President Wade retook the floor to ask members to consider running for the board next year. We will need either 2 or 3 positions to be filled.

Treasurer Hunter impressed the crowd with a fat bank account announcement but cautioned us that the number was inflated as the expenses for the car show / swap meet were not yet paid.

V.P. Scott, Secretary Paul nor **Member at Large Chris** had nothing to add.

A break for root beer floats was taken, and all enjoyed the respite.

After the break the floor was yielded again to event co-chairs – Hunter and Jim who made a final appeal for help for the car show and swap meet happening on October 4, with set-up on October 3. Many blank spaces of tasks that were pending, were filled in.

Treasurer Hunter then had the winning 50/50 ticket drawn and the winner is Chris.



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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 if 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 in December.