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President's Message

Returning home after a three-week business trip to a Heat Advisory and more humidity than up north was surprising and feels more like the end of August or September. For me this means flushing my radiator, hoses and checking grease fittings. Just a reminder about the San Diego Firehouse Tour on August 8th I had the opportunity to stop by the Leffingwell homestead and see what West was working on before he passed. It's a 1930 model A pickup, Johannah and the kids Tom & Cheri would like to see the project finished but need help. Most of the parts are in the garage in Leucadia but the process of wiring and assembling needs a few hands with past experience to guide the process. Hopefully as a club can we schedule a few work parties to gather and help complete West's project for Johannah throughout the year? Some of our club members have valuable experience in this and I would be grateful to help with this build-out, having guidance from the those who have been through this process. I am attaching a few pics of the project as it sits now. Looking forward to your input at the Monthly meeting scheduled for August 5th

August Birthdays:
1. Bonnie Fiebke 8/31
2. Joe Williams 8/4
3. Debbie Kruegel 8/6
4. Jim Kruegel 8/25

August Anniversaries:
1. Chuck & Nedra Grabowsky 8/28
2. Barry & Katie Mylar 8/15





Minutes from July 1, 2026 - Meeting of the Palomar A's was called to order by President Bill Adams at 7:05
PM with 26 in attendance including 3 guests.
The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Greg Wilson.
PREVIOUS MINUTES - A motion was made by Karen Beel to approve the minutes of the June meeting as
published in the Reflector, and seconded by Chuck Grabowsky. Motion passed by those in attendance.
TREASURER'S REPORT – Bruce Furbush reported treasury funds plus dues from some new members.
GUESTS – Two of our guests were Tom Leffingwell, in from Hawaii and Kathy Windlow, from the Half
Moon Bay area of California. They are the son and daughter of West & Johannah Leffingwell. With their
father's passing, they had come to help Johannah and will be staying until after the July 4 th holiday. They
said getting West's '29 truck up and running would be a fitting legacy for him.
Our third guest was James Veltri from San Marcos. At this point he doesn't have a Model A but
would like to purchase a 4-door sedan and would like to be able to drive it a few days a week. He is a
teacher and believes the students would enjoy seeing it in the parking lot. Many in the group offered help
and suggestions.
SUNSHINE & SORROW – After Stoney Stonebreaker's passing, his wife Betty moved to Nashville to be
with family. Unfortunately, last week she passed away as well.
Greg Wilson has adopted a 26-year-old Bare Eyed Cockatoo named Kiki. Her breed is in the smaller
size range. She is quite vocal but only knows a few words and sometimes Greg has to resort to covering
her cage so he can get some rest.
Donna Lugo announced a friend was giving away a 1976 Batavus scooter if anyone was interested.
BREAKFAST GET TOGETHER – Greg Wilson changed the Wednesday, August 19 gathering to Pegah's

Kitchen, 945 N Santa Fe Ave, Vista. As usual, arrive around 8:45 AM for 9:00 seating. Check the
Upcoming Events shown in the Reflector or Facebook for future breakfast locations and dates.
TOURS – Clyde Marion announced an upcoming tour of the San Diego Municipal Fire Department with
lunch afterwards at Filippi's. Check Upcoming Events in the Reflector for more information.
Regarding the MAFCA National Tour June, 2027 in Durango, CO: David Frazee indicated
registration opens August 1 and highly recommended registering as soon as possible if interested so as
not to be shut out of venues or hotels. There was additional information included in the July Reflector.
PUBLICITY - Ed Simpson verified inclusion of the monthly meeting in the Union. There was some
discussion as to who was responsible for web and facebook content.
MISCELLANEOUS – Anthony Lugo announced the Annual Antique Car Swap Meet Saturday, September
26 in San Bernardino.
OLD BUSINESS – New member Ray Bargas gave an update on the progress of his "A" hot rod. He is quite
involved with it and making lists of parts needed.
LECTURE – Ed Lopez gave a very interesting lecture regarding GPS development. In the 1960's and 70's,
Ed was a Computer Operator Supervisor connected with General Dynamics and Vandenburg Air Force
Base. Everything was Top Secret because this was developed as a navigation system for submarines and
other military applications. Fortunately it has evolved into something we can all rely on……no more
Thomas Brothers maps.
The multiple GPS satellites are on orbits that cover the entire planet. Triangulation between 3
satellites plus time gives the specific location information. In addition to the orbits, all the satellites are tied
into worldwide atomic clocks.

HOSPITALITY – Refreshment donations are always welcome. For planned donations contact Anthony or
Donna Lugo at 760-650-5333 or just bring a treat when you come to the meeting.
ENTERTAINMENT – David Frazee found no one to claim the July birthday prize and the 50/50 went to
James Veltri.
Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.
Submitted by Karla Maxwell, Secretary

NEW MEMBERS:

Ray Bargas
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San Marcos Ca, 92069
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Birthday Oct. 17th, Anniversary January 16th

James Veltri
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San Marcos Ca, 92069
951 956-0384, email: caliveltz@gmail.com
Birthday: Sept 2nd

UPCOMING EVENTS - **Save these dates!**

Wednesday, August 5th - Business Meeting 7:00 PM, Clubhouse.
Saturday, August 8th- San Diego Fire Truck Maintenance Facility 10AM Clubhouse
Wednesday, August 19th – Breakfast Pegah's Kitchen 9:00 AM
Saturday, August 22nd- West Leffingwell Celebration of Life (see details below)
Wednesday, September 2nd - Business Meeting 7:00 PM, Clubhouse.
Wednesday, September 16th – Breakfast J & M Restaurant 9:00 AM
Saturday, September 19th, International Model A Day, Julian, CA 10:00-2:00.
Wednesday, October 7th - Business Meeting 7:00 PM, Clubhouse.
Wednesday, October 21st – Breakfast Pit Stop 9:00 AM
Wednesday, November 4th - Business Meeting 7:00 PM, Clubhouse.
Wednesday, November 18th – Breakfast Main Street Café 9:00 AM
Wednesday, December 9th-13th – MAFCA National Awards Banquet in Cincinnati, Ohio. It will be held at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel, 35 West Fifth Street, Cincinnati. There is no information on the MAFCA website yet.
Saturday, December 12th – Palomar A Club annual Christmas Party at the Hunter Restaurant in Oceanside, 12:00 PM.

2027 EVENTS

June 13 -18, 2027 MAFCA National Tour, Durango CO.

Other local events and breakfasts will be included in the calendar as they are scheduled. Meeting dates may be changed as needed if conflicts occur due to holidays or events.

TOUR SATURDAY AUGUST 8TH:

San Diego Fire Truck Maintenance Facility
8050 Othello Ave San Diego Ca
Lunch after tour at Filippis Pizza Grotto @ 5353 Kearny Villa Rd. San Diego
Meet at 10am @ Clubhouse, Joe Williams will be leading the tour.
His Cell 760 420-5636

WEST LEFFINGWELL CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Saturday Aug 22nd from 11am to 3pm
Charlies Electric Studio
710 South Coast Hwy 101, corner of F St Downtown Encinitas

September 19th – International Model A Day in Julian - A Joint Club Venture between the San Diego Model A Club, Palomar A's, & the Temecula Valley A's – Help us celebrate International Model A Day by attending this tour to Julian. Local San Diego club members will meet 08:00 at our Target - El Cajon Meeting point and drive to the SECOND MEETING POINT (approx. 09:30) at Dudley's Bakery in Santa Ysabel where we will meet up with our North County club members and our friends from the Palomar and Temecula Valley Clubs. After a brief stop and reconnoiter in Santa Ysabel, we will all caravan in the rest of the way into Julian where the Julian Chamber of Commerce is providing reserved parking on Main St for us to display our cars, mingle with the public, and enjoy the local restaurants and shops. Don't miss out! The Chamber of Commerce is also offering welcome bags for the Model A Day participants with coupons and momentums, so please sign up early so I can give them an accurate car count ahead of time.
Sign-up online HERE /or/ at the sandiegomodelaclub.com website or (call-or-text) Ross Nelson 619-938-5609.

Saturday – Sept 19
International Model A Day *in Julian*

- Joint tour with ~ SD Model A Club
  ~Temecula Valley A's
  ~ Palomar A's
- Meet: Target El Cajon 08:00 /**or**/
  09:30 in Santa Ysabel
- Reserved parking on Main Street
- Shop, Dine, and Mingle
- Swag bags for participants.



AUGUST LUNCH WEDNESDAY, AUG 19TH

The Galley at the Marina Chula Vista. Joe's brother and sister-in-law from Florida joined us. It was a beautiful day at the marina for great food and great friends, sorry the rest of you missed it.









PENDLETON, OREGON JOURNEY BY DAVID FRAZEE

I prepared the blind back sedan for the trip to the 2026 MAFCA National Convention in Pendleton, OR by exchanging the split fender with the pickup's, having already changed the oil and lubed it. Still, the carburetor seemed bad, and I had no spare Holley 94 carburetor.



Day 1. 50 mph wind gusts on the 395 through the Mojave. Drove on a bit of the original Route 66.

Day 2. The carburetor had no GAV so at the high altitude, it ran too rich. I saw Jim King's Rock Creek Resort and snow covered the windshield at Deadman Summit and Conway Summit, both over 8000 feet.

Day 3. I woke up with laryngitis. I tried to find my windshield wiper and found a wooden block locked the back seat from being removed. The leather strap on the trunk broke like a wet noodle after 24 hours straight of rain and snow. We had to skip Lake Tahoe with a closed pass.

Day 4. The overdrive started missing high gear. It was too cloudy to see Mt. Lassen. The piston two 's rod bearing babbitts melted just before the Bieber, Calif. U-Haul. I could rent a rig to Carlsbad for $650 or to Pendleton for $1700. I chose Pendleton.



Day 5. When making a sharp turn in Burns, Oregon the Model A jumped off the dolly and drove by itself down the 395 for a few feet. Exhausted, I didn't go to dinner with the group, but had some long, unrefrigerated pizza in the hotel room.

Day 6. The laryngitis was getting better, but now I had Montezuma's revenge and did the rest of the trip. Arriving at the Convention, I worked the MAFCA table and waited with Office Manager, Sandra Aguirre to join the Ice Cream Social. They ran out of ice cream.

Day 7. I bummed several rides to go on that day's tour to a hatchery and gas pump collection. That night a half dozen cars escorted the U-Haul to convention chair, Jack Remilard's garage which had a lift for examining my rod bearing. He was unable to start his 1909 Brush however, so we had to put off the exam.
Day 8. I went to a seminar, bought $250 in raffle tickets, and returned the U-Haul. That night Paul Shinn texted me that the engine was shot; babbitt was in the oil pump and the crankshaft was scratched.



Day 9. I was woken at 6 AM with an offer of a trade-in engine with unknown problems. Got the car trailered from Jack's to the repair tent at the convention center and replaced the engine. Because I had a B water pump, we had to trade the head. Later, I found a crack in that trade-in's head. Early on, I tore the inseam of my jeans almost 12 inches, but worked with the crew all day rather than asking for a ride to the hotel to change them.
Day 10. The crew left early for the grand tour, but happily my car was completely together (I thought). I started it for a test drive, but couldn't get it into gear. Turned the clutch pedal adjustment ten full turns and it worked. Car ran extremely badly, though.
Day 11. Laryngitis returned to join my intestinal problems. Bought some Dayquil at Walmart and chugged it for the rest of the trip. Noticed that morning that my CB antennae was missing. Thought that the fuel filter or gas pump was bad so tried to replace them while most went on the *Rough Rider Tour* or participated in the gymkhana. That didn't help. I went to the swap meet and my visa was declined. Found out I'd won five raffle prizes. Attended the Cowboy Breakfast Dinner and the *Gentlemen, Start Your Engines* contest.
Day 12. I attended the MAFCA Board Meeting. It was interrupted twice with notes that I'd actually won two more raffle prizes for seven total. I test drove the car on I-84 and decided to risk the drive home, then attended the banquet half expecting to win the hard luck trophy. I really hoped to win the Burtz engine. Spencer Gordon won the Hard Luck and Sammy Guthrie won the Burtz. In conversation with Bill Coty, I was convinced to buy yet another fuel pump.

Day 13. I woke up to find that someone stole the quail ornament. I had problems starting the car – in theory a tooth (or 17) were missing from the ring gear. I rocked it back and forth while in gear and while the starter now engaged, it still wouldn't start. We disconnected the pump and had the gas gravity fed, which kinda worked. We took highway 84 west and it barely made it up the hill. Then added the new pump, but had to hang it with zip-ties from the radiator brace rods. In retrieving the zip ties the other leather strap from the trunk broke; this time from being too dry and brittle. The pump only sort of worked for the problem and after consultation and pulling the choke, we theorized that the intake manifold gasket was bad. After applying lots of rtf high temp to the gasket. we took to the road and everything seemed wonderful.

Day 14. There was a busload of teen, geology students from Alaska going to visit Crater Lake in our hotel and I could barely sleep as they themselves didn't try. That morning, I replaced the antennae, but found the speaker connector was now fried. The accelerator pedal was getting stuck and I had to pull it up with my shoe. The engine was also leaking a lot of oil.



.. Having had manifold gasket problems, I wasn't surprised by a regular loud "Pop-etta-Pop!" but after it suddenly got very loud and we pulled over, it turned out to be the muffler had come loose. Fixed that and went to Crater Lake. Weather too bad to see the lake. Paul Winchester drove over a loose manhole which popped up and tagged the underside of his running board. We got a free lunch because of it, but I got chewed out by the ranger because my car was dripping oil. Then, leaving the park, the speedometer cable started squealing and I got under the car, my back in the slush to remove it from the transmission.

Day 15. I tried to remove the floorboards to fix the accelerator pedal only to find that the spring got unhooked. Paul reattached it and it stayed for all of ten miles. Back in California we jerry-rigged a spare brake pedal return spring to work the accelerator pedal, and in Crescent City, I bought a replacement CB speaker. Things were really looking up!

Day 16. I was dumb to the tenth degree not checking my water, or oil, and not paying attention to keeping the gas above half a tank and peeing before we left each stop. Still, I don't think I deserved what came next. At Golden Gate Park we parked in a bus zone to get a quick picture. Then, the car wouldn't start. Paul added gas, then we checked the jerry-rigged fuel line and that the distributor produced a strong spark. We tried towing it to a hill for a push start, but ended up stuck at the intersection in front of the Japanese Tea Garden. Most likely it had a broken timing gear as I found chips when I removed the timing cover, while waiting over two hours for



the tow truck. Chatted with a hundred tourists admiring the beautiful car.
.. AAA will only tow you to your home or a AAA certified repair shop – not to a U-Haul or some other model A owner's home. So, I paid $200 extra to tow it to a shop up in San Rafael which was near a U-Haul which had an auto trailer. Got there five minutes before closing. Couldn't get help loading the car onto the trailer – no U-Haul trailer is equipped with a winch – so I ran to a nearby Harbor Freight, getting there five minutes before they too closed. Left San Rafael at 9:30 PM and discovered that at every bump, the truck and trailer would torque and the resonance increased until I mashed the brakes.
Day 17. Just after midnight in Mountain House, Calif, my Discover card was now turned down at the Valero station. I was able to call them and eventually clear that up and fill the tank. I looked to sleep at several rest stops on the I-5; two thirds of which were closed for construction. At the Flying J in Frazier Park, my pump served as a raven's perch. He looked down at me and gave me "what for" while I filled up. I can only assume that the raven was squawking "Nevermore" like in Poe's poem, but this time about ever again going on a trip like this again.



.. I backed up the ramp at my Mom's to back the broken car down to the barn and found that the chain I'd put around the back axel had come loose, bounced along the road, and at some point a good Samaritan had latched it safely to the trailer without waking me.
Day 18. I had a guy purchase a dead 2010 Toyota Camry and remove it from my place in Escondido clearing the way to use the U-Haul rig to move my '58 Chevy Apache to my Mom's barn as well.
Day 19. I picked up my grandkids for a visit, then dropped them at daycare and picked up the U-Haul at my mother's. Loaded up the Apache and topped off the brake cylinder (which was why I hadn't driven it in 20 years.) I took Karyn with me, intending to take her to dinner. I had problems backing up the ramp this time, but thought I'd made it. Two people needed to push it off the trailer though, and Karyn got hurt. Meanwhile, the truck fell off the ramp and rolled inches from the fence. I got a jack, a chain, and two vehicle dollies, then attaced the Chevy to the trailer and pulled the whole rig forward six feet. Eventually, I got everything unstuck and was able to return the U-Haul and get Karyn at 10:30 PM. She didn't get dinner.
Day 20. Father's Day. I took a short break and backed the Chevy down to the barn. The adventure was finally over. Cost, $8,775.11, not including the future engine repair and replacement of broken parts.

FOR SALE

Contact Howard Kruegel @ 619 341-2563

Model A Ford 2 Blade Fan $42.00



Exhaust Heater w/Firewall Door $55



Rear Main Drip Pan $10



Rear Hub Puller $45



Rebult by Southland Clutch Pressure Plate (Unused) $55





Thread Chaser $20



1928 Taillight (No Glass) $55

