

Quail Call

San Diego Model A Ford Club Inc.
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Kris Francis*

Everywhere I go I'm seeing babies! I suppose that has to do with the fact that I'll be a first time grandmother mid-May and I'm so excited to meet my granddaughter. I know of several other club members who have welcomed grandbabies recently (both Betsy Johnson and the Niemeyers have new grandsons) and from discussions with my daughter, newborn care has changed drastically in the 40 years since she was born. So out of curiosity, I researched baby care in the Model A Era. Read on for some unbelievable stats:



In 1928, psychologist John B. Watson published *Psychological Care of Infant and Child*, warning that maternal affection was dangerous. He promoted rigid schedules and discouraged cuddling, rocking, or any physical comfort, claiming this would build independence and self-reliance. **His actual advice included:** Never hug or kiss your children. Shake hands with them in the morning. Pat them on the head at night. **The impact:** This approach was considered progressive and scientific at the time, influencing a generation of parents. Watson later admitted his own children struggled with the emotional distance he imposed. (Ya think?)

U.S. infant care emphasized strict, clockwork feeding schedules (often 4-hour intervals) and rigid routines, frequently leaving infants to cry rather than responding immediately. By 1930, 55% of births were at hospitals.

I wonder how many new babies came home from the hospital in a Model A? Long time club member Arlyn Bieber traveled home from the hospital in a 1930 Model A Coupe; and in fact, he still owns that car!

UPCOMING EVENTS: Save these dates!

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| MAY | 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 Seminar |
| | 25 | Kensington Memorial Day Parade |
| | 30 | Cuyamaca Tour with the Model T Club |
| JUNE | 12 | Business Meeting—Santee 7 PM |
| | 13 | La Mesa Flag Day Parade |
| | 21 | Father's Day Car Display Shadow Mtn Church |
| | 27 | All Ford Picnic—Santee |
| | 28 | Eastlake Village Display |
| | 30 | Board Meeting |



I Love You MOM!

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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:



Model A Restorers Club

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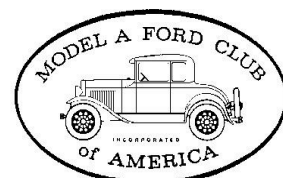
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250 S. Cypress Street
La Habra, Ca. 90631-5515
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E-mail: info@mafca.com

Website: www.mafca.com

Dues are \$50.00 per calendar year.



General Business Meeting – April 10, 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 April 10, 2026. U.S. Navy Veteran John Weisenseel led the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked that we keep service members in our thoughts during the current war conflict in Iran. Tina Weisenseel moved that we accept minutes from March 2026 Minutes as published in Quail Call. Guy McElroy 2nd, motion passed.

Guy McElroy: Asked that we keep Ross and Sue Piper in our thoughts as they are dislocated (unharmed) From a recent garage/house fire.

Tours: [Ross Nelson]: **Recap Past Tours: March 28 – Mission Bay Kite Flying & BBQ:** 10 Model A's and great tour of Pacific Beach and La Jolla. **April 1 – Cloud Museum Tour:** 6 participants enjoyed tour. **Upcoming Tours: April 11-12 – Orange County Pancake Breakfast.** Due to rain forecast participants may choose moderns instead of A's. Breakfast held rain or shine. **May 13 – Otay Lakes Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista:** tour departing 8:15am. \$20 fee. **May 30 – Cuayamaca Lake Resort:** with Model T Club, back country tour meeting in El Cajon 8:30am. **June 27 – All Ford Picnic:** 8am-2pm at Santee Lakes, \$7 fee for parking, pre-order food with V8 Club. **July –** need a tour, contact Ross with ideas. **August 8 – Montgomery Fire Fleet Maintenance Facility,** behind the scenes guided tour, lunch at Filipi's Italian. Save the Date: **September 19 – International Model A Day in Julian** with Temecula and Poway clubs. Reserved spot on Main Street in Julian to park cars and enjoy apple pie.

Parades/Displays: [Ron Niemeyer]. **Past Events: March 14 – Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.** 7 Model A's and comraderie waiting to be #93 of 99 in parade. **Upcoming Events: April 25 – Lakeside Western Day Parade** and Cowboy Cookout at Weisenseel's. **May 16 – Tierrasanta Patriot's Day Parade.** 10am **May 25 – Kensington Memorial Day Parade,** hometown parade and lunch hosted by Betsy Johnson. **June 13 – La Mesa Flag Day Parade.** **June 21 – Father's Day Display** at Shadow Mountain Community Church. **June 28 – Eastlake Village display** 4pm. **July 4 – Two events happening: Covenant Village Retirement Community display and Alpine Community Center display.** Choose one. More events on the horizon...

Treasurer: [John Weisenseel] Checking account and CD account balances were given as of March 31, 2026. Opened two new 5-month CDs at 3.5% interest: **Income:** \$30 Membership, \$25 Hospitality, \$69 Ways & Means, \$4 Additional Rosters. Last month's check to OC Pancake Breakfast raffle was issued for \$150. Chris Halter presented club with \$150 donation for maintenance books sold through Amazon sales (this will appear in next month's income). **Bills to pay:** None this month.

Old Business:

2026 Rosters: 1st is free, extras are \$2 each (honor system). Pickup at meetings.

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

New Business:

Changes in Merchandise and Refreshments Chairpersons: [Kris Francis] Jennifer Baehr has agreed to take over merchandise role. Betsy Johnson will be the new Refreshments Chairperson.

Membership: [Rochelle Svelling] 52 members in attendance tonight with 1 guest. New members Gerry and Jeanine Roche.

Sponsor for January 2027 Point Loma Road Race: [Julia Halter] proposed that Club be a sponsor for the January 2027 Point Loma Road Race since we had great participation with 20 of the 100 cars racing from our Club. Showed pamphlet from 2026 race listing other sponsors like Model T Club and Automotive Museum. Great publicity to grow club membership. One time donation. Ross Nelson moved that Club donate \$250 to be a sponsor for the race in 2027. Guy McElroy 2nd, motion passed.

May 23 – Help and Learn Event [Cliff Hughes] held at Ahna Holder's garage. Topic carburetors. New LED lights for garage.

July 15 – El Cajon Cruise Invitation: [Paul Palombo & Guy McElroy] Starting May 6, every Wednesday evening in summer beginning at 4pm. Need at least 8 club member Model A's for special display parking on July 15th.

4th of July Fireworks & Potluck: [Dave Sohr] Granite Hills High School fireworks display and potluck at Dave Sohr's.

Merchandise [Kris Francis & Jennifer Baehr] Hats, mugs and tee shirts available again. Thank you Jen!

Property: [Jim Taber] Nothing to Report

Defender: [Ray Beardslee] Not in attendance tonight

Refreshments: [Jennifer Baehr & Betsy Johnson] Thanked members for abundance of food. Need sign-ups for upcoming months.

Webmaster: [Chris Halter] 500 visits to website, most from U.S. but also Singapore.

Correspondence: [Kathryn Hughes] Highlighted Jacumba Tour in upcoming magazine articles.

Era Presentation: [Cliff Hughes] Showed members that anything can be achieved through willpower and determination with true story of Montana to Alaska AlCan roadtrip. Takeaway: "Try to have patience with your beast of burden (Model A)"

Technical: [Paul Winchester] Topic: All about spark plugs: Champion, AC Delco, Motorcraft, and a nifty adaptor from Snyders to use on any spark plug.

Ways & Means: [Tina Weisenseel] Happy winners of many raffle items; door prize: \$20 Chick Fil-A gift card

Membership drawing prize [\$20.00]: Chris and Julia Halter. Next month \$10

Closing: Jokes by Ric Bonnorant. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01pm by Nancy Lovell, Dave Sohr 2nd. Meeting adjourned.



Respectfully submitted,

Julia Halter

Julia Halter (Recording secretary)

April Showers Bring May Tours (or something like that) ☺



April 1st. April Fools Tour - The Cloud Museum. Between the Model A Club and the Model T Club we had 2 carloads of 6 participants. **Dave Kelsen, Sherill Kelsen, and Ross Nelson** represented the Model A Club. Bob A, Jay W, and John C from the Model T Club. After a beautiful morning drive through the desert, we arrived at the Cloud Museum where we were greeted by Johnny Cloud and his two beautiful Australian sheep dogs. Once I had identified myself as an A owner he immediately took me over to his patinaed '30 coupe that he was excited to start for me since he had just gotten it running after it sitting for 15 years. It started immediately and “purred like a kitten”. It actually sounded better than mine. Also an eye catcher, was his AA truck that had been converted to a motorhome featuring a propane gas stove, dining table and a full-sized bed. As one of those “ran when parked stories” he had actually driven the motorhome to his lot from Parker, Arizona. We wandered the rest of his lot and viewed his vast collection of yes, mostly Model T’s but also several Model A’s, and early Dodge Bros, Studebaker, and Plymouths. Some restored, but mostly not. As a special treat he fired off one of his hit & miss engines which the dogs did not care for and ran away in the opposite direction! After we finished at the museum we headed into Yuma for a tasty lunch and date-shakes at Penny’s 50’s Diner. Then loaded ourselves back in to the moderns and headed for home. A great day for a trip through the desert.

Our roving reporter, **Sherill Kelsen**, asked Johnny how this incredible collection began. Here’s the story in her words: *Johnny Cloud said he started out as a lettuce farmer. After some years of farming he was approached by someone to buy his farm. Johnny explained he made a deal to Lease his land; not sell it. As the money came in from his Lease, he started buying cars and it evolved into other related era items. He said he was always interested in Model Ts and Model As. At 8 years old he was doing odd jobs to earn money to buy cars. By age 15, he had bought several cars. However, he became interested in girls and sold many cars to have funds to date. He mentioned he wished he had those cars now. Johnny said he was born in Yuma and has lived in Yuma all his life.*

2026 Orange County Pancake Breakfast: Our San Diego club was proudly represented by four Model A’s at this year’s Orange County Pancake Breakfast. Kudos to **Jim Kruegel, Howard & Barbara Kruegel, Ben & Nina Taravella, and Paul & Patty Winchester**, who braved the elements and *drove their A’s* to the event. Also attending were **Ed Poffenberger, Mike & Jen Baehr, David Frazee, David & Terry Rodriguez, Ross & Susan Nelson, and Kris & Dave Francis**—a strong showing despite the soggy forecast. The Kruegel crew made a weekend of it, heading up on Friday and spending the day antiquing in local shops. Mike & Jen added extra charm by bringing their vintage Schwinn bicycles, even riding them in from the motel. As predicted, the rain rolled in Sunday morning but this wasn’t the Orange County Club’s first rodeo—or their first Pancake Breakfast. With pop-up tents, plastic tarps, and a well-oiled



plan, they kept the outdoor event running smoothly between cloudbursts. Yes, attendance was lighter this year, but the **raffle odds were definitely in our favor**, with prize after prize going home with happy winners. A wet day, a warm breakfast, and great company—classic Model A spirit through and through.

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Upcoming Tours:

May 13th ----Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center. Tour with the group to the Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center in Chula Vista. The folks here do not conduct weekend tours so we are doing this one is on a Wednesday. We'll meet at 08:15 at the old Dixieline Lumber on Avocado & 94 and take the scenic route through the backcountry to Otay Lakes and the Olympic Training Center. It's a \$20 pp fee for the behind the scenes guided tour through their facility. Bring a picnic lunch with you and we will drive to the nearby Mountain Hawk Park, eat our lunches and soak in the view of the Upper and Lower Otay Lakes.

May 30th – 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 27th – 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 below

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

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



July 11 – Hubley Races @ McElroy's – Mark Your Calendars

August 8th – Montgomery Fire Fleet Maintenance Facility - Mark your Calendar. A behind the scenes tour of San Diego's Fire Truck Maintenance Facility in Kearny Mesa

September 19th – International Model A Day in Julian – Mark your Calendars.



MOM JOKES.....

First child eats dirt, mom calls the doctor. **Second child** eats dirt, mom cleans out their mouth. **Third child** eats dirt, mom wonders if she still needs to make lunch.

Son: " Mom, can I get \$20?"

Mom: " Does it look like I'm made of money?"

Son: " Well, isn't that what M.O.M stands for?"

Marvelous May 2026



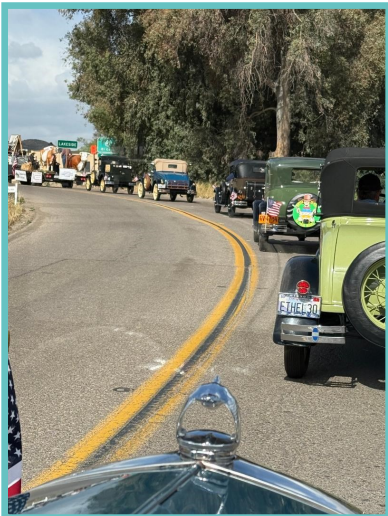
LOOKING BACK OUT THE REAR WINDOW



Lakeside Western Days Parade: Saturday April 25th greeted us with threatening skies but dry ground as 9 of us met at Target in El Cajon. We followed the trail instructions to the Lakeside Western Day Parade staging area where 4 more A's met us for a total of 13. Decorating, snacks and "shootin' the breeze" were the order of business until parade step off. I assumed the responsibility of "scoop-up crew" (no, not for horses) but of our former president, Guy McElroy who was patriotically decorating the street with flags formerly attached to his Bee Truck bumpers. Lying next to one flag in the street was a broken rubber band... something we can all add to our A maintenance checklist!



After many waves, smiles and Ah-oogah horns we made our way to the Weisenseels for another YUMMO Cowboy Cookout lunch with all the fixins'. We all enjoyed great hospitality, food, drink and comradery. A hearty thanks to John and Tina for hosting this memorable event once again! (Sorry Arlyn we drank all your Pepsi).



Participants were Fred Crone, Michael Dainer, Dave and Kris Francis, Ken and Jane Harfield, Kathryn and Cliff Hughes, Cliff, Steve and Nancy Lovell, Guy and Judith McElroy, Ross Nelson and Susan Ramsey, Ron and Linda Niemeyer, Gerry and Jeanine Roche, Zachary and Rochelle Svelling (who had Bob and Nancy Parker occupying their back seat), John and Tina Weisenseel and Paul Winchester. Chris and Julie Halter, along with Joan Dainer, arrived just in time for the cookout.



LOOKING OUT THE WINDSHIELD A-HEAD

Saturday May 16: Tierrasanta Kiwanis Patriots Day Parade

Monday May 25: Kensington Memorial Day Parade and lunch at Betsy Johnson's home.

Saturday June 13: La Mesa Flag Day Parade

Sunday June 21: Father's Day Car Show @ Shadow Mtn. Church

Saturday June 27: All Ford Picnic @ Santee Lakes

Sunday June 28: Eastlake Village Walk Car Display

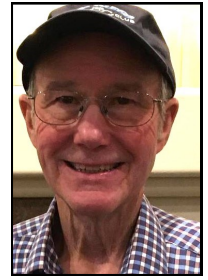
Saturday July 4 Covenant Village Parade (this event may actually happen on Friday July 3 instead- stay tuned)

Saturday July 4: Alpine Club Community Center Car Display (Independence Day celebration)

Get ready for an active summer!

Ron Niemeyer- Parades and Displays

Model A Windshield Wipers



Here we are another month has gone by, the Orange County Pancake Breakfast is over. It did rain on us, but I only needed my wipers a couple of times. Before I researched this I assumed that the vacuum wipers came before the electric ones but I was wrong.

All Ford vehicles starting in 1928 model year came with windshield wipers, commercial and open cars and trucks had mechanical hand operated wipers. Electric wipers were installed on all closed cars. Ford Service Bulletins indicate there were a lot of problems with the electric wire connections and motor parts as well as the electric draw on the battery when idling. Ford's shift from electric to vacuum wipers in 1929 was driven by a combination of cost, reliability, and engineering practicality.



Cost savings: Electric wipers required a dedicated motor, wiring, and electrical connections. Vacuum wipers used the engine's existing manifold vacuum, which was already available for other accessories, eliminating the need for extra wiring and a separate motor. This reduced manufacturing and installation costs.

Reliability and maintenance: Early electric wipers suffered from frequent failures due to poor electrical grounding, short circuits, and mechanical wear. Service bulletins from the era noted issues like loose wire connections, commutator damage, gear contamination, and bearing tightness problems. Vacuum wipers, by contrast, had fewer moving parts and were simpler to repair, making them more dependable in the field.

Integration with existing systems: Vacuum wipers were powered by the same vacuum source used for other functions like brakes and carburetor controls. This meant Ford could retrofit them without major electrical modifications, which was especially important in the early 1930s when electrical systems were still developing.

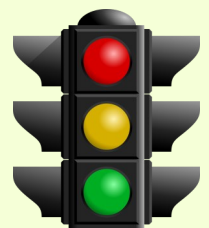
Performance trade-offs: Vacuum wipers operated at speeds tied to engine vacuum, which could vary with throttle position and driving conditions. This meant they might slow or stop during acceleration or on steep hills. However, for most driving conditions, the speed was adequate, and the trade-off was acceptable given the other benefits.

Conclusion: Ford's 1929 switch to vacuum wipers was a pragmatic decision: they were cheaper to produce and install, more reliable, and easier to maintain than electric wipers at the time. While they had limitations in speed consistency, the advantages outweighed the drawbacks in the early automotive market.

This article was partially gleaned from the internet.

Paul Winchester, Technical Hombre, 2026

The "Invisible" Brake: Every kid knows the terror of a mom slamming her foot onto the floor of the passenger side because she thinks you're approaching a red light too fast.



My Mom, a 1930's Nurse

Moms throughout history have possessed natural nursing skills: Think of kissing a boo-boo and making it all better. **My** mom was a licensed RN, and attended Abbott Hospital School of Nursing at the University of Minnesota in the early 1930's. It was a 3 year program and she related that all the nurses were women, had to live in dormitories together, and absolutely could not be married (or they would be asked to leave the program!) I heard stories about extremely long days (she only had a half day off every other Sunday) and the joy of earning her nursing cap. So I felt that in dedication to my Mom, I would do some research about the nursing profession during the Model A era.

During the 1920's, female nurses became a cornerstone of healthcare and a major path to economic independence for women, with nursing schools expanding rapidly following WWI. Despite initial high demand, the profession shifted, facing oversupply by the late 1920s. Uniforms were formal, often including long dresses, starched aprons, and caps.

In the early 1930s, registered nurses (RNs) faced low wages due to the Great Depression, with some private duty nurses earning only about \$25.00 per month by 1932. Generally, nurses' salaries averaged around \$140 a month, with some hospitals paying as little as \$90.00. Hospitals often did not hire married women, and many nurses lived in hospital quarters, with few, if any, benefits. In the early 1930s, many hospitals still relied heavily on student nurses for labor, who worked for little to no pay, which limited the number of paid positions available for graduate RNs

In 1930, nursing education was largely hospital-based, three-year diploma programs, prioritizing "service first, education second" where students provided cheap labor. While collegiate programs were emerging, most training involved long hours of clinical work, bedside training by physicians, and preparing for professional certification amidst the Great Depression's high unemployment.

Nursing school tuition cost about \$35 per year, and training lasted three years. The cost covered room and board, laundry services and medical care. Students were required to attend daily classes and religious services, provide care to patients and work rotating eight-hour hospital shifts

By the 1930s, nursing uniforms transitioned toward greater practicality, featuring slightly shorter hemlines and, at times, half-length sleeves. Standard attire typically included a white or light-colored cotton dress, often covered by a stiffly starched, ankle-length apron, paired with a distinctive white nursing cap. Uniforms often included detachable collars and cuffs. Nurses often wore dark blue, red-lined wool capes when outdoors.



My Mom was very proud of her nursing degree. As the youngest sibling of 9 brothers and sisters in a northern Minnesota farm family, she was the first in her family to attend college. Her oldest sister and brother-in-law paid her tuition, which was difficult for her to save up during the depression. After graduation, she and several classmates decided to head toward warmer climates to look for jobs in California. I wonder what they drove?

Me, and my BIG Mouth



Some years ago when the club held a seminar to teach the lady folks how to drive a Model A, I gave my stupidly worded assessment (jokingly) that I was always reluctant to follow a female driver without turn signals, due to when they stuck their arm out the window I did not know if she wanted to turn left, right, stop, or was just drying her fingernail polish.

I paid dearly for that comment, and it was some time before any of them would talk to me.

After that, I learned to keep my BIG mouth shut, and now declare I would be happy to follow the gorgeous lady club members anytime.

Bill Corson



**2026 MAFCA NATIONAL CONVENTION
MAY 31—JUNE 7
PENDLETON, OREGON**

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.](#)

Website: [https://
www.2026mafcanationalconvention.com](https://www.2026mafcanationalconvention.com)

More MOM Jokes:

Motherhood is like a fairy tale but in reverse. You begin in a beautiful ball gown and end up in stained rags cleaning up after people.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

CAJON CRUISE 2026

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. 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), so plan to come any Wednesday. **On July 15th, we have arranged to have the San Diego Model A Ford Club cars featured on Orange Avenue. More about that display next month.**

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 !

TIMELESS RIDES, UNMATCHED RIDES



EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM MAY 6th to AUGUST 26th
5:00PM TO 7:30PM
IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN EL CAJON
(MAIN ST. & MAGNOLIA AVE.)



FOR MORE INFO:
CARSHOWCALIFORNIA.COM
619-201-8207

ATTENTION CAR OWNERS:
DO NOT, UNDER ANY
CIRCUMSTANCE ARRIVE
PRIOR TO 3PM

Brought to you by The Early Ford V-8 Club of San Diego



All Ford Picnic



June 27, 2026 8:00AM—2:00PM



Santee Lakes Regional Park

Model T - Model A - Early Ford - Thunderbird - Mustang - Pickups - All Fords



CRUISIN' GRAND

Cruisin' Grand Escondido returns for its 26th year in 2026, Friday nights from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. in downtown on Grand Avenue. Friday June 12 will feature Ford T, A, and Early V8 Theme Night . Shows continue weekly throughout the summer.

Model A MARKETPLACE



ORIGINAL 1929 LICENSE PLATES:



Pair of Original 1929 License Plates. Excellent original condition finish. No bends or dents. MVC clear for use. \$175.00.

Contact Dave Kelsen
(619) 772-2625

1929 Ford Roadster Fenders

Front and rear roadster fenders, along with running boards and kick panels. Email chuckandnan1@outlook.com. or 619 697-2599 - Chuck D'Anna

1929 MODEL A MURRAY TOWN SEDAN

Great shape. All original and always garaged.

Asking \$12,500 OBO. Call Greg at (619)952-4769.



1931 TUDOR SEDAN—\$15,000 OBO

This is Terry Thrush. I have been in the club 32 years now and I was president 1997 - 1998. My son passed away 2/18/26 & now I can't pass the car down to him. The car is running & has matching serial numbers on motor that was rebuilt by Henery Crews with modern bearings to last a long time. Only 10K miles or less on motor. I have lots of extra parts under rear seat of car. The car is painted the original color it was made. It has original plates & is registered to January 2027. Call Terry Thrush (541) 643-8814.





YOUTH Department



Emily Ellway, Youth Coordinator

Jr MARC: Keeping the Model A Hobby Rolling Forward

Jr MARC is dedicated to introducing the Model A Ford hobby to a new and younger generation of enthusiasts. As part of the **Model A Restorers Club (MARC)**, Jr MARC helps ensure that the passion, knowledge, and traditions of the Model A community continue well into the future.

Since MARC was created in 1952, it has provided a welcoming forum for people of all ages and experience levels who share a love for Model A Fords. Jr MARC builds on that strong foundation by engaging youth through education and assistance programs designed to spark interest and encourage hands-on involvement in the hobby.

By connecting younger members with experienced mentors and meaningful learning opportunities, Jr MARC works to keep both the club and the Model A hobby active, vibrant, and thriving for the next 50 years and beyond. Together, we are preserving one of the finest automobiles the world has ever seen—by passing it on to the next generation.

For more information Contact Emily Ellway at Youthjcoordinator@model-a-ford.org



MAYRA: MODEL A YOUTH RESTORATION AWARD



- Applicants ages 14-21 welcome
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THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

April 2026

Member and other visits to MARC's new website, Facebook group and Instagram page continue to climb and our new social media strategy continues to attract new MARC members. Our membership continues to grow again this year! Please take a look at our new website if you haven't already, at www.modelarestorersclub.org and follow our Facebook group: The Model "A" Restorers Club. You will enjoy seeing our daily humorous postings, special merchandise offers and see other interesting information and questions about our Model A's.

Are you aware that MARC is still offering FREE 12 month memberships to members of your Region (digital MAN) who have not been MARC members previously? Why not sign everyone up for a FREE test drive of MARC membership? This membership includes MARC liability insurance while attending a MARC sponsored event, ability to attend MARC National events, ability to access the members section of our website where we provide access to all Model A videos currently on the internet, AI content, access to classified ads, ability to ask technical questions directly to MARC's technical expert Larry Shepard and much more.

Regions, we continue to look for Regions willing to host Membership Meets, Tours and National Meets in your area. Don't miss out on the potential to attract new members and add to your treasury. MARC experts are willing to provide you all the guidance you need to hold an event. Contact MARC Vice President Joe Valentine if you are interested at old182A@yahoo.com.

Certainly you've registered for either the upcoming MARC Finger Lakes combined Membership Meet/ National Tour in May or the French Lick National Meet in July? Hopefully both! There are still a few registrations available for the Finger Lakes. Did you know that you can now register for the French Lick National Meet directly through the MARC website? It's easy to do and you won't have to worry about lost checks in the mail! Give it a try if you haven't registered already.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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SECOND SATURDAY NEIGHBORS

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.** Bring any freshly laundered donations to our monthly Model A club meetings, and we will make sure they are donated. Thank you!



HELP 'N LEARN SEMINAR MAY 23rd

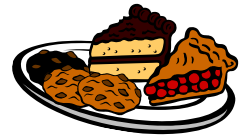
May 23rd, Saturday, 10:00AM, will be the next Help & Learn training seminar at Ahna's barn, 10 AM-Noon, at 3688 Midway Drive, near the Sports Arena.

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.

REFRESHMENTS: Betsy Johnson

Signed up to bring snacks at the
May Meeting:

- Bob & Barb Green
- Kathryn Hughes
- Judith McElroy
- Terry & David Rodriguez
- Rochelle Svelling



May Birthdays

- 8 Avalee Smith
- 4 Chuck Brush
- 15 Karyn Frazee
Pat Frehafer
- 18 Kim Snyder
- 23 Tom Lazar
- 31 Maria Sanabria
- 31 Mary Joslyn



May Anniversaries

- Terry & Carol Thrush May 16, 1976
- Jim & Gene Train May 8, 1982
- John & Trish Ravits May 22, 1983
- Paul & Teresa Palombo May 23, 1987
- Gerald & Jeanine Roche May 14, 1988
- Dave & Sherill Kelsen May 20, 1989
- Chris & Julie Halter May 26, 1995



MEMBERSHIP DRAWING



The April Membership Drawing was \$20.00. **Chris & Julie Halter's** names were drawn AND they were in attendance wearing their name badges. In May the pot returns to \$10.00. Be sure to attend in May and the next winner could be YOU!

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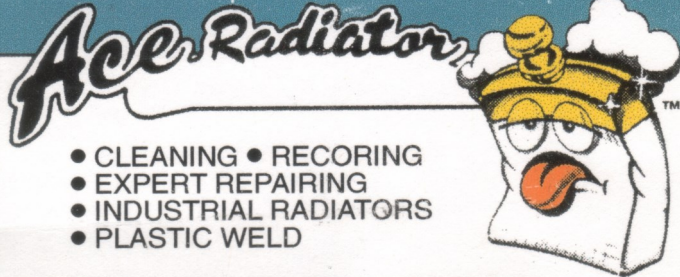
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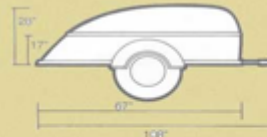
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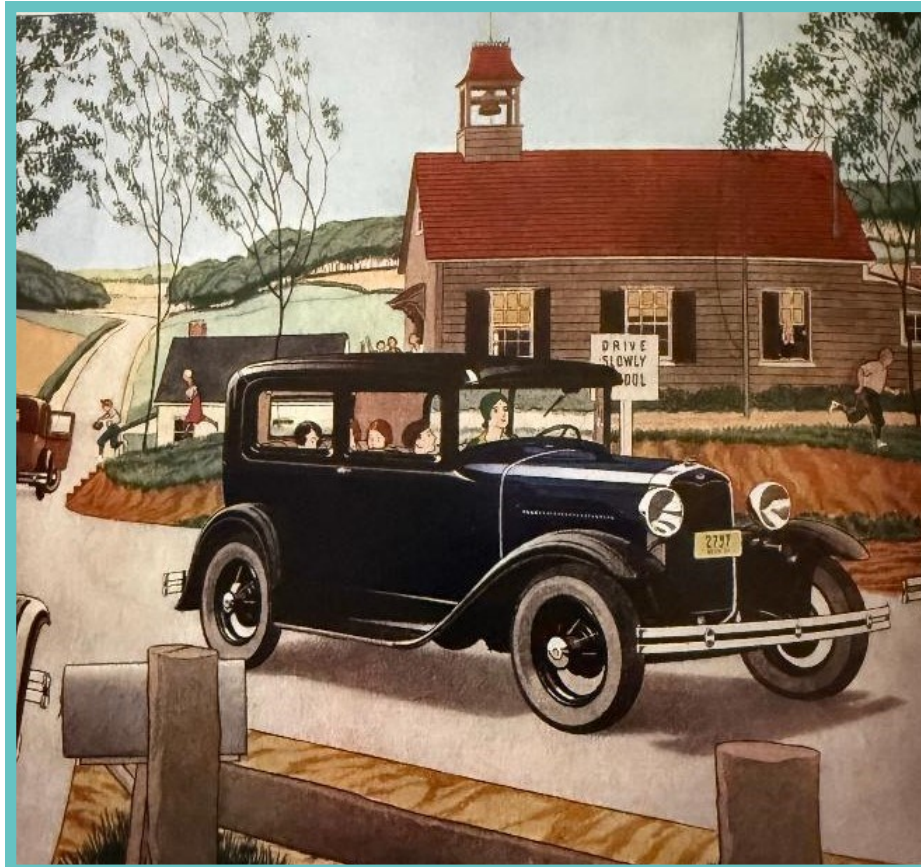
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From the book, Advertising the Model A Ford, we snipped the artwork and information from the advertisement titled "School's Out".

"The one -room school house is letting out for the day and Mom has just picked u p four kids in her new Ford Tudor Sedan. As the teacher waves from the window, kids run to a car parked, with its door open, at the front of the school."

This ad ran in 6 magazines in April 1931.

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