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PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Kris Francis*

Thank you for the many good wishes on the arrival of our granddaughter and your prayers for my daughter who experienced very serious complications after the birth. You will notice that this Quail Call is a few days later than usual – that's because I spent the last 10 days in Houston helping out the new family. Now I know where the term "chief cook and bottle washer" came from: that was me! So glad I could be a part of their story. You definitely forget how much work adding such a small being entails!



I've never spent much time in Texas other than a layover at the airport and a Padres-Astros series a few years back.

This trip allowed me to really meet **Texans**. I was amazed that the nurses at Houston Methodist Hospital prayed with us, every Uber driver was interested and engaging and the grocery store staff went out of their way to help locate a needed item. My daughter's neighbors set up a "Food Train" and took turns providing dinners (Mmmm! We enjoyed some delicious Texas Bar-B-Que!). Everyone I met was so friendly! My Google research told me that the official state motto of Texas is "friendship". This motto was officially adopted by the Texas Legislature in **February 1930**. It reflects the origin of the word "Texas" (or Tejas), which stems from a Caddo Native American word meaning "Friends" or "allies." Texas residents are sure living up to their motto!



Getting back to club business, we have a very active summer schedule—Just check out the "Save These Dates" list below. I count 7 activities in June and 5 in July. With so many opportunities, there should be an adventure waiting for everyone in either your "A" or modern. We can embrace the Texas motto and spend some "car time" with San Diego Model A Club friends.

UPCOMING EVENTS: **Save these dates!**

JUNE	12	Business Meeting—Santee 7 PM
	13	La Mesa Flag Day Parade
	18	Good Samaritan Car Display
	21	Father's Day Car Display Shadow Mtn Church
	27	All Ford Picnic—Santee
	28	Eastlake Village Display
	30	Board Meeting at the Niemeyers
JULY	3	Covenant Village Display
	4	Alpine Community July 4th Display
	10	Business Meeting—Santee 7 PM
	11	Hubley Races at the McElroys
	15	Cajon Cruise Display on Orange Ave.



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BUSINESS MEETING HELD THE 2ND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 PM

**Carlton Hills Lutheran Church;
9735 Halberns Blvd.,
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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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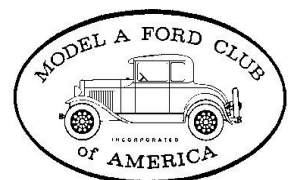
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Website: www.mafca.com

Dues are \$50.00 per calendar year.



General Business Meeting—May 8, 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 May 8, 2026. U.S. Navy Veteran Chris Halter (Supply Officer) led the Pledge of Allegiance. Rochelle Svelling moved that we accept minutes from the April 2026 Meeting as published in Quail Call. Nayola Bieber 2nd, motion passed.



Guy McElroy: Update on Ross and Sue Piper; they are doing better but still displaced from the garage fire last month.

Ed Poffenberger: Shared his experience on the recent Honor Flight where he flew from San Diego to Washington DC and toured Arlington National Cemetery, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and Vietnam, Korean and WWII memorials. Ed is a US Army Veteran from the Vietnam War.

Tours: [Ross Nelson]: **Recap Past Tours:** April 11-12 – Orange County Pancake Breakfast. 17 participants, 4 Model A's due to rainy weather. **Upcoming Tours:** May 13 – Otay Lakes Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista: tour departing 8:15am. \$20 fee for guided tour. May 30 – Cuayamaca Lake Resort: with Model T Club, back country tour meeting in El Cajon 8:30am. Includes 6 miles of dirt road. June 27 – All Ford Picnic: 8am-2pm at Santee Lakes, \$7 fee for parking, pre-order food with V8 Club. July 11th – Hubley Car Races at Guy and Judith McElroy's house. August 8 – Montgomery Fire Fleet Maintenance Facility, 10am behind the scenes guided tour, lunch at Filipi's Italian. 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:** April 25 – Lakeside Western Day Parade and Cowboy Cookout at Weisenseel's house. 9 Model A's participated in parade. Thanked John and Tina for their gift of hospitality. **Upcoming Events:** 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: Stay tuned. June 18 – Display at Good Samaritan: 10am-12:30. June 21 – Father's Day: Display at Shadow Mountain Community Church. Each person to sign up individually. June 28 – Eastlake Village: Display 4pm. July 4 – Two events happening: Covenant Village Retirement Community display and Alpine Community Center display. More to come!

Treasurer: [John Weisenseel] Checking account and CD account balances were given as of May 8, 2026. CDs are earning interest! **Income:** \$90 Membership, \$22 Hospitality, \$60 Ways & Means, \$150 donation. **Bills to pay:** None this month.

Old Business:

July 15 – El Cajon Cruise Invitation: [Paul Palombo & Guy McElroy] Wednesday evenings in summer beginning at 4pm. **4th of July Fireworks & Potluck:** [Dave Sohr] Granite Hills High School fireworks display and potluck. Bring a side dish. **May 23 – Help and Learn Event** [Cliff Hughes] held at Ahna Holder's garage. New topic: carburetors. **Saturday Neighbors:** [Kris Francis] Church is still accepting donations of gently used clothing for homeless, adult sizes only.

New Business:

Membership: [Rochelle Svelling] 55 members in attendance tonight with 1 visitor. Located new vendor in La Mesa for member nametags. \$7.50 for pin, \$8.50 magnet.

Merchandise [Jennifer Baehr] Tee shirts and other merchandise available.

Property: [Jim Taber] Nothing to Report

Defender: [Ray Beardslee] Changes to Leno's Law. No smog check needed for 1975 cars and earlier. Consider antique car insurance, antique plates, and mileage restrictions.

Refreshments: [Betsy Johnson] Thanked members for treats. Need sign-ups for July. Beautiful flower arrangements for all ladies for Mother's Day.

Webmaster: [Chris Halter] 700 visits to website, 250 regulars.

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

Michael Dainer: Shared about National Poppy Day, Friday before Memorial Day to memorialize those who died in combat. Read "In Flanders Fields" poem.

John Frazee: 2028 National Convention might be in Texas. National Awards Banquet Nov 17-19, 2027 in Orange County.

Paul Winchester: Pendleton Oregon MAFCOA meet, two members planning to drive from San Diego.

Era Presentation: [Cliff Hughes] Presented humorous article "How to Speak Model A" for "newbies". Highlighted unfamiliar terms like banger (original Model A engine), CCPU (closed cab pick up), survivor or barn find, rust bucket (no paint at all), etc.

Technical: [Paul Winchester] Topic: History of windshield wipers from electric to vacuum, 12v or 6v. Delay switch invented in 1960. Recommended "Flash of Genius" movie.

Ways & Means: [Tina Weisenseel] Happy winners of many raffle items, with a \$20 Auto Zone gift card for the Door Prize.

Membership drawing prize [\$10.00]: Tim and Sonia Hill. Next month \$20

Closing: Jokes by Ric Bonnorant. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53pm by Zachary Svelling, Dave Sohr 2nd. Meeting adjourned



Respectfully submitted, *Julia Halter*

Julia Halter (Recording secretary)

ALL JUNED UP AND EVERYWHERE TO GO...

But first let's look back at our May Tours:

Chula Vista Elite Training Center May 13th – Text by Ross Nelson. Photos by Joe Valentino (thanks Joe!) & Ross Nelson



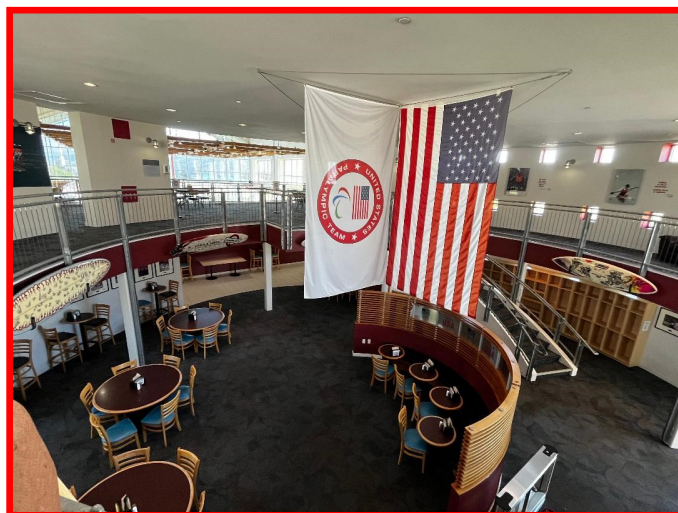
Wednesday May 13th was a true **Gold Medal Day** for the San Diego Model A Ford Club. Eleven members made the trip, arriving in style with six Model A's and one modern. Attendees included **Rick Bonnoront & Martha, Paul Winchester, Ben Taravella, Ross Nelson & Susan Ramsey, Dave & Sherill Kelsen, Dave Francis, and Joe & Susan Valentino.**

After our departure from Dixieline Lumber, we

took the back roads scenic route toward Otay Lakes. The line of A's looked fantastic rolling through the backcountry. We arrived onto the beautiful 155 acre campus of the Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center for a guided tour by Stephanie.



Stephanie gave us an exceptional behind-the-scenes look at the facility — its history, its mission, and personal stories of the Olympic and Paralympic athletes who train there. From the training fields to the residential areas, to the cafeteria, every stop reflected dedication, discipline, and a legacy of excellence.



Following the tour, we jumped

back into the A's for a short drive to Mountain Hawk Park, where we enjoyed a picnic lunch overlooking Otay Lakes. Perfect weather, great company, and a beautiful view made it an ideal spot to wrap up the outing.

It was a memorable day from start to finish — a scenic drive, a world-class facility, and the camaraderie that makes our club special.

May 30th – Cuyamaca Lake Tour – hosted by the Model T Club San Diego – read about the Cuyamaca Lake Tour in the July issue of the Quail Call!



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Upcoming Tours:

June 27th – All Ford Picnic Santee Lakes. Meet at 08:30 at the Target El Cajon Parking Lot and caravan in together to the Santee Lakes venue.

This event is put on by the Early Ford V8 Club San Diego. The All-Ford Picnic is exactly what the title says it is. All varieties of Fords from Model T to current. The event itself is free, but there is a \$7 per carload entry fee into the park. No Pet's Allowed in Park. 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.

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

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



July 11 – Hubley Races @ McElroy's – Meet at our Target parking lot El Cajon meeting point for a short tour before heading to the McElroys for the Hubley Races and some chow. Meeting times and more details to follow.

August 8th – Montgomery Fire Fleet Maintenance Facility – This one is a Clyde Marion Tour. Thank you Clyde!!! Meet at the Target parking lot at 08:45 in El Cajon and we will do a surface street tour to their facility on Othello Ave. Join in on a behind the scenes guided tour of San Diego's Fire Truck Maintenance Facility in Kearny Mesa. Lunch afterwards at the Filippi's Kearny Villa. I need to make a lunch reservation. Be sure to give me a head-count on the sign-up sheet. The Model T Club San Diego is also invited to this one, come see our older cousins! ☺

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 – Mark your Calendars.



DAD JOKES.....

When does a joke become a 'dad joke'? **When it becomes apparent.**

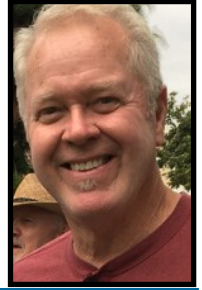
Did you hear about the guy who got hit in the head with a can of soda? **He was lucky it was a soft drink.**

PARADES & Car Displays: *Ron Niemeyer*

Jump'in June 2026

Looking Back Out the Rear Window:

Saturday May 16th Tierrasanta Kiwanis Patriots Day Parade- 7 Model A's occupied by 11 people rolled down the overcast parade route keeping them and their A's comfortably cool. Bob Green and his daughter Rebecca enjoyed their second parade with their early 28 Tudor sedan. Attendees were: Ed Poffenberger, Dave and Kris Francis, Steve and Nancy Lovell, Fred Crone, Cliff and Kathryn Hughes, Ross Nelson, Bob Green and daughter Rebecca. Thank you Ross Nelson for filling in for me on the day of the event.



Monday May 25th Kensington Memorial Day Parade- Another cool overcast morning greeted us at our Adams Ave. meeting point. Perfect 100% attendance... everyone that signed up showed up!! All 16 A's putted A-long together down historic streets on the brief route to the staging area where we patriotically decorated the cars for a 10:30 step off. What an enthusiastic crowd lining Marlborough Drive as we shared smiles, waves and our iconic Ah-oogah horns.



Most of us then headed over to member Betsy Johnson's home (crossing over an active parade route) for a wonderful lunch and time together. She really knows how to entertain and make us all feel so welcome. Her red pick-up (that wouldn't start for the parade, greeted us as we drove up to her home). Of course, members had to check it out and go figure, it fired right up! Attendees were: Ken and Jane Hatfield, Ron and Linda Niemeyer (and grandsons visiting from Texas), Arlyn and Nayola Bieber, Guy and Judith McElroy, Mike and Jen Baehr, Dave Francis, Greg Drilling with his son and granddaughter, Ahna, Kurt and Barbara Holder, Gerry and Jeanine Roche, Ross Nelson and Susan Ramsey, Cliff and Kathryn Hughes, Ed Woodruff, Phil Kowalewski, Steve and Nancy Lovell, Fred Crone and Ed Poffenberger.

Looking Out the Windshield A-head:

Saturday June 13th- La Mesa Flag Day Parade

Thursday June 18th- Good Samaritan Car Display

Sunday June 21st -Father's Day Car Show at Shadow Mountain Church

Saturday June 27th- All Ford Picnic at Santee Lakes

Sunday June 28th -Eastlake Village Walk Car Display

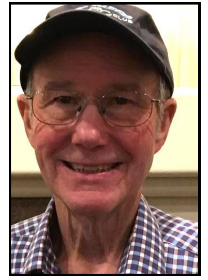
Friday July 3rd-Covenant Village Parade and lunch

Saturday July 4th-Alpine Community Center Car Display

See you down the road!

Ron Niemeyer- Parades and Displays

6- Toe-In



June is upon us and Patty and I have two Grandkids who are graduating from sixth grade and one from middle school. One of the sixth grade girls does not want me to pick her up in the Model A because the sound of the horn is embarrassing. Hey that's what a horn is supposed to do, get your attention. Patty and I won't be there for their graduation anyway as we will be in Pendleton Oregon for the MAFCA Convention.

In getting ready for this trip north through the Sierras, I put new Lucas tires on the front of the car. When I do that I always check the toe-in. To get an accurate toe-in measurement the tie rod ends need to be tight, and the wheel bearings should not have excessive slop.

Back in the '70s when I was hanging around with some stock car racing guys, we did toe-in with a couple of oil cans with a 2x2 on top and used a tape measure to adjust toe-in. Oil cans are now all in the bottom of the landfill or in an auto museum, so a better way had to be thought up.



If you ask AI online you might get wrong answers for Model A Ford toe-in, don't rely on AI, look it up in a Model A book, and then use a little common sense. I usually look at several publications when seeking real information. The MARC Technically Speaking series of books are a great source of information, although much of it is several years old, but so are the cars. Volumes 10 and 11 have interesting information some of which I used to set my toe-in at $1/16''$ +/- $1/32''$.

The way I did the toe-in after reading everything I had handy was: after tightening the tie rod ends and checking the wheel bearings for slop. Jack up the car and using a silver Sharpie spin the wheels and put a mark around the tire, lower the car back on

the ground, I had a couple of 4x4 wood blocks 6" long which were my guide from the floor and put another mark on the tires at that height across the circular mark previously made. With two people or really long arms measure the distance from one wheel mark to the other, write this measurement on a piece of paper, because you won't remember what it was later. Then roll the car forward until the spot where you made the first measurement is at the rear and take another measurement. If the measurement is not $1/16''$ toe-in or even close you need to make an adjustment. Wipe the grease off of the tie rod ends and make a reference mark on the rod and rod end. Remove the cotter pins and loosen both tie rod end clamps, looking forward from under the car from behind the front wheels, use a pair of pliers and rotate the tie rod from bottom to top to get more toe-out or top to bottom for toe-in. Then tighten the clamps and drive the car back and forth on your driveway while turning the steering wheel left and right to put pressure on the fittings. Then recheck the measurements. You will probably need to do this several times to get the correct measurement. When you are done be sure to put the cotter pins back in the tie rod end clamp nuts.

I won't be there for the June meeting as I will still be on the way home from Pendleton.

Paul Winchester, Technical 2026

What's Forrest Gump's password? **1forrest1**

HONOR FLIGHT PARTICIPANT - ED POFFENBURGER



Ed Poffenburger was one of 90 local veterans who participated in the recent Honor Flight San Diego trip to Washington DC on May 1-3. Honor Flight was created with a simple, yet powerful, mission – honoring our nation’s veterans by bringing them to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials built to commemorate their service and sacrifice. Honor Flight Network (served by 43 local hubs) has flown over 300,000 veterans to Washington, D.C. since its inception in 2005. During Ed’s flight, more than 11,000 letters from family, friends and strangers were distributed at a “Mail Call” thanking these veterans for their service.

Ed provided a bit of background detailing his time in the US Army in the 1960’s:

I enlisted in the U.S. Army on October 30th, 1966. After Basic Training, I attended signal school in Fort Gordon, Georgia. I was offered a position as an instructor, which I turned down. I had been warned by one of the instructors that I would be asked to re-up and if I refused they would send me to Vietnam. I chose to go to Vietnam. I shipped out in August 1967.

In Vietnam I was sent to the Mekong Delta, Company “B” 52nd Signal Battalion, in the town of My Tho. I was the first repairman and soon found out that I had no tools, nor spare parts. I bought needle nose pliers and screw drivers from the local hardware store.

I ordered tools and spare parts; when they came in I got a call from the Supply Depot. After I hopped a flight to the depot in Can Tho, I was told that my battalion folks had picked them up for me, so I stopped by the repair shop and they told me to “Just bring anything that needed repair to the shop and they would fix it.”

Not long after my contact with the Battalion Repair Shop, our company commander asked me to go with him to the Long Ben Supply Depot and pick up radios for our Jeeps. While there I asked if I could order supplies from the Long Ben Depot and they said YES, so I started going with the “Macv” Convoy to Saigon and Long Ben every week. I was able to get tools and spare parts. I was promoted to Sargent (E5), which helped when I went scrounging for anything we thought we might need.

Things got serious during the “TET” Offensive in February. When the alarm goes off in the middle of the night and you don’t get an “all clear”. When you are shoveling sand into sand bags in the dark and you realize the guy holding the bags is a full bird Colonel, “This is serious.”

Not long after “TET”, we moved our company HQ to Dong Tam, the 9th Infantry Division Base Camp, which was about 4 or 5 miles from Can Tho.

I finished my tour in Vietnam in August 1968. From there I went to Fort Bragg, N.C. I was assigned to the 177th Maintenance Company, with all of the Vietnam returnees. I was the ninth repairman in a company that was authorized two. I ended up in the Tech Supply section of our shop; our supply officer was from Point Loma. Needless to say, I sort of coasted. Vietnam tours go, I had it easy. I never had to sleep on the ground and all my meals were in a mess hall!



Thank you for your service Ed!

“Repairing cable in My Tho”

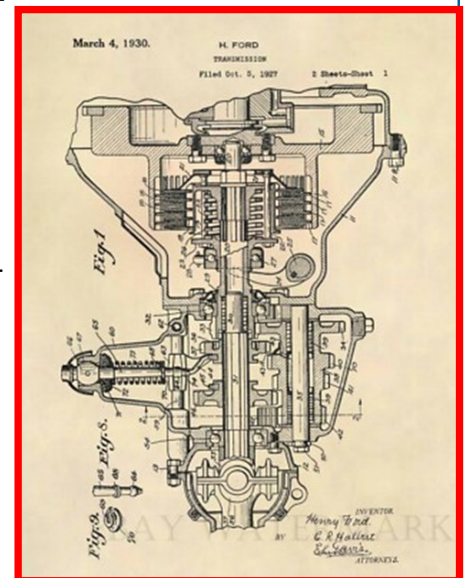
My DAD, a 1930's U.S. Patent Draftsman

As we are celebrating Father's Day this month, I'm going to focus my article on my Dad's career as a draftsman for U.S. Patents. Graduating from high school in 1929, he attended Long Beach Community College before joining the patent office at North American Aviation in El Segundo, CA. North American Aviation was founded on December 6, 1928, by financier Clement Melville Keys as a holding company for aviation-related interests. It later transitioned into a major aircraft manufacturer in 1934, becoming renowned for producing the P-51 Mustang and T-6 Texan during WWII.



In the 1930's, patent draftsmen were skilled technical artists who produced precise, black-and-white ink drawings, essential for patent applications. They often worked in specialized firms, translating mechanical inventions, like the 1930 Mickey Mouse toy design or 1929/1930 Parker pens, into detailed, compliant illustrations required for filing with the USPTO. In 1930, only 7 percent of patent applications were granted in less than a year, with many having a pendency period of nearly three years.

Of Interest on the subject of patents: On March 4, 1930, Henry Ford was issued a patent for a new transmission for car engines, a design that was filed on October 5, 1927. This patent, often featured in vintage prints, focuses on improvements in transmission mechanisms, which were vital for automotive power. The 1930 patent is a separate invention from his famous 1911 Model T planetary gear transmission.



While Henry Ford often worked with engineers like Joe Galamb, Larry Sheldrick, and Gene Farkas for technical expertise, he held 161 U.S. patents in his own name. These patents covered a range of automotive developments, including experimental rear-engine layouts in the 1930s.

Here's a few patents from a variety of fields that were granted during the Model A Era:

Electric Razor: Colonel Jacob Schick was granted a patent for the first electric razor on November 6, 1928.

Sliced Bread: Although patented just before 1928, Otto Frederick Rohwedder's bread-slicing machine was adopted by the Chillicothe Baking Company in 1928, marking the commercial beginning of sliced bread.

Automotive Auto: Paul Galvin introduced the car radio in 1929.

Automotive Audio: The Motorola model 5T71, the first commercial car radio, was introduced, with early patents filed for installation on September 16, 1930.

I have fond memories viewing dozens of my dad's patent drawings taped to his home office wall while waiting for the India ink to dry. Thanks for the memory, Dad!

What's In a Name?

Gerry & Jeannie Roche's 1930 Sport Coupe

There's something special about a vintage car that still carries a name. Gerry & Jeannie Roche's 1930 Ford Model A Sport Coupe is named **Ethel**, and she wears her deep green paint with the same quiet confidence these cars carried nearly a century ago. More than just transportation, Ethel represents an era when automobiles became part of everyday American life — dependable, affordable, and built with a simplicity that still captures the imagination of collectors and restorers today.

Gerry told me that his "A" is named for his Mom, Ethel. Gerry stated that after working for 50 years in the tobacco industry and restaurant business, Ethel received her first Social Security check. Unfortunately, she died before the end of the month and the check had to be returned. It's some juncture in life. In years past, gasoline was called regular Ethel or high octane and Gerry would always say "fill her up with Ethel."

Ethel the "A" became a part of Gerry's family when she was purchased from an Estate Sale. Ethel's prior owner had been affiliated with the Blue Angels Flight Team and the A's trunk was loaded with box after box of slide carousels of the Blue Angels. Movie night anyone?



And as long as enthusiasts continue to care for these cars, names like Ethel will keep rolling down America's roads — carrying stories from the past into the future.

Say "Cheese!"



Bob Greene's daughter, Rebecca, recently posted this photo on Facebook, stating, "My Dad had the opportunity to be a part of Chaparral Elementary School's Great Gatsby Party. His 1928 Model A Tudor was the hit of the party!"



More DAD Jokes:



What's the difference between a man's wallet before and after kids? **There are pictures where the money used to be.**

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
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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

FOR SALE: Early 1928 Tudor

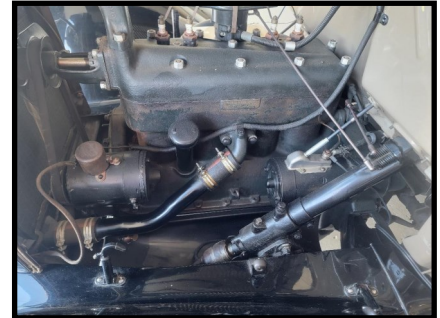
Runs, title, low serial #s, restored late 70's or early 80s. \$8,500.

Contact Jay Zamzow at 619-806-6996



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 Henry 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.



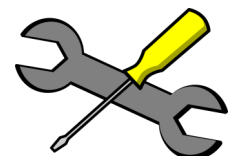
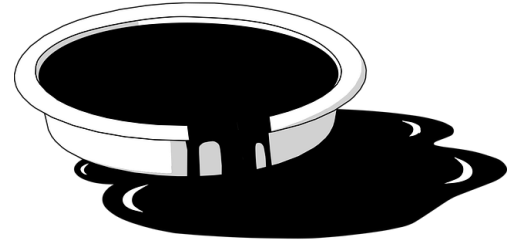
Subject: Oil Changing Instructions by Sex

Women:

1. Pull up to Jiffy Lube when the mileage reaches 3,000 since the last oil change.
2. Drink a cup of coffee. Apply new lipstick.
3. 15 minutes later write a check and leave with a properly maintained vehicle.

Men:

1. Go to O'Reilly Auto Parts and write a \$50 check for oil, filter, "oil lift" (AKA kitty litter), hand cleaner and scented tree.
2. Discover that the used oil container is full. Instead of taking back to O'Reilly to recycle just dig a hole and dump in back yard.
3. Open a beer and drink it.
4. Jack car up and spend 30 minutes looking for jack stands.
5. Find jack stands under old golf clubs.
6. In frustration open another beer and drink it.
7. Place drain pan under engine.
8. Look for 9/16 box end wrench.
9. Give up and use crescent wrench.
10. Unscrew drain plug.
11. Drop drain plug in pan of hot oil and get splashed in process.
12. Clean up.
13. Have another beer while oil is draining.
14. Look for oil filter wrench.
15. Give up...poke oil filter with Phillips screwdriver and twist it off.
16. Drink another beer.
17. Buddy shows up; finish case with him. Decided to finish oil change tomorrow.
18. Next day drag pan full of old oil out from underneath car.
19. Throw "oil lift" (AKA kitty litter) on oil spilled during step 18.
20. Beer...Nope...drank it all yesterday.
21. Walk to 7-11; buy beer.
22. Install new oil filter making sure to apply thin coat of clean oil to gasket first.
23. Dump first quart of fresh oil into engine.
24. Remember drain plug from step 11.
25. Hurry to find drain plug in drain pan. Page 18 May, 2026 Script News
26. Hurry to replace drain plug before the whole quart of fresh oil drains on floor.
27. Slip with wrench and bang knuckles on frame.
28. Bang head on floor board in reaction.
29. Begin cussing!
30. Throw wrench!
31. Cuss loudly for wrench hit Miss December - 1992, in the left boob on wall calendar.
32. Clean up and apply Band-Aid to knuckle.
33. Beer. Yeah!
34. Another beer. Yep!
35. Dump in additional 4 quarts of oil
36. Another beer.
37. Lower car from jack stands.
38. Accidentally crush one of the jack stands.
39. Move car back to apply more oil lifts (AKA kitty litter) to fresh oil spilled during step 23.
40. Drive car ½ quart low for 7000 miles when it'll be time for another oil change.
41. In meantime...brag to buddies at Golf Course that you fix your own car.



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The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

May 2026

MARC mileage members and Regions, please take notice that Betty Fisher has officially retired from chairing the mileage program after many years of dedicated service. The new MARC Mileage Program Chairman is Mike Wilcher. Going forward, PLEASE send all correspondence to Mike, 1837 Columbia Circle, Lebanon, Ohio 45036. Email, marcmileagechairman@gmail.com. Mike stepped up to chair this important MARC program and is already doing a great job.

As of today, we have over 150 registered for the upcoming Finger Lakes Membership Meeting/Tour. As we expected this tour will be very popular. For updated information including information on winery tours that must be arranged with the winery (s) you want to visit in advance, check out either the Model A Restorers or the 2026 MARC National Tour Facebook groups. Also, check out the 2026 MARC National Meet Facebook group for information on the National Meet in French Lick. If you haven't already registered for that meet you can still register online via the MARC website at www.modelarestorersclub.org, or complete the registration form in the current edition of the *Model A News*. We are all looking forward to another great event hosted by the Columbus Indiana Region. If you have any questions, contact Rex Hinkle at 812-360-3336 or via email at rex.hinkle@cookgroup.com.

REMEMBER that 2028 is the 100th anniversary of the introduction (ok, late '27 for you purists) of the Model A Ford. Are there any Regions interested in hosting a special MARC event to celebrate this special occasion? If so, please contact Jim Zimmer at jwzimmer9119@gmail.com and we can discuss any type of event you are interested in hosting. We need to begin planning soon as we are sure that there will be lots of interest in holding these commemorative events.

COMMEMORATIVE bricks honoring MARC Regions celebrating 50 or more year anniversaries have been ordered and will be placed in the walkway at the MAFFI Gilmore Car Museum at Hickory Corners, Michigan. Your MARC Board of Directors voted to honor our Regions who have achieved this very significant milestone. Look for details in the May-June edition of the *Model A News*!



FREE MEMBERSHIP TO MARC:

Club members who have never been MARC members previously can join MARC for 12 months for free (digital Model A News only). Just call 734-427-9050 weekdays EST to join!

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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!



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Another DAD Joke:

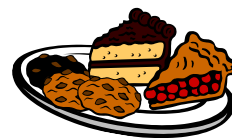
Air used to be free at the gas station, now it costs 2.50. You want to know why?

Inflation.

REFRESHMENTS: Betsy Johnson

Signed up to bring snacks at the June Meeting:

Jen Baehr
Judith McElroy
Linda Niemeyer
Paul Palombo
David & Terry Rodriguez



June Birthdays

1 Rochelle Svelling
4 Chris Halter
6 Ken Hatfield
7 Ray Miller
8 Zachary Svelling
15 Mike Baehr
16 Dave Kelsen
20 Scott Piccus
25 Karl Wehrle
28 Dave Francis
29 JoAnn Cordtz
30 Lori Schwebke
Jennifer Baehr



June Anniversaries

Jim & Jerriann Taber June 1956
Richard & Patrica Potts June 15, 1962
Guy & Judith McElroy June 8, 1968
Terry & Carol Tennebaum June 23, 1974
Dave & Kris Francis June 9, 1979
Scott & Cathy Piccus June 29, 1990
Steve & Lisa Albrecht June 15, 2002



MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

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The May Membership Drawing was \$10.00. **Tim & Sonia Hill's names** were drawn but they were not in attendance. In June the pot increases to \$20.00. Be sure to attend in June and the next winner could be YOU!

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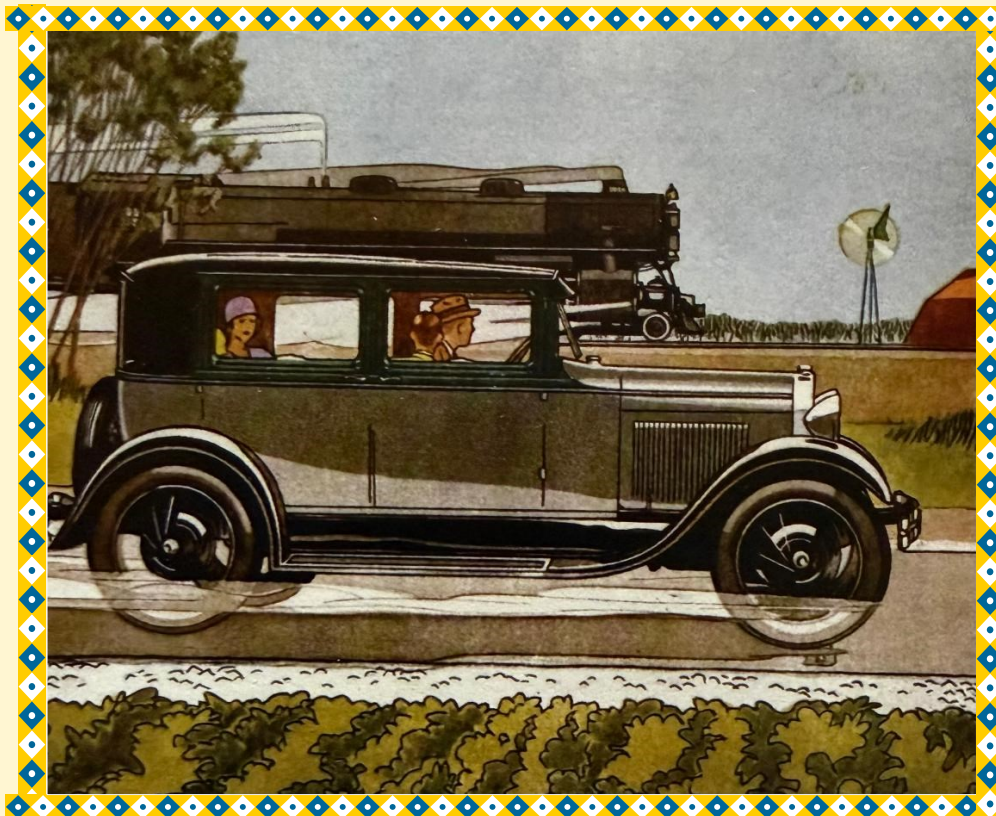


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Advertising the Model A Ford

From the book, Advertising the Model A Ford, we snipped the artwork and information from the advertisement titled "Train Racing".

"As they head down the country road, Father just can't resist giving the train a little run for its money. Junior seems quite fascinated by the undertaking while Mother, in the back seat with her face turned away, does not.. You can almost hear the son saying to his mother: Look Mom...we're winning the race!"

This ad ran in 6 magazines in between March & May 1929.

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