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CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE HUNTER IN O'SIDE

The Palomar A's closed out their 62nd year with a party and voard installation at their now regular party spot: The Hunter Restaurant in Oceanside.

President David Frazee recognized Mark Greenlee for his energetic and persistent contributions to the club with the 2024 John C. Frazee Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award, formerly the Golden Bird. Frazee also moonlighted as a representative of the Fraternal Order of Grease Monkeys, Engineers, and Navigators (Frogmen) and provided Greenlee with a "Monkey Suit." In other words, a pair of coveralls with a Grease

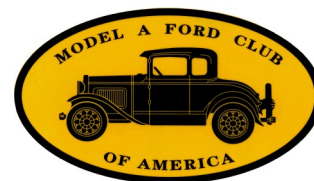
Monkey patch so he can monkey around with his Model A. You can check out a new page devoted to the Grease Monkeys inside the *Reflector's* pages.

Noting that as president, he was the one who alone heard the stories and decides who would win that month's King of the Garage, and wanting to make sure the crown went to the next president so te practice would continue in 2025, David recognized how busy Bruce Furbush was with the Model A Club as a whole by awarding him King of the Garage for December.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that David has handed over the Presidents briefcase I would like to thank everyone in advance for helping me taking over the reins of keeping our club healthy and enjoyable. Roseanne and I first attended a club meeting about five years ago. I can remember John and Dianne Frazee welcoming us to the meeting and asked the standard question "What car do you have? And what color?" It was enjoyable that first night and I will try to keep the tradition going.

I know John is gone now as well as a few of our more senior members, but I still see a great group of people who share a love for Model A's whether you own one or just like talking about them.

Which brings up my first request that at our monthly meetings we sit in rows at the front of the recreation room. My voice is not as strong as it use to be, and I know that amplifier that Chuck used was more work than it was worth.

As the past Treasurer I can tell you we are financially sound. The policy of donating \$100 to certain charities or non-profits that we have interactions with is a good use of the funds. Hopefully it might even lead a few new people to join the club. So if you have any thoughts on activities that we should repeat or activity or place we haven't been to recently please bring them to my attention.

Finally I want to thank David for all his efforts this last year as President and his outstanding ability in keeping the newsletter a real winner.

Bruce

Newly Elected 2025 MAFCA Board

President – Ed Tolman—Pomona Valley A's Board member 2022- Chapter president, newsletter ed

Vice-President – Happy Begg—Palmetto A's Board member 2014-2017, 2021-2022 winner of many newsletter and a couple of website awards before and during board service.

Treasurer – Bill Truesdell—Diablo A's Board 2019-2022 Chapter president, longtime volunteer

Secretary – OPEN

Technical Director – Paul Shinn—Sonora Chapter and NCRG President

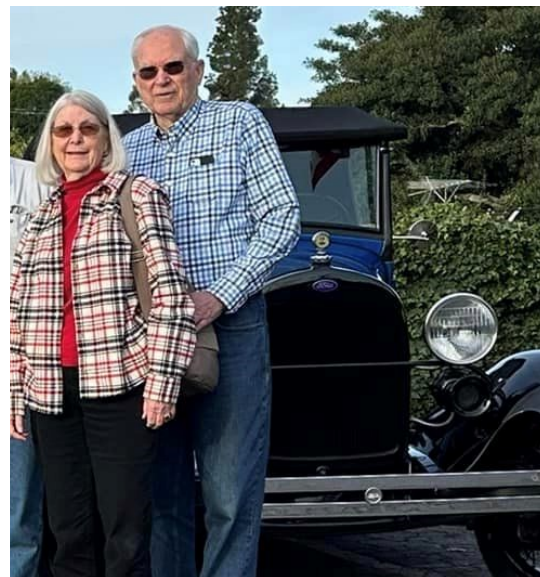
Chapter Coordinator – Will Langford—Oklahoma City Board member 2023-

Publication & PR – Sherry Winkenhofer—Northwest Missouri—Longtime newsletter editor, winner best newsletter 2019, member of Era Fashion Committee since 2017

Advertising – Dave Krill—Paso Robles multiple terms as chapter president of PR & Ventura, CCRG Jamboree chair twice.

Membership & Marketing – OPEN

With five open Board of Director positions and only four candidates, there was no voting for the 2024 nominees. Dave Krill, Sherry Winkinhofer, Happy Begg and Will Langford are automatically elected to the board. They will meet at the National Awards Banquet in early December along with returning Board members Paul Shinn, Ed Tolman, Bill Truesdell and Chet Wojcik, Jr. to be sworn in as MAFCA's 2025 Board of Directors. Once sworn in, this new Board will seek an additional appointee to assume the vacant, ninth director's position. Take a moment and welcome this new Board of Directors to their new positions. I am confident they will work diligently to make 2025 another successful year. -Robert Bullard -



DECEMBER MINUTES

Minutes for December 14, 2024 - In conjunction with the Christmas gathering at Hungry Hunter, a shortened meeting of the Palomar A's was called to order by President, David Frazee at 12:50 PM with 39 in attendance. Guests included Glen Boodry, Brenda & Jorge Hernandez and Michael & Krystal Stonebreaker.

A motion was made by Mark Greenlee to approve the minutes of the November meeting as published in the Reflector, and seconded by Linda Thamer. Motion passed by those in attendance.

Treasurer's Report – Bruce Furbush gave the Treasurer's report. Motion to approve the report and pay the bills was made by Karyn Frazee and seconded by Johannah Leffingwell. Motion passed by those in attendance.

There was discussion regarding purchase of a thermal laminator and supplies to make Club name badges. Purchase not to exceed \$125. Motion was made by Bruce Parker and seconded by Chuck Grabowsky. Motion passed by those in attendance.

Awards and Recognition – The John C. Frazee Award for Outstanding Volunteer for 2024 was presented to Mark Greenlee for his many hours of organizing events, giving technical presentations, and helping Members with their vehicles.

Monkey Business Awards – David Frazee wanted to call attention to those that work on getting, and keeping, the Model A's road worthy as well as volunteer their time to help others. To that end, David has created the Grease Monkey Award and designed a striking patch to be worn by the recipient. The first Grease Monkey Award patch was given to Howard Krugel. Because of Mark Greenlee's extra effort, he was awarded a pair of coveralls with the patch attached.

A MAFCA 2024 Newsletter of Merit was presented to David Frazee as Editor of the Reflector.

The monthly King of the Garage Award was given to Bruce Furbush.

David Frazee acknowledged the 2024 Board Members and thanked them for their participation. He then introduced the 2025 Board: Bruce Furbush - President, Karla Maxwell - Secretary, Bill Adams – Treasurer, Ed Lopez - Membership Chair and David Frazee – Reflector Editor.

Volunteers for additional offices are: Mark Greenlee - Technical Chair, Donna & Anthony Lugo - Hospitality as well as Sunshine and Sorrow, Greg Wilson - Breakfast Coordinator and Barbara Kruegel & Ed Simpson - Publicity.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Submitted by Karla Maxwell



VINTAGE CLOTHES SHOPPING

Guide to Vintage Clothing

With notes from Nichole Sesti

One of the easiest ways to identify the age of vintage clothing is by examining the garment's tags and labels. Many clothing manufacturers include a label with the garment's brand, size, and washing instructions.

Older garments may have labels that include outdated brand names or logos. Vintage Fashion Guild has an extensive archive of clothing labels that you can use to research and date clothing from these.

Before computer inventories were available, manufacturers used lot tags/ numbers to identify a batch of garments that were made from the same fabric or design. Lot tags were used up until 1979.

Union tags were used by manufacturers to showcase their workers were unionized under the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU).

There are variations of this tag which can help identify what era the garment was produced. From 1900-1936: were labeled with "ILGWU AFL" between 1936-1940: they were labeled with "ILGWU CIO."



1940

Produced under the Joint Board Sanitary Con-



1924-1929

There were also government tags including from the New York Joint Board Sanitary Control which began in labeling in 1910, af-

ter the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire in 1909. Or the National Recovery Act of NRA label included by many businesses after 1933.



Paper tags are often found in more modern vintage clothing and have the materials, wash instructions, size, and other information.

Speaking of material, the Woolmark logo was introduced in 1964 to showcase the gar-

ment's natural fibers versus the growing use of synthetic fibers. Pre-

1939: Wool garments had no label of any kind. After 1964: First Woolmark logo indicated 100% wool content.

If your piece of clothing has garment care instructions, then your garment is dated at 1971 or later. In 1971, the Federal Trade Commission required all clothing manufacturers to include a garment care label.

Check for labels that read "one size fits all" In the 80s, it was a trend to create "one size fits all" costumes. If you find such a tag on a garment, it can indicate that despite what the garment may look like, it was made in the 1980s or later.

Read the label for details such as half sizes. In the 1940s, half sizes existed in clothing when women who were on the shorter size created demand for them. This continued until the 1980s, when half sizes were discontinued and a new sizing system emerged.

If you come across a label that says "Made in the USA," there's a good chance the garment is from the 70s or earlier, as many manufacturers have since moved their production overseas.

Another way to determine a garment's age is by examining its construction and materials. Vintage clothing was often made with high-quality materials like silk, wool, and cotton, and was constructed with great attention to detail. Look for features like French seams, hand-stitched hems, and unique buttons or closures. These details can help you differentiate between a vintage piece and a modern replica.

Iconic "Talon" type zippers were introduced in the 1920s – the original and authentic blue jean zipper. Plastic zippers became available in 1963. Also note the zipper's location. In the 30s and 40s zippers were most often placed on the side, afterwards on the back.

The finishing on the interior seams can help identify the age of a handmade item. A 'pinked seam' will most likely be on a garment from the 50's. The pinked seam looks like teeth, using the pinking shears as a way to reduce fraying.

In addition to examining the garment itself, it can also be helpful to do some research on the brand



1933

CLOTHES SHOPPING *CONTINUED*

or designer. Certain designers and brands are known for their iconic styles and silhouettes, making it easier to identify their vintage pieces.

Lastly, don't be afraid to ask for help! Vintage shops and online marketplaces often have knowledgeable staff or sellers who can help you identify a piece's age, designer, and other important details. And if you're really stumped, there are plenty of online forums and communities dedicated to vintage clothing, where you can ask for advice.



CAR DETAILING *TRICKS AND TOOLS*

You might be really behind the times when it comes to automotive detailing. It's a whole lot more than a bucket of soapy water, a hose and a chamois anymore.

In fact, ditch the chamois itself as it can trap grit and lead you to scratching the car's perfect finish, and use two buckets, so you can clean off your wash mitt or pad in clean water to remove grit before dipping it back into the soapy one.

Let's start with identifying the finish on a Model A's body and components. Most of the earlier finishes were acrylic lacquer and after curing formed a hard shell and tended to crack. To test if a paint is enamel or acrylic, use a clean rag with a small amount of denatured alcohol and gently rub it on the painted surface in a concealed location; if the paint softens or comes off on the rag, it's acrylic, if not, it's enamel paint. From this test, you can learn what's the best chemical cleanser and polishing compound to use.

Before going further, you'd like to know how thick the finish is and what is beneath it. You can answer those sorts of questions with a paint thickness gauge.

If your paint is very thin, but damaged, you want to follow the practice of "least aggressive first" The first-used product or technique to remove the defect should be the one that is least damaging to the finish. Put a plastic bag over your hand, Glide your hand over the surface. The bag will make it easier to feel any stubborn contaminants stuck to the surface. When you find something you can use a detail clay bar to remove that rough spot. Any rough feeling is pollution and impurities stuck on the paint, and the clay bar is the least aggressive cleaning method.

Polishing out an imperfection is the more aggressive step, Instead of the Karate Kid's "Wax on Wax Off", these days you can purchase a cordless orbital polisher with different speed settings and many different pads, from non aggressive foam pads to more aggressive wool pads.

After that, if you find that your finish is robust, you might choose to buff out a badly faded finish with a gritty buffing compound. New paint finishes are as little as 2.0 mills thick, and buffing normally removes between 0.5 to 1.0 mills of the finish, so be careful so you don't back into needing a new paint job you weren't anticipating.



Jungle DRUMS

NEWSLETTER OF THE GREASE MONKEYS

SPECIAL EDITION, JANUARY 2025

PALOMAR TECH WRAP UP



During 2024, I took 8 classes, 25 units. Most for mechanics, but one was an elective in Refinishing and one in Welding. I finished the program's ten required classes Dec. 19th in five semesters; four is the quickest possible due to lack of instructors and classroom/lab space. I have a high priority level with scores of units, but others without that priority have been idle, taking only electives, unable to get the last few classes for a certificate needed for their promotion to mechanic.

Folks ask if I learned anything about Model A's, and while not specifically, I learned to use machines, tools, and chemicals on many different steel parts in a safe and focused way. You'd think that after almost 50 years in various garages, I'd have had that down, but when you're taught to fix Model A's with hammers, pipe wrenches, bailing wire, Bondo, and duct tape, and you're happy if it only squeaks a little as it makes its way down the road (Just add more grease, Dave!), then classes like these have been truly eye openers.

I also found when comparing what I'd learned to what's communicated about Model A's that some folks making comments on Ford Barn or writing articles in the *Restorer* included factory procedures and specifications. In past years, I'd read those details, but hadn't noticed them. Who were these amazing people who knew that?

Classes were fun because I met other antique car mechanics and we'd have lunch together and work on each other's cars. Then, some really good students, who were mostly taking electives anyway, wanted to practice on our cars, eat lunch with us and get to know us.

I had tried handing out old *Restorers* and *Model A*

Who we are

The Grease Monkeys are the most active arm of the Fraternal Order of Grease Monkeys, Engineers and Navigators. GMs believe that every broken down vehicle is an opportunity for good times and making new friends. Wanting to tinker and solve puzzles with ever more exotic cars, but lacking the space and money to do so, they are always willing to dirty their hands fixing other people's antique automobiles. Known for their generosity, GMs regularly travel with tools and spare parts and they feel most comfortable wearing coveralls.

News, donuts on International Model A Day, flyers promoting specialized restoration training at McPherson College, and flyers promoting the money available as Model A Youth Restoration Awards and you know that polite smile you get right before your grandkid buries his face behind his cell phone playing Minecraft? They wanted to be mechanics, and I got a whole lot of that.

Early in the year, I commented on a post in the MAFCA Facebook group as to how to get young people interested in the hobby mentioning my experiences and desire to start a fraternity of mechanics. I even called it the *Grease Monkeys*. Some men back East liked my ideas and wanted to form a club, but when I tried to contact them to follow up and actually do it, they wouldn't respond. I wonder if soon after they said they liked my idea, they played Minecraft.

I spent quite a while considering my future, the hobby's future, and even my community's future without organizations that preserve history, inspire and educate young people, and correct common myths and misconceptions. What if the "answer" to all this was everyone taking the *Blue Pill* (Matrix reference) and living virtually, playing Minecraft and repairing cars with bailing wire and duct tape, rather than noticing factory procedures and specifications, working together, making friends, and completing your goals the right way?

My confidence grew because I knew I wouldn't have to do everything alone. I had made friends, there were teachers, and even amazing mechanics contributing to the hobby already. There were plenty of people with the same understanding of the world that I now had. I just hadn't met them yet.

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Sheila Saxman	28 Jan
Howard Kruegel	29 Jan

ANNIVERSARIES

Danny & Rio Montijo	2 Jan
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DUES ARE DUE

It's the time of year to pay
your dues and to recruit
additional members. Send
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ship applications to:

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FUTURE ACTIVITIES

January 8 Meeting at Palomar Estates 7:00 PM

January 23 **THURSDAY**, Breakfast at Pegah's 945 S Santa Fe Ave, Vista at **9 AM**.

January 25 - 26 : 58th Turlock Swap Meet Stanislaus County Fairgrounds 900 N. Broadway
Turlock, CA. hosted by Modesto Area A's

February 5 Meeting at Palomar Estates 7:00 PM

March 5 Meeting at Palomar Estates 7:00 PM

March 30 (Sun) 62nd ORANGE COUNTY PANCAKE BREAKFAST Hart Park Orange CA hosted by Orange County Model A's. Date to be confirmed in January

April 2 - 7 : CCRG 2025 Jamboree – Visalia : Contact Phil Kneeland:
lindannphil@sbcglobal.net and also Bruce Howe

May 21 - 27 : NCRG 2025 Roundup: Sacramento <https://sacramentocapitolas.org/2025-ncrg>

June 15 - 22 : MAFCA National Tour – AMERICAN CIVIL WAR Waynesboro VA hosted by Dallas Model A Ford Club mafca2025@dmafc.com

September 22 - October 13 : Route 66 Tour – Chicago to Santa Monica

December 3, 2025 - December 6, 2025 MAFCA National Awards Banquet –
Mobile, Alabama

Note: The plan without a tour leader was to piggyback tours with other local clubs. For that reason, I checked the newsletters and websites for five neighboring clubs for January and February 2025 tours...as well as December 2024 tours. You can see that it's a problem with all local classic car clubs by my lack of entries on the calendar. Pretty please consider leading a tour for our club so I can fill some of this page, Otherwise, there is just a lot of empty space. If health and Model A condition are concerns, moderns are always welcome and you get to see places you would probably not see otherwise.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN PALOMAR MODEL 'A' CLUB

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Business Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, except December, at the Palomar Estates East Clubhouse: 650 S Rancho Santa Fe Rd, in San Marcos at 7:00pm. Check the website, newsletters, or Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/palomarmafca> for future events.
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