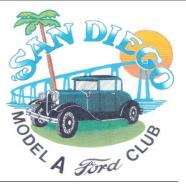


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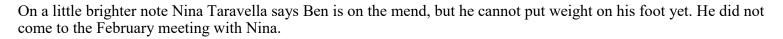


March 2025

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Guy McElroy

Well, Happy March to all you Model A enthusiasts. It is that time again when I have to put pen to paper.

Marv Munzenmaier has been moved from the hospital to hospice care as a result of his stroke. I got an update from Scott, Marv's son, by way of Sherrill Kelsen. If you hadn't heard, Marv had a stroke a few weeks ago while home alone and his family found him. After spending some time in the hospital he has just been moved to comfort care as he has not been able to recover. Our prayers go out to Marv & his family.



Joan Dainer was also at the meeting and her shoulder is doing very nicely after the surgery, she was in very good spirits.

We have gotten this year off to a pretty good start. We had our first regular business meeting at the church for the year 2025. I am pleased to say that our new volunteer chairpersons are doing a spectacular job. Jenn Baehr has taken over the refreshment duties. Rochelle Svelling has assumed membership AND the task of merchandise as well; she sold six hats at the meeting and was excited about that. Michael Baehr put on a nice presentation about the Model A fan which turned into an informative exchange of "fan experiences". Michael said Snyders was the place to get the new aluminum two blade fans, but they were currently on back order. A few days after the meeting Ray Beardslee put out an email that the fans were once again available at Snyders. We had 49 people at the meeting which is pretty good considering it was Valentine's Day. I kind of thought everyone would be taking their sweety out for a special dinner. We also had a special guest: Sammy from Arizona Model A came to our meeting. He was very complimentary about our meeting, he said we do a lot more than his club, and had a lot more in attendance. He said his club does not have goodies, refreshments or raffle drawings, no wonder no one shows up! Mark Williamson brought Sammy over to the McElroy Museum to see our cars before he left town. Of all the cool stuff I have he liked my barn the most. Oh, Sammy has also agreed to buy advertising in the Quail Call; he's the man! (*Continued on page 9*)

## **UP-COMING EVENTS: Save these dates!**



MARCH	

- APRIL
- 14 Business Meeting—Santee 7 PM
- 15 St. Patrick's Day Parade

- 23 Orange County Pancake Breakfast
- 5 Antique Gas Pump Tour—Alpine
  - 11 Business Meeting—Santee 7 PM
  - 26 Lakeside Western Days Parade & Car-B-Que

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## SAN DIEGO MODEL A FORD CLUB

### General Business Meeting – February 14, 2025

The General Business Meeting of the San Diego Model A Ford Club was called to order by President Guy McElroy at 7:00 PM on February 14, 2025. Guy led the Pledge of Allegiance, then asked if there were any corrections to the January 2025 Minutes as published in the Quail Call. John Weisenseel moved to accept the minutes; Dave Sohr 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion passed.



Guy read a letter that he had received from the Engen family thanking us for bringing our Model A's to Ron Engen's memorial service. Guy also related that Marv Munzenmaier had experienced a stroke and was currently in the hospital, to be followed by a rehab facility. The family requested no visitors at this time.

<u>Tours</u>: [Dave Kelsen] <u>Past Tours</u>: February 8 – Hawk Watch Research Institute in Ramona. Guy & Judith McElroy led the tour up Highway 67 to the venue in Ramona. The research staff presented information along with viewing hawks, owls and falcons. As the venue abuts a grasslands preserve, wildlife in the area was viewed. In attendance was 7 Model A's and 6 Moderns. <u>Upcoming Tours</u>: <u>March 23</u> – Orange County Pancake Breakfast in Orange. View hundreds of Model A's, enjoy a pancake breakfast and take part in their enormous raffle. Paul Winchester will be the point man. If you plan on driving up on Saturday March 22, be sure to make a reservation at the Best Western and say you are with the Model A group for a discount. You will receive 200 points to drive your "A". More info to come. April Tour – Alpine gas pump collection. This is a neighbor of Tom Lazar who has a very complete gas pump collection, starting with the very first models. Original date of April 26<sup>th</sup> conflicts with the Lakeside Parade – will provide a new date shortly. Follow up lunch at the Alpine Taco Shop.

<u>Parades/Displays</u>: [Ron Niemeyer]. <u>Future Parade/Displays</u>: February 15 – Tractor Supply Car Display. Valentine-themed car show at the Tractor Supply in Jamul from 9 AM to 2 PM. We are limited to 6 cars. March 15 – St. Patrick's Day parade in Downtown San Diego. We are registered and limited to 6 cars. Ron will send more info to those participating. April 26 – Lakeside Western Days Parade – More info at the March & April meetings. John & Tina Weisenseel have invited us again for a follow-up Car-B-Que at their Lakeside home. Victor Figueroa invited members to participate in the Sun Runners Car Club Carne Asada Run in El Centro on March 22. More information to follow

<u>Treasurer</u>: [Nayola Bieber] Checking account balance included **money deposited in January**: \$360.00 Membership, \$25.00 for a QC Advertisement; and \$300.00 for Luncheon tickets, for a total of \$685.00. **Bills to pay**. Julie Halter for Club jacket: \$123.89; Quail Call & Roster printing to Kris Francis: \$283.62; Ross Piper for name badges: \$91.09; Guy McElroy for luncheon supplies: \$163.99 and Tina Weisenseel for 3 gift cards (Ways & Means) \$60.00. A motion was made by Ray Beardslee to pay these bills, seconded by Judy Norman; approved by all members.

#### <u>Old Business:</u>

**MAFFI Memorials** – In the past, upon the passing of a club member, we have made a donation to the MAFFI Museum for a brick with the member's name. MAFFI has done away with that program. It was suggested that we now make a donation to MAFFI in the member's name, which will be listed in the MAFFI Record book and a letter will be sent to the member's family from MAFFI. Kris Francis moved that we donate \$100.00 to MAFFI upon the passing of an active club member, with the criteria that the member has attended a club meeting and a club function in the past year. This would be retroactive to include active members that passed in 2024: Vic Patterson and Ron Engen. David Frazee 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; motion passed.

#### New Business:

<u>Awards</u> - Mileage and Membership awards from the Installation Luncheon were given to members that were not in attendance at the luncheon. David Frazee presented a new award recognizing the most generous mechanic in a Chapter to Arlyn Bieber. Arlyn is now a Founding member of the Grease Monkeys.

<u>Membership</u>: [Rochelle Svelling] 49 members are in attendance tonight, including 1 visitor: Sammy of Arizona Model A's. Rochelle has limited club merchandise available at the meeting, with a flyer detailing available items.

**Defender:** [Ray Beardslee] Ray reported that the State of California is proposing that classic gas powered cars are banned from the highway beginning 2045. Good news from the DMV: Drivers 70 and older no longer need to take the written test at license renewal when there are no violations.

Refreshments: [Jennifer Baehr] Passing around the sign-up sheet for this spring.

Webmaster: [Chris Halter] Plans a "Members Only" Photo roster. He has emailed the form.

Property: [Jim Taber] No changes.

Correspondence: [Kris Francis] Reports submitted to the national publications were about the Pt. Loma Road Race.

Ways & Means: [Tina Weisenseel] Six raffle items with a \$20.00 Auto Zone gift card for the Door Prize.

Era & Fashions Presentation: [Cliff Hughes] Zach Svelling told about the Historic Ridge Route with an opportunity to drive it in a Model A on May 4th.



**Technical:** [Paul Winchester] Mike Baehr presented a variety of Model A fans – both 2 blade and 4 blade. **Membership drawing prize** [20.00]: Bud & Judy Swartwood's name were drawn but were not present. Next month = \$30.00.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM by Anne DiNapoli and seconded by Judy Jo Beardslee. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kris Francis, (Recording secretary)

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On Saturday, February 8th, we had our Hawk Watch Wildlife Research Institute Tour in Ramona. Guy and Judith McElroy led us on the Tour. We met at Target in El Cajon and traveled Highway 67, making a stop at Scripps Poway Parkway to have Julie Halter and her sister join us. Several



members drove directly to Hawk Watch located on Highland Valley Road. It rained the day before, but we were in luck with the sunny, beautiful weather; cool with a little wind, but nice.

It was a very interesting Presentation of Raptors or Birds of

Prey. We saw up-close a small Burrowing Owl, Barn Owl, Great Horned Owl,

Red-tailed Hawk, and Falcons. A demonstration by Falconers showed us how the birds dive on their prey. A lot of information on the incredible hearing and sight of these birds and how they use it for hunting. After the Presentation, we enjoyed a picnic lunch and fellowship. A great time.

Mileage goes to: Mike & Jen Baehr, Dave & Kris Francis, Cliff & Kathryn Hughes, Guy & Judith McElroy, Ron & Linda Niemeyer, Ed Poffenburger, and Jim & Gene Train.

**Participation Points**: Stan & Judy Boyer, Julie Halter, Dave & Sherill Kelsen, Judy Norman, Vern & Lori Schwebke, and Ed Woodruff. Julie Halter brought her sister visiting from Alaska, Cliff & Kathryn Hughes brought their friends Stan & Julie Tamura, Judy Norman brought her friend Cliff. Thanks for a great turnout.



#### Upcoming March Tour: On Sunday, March 23, 2025, is the Orange

County Breakfast/Model A Display. It is located at Hart Park, 701 S. Glassell Street, in Orange, California. 100s of Model As will be on Display. Breakfast will be served from 7:30am – 11am. Adults \$10.00 and \$5.00 for children ages 2-10 years. Breakfast includes Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Juice, Hot Cocoa, & Hot Coffee. After 11am, a LARGE Raffle will be held.

If you want to drive up and stay in a motel on Saturday, March 22, 2025, motel reservations can be made at Best Western Orange Plaza Motel, 1302 W. Chapman Avenue, Orange, CA 92868 (714) 633-7720. Please tell the Reservationist you are with the Model A Club and you should obtain special pricing. A King-size bed (1) bed per room is \$105.00/night. Queen-size bed (2) beds per room is \$110/night.

Paul Winchester (619) 599-3116 will be staying at the Motel. You may contact Paul to coordinate where the Club will meet to drive together to the Motel on Saturday. David Frazee (760) 822-9523 is promoting Saturday night's dinner for everyone to attend at the following Mexican restaurant: Super Antojitos Mexican Food, 642 Chapman Avenue, Orange, CA Please contact David if you plan to attend the dinner.

If you plan to drive-up Sunday morning, drive directly from you home to the event. Those members that drive their Model A's to this event, will earn 200 Mileage points and 50 Display points. It is a really fun event sponsored by the Orange County Model A Club. Bring chairs; and a picnic lunch to enjoy after the Raffle. Please sign-up at the March meeting or call Dave (619) 772-2625 or Sherill Kelsen (619) 997-0598 to sign-up. (More info on Page 9)

**Upcoming April Tour:** Saturday April 5th will be a tour to Alpine coordinated by Tom Lazar to tour his neighbor's Antique Gas Pump and sign collection. It may be the finest collection of its kind. Afterwards, the Tour will continue to Tom's new Barn/Building built in his backyard. A lunch is planned at Alpine Taco Shop ~ made famous by Cliff Hughes. A sign up sheet will be available at the March meeting.

<u>Upcoming May Tour</u>: Plans are underway for the May Tour. At print time, all the details have not been confirmed.

Thank you for your ideas and participation.



### Marvelous March

#### Looking back out the rear window :

Saturday February 15- Valentines Day-themed Car Display. Recent rains gave way to glori-



ous weather as 5 A's met at Dixieline in El Cajon. We toured out to the new Tractor Supply store in Jamul. We were greeted

by the event coordinator, Joe Silva with choice up front parking spaces. Dave Sohr drove directly to Tractor Supply to meet us there. Naturally the two women that showed up, Betsy Johnson and Kris Francis actually decorated their cars while the men did what we normally do, car talk! Local vendors were there as well selling their wares. Participants

were Fred Crone, Dave and Kris Francis, Betsy Johnson, Guy McElroy, Ron Niemeyer and Dave Sohr.

Looking forward out the windshield A-head :

Activities will be heating up along with the weather. If you have never joined us in these events coming up, we would love for you to participate! Reminder: these are only parades and displays, this list does not include tours

#### Saturday March 15 St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday April 26 Lakeside Western Days Parade and Car-B-Que (Weisenseels hosting)

- Saturday May 17 Tierrasanta Parade
- Saturday June 14 La Mesa Flag Day Parade

Sunday June 15 Father's Day Car Show

Saturday June 21 All Ford Picnic and display

Friday July 4 Covenant Village Parade Sunday July 13

Village Walk Car Display





# "There are three kinds of men:

- The one that learns by reading.
- The few who learn by observation.
- The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence for themselves."

## Will Rogers



March is here and it is time to get ready for the Orange County Pancake Breakfast at Hart Park at 701 S Glassell Street in the City of Orange. They have great raffle prizes.

The drive north on the 5 freeway is the easiest way to go, even in a Model A. There are roads that will take you there by not going on the freeway if you want to go that way, but it will take most of the day.

Having your car in good running order is best for this 105 mile drive in freeway traffic. My mapping software says you can get there in 9 hrs 25 min by bus, 10 hrs by bicycle and 2 days if you decide to walk, I think I'll take the Model A, as it should only take a couple of hours.

A few years ago on the way to the Pancake Breakfast my car's crank ratchet nut came loose, the crank pulley slipped off of the key and stopped turning, causing the alternator to stop charging, and my battery was dead at our grandkids house in Newport Beach when we were ready to headed over to the Best Western Motel on Chapman Street on Saturday afternoon. OH yea, it was also raining that day.

When I took a look between rain showers I saw that the ratchet nut was still sitting in the pulley and the key was still in the crankshaft, so all I needed to do was slide the pulley back on the key and tighten the ratchet nut. Easy, right. Nope, you can't get a socket wrench on the nut with the radiator in place and I'm not going to take the radiator out, hey I'll use the hand crank to tighten the nut. But I soon discovered that I didn't have hand crank with me, after all, who needs a hand crank?

Come to the March meeting and I will tell the rest of the story, and a brief rundown on the seven different hand cranks Ford made for the Model A, and how to use them.

Paul Winchester, Technical Director.





Members, don't forget to renew your dues for 2025! We are currently very close to 5,000 members with about 1,000 members yet to renew. The good news is that our renewals are running higher than 2024. Let's grow our membership in 2025. Please encourage all your fellow Region members to renew!

Also don't forget that your Board has increased eligibility for Youth membership to include ages 18-21. While a MARC sponsor is required, we have dropped the requirement that youth members must live at home. Membership includes a digital copy of the Model A News and other benefits of membership. The best part is that membership is FREE!

Remember to register for the upcoming MARC Membership Meet in Nashville, Indiana April 11-13. Nashville is known for 120 privately owned shops nestled in the hills of Brown County. Tours are available from the Columbus, Indiana visitors center, 20 minutes away from Nashville. Plenty to do and see. Find your registration form in the Nov/ Dec issue of the Model A News. Join us there!

Consider entering your Model A in the first Driver Class judging to held at Gettysburg in June. This new class will allow certain modifications to enhance performance and safety of your Model A. Standards will allow an average restorer to compete for an award. Parts utilized in the restoration need not necessarily be correct for the year or month of manufacture with no penalty for the use of reproduction parts like plastic fan blades, etc. Judging standards are complete and will be posted on the MARC website in the near future.



## MODEL A ERA 1928-1931 Submitted by Kris Francis

## Some Model A Era "Green"

#### No – not money... when I researched "1930 Green", a number of interesting items surfaced. Enjoy a few details of these Green items of the time:

"The Green Goddess" movie. Brief Synopsis - After their plane crashes in a remote area of India, three British citizens are kept prisoner by the local Raja who demands that his three brothers be released from British prisons or he will execute the three foreigners. This film's Oscar history is quite interesting because it is the only time when an actor received two nominations in a year for two different films.

The Graf Zeppelin Airmail Stamp - In 1930, a new issue of airmail stamps was an-



into the 1950s. In an age before highway name and num-

bered interstates, the directions in the Green Book were

town to town, including "at garage: turn right," or "take

Hightstown, "Pass fountain watering trough (at right) in

of the Automobile Legal Association, which was founded

torist services. A.L.A. annual membership was \$10.00, which covered one car, plus \$9 more for each additional car. The membership form had fields for the name, resi-

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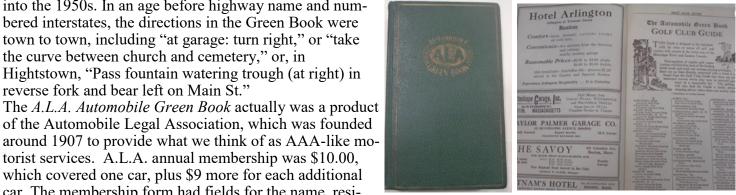
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nounced. Three stamps were to be used exclusively on mail carried via Graf Zeppelin on its European – Pan

American flights. Issue date was April 19, 1930. 95,536 stamps were made of this green 65 cent stamp.

ALA Automotive Green Book 1930 (Below) The A.L.A. Automobile Green Book Official Touring Guide is an early version of what we now know as AAA tour guides, with maps, travel information, and directions. These were published from c. 1920

through the 1940s and apparently



dence address, home and office telephone numbers, car make, year, and model – and the engine number. The book features a unique look at travel interests. There is lots of interesting reference and historical documentation, a very neat book with lots of details and many photos, advertising and maps, additional two maps in back pocket.

Green Uranium Glass – This green uranium glass car mascot was originally made by Lalique. This piece was made in Bohemia from original antique molds that were used during the 1930s. The term "uranium glass" generally



describes glass with uranium oxide, which glows under a black light. Uranium glass was produced regularly until just before WWII, when the US government halted production as uranium became highly regulated. This moratorium lasted until 1958, when uranium oxide was deregulated, and uranium glass has continued to be produced ever since.

Uranium glass is glass that has had uranium added to it before melting to create colours. Typically, pieces are made with low levels of uranium, meaning anywhere from trace amounts to 2%. However, some pieces have been found to be made up of 25% uranium. The uranium was added for the fluorescent effect it created. It soon became incredibly popular and started to be manufactured across Europe and North America.



# Model A Era Fashions

## On The Green"

The fashions of the 1920s left a lasting legacy on the sport of golf. The emphasis on elegance, combined with the need for functional attire, set the stage for future golf fashion trends. Even today, some elements of 1920s golf fashion, such as the argyle pattern and stylish caps, continue to influence modern golf attire.

#### 1920s Men Golf Attire

**Knickerbockers (Plus-Fours)**: Baggy trousers extending below the knee, often in wool or tweed patterns like houndstooth and plaid.

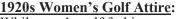
Sweaters and Vests: V-neck or crewneck sweaters and vests, typically in argyle or solid colors.

**Shirts**: Collared cotton shirts, usually white or light-colored, sometimes with subtle stripes.

**Zip up Jackets**: Lightweight wool or tweed jackets, including practical zip-up styles. **Caps and Hats**: Flat caps (newsboy or ivy caps) and sometimes straw boaters or fedoras.

**Shoes and Socks**: Two-toned leather golf shoes with cleats, paired with knee-high argyle socks.

Accessories: Belts or braces, ties for formal occasions, and leather gloves for grip.



While men's golf fashion was distinctive, women's golf fash-





ion in the 1920s also underwent a transformation. Women began to participate more actively in sports, including golf, which led to the development of practical yet stylish attire: **Blouses and Knee Length Skirts**: Women typically wore blouses paired with knee length skirts, allowing for ease of movement.

**Cardigans and Sweaters**: Lightweight cardigans and sweaters were popular for layering, often featuring intricate patterns or embroidery.

**Cloche Hats**: These bell-shaped hats were fashionable among women golfers, offering a stylish way to protect themselves from the sun.

**Stockings**: Women often wore silk or rayon stockings that matched their outfits, adding a touch of elegance.

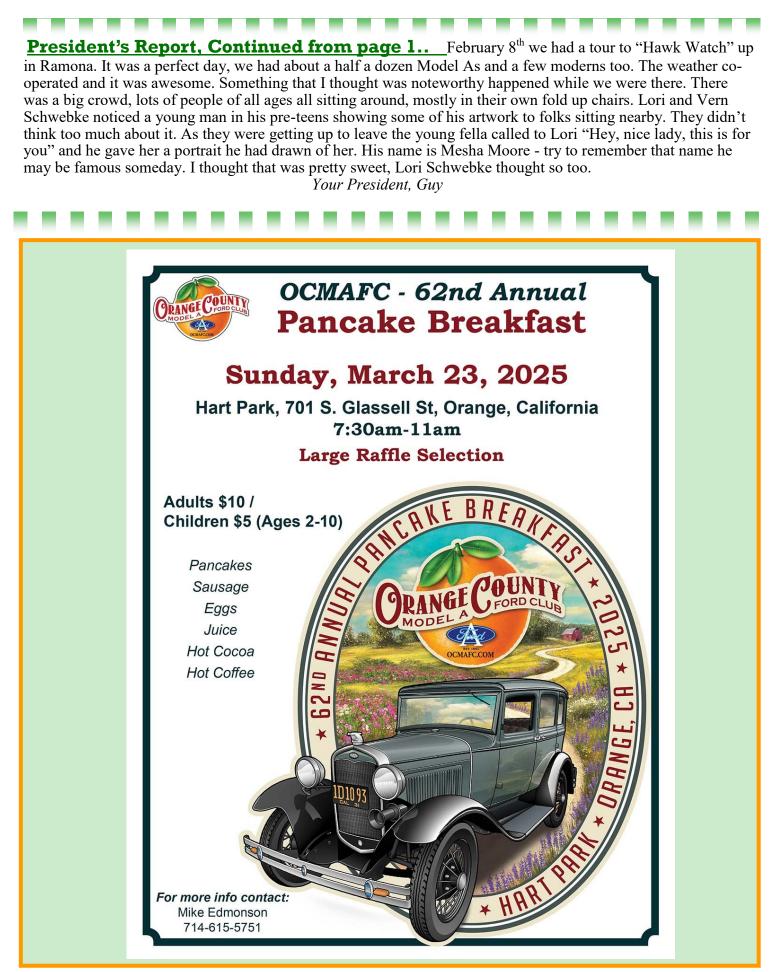
#### Key Elements of 1920s Golf Attire

**Materials and Fabrics -** The materials and fabrics used in 1920s golf attire played a crucial role in its development. Wool and tweed were commonly used for their durability and comfort. Lightweight fabrics like cotton and linen were also popular, especially for shirts and blouses, providing breathability and ease of movement.

**Color and Patterns -** Golf fashion in the 1920s was not just

about functionality; it was also about making a style statement. Bold colors and patterns were embraced, with argyle being particularly popular. The use of bright, contrasting colors and intricate patterns added a lively and dynamic element to golf attire, reflecting the exuberance of the Roaring Twenties.

**The Cap** - Headwear was a crucial aspect of golf fashion in the 1920s. The flat cap, also known as a newsboy cap or ivy cap, was the preferred choice. Made from tweed or wool, these caps were both functional and stylish, protecting golfers from the sun while complementing their outfits.





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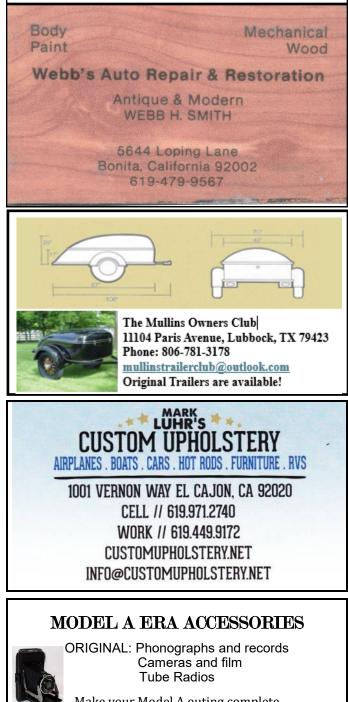
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