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President's Message

This week has been a challenge for getting projects done on the machines stored in my yard and, yes, I'm talking about the heat. I don't normally complain about the heat, but the projects are starting to accumulate, and I honestly thought that the end of March into April would be a little cooler. My pop-up tent does help and taking short breaks between fighting stubborn bolts has been helpful. With this in mind, I would like to offer a gentle reminder to those of you who turn your own wrenches:

1. Hydration
2. Early mornings before the heat sets in
3. A small fan and a cool rag (made a huge difference in my day)
4. Getting shade over your project and off the cement
5. Pacing yourself and taking breaks
6. Realistic expectations of the project that day

And finally, it does not hurt to ask for a little help from fellow members or friends.

On a separate note, I am struggling with how to increase attendance at events. I see the effort by Mark, Chuck, David and others to

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays:

1 Donna Slikker 4/2
2 Keith Thamer 4/4
3 Jerry Harder 4/9
4 Bruce Parker 4/21
5 Steve Cordtz 4/27

Anniversaries

1 Wes & Kim Wright 4/26
2 Andy & Sandra Yancey 4/29

promote club events and provide an outlet for everyone to participate. I personally have to admit that many events have a conflict with my work and family schedule, and I have missed out on quite a few expeditions in the past. On the few occasions I have joined in at the events and it has provided a camaraderie and conversations that I thoroughly enjoyed. It might be a good discussion at this month's meeting to ask for input from members that will help in planning future events with a better response than Mark had on his last organized tour. I look forward to hearing from each of you at this month's meeting.
Bill Adams

MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 4, 2026

The meeting of the Palomar A's was called to order by President Bill Adams at 7:03 PM with 22 in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance to the American Flag was led by veteran Joe Williams.

PREVIOUS MINUTES – A motion was made by Karen Frazee to approve the minutes of the February meeting as published in the Reflector and seconded by Mark Greenlee. Motion passed by those in attendance. In addition, Bill Adams suggested that those presenting the Tour details and the Tech Report submit the information directly to the Reflector editor. In this way, the information will be separate from the minutes and can be featured articles.

TREASURER'S REPORT – In Bruce Furbush's absence. A casual discussion determined that no new bills had been submitted. The motion to approve the report was made by Chuck Grabowsky, seconded by Ed Lopez, and passed by those in attendance. David Frazee then opened a discussion regarding a $100 certificate to be given as a parting gift for the previous year's President. Mark Greenlee reminded everyone that $50 certificates are also given to locations that host events connected with short tours. The members agreed.

SUNSHINE & SORROW – Chuck Grabowsky was on the mend but was scheduled for an operation to clear blockage. Bruce Furbush's absence was due to adverse reaction to medication. Karen Beel was dealing with a shingles outbreak. Donna lugo was recently diagnosed with an unknown lump in her breast. She also gave the good news that her ukelele group was scheduled to perform at the Del Mar Fair Wednesday, June 24, at 2:00PM. It was nice to see Jon and Anna Velasco attending the meeting after a lapse of many months. Finally, Jim Kruegel announced his brand-new retirement.
On a sorrow note: Jim Norman passed away in his sleep March 13. Jim and his wife Mary were original members when our club was founded. He was an artist at restoration and restored many of the beautiful A's in our club and others for many years. Jim was 73, his wife died last year after a long battle of Parkinson's.

MISCELLANEOUS – Ed Lopez gave a short presentation revisiting the lecture regarding plant terrariums that he creates. He offered to assemble terrariums for anyone that supplied a container and possibly a feature item that may be included for added interest. The container can be of any size or shape. Ed will supply the plants and potting material. David Frazee brought up the importance of not allowing vehicle registration to lapse but rather register using the Planned Nonoperation category. He had taken possession of a vehicle that had not been registered for 7 years. Even after being able to get the penalty reduced to 2 years the cost was over $600.

ENTERTAINMENT – David Frazee awarded the birthday prize to Mark Greenlee and Barbara Kruegel won the 50/50 drawing.
The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.
Submitted by Karla Maxwell, Secretary

HOSPITALITY – For April 1st meeting, no one signed up to bring snacks. Please contact Anthony Lugo to volunteer.

TECH REPORT By Ed Simpson – Ed gave a presentation on four-cylinder Ford crankshafts. The talk covered changes in design from the earliest (Model T) to the latest version offered in 1934 vehicles. The popularity of the famous flat-head and the V8 introduced in 1932 essentially killed off the 4-banger engine. While no longer in production vehicles after 1932, the Model B motor was still used in industrial applications for many years. In fact, The Korean war versions of the Russian Jeeps still employed an equivalent copy of the Model B 4 cylinder. Four crankshafts were on display for illustration, the nest being a Model C crank with factory forged counterweights, Ed also brought some engine rods to illustrate

modifications to support modern insert bearings.

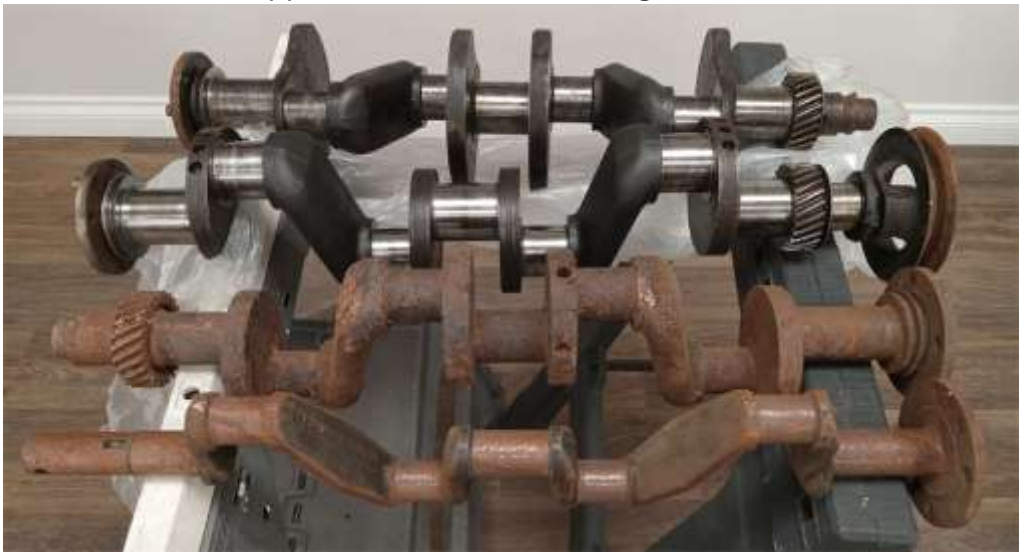


PHOTO CHALLENGE: We are looking to challenge our greatest photographer's in the club. We are looking for photo's related to the holiday of each month and it must include a Model A or A's. At the end of the year the members will vote on the best photo submission. There will be a prize awarded by the Reflector committee.

JOKELARITY: Volunteer wanted to submit a monthly joke, anecdote, story, poem or whatever to be published for our readers amusement.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Save these dates!

Wednesday. April 1st - Business Meeting 7:00 PM, Clubhouse
Wednesday. April 15th "Tax Day" at the Money Pit, 1360 E. Mission Rd San Marcos.
Sunday, April 12th – Orange County Pancake Breakfast. The 63rd annual event will take place at Hart Park, 701 S Glassell Street, Orange. As it is tradition our club tours up on Saturday and spends the night at the Best Western Orange Plaza to be able to get to the park early Sunday morning for better parking to display your cars. There is usually a group touring up on Sunday morning that do not want to go up Saturday. The phone number for the hotel is (714)633-7720. Call early as they book quickly. No registration is needed for this event.
Wednesday, May 6th - Business Meeting 7:00 PM, Clubhouse.
Sunday, May 1-3 – CCRG Jamboree in Bakersfield. The first Jamboree was held in 1993 so this should be the 33rd. Registration is April 30th with the planned activities starting May 1st. Registration forms and information in now on the Bakersfield Model A Club and

MAFCA websites. The host hotel is The Marriott Convention Center Hotel, 801 Truxton Ave., Bakersfield 93301, (661)565-9320. The code name to mention when calling is the Bakersfield Model A Club for the group room rate.
Wednesday. May 20th – Village Pie Shop 950 Tamarack Ave, Carlsbad
Friday, May 22nd-24th - NCRG Roundup in Sonora. NCRG is the oldest regional group starting in 1972 sponsored by the Northwest Regional Model A Group. Events are held at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds, 220 Southgate Drive, Sonora. Go to the Model A Group and MAFCA websites for registration and meet information.

Sunday, May 31st-June 7th - MAFCA National Convention in Pendleton, Oregon. Registration and meet information are found on the MAFCA website but hotel information will be sent out once they have received your registration. The hotels and events fill up fast so get your registration sent early. The website is www. 2026mafcanationalconvention.com.
Wednesday, June 3rd - Business Meeting 7:00 PM, Clubhouse.
Wednesday, June 17th – Start Fresh Café, 1034 S. Coast Highway, Oceanside
Wednesday, July 1st - Business Meeting 7:00 PM, Clubhouse.
Wednesday, August 5th - Business Meeting 7:00 PM, Clubhouse.
Wednesday, September 2nd - Business Meeting 7:00 PM, Clubhouse.
Wednesday, October 7th - Business Meeting 7:00 PM, Clubhouse.
Wednesday, November 4th - Business Meeting 7:00 PM, Clubhouse.
Wednesday, December 9th-13th – MAFCA National Awards Banquet in Cincinnati, Ohio. It will be held at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel, 35 West Fifth Street, Cincinnati. There is no information on the MAFCA website yet.
Saturday, December 12th – Palomar A Club annual Christmas Party at the Hunter Restaurant in Oceanside, 12:00 PM.

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




Happy Easter