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President's Message

"June is the gateway to summer"

This and other assorted phrases are swimming through my head this month including,

"All Juned up and everywhere to go"

As a hopeful tie to our club theme as we head into summer. With the weather starting to heat up and the local clubs becoming more active with events, I have been noticing some of these events that sound interesting and even possible to attend. Aside from what we already have on our calendar, I was reading about the La Mesa Flag Day parade on June 13th, and on June 27th there are a couple of events including the Santee Lakes Ford Picnic Day which is free and the Muscles off Main St in Vista which is hosted by the Lions club and does have an entrance fee. For those of you that follow and enjoy the updates from MAFCA, there is an updated and published Restoration Guideline and Judging Standards document on the website and can be ordered in book form. While I am not on that level of detail for the restoration side or able to ever be considered a Judge for an event, I do like to know what is looked at for the critical eye detail on these cars.

Birthdays and Anniversaries
June Birthdays:
1.JoAnn Cordtz 6/29
2.Nancy DiTomaso 6/17
3.Pam Treserdern 6/23
4.Andy Yancy 6/14

June Anniversaries:
1. Dave & Arlene Belt 6/6
2.Craig & Barbara French 6/5
3. Doug & Linda Dixon 6/29
4. Anthony & Donna Lugo 6/16
5. Russel & Beth Parks 6/11
6. Joe & Peggy Williams 6/19

One of the pleasures of filling the position of President in this organization (for those of you thinking about doing this next year) is the week after our Monthly meeting where I start looking at what to write for the following month. I do enjoy a little history and how it corresponds to us regionally, and so with that we will travel down that rabbit hole together.

While driving through Los Angeles this week I was stopping for lunch and looking at where the old Ford infrastructure was located with my corresponding location for a little looky-loo at old buildings. This brought me through Long Beach and Terminal Island where the old Henry Ford Bridge stood also known as Badger Avenue Bridge connecting the Cerritos Channel to Terminal Island. Also learning that from June 1930 to 1958 Ford had a Model A plant operating on Terminal Island in Long Beach at 700 Henry Ford Ave. This location also built specialty trucks made for building the Hoover Dam. The original Factory that built Model T's and Model A's producing and assembling engines at 777 South Santa Fe Ave. in Los Angeles is still standing and was purchased by Warner Brothers Music in 2019 after they moved their headquarters from Burbank. The exterior still looks the same.

Our monthly meeting is on the 3rd and I look forward to seeing all of you there.
Bill

MEETING MINUTES – May 6, 2026

The meeting of the Palomar A's was called to order by acting President David Frazee at 7:10 PM with 21 in attendance including one guest.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Andy Yancey.

PREVIOUS MINUTES – A motion was made by Jim Kruegel to approve the minutes of the May meeting as published in the Reflector and seconded by Anthony Lugo. Motion passed by those in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT – In Treasurer Bruce Furbush's absence, David Frazee accepted some member dues. There also was discussion of Palomar A's donation towards the CCRG Orange County Pancake Breakfast and towards the MAFCA National Convention in Pendleton, Oregon. Bruce Howe had made the donation to the Orange County group while there so he will be reimbursed.

SUNSHINE AND SORROW –Many familiar faces were missing from the meeting this month. Karen Beel is still out, and Chuck Grabowsky couldn't attend. Bruce Furbush had cataract surgery the day of the meeting and all went well. We knew Bill Adams had prior commitments.

BREAKFAST GET TOGETHER – The May 20 gathering will be at the Village Kitchen & Pie Shop, 950 Tamarack Ave, Carlsbad. The June 17 gathering will be the Start Fresh Café, 1034 S Coast Highway, Oceanside. As usual, arrive around 8:45 AM for 9:00 seating.

PUBLICITY – Ed Simpson is still having trouble getting a response from the Union Tribune for inclusion of meeting dates and information.

MISCELLANEOUS – Our guest was Kim Blackham from Fallbrook. He has a 1931 Coupe he is wanting to sell. Ed Lopez is offering to give a talk about his years at Vandenberg AF as well as connections with the Space Shuttles and the GPS system we all rely on.

TOURS – Many had attended the Orange County Pancake Breakfast meet. There were various stories about the attendance and raffle for prizes but more regarding the rain. One story was about a fellow that had no top on his vehicle, leaving him with a soggy drive home. Another was about those that made the mistake of parking in the wrong (low) spot. It seemed like a good idea when they arrived but later the rain caused water to rise past their wheels and inching towards the doors. Anthony and Donna Lugo attended with family. A grandson won a bicycle and was so thrilled that the rain didn't matter. He rode around the parking lot. As they left, it was interesting trying to fit 3 adults, 3 grandchildren, a car seat AND the bicycle in their modern vehicle for the ride home. David Frazee suggested that is always good to have spare parts when driving an "A". He also suggested to be sure that the box of parts that actually gets packed for the trip, something he overlooked.

REFLECTOR REPORT – Barbara Kruegel's goal is to have the Newsletters distributed a week before the next month's meeting. She also welcomes submission of articles, jokes and photographs.

ENTERTAINMENT – David Frazee awarded the May birthday prize to Johannah Leffingwell.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Submitted by Karla Maxwell, Secretary

TECHNICAL REPORT:
Hi Folks. I have a problem/question presented to me about dim lights and hard starting. A lot of you know this, and for those that don't I will attempt to explain one of the main reasons for the problem. It started back when Henry Ford built the Model A. He, being very cost conscious and trying to save every nickel, had his people put in a very short ground strap to the frame. While this worked very well when new, now we have 98 years of grime, rust and dirt under our wheels getting into every nook and cranny. The volts have a tough time going down the frame through the U bolts, down the old rust greasy spring, through the shackles, down the rear end, through the U joint and transmission then through the bell housing with all of that paint on the mating surfaces and finally to the starter and the rest of the electrical system. Whew! It's a wonder any voltage gets through. The front axle isn't any

better with rubber balls on the shock links and a rubber ball on the wishbone. The cure is a simple one. Just run another ground strap from the original frame mount to a bolt on the transmission or the bell housing and one from the frame to the body. On one of my cars, I had to run ground wires from the headlights and taillights to the fr4ame to make good contacts. That and a good cleaning of all the contacts won't hurt, and your electrical system will love you for it. I might add that while doing this I went ahead and installed a set of new super bright LED taillights. Get the whole unit as it is just a bit more than the lens alone and everything fits whereas most of the time the lens won't go into the original housing without a lot of hassle. With these you will be seen better at night from the back with no problem. It could save you from being rear ended.

While we're on an electrical subject, I would like to bring up coil polarity. Our cars will run no matter how we hook up our coils. However, when hooked up wrong, the efficiency goes down anywhere from 15% to 40%. Improperly polarized coils will manifest themselves with hard starting when cold or damp. I is usually easy to check if they are hooked up right. At the tower end you have two electrical terminals. These should be marked with a + or – sign. The positive goes to the hot or ignition side and the negative or ground goes to the distributor. This is for negative ground systems. I your Model A is still positive ground, you hook the negative terminal to the ignition side and the positive to the distributor.
Til next month, Howard.

JOKALARITY – The weakest part of a Model A is the nut holding the steering wheel!

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.

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

CCRG Bakersfield
April 30 – May 3, 2026

We had another great Model A Tour: our usual attendance at the CCRG, this time in Bakersfield. This is one we always look forward to, and we get a good-sized group to make the trek to wherever they have it. This year we all gathered together at 7:30 am on Thursday at the Hwy 15/Hwy 76 Park N Ride. Yes! Very early! We had Bruce Howe, Clyde Marion, Fred Slikker, three Kruegels, Thamers, and Williams. We started the trip with four Model A's and two moderns, but after we arrived at our first gas stop, David Frazee arrived to join us in the Woody. Since we were making the trip in one day, we stopped in Boron at a restaurant we all like: Domingo's Mexican. It didn't disappoint, we all enjoyed lunch.

Then, since we couldn't check in at the hotel before 4 pm, we took our time driving down the Tehachapi grade. After picking up our registration packets and checking out the raffle room, we had a great Happy Hour out on the hotel's patio and talked about the agenda for the next day. Friday some attended a big car show in nearby Shafter and others went to the tour's carnival then to an antique store. Both events were successful! But we had to follow it up with a Palomar A's mini tour to Dewars for some excellent ice cream. Friday night was also the barbecue, hosted by the CCRG Board. Good food and more ice cream for dessert!

Saturday our CCRG hosts had donuts in the raffle room, and we could once again put more tickets in a whole slew of choices. This also was the day to tour, and there were several choices: Taft Oil Museum, Tehachapi Loop, California Animal Living Museum, and a Downtown walking tour. Some of our members took an individual Antiques Tour, and others went to the Kern County Museum. We joined the Kern County Museum group, and it was great. The town had moved many old structures from the pioneer settlement days (a pharmacy, blacksmith, bank, land office, undertakers, a museum of historic vehicles in an old barn) and homes of different bygone decades (a log cabin, sheepherders' cabins, Merle Haggard's family train car home, and lots of other individual homes). So interesting! Then this group was off to get some iced drinks to cool off. Of course, everywhere we went, people were interested in our cars.

The banquet at the hotel was a popular event, but some of us chose to go with Fred to his favorite Rice Bowl restaurant when he lived there. We had some great Chinese food and enjoyed the atmosphere. After dinner was the Raffle excitement. We had some big Club winners. The Kruegels came away with a bunch of prizes: a basket with wines, munchies, glasses, also a basket with a throw and books, a very neat wooden Ford garage sign. Jim won a wooden sign too, and a pump. Bruce won a neat panel truck model display and David won gift cards from CW Moss. Linda did not win an old Singer Featherlite sewing machine, but – oh well. Overall, a good haul!

We left the next morning, and then the fun started. Keith had his (second) roadside seminar at a gas station, and everyone felt the A could make it home. But after

breakfast in Kramer Junction, his Model A started giving him major trouble and he limped to Love's truck stop/gas station in Hesperia and called AAA for a tow. Since we had to wait awhile, we sent the others on their way. Even with the tow home, the trip was great – good company, good food, and good stuff to see. We'll try to encourage everyone to tackle the next long tour; they're always VERY FUN ! ! !

Linda Thamer



Lunch stop in Boron on the way to Bakersfield



Snack stop at the fruit stand for sweets and milk shakes



Fun at the BBQ social.



Our entertainment for the evening



This is how you feel after Dewar's ice cream

UPCOMING EVENTS - **Save these dates!**

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.
Saturday, September 19th, International Model A Day, Julian, CA 10:00-2:00.
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.


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