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President's Message

"Whether you think you can, or you think you can't-you're right." These words have spoken to me more times than I can remember while under the car arguing to myself with a part or stubborn bolt. This is partially due to a wrong part and a Stubborn Bill. Yesterday was a 3-shirt day due to the heat, so I thought it would be a good reminder to bring up taking care of ourselves during this summer. Whether it's working on a project in the morning or late afternoon, keeping hydrated, doing projects in the shade or making sure there is someone to keep an eye on us when we get too focused and become overheated. A small fan also makes a big difference. There are several local car events going on this month and I recommend taking a scroll to the bottom of the newsletter page with the listings to help plan your month. I did a little research in San Diego for the original Ford Dealerships that carried the Model A and came up with four of them.

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July Birthdays:
1. David Frazee 7/20
2. Wayne Moore 7/14

July Anniversaries:
1. John & Judy Burrell 7/16
2. Bill & Kathy Horn 7/2

The Neuner Brothers Dealership in Mission Hills on 1011 Fort Stockton Drive which was torn down. Also known as the Gilmore Dealership





Pearson Ford original location downtown San Diego on 12th Street before moving to City Heights.

The monthly meeting is on July 1st, and I hope to see all of you there.

Bill

MEETING MINUTES – June 3, 2026

The meeting of the Palomar A's was called to order by President Bill Adams at 7:10 PM with 18 in attendance plus one guest.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Ed Simpson.

PREVIOUS MINUTES – A motion was made by Roseanne Meyerhoff to approve the minutes of the May meeting as published in the Reflector and seconded by Mark Greenlee. Motion passed by those in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bruce Furbush reported receiving some outstanding bills that will be paid. They were for standard fees or organizations so there was no need for the group to vote for approval.

SUNSHINE AND SORROW – It was nice to see Karen Beel and Chuck Grabowsky again. Johannah Leffingwell informed the group of the recent passing of her husband West. She said they had shared many decades together. One of the things she enjoyed so much was his humor, which he kept clear to the end. She also said she appreciates the connections they have made with the Model A group.

BREAKFAST GET TOGETHER – The next gathering is at the Start Fresh Café in Oceanside, 1034 S Coast Highway on June 17th at 8:45 for a 9AM seating. Check the Upcoming Events shown in the Reflector or Facebook for future breakfast locations and dates.

PUBLICITY – Ed Simpson reported inclusion of our meetings in the Union Events Section, and we are now set up for the rest of the year.

MISCELLANEOUS – Quite a few of the members were attending the MAFCA National Convention in Pendleton, Oregon. It will be interesting to hear the stories when they return.

Our guest was Ray Bargas from San Marcos. He recently purchased his first Model A. His dream car, a 1931 Roadster that he is going to turn into a hot rod. He had quite a list of parts needed and will be submitting to Barbara Kruegel for inclusion in the Reflector. He also intends to become a new member.

HOSPITALITY – Refreshment donations are always welcome. Contact Anthony Lugo at 760-650-5333 for information or just bring a treat when you come to the meeting.

TOURS – Mark Greenlee provided information regarding the International Model A Day in Julian on September 19th, 2026. The streets of Julian will be taken over by Model A's from San Diego, Temecula and Palomar clubs.

MAFCA NATIONAL CONVENTION – Held in Pendleton, Oregon May 31 – June 6, 2026. The city of Pendleton is in the foothills of the Blue Mountains along the famous Oregon Trail. It is a very scenic area with beautiful views and wonderful highways for Model A touring. There is a historic downtown with many restaurants and shops, and the world-famous Pendleton Woolen Mills. The city of 19,000 is also host to the famous annual Pendleton Roundup which brings thousands of fans to the area which is a major economic boost for the area. The activities were centered at the Pendleton Convention Center which was centrally located in town which made it very convenient, and inspiring to see all the A's parked there during the week, especially at the banquet Saturday night. The list of organized activities included Fine Point and Restorers Class car judging, fashion judging, many varied seminars, special events such as the ice cream social, many tours and a grand tour, the amazing awards banquet, a large raffle to which our club donated $100,

and especially the camaraderie of all the Model A'ers from around the world. There were almost 400 registrations, over 300 Model A's and approximately 700 attendees (I didn't take notes for exact numbers). It was wonderful to see the old cars buzzing around town, and the residents enjoyed seeing the novelty. The Palomar A's club was represented by Howard, Barbara, Debbie and Jim Kruegel, Bruce Howe and David Frazee. We all luckily won some raffle prizes. Sammy Guthrie won the Burtz engine! The Kruegel's trailered their A as it was a 1,300-mile trip and our old bones couldn't handle so much road weariness. David and Bruce drove their A's, but Bruce nursed a water leakage the whole trip ending up with it on a flatbed the last 200 miles home. David had to get a rental truck and trailer to get his home also. His car spent the week of the meet in the trouble tent with many issues to work on but they got it running to almost make it home. It was a great week in the Northwest, making lasting memories again. Hopefully more of the Palomar A's will get to experience a MAFCA meet in the future. Thank you to the 6 NWRG clubs that spent months/years planning such a wonderful event and we'll see you in Durango, CO in 2027 for more fun and memories. See all the pictures below!
Barbara Kruegel

TECH REPORT – Mark Greenlee also gave a talk regarding carburetors. He gave an overview as to their function and provided a display of 7 different styles.

ENTERTAINMENT – There was a nice raffle with various offerings. There was no one in attendance with a June birthday to claim that prize.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 PM.
Submitted by Karla Maxwell, Secretary

TECHNICAL REPORT:
Hi Folks. Here's some useful and useless information to amaze your family and friends.
-When was the first gasoline credit card issued? It was in the mid 1920's and was usually handwritten on a business card sized piece of thick paper and authorized by the district manager who knew the person directly.
-The first motel (not a motor court or cabin) opened in 1925 on Hwy 101 in the Santa Barbara area.
-Miniature golf, started in the year 1930, was the craze that took the nation by storm. Model A's helped in its spread as it allowed people to easily travel to the locations and the whole family could play.
-In December 1927 when the Model A was introduced, the parking brake lever actuated all 4 service brakes. In January 1928 several states declared the brakes illegal and Ford had to redesign the system to incorporate a separate parking (emergency) brake called the 6-shoe system. The later brakes included two additional brake bands, one on each rear wheel operated by a hand lever in front of the gear shift lever. Ford also designed special bearings on the cross shaft that helped the brake pull even as the frame twisted slightly on the rough roads of the time.

-Goodyear's airwheel was a gigantic 9.00 x15 tire and wheel for the Model A Ford when it first came out in the summer of 1931. In late 1931 Ford came out with a 9.00 x 13 tire priced at $30-$40 each plus wheel and tube making these "doughnuts" quite expensive. Till next month, Howard.

JOKALARITY – This is a bit of trivia but could be considered jokalarity because of its strangeness. Oxygen-deprived pigs and rodents can absorb oxygen by pumping pure oxygen gas or oxygenated liquids into the animals anuses temporarily rescuing them from suffocation. This bizarre but brilliant scientific breakthrough even won the physiological lg Nobel Prize, highlighting its potential for human intensive care when mechanical ventilators are unavailable. Sure hope no one needs such a procedure!

UPCOMING EVENTS - **Save these dates!**

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.

2027 EVENTS

June 13 -18, 2027 MAFCA National Tour, Durango CO.

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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Great fun had by all. C-Ya in Durango CO. next year





The National Tour includes six days of planned activities which are:

- A welcome party,
- A day to ride the Durango& Silverton railroad,
- 3 or 4 driving tour days,
- A day for car games,
- A Model A car display with a free ice cream social,
- Hubley Derby,
- A farewell banquet.

The registration form and meet information will be available after the first of next year so check the website.

FOR SALE

Contact Howard Kruegel @ 619 341-2563

Model A Ford 2 Blade Fan $42.00



Exhaust Heater w/Firewall Door $55



Rear Main Drip Pan $10



Rear Hub Puller $45



Rebult by Southland Clutch Pressure Plate (Unused) $55





Thread Chaser $20



1928 Taillight (No Glass) $55

