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President's Message

International Model A Day is celebrated on September 19th but in my research, I am finding that the original celebration dates correspond with the 18th through the 20th event at the Gillmore car museum in Michigan with some local clubs across the US choosing to celebrate on the 13th. We have the event in Julian on the 19th, and I am hoping everyone can attend it. While I understand the different dates for various clubs to celebrate, I am humored by the confusion it puts on Google and the AI search engine we are forced to use. The automated generated search has a difficult time determining what is fact and what is preference due to so much information being provided by the different clubs and the abundance of comments by folks responding in the blogs, Facebook posts and web answers.

For once I think the Model A generation (us older folks) have successfully stumped the AI machine. Aside from the Robots telling us what to think, I am hopeful that September will bring cooler weather to get out and take a nice drive in the A. There are a couple of events I am hoping to attend this year one is the Antique Car swap meet in San Bernadino on the 26th of September hosted by the Paradise Valley club and the Model T parts exchange and car show on October 3rd hosted by the OC Model T club in Fullerton. Much of the resources I use for this monthly material are from the SCRG MAFCA website with useful links and updates from the different chapters. I tried using the National MAFCA website, but every link only goes to the Youth page and does a dead end. Thinking of who to contact to get this fixed. I can't be the only one who noticed this? Most likely another AI (Robot) issue.... Just saying. Have a great September. Bill.

September Birthdays:

1. James Veltri 9/2
2. John Burrell 9/13
3. Steve DeAmbrogio 9/3
4. Bruce Furbush 9/23
5. Kim Wright 9/19

September Anniversaries:

1. Greg and Cindy Wilson 9/11

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from August 5, 2026 - Meeting of the Palomar A's was called to order by President Bill Adams at 7:08 PM with 21 in attendance.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - A motion was made by Ed Lopez to approve the minutes of the July meeting as published in the Reflector, and seconded by Johannah Leffingwell. Motion passed by those in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bruce Furbush Treasurer's report included discussion of memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association for Berry Stonebreaker and to Hospice of North Coast for West Leffingwell. Motion to approve the report and pay the bills was made by Chuck Grabowsky and seconded by Mark Greenlee. Motion passed by those in attendance.

SUNSHINE & SORROW – There was a review of details for the upcoming Celebration of Life for West Leffingwell. Johannah says West spent a lot of time there and everyone is welcome.

Howard Kruegel has become a first time great-grandfather. His granddaughter had been a past Miss California.

BREAKFAST GET TOGETHER – The August 19 breakfast meet will be at Pegah's Kitchen, 945 N Santa Fe, Vista. As usual, arrive around 8:45 AM for 9:00 seating. Check the Upcoming Events shown in the Reflector or Facebook for future breakfast locations and dates.

TOURS – Joe Williams went over details for the August 8th tour of the San Diego Fire Truck Maintenance Facility and lunch gathering afterwards.

There was also discussion regarding the upcoming Model A Day in Julian, September 19. A sign up sheet gave indications of attendance so Julian can reserve spaces downtown for Model A street parking.

Bruce Howe relayed his own experiences of the detailed Pendleton, Oregon, tour that David Frazee contributed to the August Newsletter. While David's version included many issues of where patience is a virtue, Bruce's accounting was not quite as challenging. Both relied on ingenuity plus help and support from other "A" owners.

The biggest issue for Bruce was shifting trouble. He made sure to park on a level surface to make things easier. Ultimately, he discovered that, by parking on a slight upward incline, backward gravity would help him get in gear. In all, Bruce put 3500 driving miles on his vehicle but ultimately had to rely on AAA for a tow for the last 180.

MEMBERSHIP - David Frazee indicated future printing of the Member Handbook to be scheduled for 2027 and include both 2026 and 2027 members.

REFLECTOR REPORT – The group thanked Barbara Kruegel for taking on the position of Newsletter Editor and providing interesting content.

TECH REPORT – David Frazee shared purpose and thoughts regarding a wrench adapter for the Model A distributor. Others offered input regarding quality, or lack of, depending on where the adaptor was purchased.



MISCELLANEOUS – Johannah Leffingwell recounted a frustrating call with AAA service and the AI "operator." The issue was that rats had chewed the gasoline line on her vehicle. Multiple times she tried to relay that information when asked about her problem. No matter how she tried, the AI voice kept asking if she needed gasoline. Finally she was told that someone would be coming. Later she learned that the service call had been diverted to Maine

HOSPITALITY – Refreshment donations are always welcome. For planned donations contact Anthony or Donna Lugo at 760-650-5333 or just bring a treat when you come to the meeting.

ENTERTAINMENT – David Frazee awarded the birthday prize to Joe Williams and the 50/50 to James Veltri.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Submitted by Karla Maxwell, Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS - **Save these dates!**

Wednesday, September 2nd - Business Meeting 7:00 PM, Clubhouse.
Wednesday, September 16th – Breakfast J & M Restaurant 9:00 AM
Saturday, September 19th, International Model A Day, Julian, CA 10:00-2:00.
Wednesday, October 7th - Business Meeting 7:00 PM, Clubhouse.
Wednesday, October 21st – Breakfast Pit Stop 9:00 AM
Wednesday, November 4th - Business Meeting 7:00 PM, Clubhouse.
Wednesday, November 18th – Breakfast Main Street Café 9:00 AM
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.

September 19th – International Model A Day in Julian - A Joint Club Venture between the San Diego Model A Club, Palomar A's, & the Temecula Valley A's – Help us celebrate International Model A Day by attending this tour to Julian. Local San Diego club members will meet 08:00 at our Target - El Cajon Meeting point and drive to the SECOND MEETING POINT (approx. 09:30) at Dudley's Bakery in Santa Ysabel where we will meet up with our North County club members and our friends from the Palomar and Temecula Valley Clubs. After a brief stop and reconnoiter in Santa Ysabel, we will all caravan in the rest of the way into Julian where the Julian Chamber of Commerce is providing reserved parking on Main St for us to display our cars, mingle with the public, and enjoy the local restaurants and shops. Don't miss out! The Chamber of Commerce is also offering welcome bags for the Model A Day participants with coupons and momentums, so please sign up early so I can give them an accurate car count ahead of time.
Sign-up online HERE /or/ at the sandiegomodelaclub.com website or (call-or-text) Ross Nelson 619-938-5609.

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.



International Model A Ford Day 2026

September 19
IMAFD is, simply, 1 day of the year when all Model A Ford Enthusiasts drive their cars and they can have picnics or outings with friends, by themselves or with their club. Commemorative patches are available at $4.00 apiece, with a minimum order of 20 to Bruce Adams, 254 Ocean Avenue, Northport, New York, 11768

SATURDAY AUGUST 8th TOUR OF SAN DIEGO FIRE TRUCK MAINTENANCE FACILITY
Tour arranged by Clyde Marion and led by Joe Williams. Facility Tour led by Scott Harris Facility Manager. Thank you all for attending













AUGUST 19TH BREAKFAST AT PEGAH'S KITCHEN

There was a great turnout for the Aug. Breakfast. Thank you all for coming.



FOR SALE

1931 Model A Ford Coupe

Contact Howard Kruegel

Hm: 619 425-3241 Cell 619 341-2563

Price $13,750.00



This beautiful 1931 Coupe has been gone through from spare tire to radiator. The spare has never touch and open road, the wheels are 17” and have been balanced and powder coated. The wheel bearings have been cleaned, inspected and repacked along with the races. The brake shoes were inspected and adjusted. The toe-in on the front end was checked and adjusted. A new $900.00 radiator was installed, the engine was put on a stand and gone through, the valves adjusted, a rebuilt oil pump was installed along with an external oil filter assembly. There is a touring cam ground by Jim Bierly that was installed, the cylinder head is from a Model A Police car. The distributor has been rebuilt along with the water pump, starter, carburetor, and generator. The flywheel was resurfaced; the pressure plate was rebuilt along with a new throw-out bearing and clutch disk. New rubber

floor mats and a custom dash, the interior is in great shape and had been recently installed. The Fuel gauge assembly was rebuilt with new seals/gaskets and a fuel proof float for a more accurate fuel level. (very important in a Model A) Two new locking door handles were also installed to secure your belongings. There was an off-frame restoration done in the recent past with all new frame wood and padding. There has been almost $3k in new parts installed to bring this little gem into a real nice driver.