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President's Message

"Nothing is Particularly hard if you divide it into small Jobs"

Henry Ford (1934). As we Fall into October with the cooling of weather, leaves start to change color and everything is starting to be flavored with pumpkin-spice which I never understood, I am happy and proud to see our members getting together to work through repairs, maintenance and updates to their Model A's. This communal support is what brought me to this club and while I have not personally done enough outreach or support as I would have liked this year, I am happy to see those of you who are working together and helping each other to keep the cars running and on the road. As I mentioned at the September monthly meeting, I will not be seeking a third term as your president. I have enjoyed supporting the monthly meetings and learning more about the club and all the members but feel two years is enough and I should share the gavel with others. The Office of the President / Vice President / Secretary & Treasurer is something everyone should experience at least once, while these are not complicated positions in our club, but they do allow insight and value to what the Palomar A's has to offer the community and its members. I encourage each of you to look within and see if you have a couple of hours each month to contribute to our club. I honestly can say that working with this group of car owners and enthusiasts at Palomar A's has been a great start as a new Model A owner. Is it your time to swing the Gavel?
Bill...

October Birthdays:

1. Bill Adams 10/14
2. Ray Bargas 10/17
3. Dave Belt 10/10
4. Linda Dixon 10/18
5. Charlie Doherty 10/25
6. Lisa Frazee 10/29
7. Barbara French 10/26
8. Bruce Howe 10/4
9. Jim King 10/27
10. Karla Maxwell 10/22
11. Rio Montijo 10/27
12. Joe Moraes 10/14
13. David Moyer 10/21
14. Barry Mylar 10/19
15. Jim Quinlan 10/4
16. Wes Wright 10/7

October Anniversaries:

1. Steve & JoAnn Cordtz 10/23
2. Jim & Sue King 10/1
3. Joe & Marsha Moraes 10/1

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from September 2, 2026 - Meeting of the Palomar A's was called to order by President Bill Adams at 7:05 PM with 21 in attendance. Guests were James Veltri's family members, Carmine, Levi and Eliza. Not quite a guest but LeAnne Pohrman introduced herself as the new Palomar Estates sponsor for our Club The group stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - A motion was made by Mark Greenlee to approve the minutes of the August meeting as published in the Reflector, and seconded by Chuck Grabowsky. Motion passed by those in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bruce Furbush reported the balance of the Club accounts with no outstanding bills.

SUNSHINE & SORROW – Greg Wilson was back from a week with family in Hawaii. He said they mostly B & B'd - Beach and Bar. Joe & Peggy Williams are vacationing in Tahiti. Karla Maxwell's emblem restorations were included
in a newly published, and very extensive book covering automobile emblem history, design, manufacturing, repairs and even patents. Unfortunately, Sandy Wagner, the Club's long time Palomar Estates sponsor passed away unexpectedly.
There will be an upcoming memorial gathering for her. Diane Frazee is having heart issues. Clyde Marion is currently
in the hospital. Roseanne Meyerhoff got good news regarding a recent heart monitor test.

BREAKFAST GET TOGETHER – Greg Wilson reviewed details for the September 16 breakfast at J&M Restaurant, 1215 E. Valley Parkway, Escondido. 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 – Not a tour but Anthony Lugo reminded everyone about Vista's 36th Annual Rod Run on September 6. Downtown Vista streets will be closed to accommodate hundreds of classic cars and vintage trucks along with food and commercial booths. There was general discussion regarding the September 19th, International Model A Day in Julian, CA 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Multiple clubs will be involved with different meet up locations. There will be downtown parking for the "A's". It should be quite an enjoyable event for all.

MISCELLANEOUS – New member James Veltri has been enjoying his daily Model A commute to the school where he teaches. Unfortunately, he had a recent mishap when someone cut him off and the A's brakes didn't allow him to stop quickly. There was damage to his vehicle but less than one might expect. A multi volunteer work party was organized to get the vehicle back into shape. Mark Greenlee's TECH REPORT this month included some of "precision" tools that were used with success, like jacks and different weight
sledge hammers.

On a different note, Jerry Harder and Charlie Doherty traveled up to the Auburn Airport to compete in time trials with a 1928 Model A Speedster. This vehicle was described as basically a frame and engine along with a seat and windshield. They intend to return after learning vehicle requirements for the events.

MEMBERSHIP – There has been a request to provide name tags to new members. Karen Beel will be donating a laminator. David Frazee will provide an updated member list along with the logo artwork. Karla Maxwell will be fabricating the tags after supplies are purchased.

NEW BUSINESS – President Bill Adams will not be attending the October meeting so Bruce Furbush will be stepping in. Volunteers for the 2026 Board Members will be discussed.

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 James Veltri and the 50/50 to Andy Yancey

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Submitted by Karla Maxwell, Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS - **Save these dates!**

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.

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 DAY:

We did not receive a report or any pictures from this event so we could not recap any of the activities on September 19th. We can add any information and photos in our November Reflector if sent to us.

TECH REPORT

Hi Folks. Would you believe it, the year is ¾ gone which leads me to the conclusion that as I get older, I'm becoming more proficient in a new talent, which is called "procrastination". In a few years I'll have it down to a fine art. It's not a good idea to wait until we're ready to start touring to fine tune the A, which unfortunately has been my experience.

I wanted to pass on a few observations about installing hydraulic brakes on Model A's and the reasoning behind doing so. A top-notch set of original brakes with original tires will stop as good as it with hydraulic brakes. However, how many tour cars have perfect mechanical brakes for very long? They need a lot of TLC to work as Henry intended (that's where that procrastination thing pops up again). Speaking of Henry, did you know he said cars didn't need brakes on the front wheels, too dangerous! He only put them on after several states required them, and if he wanted to sell Model A's there, he had to comply. If you put Palomar wheels (16 inch) on your car, the larger the patch on the road can use a better brake system for a quicker stop. Some of us have installed our hydraulic brakes using many different types of master cylinder mounting methods. One of the most popular seems to be using the original cross-shaft and mounting the cylinder on the passenger side (me included). I have seen a great number of different scenarios, and they all work to some degree or another. I just removed the complete master cylinder system out of my sedan and since no one commercially makes a bracket to mount a cylinder on a t-5 transmission, I designed and built one to hold a Wilwood 1" master cylinder on the drivers side. I used a bell crank to achieve a total of 61/2 to 1 pedal ratio. What a difference! No more down shifting to come to a stop. If you can find a Dennis Cling complete unit for a stock Model A transmission and the V/8 Ford type, investigate buying it as it is undoubtably the best engineered unit out there. It is a bit pricey, but what would it cost to replace a well-bent front end. Also, I recommend putting in a 10 lb. residual valve behind the master cylinder. With the cylinder setting so ow it keeps the fluid from draining back into the cylinder. If you cock the rear backing plates forward so the wheel cylinder clears the shock bracket, you will have a problem bleeding the air from rear cylinders unless you raise the front of the car about 3 feet in the air until the cylinder is level. I have the 46-48 Ford backing plates with the fixed bottom anchor. It is much harder to get a hard pedal due to the lack of bottom adjustment to make up for wear etc.

A sign seen in a radiator shop "best place in town to take a leak".

Happy stopping, Howard.

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