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President's Message

As we drive into November, I am reminded of the beginnings of the annual holiday season and how it affects each of us differently. The community of our club includes the opportunity to reach out and check on each other in the coming months and host a little Joy. With the time change on the 1st, we start getting dusk earlier and I am not a fan of more dark vs light. This also gives me less time to take The Model A out for a drive, but the colder air is nice for a change. Just a reminder about the December 12th annual Christmas party at the Hunter Steakhouse which I am looking forward to, however I still have never seen a ghost that they keep claiming is spooking there. I have my doubts....

I was planning on beginning my Banana bread baking bonanza next week to begin the season, but my oven went bonkers and beeps at me every time I try to bake... So... Bleep! Looks like I will be buying a new oven to begin in December.

Bill.

November Birthdays:
Chuck Fiebke 11/1
Martie Wiedle 11/4
Karen Beel 11/7
Russel Parks 11/8
Barbara Kruegel 11/10
Jim Ball 11/15
Danny Montijo 11/20
Doug Dixon 11/25

November Anniversaries:
Jim & Debra Kruegel 11/6
Wayne & Marte Wiedle 11/8
James & Betty Foster 11/21
Keith linda Thamer 11/26

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from October 7, 2026 - Meeting of the Palomar A's was called to order by acting President Bruce

Furbush at 7:07 PM with 23 in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Greg Wilson.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - A motion was made by Chuck Grabowsky to approve the minutes of the September meeting as published in the Reflector and seconded by Roseanne Meyerhoff. Motion passed by those in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bruce Furbush reported no outstanding bills. He also had contacted The Hunter Restaurant regarding the price of meals for the upcoming annual Christmas Party. He was told that there would be an increase this year. There was then discussion of the Club treasury being used to make up the difference. Bruce Parker made a motion for the difference to be covered by a treasury surplus, and seconded by Karla Maxwell. Motion passed by those in attendance.

SUNSHINE & SORROW – Clyde Marion was home from his hospital stay but sadly his youngest son passed away. Bruce Furbush reported successful cataract surgery on his second eye. Bruce Parker co-authored a book, "Tower 7" with Mike Yoshida that documents Oceanside, CA with wonderful photography. He included a photo of his '31 Coupe in the book. Bruce P. also reported having successful cataract surgery and was pleased that, for the first time, he was able to pass his driver's license eye test renewal without glasses.

Steve and Irene DeAmbrogio were quite happy to finally be able to own their "dream car". In 1993 they found a photo of a light-yellow Ford Coupe. For years the photo was on their refrigerator. It turns out recently Howard Kruegel had a light-yellow 1931 Coupe for sale and Steve and Irene jumped at the offer. Even better – all they had to do was turn the key and it runs! Johannah Leffingwell is distributing vehicles that she and West had owned. Four of the vehicles went to their children. Minor issue – one of the vehicles wouldn't start until they discovered the battery was put in backwards. Turned out to be an easy fix. Johannah has joined 2 other clubs and is happy to meet other woodie owners.

BREAKFAST GET TOGETHER – Greg Wilson gave details regarding the October 21 gathering at the Pit Stop, 3825 Mission Ave, Oceanside. - 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 – The International Model A Day in Julian was quite a success with attendance by Palomar, Temecula and San Diego Clubs. Bruce Furbush, Bruce Howe and James Veltri represented the Palomar Club. Everyone met at Dudley's Bakery in Santa Ysabel and took up half the parking lot. From there, the parade of cars included 36 Model A's that all made it up the hill to Julian where spaces had been reserved

in town so the cars could park as a group. Bruce Furbush indicated the 100 mile round trip from El Cajon was the first real test for "Jeff", their Model A. David Frazee reported applications filled up quite quickly for the June 13 -18, 2027 MAFCA National Tour, Durango CO. Additional openings had more applications than spaces. Currently there are 737 registrations. Trailer parking could be an issue with spots up to 27 miles away.

MEMBERSHIP - David Frazee will be compiling an updated Member Handbook so be sure to let him know of any changes or updates. Also, Karla Maxwell will be creating Member Nametags so let her know if you need one.

NEW BUSINESS – At the November meeting volunteers will be asked to fill upcoming Club positions.

REFLECTOR REPORT – We thanked Barbara Kruegel for her work. She asked that photos of events or gatherings be sent to her for inclusion in the Reflector.

TECH REPORT – Ed Simpson covered the somewhat confusing identification of block heads. The heads have ID letters cast into them. The issue is that there was a "B" type head that could be used on the A version engine. This "B" head allowed higher compression and was commonly referred to as a "Police Head". Not only did it allow higher speed but an owner actually had to be connected with a police department to purchase one. A vehicle fitted with the "B" head also had to be fitted with brakes that could handle the extra speed. Not quite as glamorous, the stock Model B engine had a block head with a "C" identifier.

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 Charlie Doherty and the 50/50 to Karla Maxwell.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Submitted by Karla Maxwell, Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS - **Save these dates!**

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.

Updates: The Christmas party event has been moved to the main floor dining room in a private room in the back instead of up those dangerous steps. The maximum capacity is 45 people so get your reservations soon. The cost is $30.00 per person.

TOY DRIVE DONATIONS

For a community project going on in the holidays, the club would like to start a toy drive Collection for a local organization to select at our November meeting. Please bring an unwrapped toy (or more) to the meeting and/or to the Christmas party. Tis the season to be charitable and share our blessings with happiness for some children.

2027 EVENTS

Sunday, May 13th – 16th – 2027 CCRG Jamboree Cambria, CA.
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.

TECH REPORT

A Little History Lesson.

Can any of you tell me the name of the company that started out in 1900 and is still in business today? They started out making agricultural equipment. Then when the auto industry was starting to take off, they switched to making brake drums and radiator fans. In 1915, to help put their name before the public with hopes of building more business the owners sons drove a Model T from Michigan to San Francisco putting up signs at dangerous turns, railway crossings, bridges, blind hills and other road hazards for people driving the Lincon Highway to the Panama Pacific Expo in San Francisco. I have one of these signs. These signs have quite a historical place in the history in their own right. In those days the Lincon Highway was not much more than a pair of wagon ruts in many places with unmarked roads leading off in all directions. These signs also served as the first road signs to let people know they were on the right set of “wagon ruts” to get to San Francisco. Talk about a tough car tour! It makes our tours a cake walk. Now skipping to after WWI the company had branched out after making many items for the war effort. However, the depression that followed the war was tough times. Then there was a light at the end of the tunnel, they got a contract from Packard and Hudson which sent them on

their way. In 1927 they sold Henry Ford a part for his new Model A. That really defined the Model A during its era and even to this day. What was that part? YES, the Sparton AF Horn! Other companies also made the Model A horns, but Sparton was the major supplier. How Henry Ford came to pick the Sparton Horn is a story in it's own right. A car was set up with a variety of horns which could be operated independently. Mr. Sparks and Henry Ford took a ride to upper Michigan to test these different horns in real world conditions. The rest is history as they say. Mr. Ford said it gave a more than adequate warning in a very pleasant manner. He was so pleased with the company way of doing business and their products that their relationship continued past the 1950's. Sparton was a combination of two names, Sparks and Withington. They sold horns to approximately 50 different auto manufactures in their day. They made hundreds of different products including refrigerators, TV's and radios.
Til next time, Howard

TRIVIA
Archeologists found a jar of a thousand-year-old jar of butter buried nine feet deep in Aktobe, Kazakhstan in March 1979. It still retained its color.

In railroad slang the caboose is called the crummy.





International Model A Days
Pictures courtesy of
James Veltri


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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!