THE RUMBLE SHEET

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Model A Ford Club of America

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From the Shade Tree Mechanic

Wade Ratzlaff | President

Well, friends, we're coming up on our last general meeting of the year, and we're bringing in pizza and drinks. That ought to get a few engines started. A Model A may require spark, fuel, and compression, but getting a club member out of the house sometimes takes nothing more than the promise of melted cheese.

It has been an eventful year, and I have really enjoyed helping the club along. I've learned quite a bit, too. Keeping a club moving has something in common with keeping an old Ford on the road: you listen carefully, make adjustments, and appreciate the people who show up when there's work to do. Occasionally, you also wonder who tightened that last bolt.

At nomination time, we had just enough people stand up to replace the board members leaving at the end of 2026. I'm grateful to those who volunteered, and to the outgoing board members for the time and effort they have given us. Those jobs come with responsibilities that don't always show from a seat in the meeting room. But that close count ought to give the rest of us something to think about. As we head into 2027, we need more members involved. You don't have to take a board position to make a difference. Suggest a destination, help put a tour together, lend a hand at an event, or call a board member and ask where you can help. If you've been waiting for an engraved invitation, consider this one. I would have engraved it on a spare cylinder head, but the postage was unreasonable.

Our website, sfvmodela.com, is moving along. Take a look, especially in the Members Only section. Vote on a tour, contact the board, and help us figure out where you'd like the club to go. We can spend a whole morning discussing the proper adjustment of a carburetor; surely we can spare a few minutes to share an idea for a club outing.

Speaking of outings, we're planning a December "Let's Help Three People" tour. If you live in the San Fernando Valley and need your Model A timed, or could use help with a minor fix, let me know. The idea is to visit three members, lend a hand, and enjoy some time together around the cars. We'll work out the stops as we hear from people who need help.

I'll see you at the meeting. Come for the pizza, stay for the company, and bring an idea or two. If your A needs a little attention before December, let me know. We might just have a tour stop with your name on it.

Mark your calendar for January 10, 2027. Our banquet will be at the Smoke House, and the flyer will be in the newsletter. Please look for it and get your RSVP in. Reservations are a must. A restaurant needs a head count, and "I figured you knew I was coming" works about as well as "I figured there was still gas in it."

It will be a good chance to sit down together, enjoy a meal, and trade stories about the year. By January, any roadside repair story should have had enough time to improve considerably. The wrench gets smaller, the hill gets steeper, and somehow the entire repair was performed with a pocketknife.

Thank you to everyone who has helped this year, whether you served on the board, helped with an activity, offered advice, or simply showed up and made another member feel welcome. I have really enjoyed being part of the effort. There's a lot of satisfaction in seeing these old cars bring people together, and I'd like to see even more of us take part in 2027.



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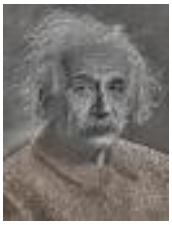
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WEB GEEK

Joint venture
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Thursday, November 12 **Board meeting**
6:30 PM Mimi's Restaurant, 19710 Nordhoff Place, Chatsworth All are invited, however comments and remarks are permitted only if on the agenda.

Saturday November 14 **Breakfast and Scuttlebutt**
8 AM **Mama's Table**
23340 Cinema Drive
Santa Clarita

Saturday November 14 **Eagle Rock Trompers Hot Rod swap meet**
7AM set up **Don Bosco Technical Institute**
For further information contact: Manuel @ (323) 833-8869

Thursday, August 19 **General Membership Meeting**
7:00 PM Galpin Motors 15505 Roscoe Bl. North Hills
Special start time - **7 PM**. Pizza night and election of board members. No dinner at the Horseless Carriage tonight.

Most Every Wednesday —Lunch with the fellas at Millie's. Feel free to join us any Wednesday at Millie's Restaurant, 16840 Vanowen St, Van Nuys, CA 91406 at 11AM for master classes in Model A maintenance, marital functioning, world problems (state and local) solving and other general yucks. Our venue has changed but not the conversations!



LOOK AHEAD…

Sunday December 6 **Granada Hills Holiday Parade**

Saturday December 19 **Christmas Light Tour and Dinner** at Carrera's in Moorpark

SUNSHINE

Be sure to join us for our annual pizza night. The meeting will start a half hour earlier at **7PM** and after the scrumptious pizza, we'll settle on next year's board!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11/ 5 Sharon Kreis
11/15 Virginia Keene
11/17 Janet Waters

12/ 8 Denny Sharp
12/ 9 Mike Petrella
12/ 9 Renee Petrella
12/13 Gerri Radman
12/13 Jeff Jennings
12/14 Larry Margules
12/15 Jim Lank
12/20 Lidia Jung
12/23 Kathy Monheit

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

11/11 Mike & Renee Petrella
11/15 Carroll & Valerie Vaughan
12/10 Hunter & Diane Bloch
12/24 Mark & Jo Lichtman

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Words of wisdom for your pondering

"A good marriage is the union of two good forgivers."

Mark Twain

From where I sit…

Let me first give a shout out to ALL the veterans who have proudly served our country. Thank you for your service!

This month's meeting will feature the selection of a new board. A big thank you to Roger Sanford and to Howard Levine for stepping up to assume roles on the board and thanks to all the existing board members who could have retired but elected to stay on. your service is very much appreciated.

And since we are in the spirit of gratitude (we celebrate Thanksgiving this month, after all), thank you again to everyone who pitched in to make our Car Show / Swap Meet a smashing success with special thanks to Hunter Bloch!

There's a Ford in your past!

Jim

ERA FASHIONS

Edith Head



How she might dress for Thanksgiving dinner in 1930

The 1930s marked a unique time in women's fashion. With the stock market crash of late 1929, the Great Depression began in the United States and was seen as the worst economic recession the country had seen in its history. Many Americans escaped to the movie theaters to see the glitz and glamour of Hollywood films. 1930s clothing took on a life of its own.

The House Dress The 1930s house dress was a staple that embodied the practicality and comfort of everyday life. Designed for women who spent much time at home, it was made from simple, easy-to-wash fabrics like cotton or rayon and was typically loose-fitting and unstructured.

Despite their practical design, house dresses of the 1930s were marked by a sense of femininity and elegance. They were often embellished with bold prints, delicate details, and intricate embroidery, creating a functional and beautiful look. House dresses were also designed with comfort in mind, often featuring wide collars, puff sleeves, and loose skirts that allowed for ease of movement.

Henry Ford

A version of this famous story

When a massive generator at Henry Ford's plant broke down, none of his in-house engineers could fix it. So he called in Charles Proteus Steinmetz — a 4-foot-tall genius who revolutionized electrical engineering. Steinmetz arrived with nothing but a pencil, a notebook, and a cot. He spent two days observing the machine, calculating in silence. Then, he asked for a ladder and a piece of chalk. z

He climbed up the generator, marked a small X, and said, "Remove this panel and take out 16 turns of wire." The engineers followed his instructions — and the generator roared back to life.A few days later, Steinmetz sent Ford a bill: $10,000.



Surprised, Ford asked for an itemized invoice. Steinmetz replied: Marking the spot with chalk: $1 Knowing where to mark: $9,999

The takeaway being that, expertise is something you pay for, as in hindsight everything looks easy.

Make sure you say howdy to our newest members

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Marilyn Nebe & Richard Osmund
1928 A/R Roadster 11/25



Vuvic Marijan 1931
Sport Coupe 11/25



Howard Levine



Boe Yeager

Hey, if you are a newish member and don't have your picture here, seek me out (Jim Lank) at the next meeting and we'll get that corrected pronto!

Model A Ford Club of America
Membership Application

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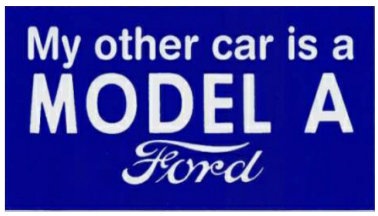
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https://www.maffi.org/WSContent/Items.html

Know a young person interested in Model As? Have them check out
https://www.modelayouthrestorationaward.org/

The Model A Youth Restoration Awards helps young restorers restore his or her Model A by funding them with gift certificates from our major Model A parts suppliers. Fifteen applicants were awarded $2,500 and another 3, $1,250 each in 2025. MAYRA is funded by clubs like ours and by generous donations from the participating vendors.



Signs of the Times



DOES ANYONE KNOW HOW LONG TO COOK THOSE *BOIL IN THE BAG* FISH THAT YOU WIN AT THE FAIR?

Tiny Tips

MODEL "A" SPECIFICATIONS

Point Gap..... .018"- 0.22"	Fuel Capacity....11 Gallons
Plug Gap ..... .035"	Water Capacity...3 Gallons
Tire Pressure.....35 lbs.	Battery Ground.....(+)
Oil Capacity..... 5 qts.	Firing Order.....1,2,4,3
Transmission..... 1 pint	Tappet - Clearance... .012'
Rear Axle ..... $1^{1/2}$ pints	Fan Belt.(Gates)....No. 700
Steering Gear..... $7^{1/4}$ oz.	Head Bolts (Torque).55 lbs.

Cut and save

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 15

President Wade kicked the meeting off with a Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon completion of the Pledge of Allegiance, President Wade called upon Treasurer and car show guru, Hunter, to report on the success or failure of the Inaugural Car Show / Swap meet to be held at the Nethercutt Museum. Hunter reported that the event was quite successful, in spite of the heat and that the feedback from the participants was, for the most part, positive*.



Membership chair, Clark, took the stage and drew Carroll Vaughan's ticket for the member's only prize and shortly thereafter, drew Lynley Margules's ticket for the Ladies only prize bouquet. Clark then made an appeal to the membership to show that we are indeed a club, we should be wearing club attire at meetings and tours.



President Wade stepped up to explain the newly revised website wherein club apparel can be purchased. Simply go to the club website www.sfvmodela.com, click on menu and click on club merchandise. You'll find a full array of shirts, jackets and hats, all reasonably priced. Thanks, Wade for resurrecting the website. (Make a note the website address is www.sfvmodela.com)





Our guest speaker this evening is Ed Tolman. Ed has served on the board of MAFCA and last year as president of MAFCA national. Ed and his wife Monika are members of the Pomona Valley Model A club, but he spoke tonight about an adventure that he and his grandson took, driving a Model A to Alaska and back< The talk, enhanced with wonderful slides captured his and his grandson, Biff's enthusiasm.

Ed's fascinating talk had an intermission where we partook of root beer floats and other goodies.

The meeting ended with our 50/50 drawing - and the winner is Whitney Lank!



Meet the fellows seeking membership on the board

Howard Levine



Howard's fairly new to our club. He met several members in 2025 at the Galpin car show, and they told him about us and suggested that, if he were to join, we may be able to dispatch a member or two to help him get his Model A running. Howard attended his first SFV chapter MAFCA meeting in November 2025, but was late and didn't get any pizza (keep an eye on him next meeting!)

When asked what could be done to grow the club, his answer was a quick - get more young folks involved. His involvement on the board might flush an activity or two in that direction.

When asked if ours was a car club or a social club, his answer was basically YES. We are a car club at heart, but with a strong social aspect, which is good. The club brings people together and good times plus a knowledge of cars is shared.

When asked what skills he might bring to the board, he stats that he is a good organizer and is willing to learn, plus he's not one to sit on the sidelines - he needs to be involved not to mention, he likes having fun!

Roger Sanford



Roger is a familiar face at meetings and at Wednesday lunch. He's been in the club since 2016 (10 years) and is best known as compatriot to Skip Watson.

Perched on top of rooftops for many years, but not as a fiddler., Roger made a good living as a roofer, a trade he retired from in 2012, but remained in service to his company until last year. He didn't say whether he employed his AA truck into service carrying shingles.

When asked about growth of the club, his suggestion was simple - get the cars out on the road more often - tours, parades, car shows. To him getting kids involved is a bigger task since they are into 'zoom - zoom'.

Asked if the club was more a car club or social club, he said both, with the Wednesday lunches actually more car oriented.

What gifts / talents does Roger bring to the board - easy, his personality.

You are invited to the San Fernando Valley Model A Club's Holiday Installation Banquet



When: Sunday January 10, 2027

Where: The Smokehouse Restaurant located at 4420 W. Lakeside Drive in Burbank

Time: 11am

Cost: $52 per person but the Club has generously offered to pay half of your ticket and your significant others ticket making the price $26 per person.

RSVP By: December 4,2026. Please RSVP to shannawarren@bgcburbank.org

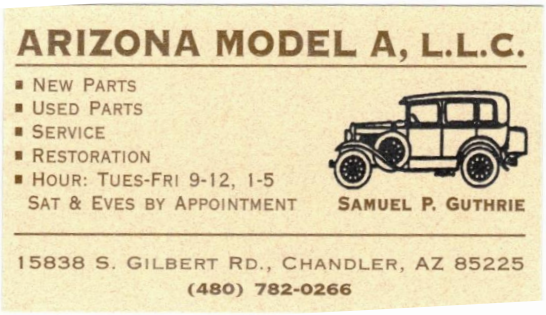
Valet Parking: Is offered and will be covered by the Club if you bring your Model A

Event: Will include the installation and we will have opportunity baskets, door prizes and awards.

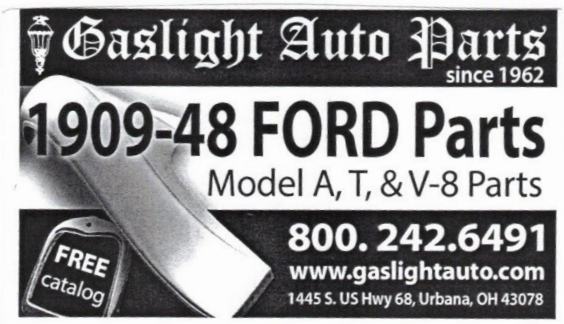
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November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight savings ends	2	3 Election day	4 Fellas' lunch at Millie's	5	6 Edsel Ford born, 1893	7
8	9	10	11 Fellas' lunch at Millie's Veterans' Day	12 Board meeting	13 100-millionth Ford built, 1977	14 Breakfast and Scuttlebutt
15	16	17	18 Fellas' lunch at Millie's	19 General Meeting 7PM Start Ford ceased Edsel production, 1959	20	21
22	23	24	25 Fellas' lunch at Millie's Ford Tri-motor airplane (Tin Goose) completed 1925	26 Thanksgiving 	27	28 First American auto race- Chicago 1895
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

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WHO WE ARE

The San Fernando Valley Model A Club (SFVMAC), a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA), is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for enthusiasts of the Model A Ford car, to aid members and other enthusiasts in their efforts to restore and preserve the car in its original likeness. The Rumble Sheet is the newsletter of the SFVMAC, published monthly, January through November. The organization disclaims any liability for the technical information provided herein. The material published are the opinions of the authors and not those of the organization. We invite all those interested in the Model A Ford to join us. Ownership of a Model A Ford is not required. All members must join MAFCA. Membership includes a subscription to the newsletter. Material in the Rumble Sheet may be used in other publications provided that credit is given for the source.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

General Meetings are held at Galpin Motors 15505 Roscoe Blvd., North Hills, CA (just east of the I-405) on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM except in December - No Meeting.