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SANTA MARIA A'S HEADLIGHT HERALD

The Santa Maria A's Chapter (Est. 2003), Model A Ford Club of America

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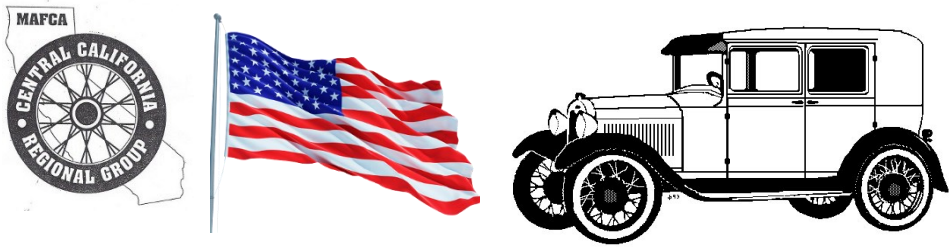

The Santa Maria A's P.O. Box 2983 Santa Maria, CA 93457

MAY CLUB ACTIVITIES

May 7 SMA's Board of Directors Meeting Oasis Senior Center
May 14 SMA's General Meeting Program Springtime Pot Luck
May 21 SMA's Breakfast Boy's Restaurant
May 22 23 Ridge Route Tour
May 24 NCRG
May 30-Elks Rodeo Parade Line up 8 am
May 31-June 7 MAFCA National Convention see Restorer or mafca.com

MAFCA LOOK AHEAD SEE PAGE 9

The Santa Maria A's General meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Elwin Mussell Senior Center, 510 E. Park Ave in Santa Maria, CA. Doors open at 6:00 and the meeting begins at 6:30 PM.

Our Board of Directors meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month beginning at 6:00 PM. Place TBA All members are welcome to attend.

Board of Directors

President : Bill Hansen

V President: Bill Kanne

Secretary: Jay McCord

Treasurer: Dave Richards

Activities : Brad Southwick

Editor: Kay McCord

Past President: Roberta Weber

Lavonne Martin Member @ Large

Robert Franzen Member @ Large

President's Corner

President
Bill Hansen

April 2026

Hello Santa Maria A's,

Our club President, Bill Hansen, is recovering well from his stroke that occurred on March 29,2026. I have talked to him recently, his speech is getting better, and I think we will be seeing him back in his role as President in the not too distant future.

The Central California Regional Group, (CCRG), Jamboree is coming up on April 30 through May 3 in Bakersfield. Several club members are planning to attend. After looking at their flyer listing the events, it looks like a fun time. If you are planning to attend, check with Curt Warner for the assembly place and time on April 30th so we can drive over as a group.

This month's driving event was a tour of the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum. I believe 11 cars showed up and it was a nice drive up on Thompson Road, through the Arroyo Grande Village and up Highway 227 to San Luis Obispo. Brad Southwick's car started to overheat just as he was arriving at the Museum and required a tow home. Brad: if you need some help diagnosing your problem and fixing your car, just let me know, and we will round up some club experts to help you get back on the road.

Reminder: The May meeting on May 14th is a Potluck, so bring your favorite dish for the Club to enjoy.

Here is an update on the process of the Club to register with the IRS and State of California as a Nonprofit Charity Organization: The IRS approved our application for exemption from paying income taxes on 4/17/2026! I filled out the next form in the process to register as a California Charity and Fundraising organization and submitted it on 4/22/20267. Only one more form to go!

Bill Kanne

Acting President

May Celebrations

2 Brad Southwick
4-Debra Koop

5 Anne Radford
9 Laura Hansen

3 Randy & Ruth Harper
25 John & Alissa Gibbs

Santa Maria A's

General Membership

Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2026

Vice President, Bill Kanne opened the meeting at 6:34 p.m. at the Elwin Mussel Senior Center, Santa Maria. Richard Alexander led the *Pledge of Allegiance.* The attendance sheet was circulated 24 members, 1 visitor. Liz Poncetta

A warm welcome was given to our new members after their introduction by Jay McCord: George Radford and Bryant Estep

Secretary's Report – April 9, 2026. **Jay McCord**

Minutes included in the April Newsletter.

Additions-Corrections None

Motion: **Kathy Pedrick** Seconded by **Curt Warner Unanimous Approval**

Treasurer's Report – **Dave Richards**. Submit bills/receipts/checks, discuss income and expense report and account balance. Motion for approval/discussion of the Treasurer's Report, **Richard Alexander**, seconded by **Kathy Pedrick Unanimous Approval** Dave requested members must fill out the "payment / reimbursement" form found on the "members only" Santa Maria Model A Club website.

Activities- Brad Southwick.

Monthly Tour Details. Brad Southwick. Going to the SLO RR Museum

April 9 SMA's General Meeting-What's the Topic Frank & Jack A Adventure
April 12 Orange County Model A Ford Club Pancake Breakfast.
April 18 Monthly Tour to the SLO Railroad Museum. Instructions Updated, Meet 9am IHOP
April 23 SMA's Breakfast Boy's Restaurant
April 30- May 3, 2026 – CCRG Jamboree in Bakersfield, CA
May TBD Ridge Route Tour
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Newsletter- Kay McCord
Riddle Prize Presentation-7 winners received a custom made 2 blade fan.

Old Business:

Non-Profit application status -Bill Kanne. In progress expected soon
Kelsey Tire Goodyear Diamond Tread Tires Status. Jay McCord. Robert Franzen
Wants to order 4 19' black walls w/tubes, liners.
Club liability insurance update- Trudy Stevens met with the board with details. We are now good to go with the car show permit.

New Business:

What can be done for the Hansen Family by the Club- Seek service opportunities, Errands, Transportation, Gift Card. Roberta and Mary Denny contacts with Sunshine taking the lead
Car Show Update. – Jay McCord Chamber grant in process, sponsors ongoing
Dave Richards- Update on New 2026 Roster to be distributed at the April meeting- good work Dave.

Club Historian – **Bill Kanne**
Gathering as many Monthly Newsletters as possible and putting on hard drive.

Program- Bill Kanne. "The Adventures of Frank and Jack at the Windfarm

CCRG Representatives: Curt Warner/ Ron Stevens 2026 CCRG Jamboree (Bakersfield Model A Club is hosting)
50/50 and dessert. Kay McCord

Member at Large: Lavonne Martin.
Members' well-being report. April 3, Jeff McCoy Retina Surgery, April 24 Ed Pedrick Surgery

Sunshine Report: Linda Phelps.
Refreshments: Kathy Pedrick

One more thing Bill Kanne

Meeting Adjourned 7:40

Sent to Bill Kanne for review 4-10

SMA'S April Tour to the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum

Santa Maria A's monthly tour coordinated by Brad Southwick visited the San Luis Obispo railroad museum. A perfect little drive on some of our local back roads through picturesque scenery.in Nipomo, Arroyo Grande, Edna Valley and San Luis Obispo, CA. If you're ever in SLO you need to visit the railroad museum. Very educational and well presented. Go upstairs and you will be amazed at the HO scaled diorama's depicting all the rails in our local communities. Of course we meandered back to Arroyo Grande for lunch. And a nice drive home on Highway 1 through Guadalupe.to Santa Maria and into Orcutt. It Was great to see Ken Partch in his 29 Roadster and Peter Nott in his 29 Station Wagon on their first tour. .

Thank you Brad for a well planned tour. We hope to see more of you next time.

John's Fireball Enchiladas

Essential Ingredients
- 4 cups of roasted chicken -shredded
- 2-3 cups Colby Jack cheese
- 1/4 fresh Mexican cheese - El Mexicano crumbled
- 1 cup sour cream
- 4 green onions - finely chopped
- Serrano peppers - finely chopped
  - 1 for medium spicy
  -2 for nice spicy
- 1 can of red or green enchilada sauce
- salt to taste 1 tsp to start
- garlic salt - a few shakes
- corn tortillas 1 pkg

Optional ingredients
- 1/2 lime juice
- small bunch of cilantro
- cut sweet corn
- 1 diced avocado
- chopped bacon
- 1/2 lb browned chorizo

Directions
Combine chicken, 1 cup Colby Jack, fresh cheeses, sour cream, Serrano peppers, salt, green onions and optional ingredients as desired into a large mixing bowel (basically everything except tortillas and enchilada sauce). Mix together and season to taste.

In a 9 x13 backing pan ladle in a layer of enchilada sauce. Next roll your enchiladas using approximately 2 TBSP of enchilada mix per tortilla. Place in pan until full of rolled enchiladas. Ladle an another layer of enchilada sauce on top. Spread sauce to ensure tops are all covered. Cover rolled enchiladas and sauce with a layer of approximately 1 - 2 cups Colby Jack cheese.
Bake in oven at 375 degrees for 30 minutes.

MAFCA CALENDAR-2026

MAY22-24 NCRG ROUNDUP Details: Contact Mike DeCesare mjdecesare@sbcgloba.net

MAY 31-June 7, Pendleto n, Orego n MAFCA NATIONAL CONVENTION Hosted by the Blue Mountain A's. Watch for details. See the video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oXsLB9-klUA Website: https://www.2026mafcanationalconvention.com/ Check your Restorer Magazine for more information.

SEPTEMBER 12h 24th Annual All Ford Car Show. Santa Maria A's

SEPTEMBER 18-19 Hickory Corners Michigan. Model A Ford Foundation hosts the 15th Annual Model A Days at the MAFFI Museum. Swap Meet, MAFFI membership meeting, Model A Hall of Fame induction, & seminars. Visit www.maffi.org or see the November December issue of the Restorer

-YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE MAFCA FACEBOOK PAGE.

-TECHNICAL QUESTIONS modelatechquestions@gmail.com

Congratulations for Three Generations of Mueller Men! Welcome to earth baby Ezekiel.

Born April 16th at 4:13 pm. 7 lbs. 14 oz of joy. FIRST GRANDCHILD FOR MARK AND MARIA!

KAY'S Riddle of the Month

In a marble hall white as milk, lined with skin as soft as silk, Within a fountain crystal –clear, a golden apple doth appear, No doors there are to this stronghold, yet thieves break in to steal its gold.

What is it?

Email your answer to Miss Kay for a prize at the meeting. applemomkay@aol.com

How I found my 1931 Model A Coupe.

I was looking for a 1934 Ford but the lowest price I could find was 15,000 and up and my budget would only allow $5,000. I was looking everywhere for a car that would fit my budget when I found a fellow selling his 1931 Model A Deluxe Coupe. He had a business restoring cars. He had purchased it 2 years prior. During this time, he had done a lot of work including repainting, upholstery, repaired the engine and rebuilding the front suspension. It was a pretty little coupe, So I made him an offer. After a while, we settled on a price of $5,500 and the car was mine.

After driving it for two weeks, I found there were many things that needed attention. I began by pulling the engine, transmission, and rear end. The stock 19-inch wheels looked pretty good but 3 of the 4 were cracked so I replaced them with 1935 Ford 16-inch wheels that I had sandblasted and powder coated. Then I installed brand new 600 x 16 tires and tubes.

Then the mechanical rebuilds began. The transmission was rebuilt, 1932 Ford Clutch installed with a new pressure plate and balanced flywheel. The differential had new bearings and a new set of 3:54 gears installed. The electrical system was upgraded to 12 volt including alternator, battery, all new light bulbs, and turn signals installed. Even a voltage drop for the horn. New brakes with cast iron drums made it stop as well as it runs. A new radiator with new hoses were installed along with safety glass all around.

In spite of a few minor issues My 1931 Coupe has been a Reliable Model A for 40 Plus years

As told to Kay McCord by Frank Palmer-Charter Member of the Santa Maria A's.