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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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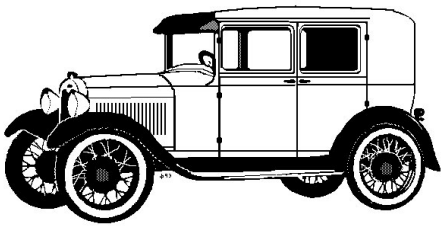

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SEPTEMBER CLUB ACTIVITIES

September 3rd Santa Maria A's Board Meeting

September 10th General Membership Meeting

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September 12 24th Annual Santa Maria All Ford Car Show

September 21-25 CCRG Grand Tour

September 24th Monthly Breakfast at the Boy's Restaurant 8:30am

October Monthly Tour Date BBQ to be held At The Allen Family Barn

November Tour See Canyon

December 10 Christmas Party

THE CAR SHOW IS ALMOST HERE!

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 Oasis Senior Center 420 Soares Ave Orcutt. 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

September 2026

We received approval from the State of California as a 501(c)(3) charity organization on July 15, 2026.

As part of the approval, they did require us to fill out the two required annual tax returns back to 2020. Dave Richards, (our Treasurer), and I completed the required forms and submitted them to the California Attorney General's Office on August 9, 2026. This should complete all requirements for our 501(c)(3) registration!

On July 16, 2026, one day after the above approval, I submitted the final form to the California Franchise Tax Board. This form requests that the Franchise Tax Board recognize us as an organization that is exempt from income taxes on the donations we receive as part of the All-Ford Car Show. We are still waiting for a response about 6 weeks later……

Out September club meeting will be on September 10th at the Senior Center on Park Ave. in Santa Maria. The Program for the meeting will be a presentation my myself on the history of my 1930 Sport Coupe that I know from the day it was built at the Long Beach assembly plant.

The refreshments will be an Ice Cream Social.

Happy Motoring

Bill Kanne-Acting President

September Celebrations

3 Hank Haugse
5-Jon Blickenstaff
11 Richard Gomez
13 Richard Canada
13 Lerri Deedon
18 Trudy Stevens

20 Lois Canada
21 Ken Parch
29 Ron Stevens

4 Ken & Debra Koop
8 Gary & Gerrie Lees
26 Richard & Lois Canada

Santa Maria A's

General Membership

Meeting Minutes

August 13th, 2026

Vice President, Bill Kanne opened the meeting at 6:45 p.m. at the Elwin Mussel Senior Center, Santa Maria. Richard Alexander led the *Pledge of Allegiance.* The attendance was taken with 30 members, and many of our scholarship recipients & family's.
Because of the Scholarship BBQ today, our club business meeting will be shortened to about 10-15 minutes.

A warm welcome was given to our new member, Gerrit Hull and all of our scholarship attendees after their introduction by Jay McCord:

Secretary's Report – July 9, 2026. Jay McCord

Minutes included in the July Newsletter.

Additions-Corrections Zero

Motion: Trudy Stevens, Seconded by Roberta Weber. Unanimous Approval.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Richards is out of town today; a quick financial summary will be provided by Bill Kanne. Submit bills/receipts/checks, discuss income and expense report and account balance. Motion for approval/discussion of the Treasurer's Report, Jay McCord. Seconded by Richard Alexander. Unanimous Approval Dave requested members must fill out the "payment / reimbursement" form found on the "members only" Santa Maria Model A Club website.

AUGUST CLUB ACTIVITIES

August 13th Scholarship BBQ at General Membership Meeting

August 14 & 15 F100 Truck Show- Looking for Judges-Randy Ledbetter

August 15th Monthly Tour Mendenhall Museum Meet 9 am Golden Donut, Meet at Mendenhall 10:30

August 27th Monthly Breakfast at the Boy's Restaurant 8:30am

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Newsletter- Kay McCord
Riddle Prize Presentation

Old Business:

Non-Profit application status -Bill Kanne.
Non-Profit application status – 501C3 Non-Profit Status Approved and officially registered with RCT Reg# CT0304242.

New Business:

Car Show Update. – Jay McCord Everything on schedule. New Sponsors. Show final Poster. New major sponsors: AAA Kindness Care Home & Hagerty Insurance. Potential Final Leads meeting Tuesday August 18 at Giavannis Pizza.

Bill Kanne will be conducting General meeting and responsibilities for Bill Hansen until further notice

At the August Regular Meeting the President shall Appoint a Chairperson for the Nominating Committee. Article V Section 2. An email has been sent to the membership seeking volunteers to serve on the nominating committee.

Club Historian – **Bill Kanne**
-Historian Status Rosters found back to 2004. Seeking pictures of historical tours etc. It was suggested to show one or two pictures at each meeting to illustrate our clubs progression.

CCRG Representatives: Curt Warner/ Ron Stevens September 21-25 Grand Tour. Santa Maria A's will host the 2029 CCRG Jamboree.

Member at Large: Lavonne Martin.
Members' well-being report.

Sunshine Report: Linda Phelps.

Refreshments: Gerrie Lees

One more thing Bill Kanne
-Enjoy your meal
-Introduction of Scholarship Recipients

Minutes sent to Bk for approval, OK 8/24

SMA'S August Tour to the Mendenhall Museum in Buellton.

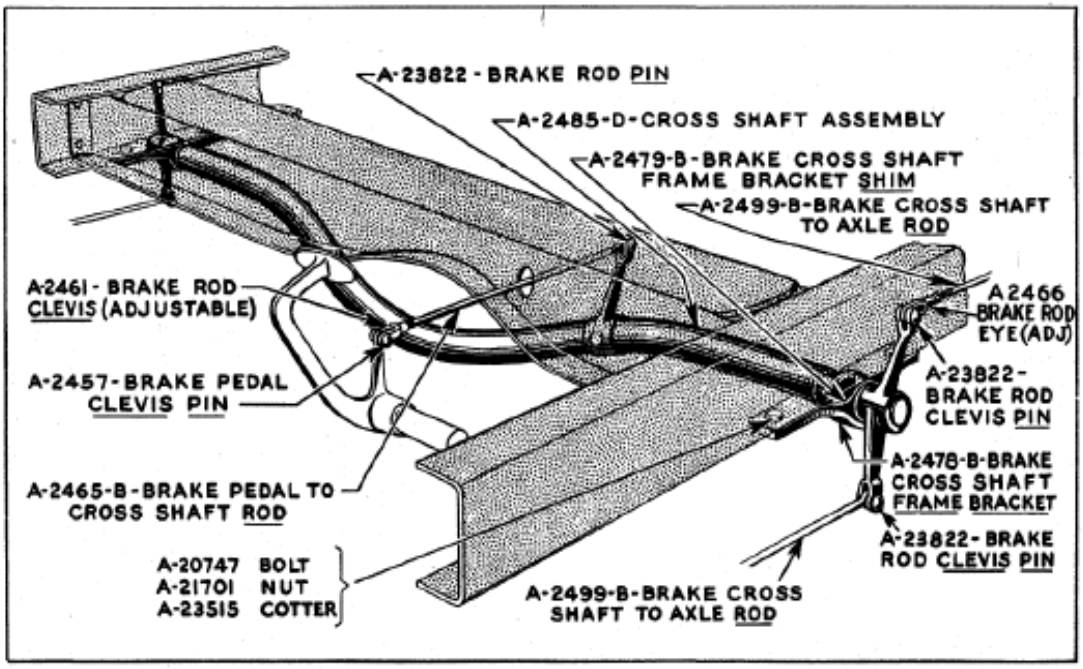
We had such an awesome time on our August tour! Twelve of us piled into seven Model A's and one modern car to head over to Buellton for a guided tour of the Mendenhall Museum. It's packed with tons of cool automobilia dating back to the super early days of cars, built up over more than 50 years. Pretty much everything came from local spots, tracing the Mendenhall family's history with racing and collecting over the years. Like always, we kicked things off on a sweet note with some delicious pastries at the Golden Donut in Orcutt. From there we cruised through Highways 135 and 1 down to Lompoc, where we caught up with Richard and Lavonne. We finished off the drive into Buellton via Santa Rosa Road. It was a totally gorgeous drive on a beautiful day with a GREAT CREW! B Southwick Reporting.

August Tour to the Mendenhall Museum Page 2

Jim's Tech Tips

"Installing Brake Cross Shaft"

Cars and trucks assembled after November, 1928, have a solid brake cross shaft, as shown in the drawing below.



The cross shaft mounts to the frame on each side by securing the oilless type bearings with woven insert at each end of the shaft (below, left) between a stamped metal "shim" and "bracket" (shown below, right), which are bolted to the frame. Before bolting them in, put a light coating of grease on the OUTSIDE of the spherical

bearings. This will allow the bearings to move around a bit inside the bracket, as needed, when the frame flexes, so that the brake shaft does not bind.

Until next time... *Have a Model A Day!*

Jim Cannon

RECIPE FOR September: BROOKIE BITES SWEET & GOOD

INGREDIENTS: 1 18 OZ Box of brownie mix, 1 Large egg, 1/3 cup oil, 1/3 cup water, 8 ounces refrigerated chocolate chip cookie dough

DIRECTIONS:

STEP 1 Preheat oven to 350 degrees, grease a 24 cup mini muffin pan or line pan with mini cupcake liners

STEP 2 Prepare the brownie mix per box directions with eggs, oil, and water. Divide brownie mix evenly among the muffin tins

STEP 3 Place about 1 heaping teaspoon of cookie dough in the center of each brownie filled cup and press it lightly down in the center

STEP 4 Bake in the preheated oven until just set, about 12 minutes. Let cool to room temperature, or at least 15 minutes before removing from pan and serving.

MAFCA CALENDAR-2026

SEPTEMBER 12th 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

September 21-25 CCRG Grand Tour Check your email for the detailed information.

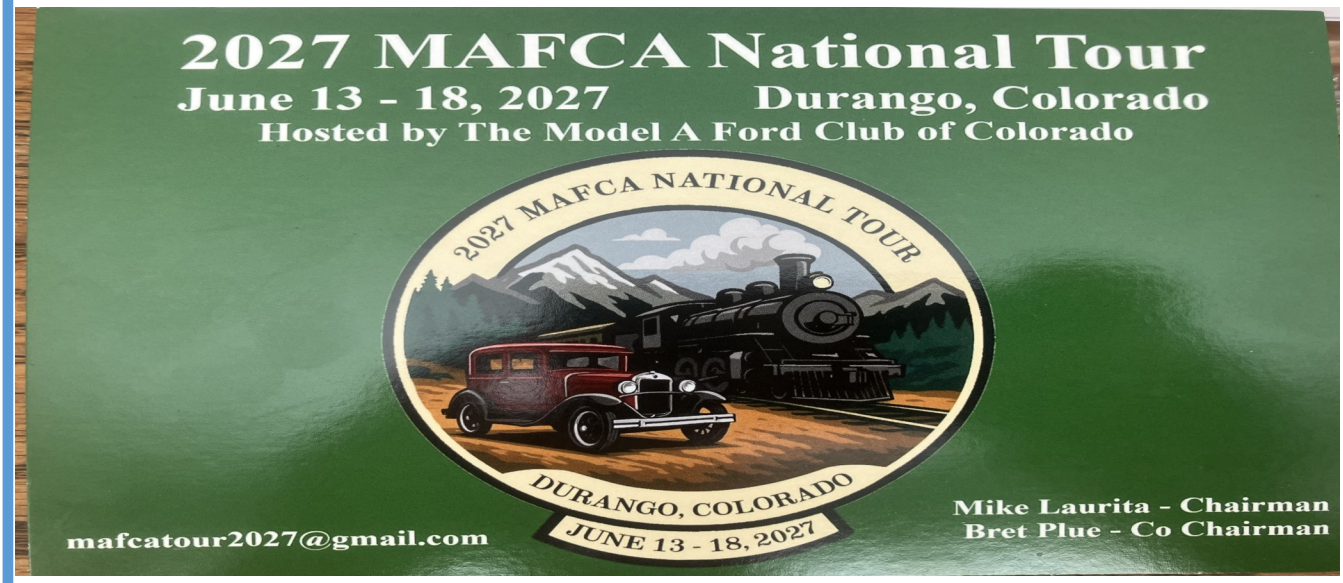
DECEMBER 10-12 CINCINNATI, OHIO MAFCA NATIONAL AWARDS BANQUET

-YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE MAFCA FACEBOOK PAGE.

-TECHNICAL QUESTIONS modelatechquestions@gmail.com

VOTE IN THE MAFCA ELECTION! MARK IT AND MAIL IT IN.

Attention: 200 additional spots are available. Your application MUST be postmarked on September 1st.



KAY'S Riddles for September

1. What askes no questions but must be answered?
2. What can fill a room but takes up no space?
3. What has a bottom at the top?

Classified Section– Just what you are looking for!

Wanted: headlight bar for a 1929 A– contact:
Bill Hansen 805-757-1815

Its time to make another group purchase of Aries Mufflers!

So Far, Jack Sumrall and Gerrit Hull have ordered. If you would like to be Included, Call Jay 805-598-8133. Price will be the same as last time.

Please submit your favorite recipe to the editor for next months NL

For Sale: 1928 Ford Open Cab Truck. Older restoration runs well. Pretty New radiator, tires, Newer Top and Side Curtains. Needs some TLC. recently featured in the 100th anniversary commercial for Purina Dog Chow. Kay says, Its time for a new owner. Contact Jay McCord 805-598-8133