

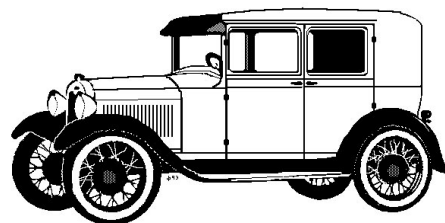


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May Club Activities

May 4th Swap Meet Famoso Raceway

9th- General Club Meeting

16th -Board Meeting at Giovanni's Pizza, 5:30 Meal, 6:00 Meeting

18th Richard Alexander's Annual BBQ Arrive at 10am Lunch at Noon. Bring a Chair & Jacket RSVP by 5-13

22nd Newsletter deadline for June Articles, Pictures, Classified

23th Club Breakfast, 8:30 AM Location to be announced

June Look ahead. June 1st is the Elks Rodeo Parade, June 8th Old Geezers Tour, Call Roberta for info

June 23-29th MAFCA National Convention Ruidoso New Mexico. REGISTER NOW

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.

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President's Corner

MAY 2024



President

Hello Santa Maria A's

I hope all is well and good with you and yours. May is upon us. It will certainly be a busy month. May is Model A Youth Month. Please remember this and try to cultivate an interest in our young grandkids, neighbors, and acquaintances to love and enjoy the Model A's.

Our tour this month is the Richard Alexander BBQ at his home in Lompoc on Saturday, May 18th. Those of us in Santa Maria and north can gather at Golden Donut in Orcutt and head to Richards together if you would like. The BBQ starts at 10:00. Lunch is served at 12. Please bring a dessert to share and your chairs. Bring your kids and grandkids. Yes, the 30- to 60-year-old kids are welcome too. Please RSVP Richard or Roberta Weber with the number of guests by "May 10;"

Our monthly Club Breakfast will be on Thursday, May 23; at 8:30. Location TBA

Are you interested in the NCRG Sagebrush Tour to Carson City Nv, May 24-26? Contact Roberta Weber for more information.

Those going to the MAFCA National Convention in Ruidoso NM in June are making plans and getting the cars ready. Would you like to come? It is rumored that some of us are flying there and back. Some are trailering their cars to Ruidoso, possibly driving back. John Lavoy has a caravan starting in Sacramento. His first stop is Bakersfield. Anybody interested can join his caravan there. At this point we aren't aware of any Santa Maria Club Members driving both ways. Think about it. The experience would be richer for all if you come.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next general meeting on May 9; See you there!!

Bill Hansen



May Celebrations



2- Brad Southwick
14-Deborah Koop
18-Al Schirmer
19 Laura Hansen
29 Janice Wilkins

3 Randy & Ruth Harper
14 Graham & Gilly Wallis



Santa Maria A's General Membership Meeting Minutes April 11, 2024

President, Bill Hansen, opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Elwin Mussell Senior Center in Santa Maria. The sign-in sheet was passed around – 34 attendees. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Richard Alexander. Jay McCord introduced a new member, Peter Nott.

Secretary's Report – Karen Haugse.

Motion for approval of the March 14, 2024 General Meeting Minutes by Ernie Phelps. Seconded by Jay McCord. Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Richards. Review of Club finances and balances, received receipts & checks.

Motion for approval of Treasurer's report – Richard Alexander. Seconded by Curt Warner. Approved.

Activities – Roberta Weber. (See newsletter).

April 18 – Board Meeting at Giovanni's Pizza restaurant, Santa Maria. Note: all members are invited to attend Board meetings.

April 20 – Nine Peaks (aka, Seven Sisters) – dormant volcanoes tour. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Rancho Nipomo BBQ, located 108 Cuyama Lane, Nipomo; depart at 9:45 a.m. – Robert Franzen, tour leader.

April 25 – **Location change:** Club breakfast at Huckleberry's restaurant, 8:30, located at 335 Betteravia Road, Santa Maria.

May 9 – General Meeting. Marcia Idler will bring dessert.

May 16 – Board Meeting at Giovanni's Pizza restaurant, Santa Maria.

May 18 – BBQ from 10 to 3 at Richard Alexander's home. Bring a chair, jacket, and dessert. Everything else is provided.

May 23 – Club breakfast at Huckleberry's restaurant, 8:30, Santa Maria.

Newsletter – Kay McCord.

Article deadline for the *Santa Maria A's Headlight Herald* newsletter is the **first Tuesday after the Board Meeting**. Do you have a car or parts for sale? **Note: if your item has sold, please let Kay know.** Do you have a story to share? Contact Kay by April 23.

Old Business:

Important re the September 14 Car Show, please answer Curt Warner's previous e-mail sent to all members on April 2, the subject line reads, "Car Show Leads."

Posters for the September 14 Car Show are almost finished. Jay McCord is in the process of collecting sponsors' money.

Old v. New wording re Budget Bylaw (Article VI, Financial) Section 1 revision tabled to next Board Meeting.

E-mail Robert Franzen with your odometer readings to qualify for a mileage patch.

New Business:

Discussion to increase dues from \$20/year to \$30/year. Motion for approval for increasing dues – Ernie Phelps. Seconded by Linda Phelps. Approved.

Roberta reminded members about the basics of driving a Model A and earning a patch. Information sheets were handed out entitled, *Model A Ford Engine* and *Emergency Breakdown Fault Finding Chart*.

Lavonne Martin won the 50-50 raffle (again) – what luck, congratulations!

CCRG Representatives Report:

No updates since last report. June 8 – revised By Laws will be voted on.

Website: Curt Warner's updated website – see www.SantaMariaModelAClub.com Curt's request to members: Please look at this website and let him know if there are any errors.

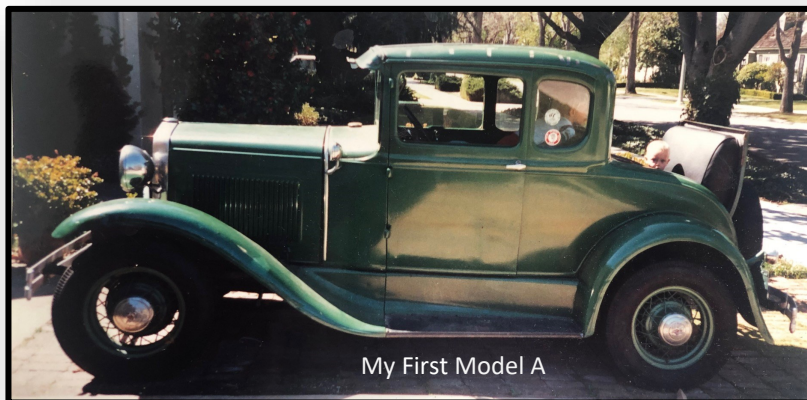
Adjourned at 8 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Karen Haugse.

My First Model A - 1930 Model A Ford – Deluxe Coupe

Karen & Hank

My First Model A was inspired by a 1937 Cord 810/812, with retractable headlights, chrome exhaust from the hood and aero dynamic styling that I sighted on University Ave. in Palo Alto, CA. Unfortunately, a similar car was beyond the resources of a pre-teen with a newspaper route. To help alleviate my disappointment, my parents assisted me in purchasing a 1930 Model A Ford Deluxe Coupe with a rumble seat in November 1960. The Model A was purchased from Al and Louis in Menlo Park, CA for \$150 (plus a \$2 registration fee), depleting my newspaper route savings.

Since I was too young to drive, my father and I rebuilt the engine at his construction yard in Santa Clara, with my test drives limited to the few acres in the material storage area. Once roadworthy, and me still without a driver's license, my sister drove the Model A during her senior year of High School.



My First Model A

Finally, at age 16 and newly licensed, I drove the Model A to High School on a daily basis. This included numerous lunchtime excursions and other High School journeys. Fortunately, other more modern vehicles were available for date-nights and other high mileage excursions.



International employment

When I departed for college, my dad continued to use the Model A for his daily two-mile drive to the Palo Alto train station for his commute to San Francisco. That continued for many years. Ultimately, the Model A was stored in my grandmother's garage. Finally, after years of domestic and international employment (and other distractions), Karen and I were able to relocate the Model A to our home in Walnut Creek, CA.

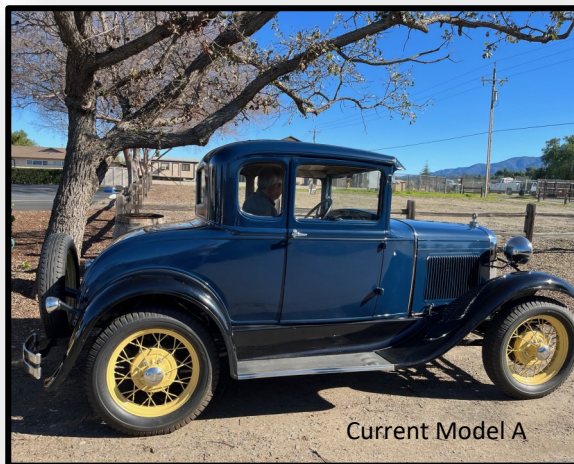


under restoration

In the mid-1990s, our son decided to restore the Model A in preparation for obtaining his driver's license. His first steps were to totally dismantle the Model A and to order a catalog of replacement parts. The restoration progressed until he graduated from High School and headed to college. While at college, he purchased a 1963 Ford Thunderbird and transferred his restoration skills to a more modern vehicle!

Since we were active in the Diablo A's at that time, and only had a garage full of Model A parts, we decided to purchase an operational restored vehicle, pending restoration of the original A.

Unfortunately, a variety of other priorities delayed the restoration. In 2021, and with some regret, we decided to sell the Model A as a project car. We sold it to Dave Edwards owner of an event venue in Nipomo and owner of several other Model As. Restoration is currently underway.



Current Model A



Nine Sisters Model A Tour as told by John Idler

Today we had a wonderful tour through western San Luis Obispo back country to see some of the 9 sisters; a series of volcanic plugs formed over 20 million years ago. We had 12 model As led by our tour directors Roberta Weber and Robert Franzen. Starting at one our favorite haunts Rancho Nipomo BBQ we took the back roads through Nipomo and Pismo beach. Going towards Avila Beach we continued through the back roads and mountains of Western San Luis Obispo. The scenery was breathtaking, everything was so green after many weeks of rain. Although a little early in the season we could see some patches of wild flowers and expansive Mountain View's. It was great to get our As out and take them for a nice long drive; our tour was around 75 miles round trip. We ended with some great food and beers at Rancho Nipomo BBQ. A great time was had by all.



BBQ at Richard Alexanders home

10 am to 3 pm

Please bring dessert

Everything else will be provided

Water is Provided

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Bring a Chair and a

Jacket Due to wind

Arrive at 10 a m

Lunch at Noon

200 La Salle Canyon Road

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[RSVP: Roberta Weber](#)

[By Monday, May 13th](#)

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The company that we partnered with takes the orders on-line with credit cards and ships your custom order to your home. MAFFI gets 10% of the proceeds from each sale, so you are helping the museum every time you shop and getting great products.

It's easy: go to the MAFFI.org website, click on Store and you will be rerouted to the ModelAtshirt store. It is important to shop by going through the MAFFI website though. It's the only way our partner knows to give us 10% of the sale. If you go directly to the ModelAtshirt website, staff don't know you are a MAFFI customer and you pay the same price, but the museum doesn't get anything.

We know not everyone can get to Hickory Corners, MI to buy Model A merchandise; now you can shop Model A items 24/7 year around! And with Mother's and Father's Day around the corner, we've just made shopping a bit easier for the Model A enthusiasts in your life. The accompanying pictures are some of my purchases; I guess you know what I drive for a Model A! Cindy Ellenbecker, Trustee/Secretary for MAFFI

Classifieds

For Sale:

1930 Coupe Formerly Al Schirmers Car, Borg Warner Overdrive, Rumble Seat, 17.5K Richard A 805-452-5205

1931 Pickup, Formerly Al Schirmers Truck, 17.5K Call Richard Alexander 805-452-5205

1940 Ford V8, 4 door Sedan, 20k OBO Call Richard Alexander 805-452-5205

Wanted:

Original Curved Back Rear Trunk for Model A Rack. Nice condition. Call Bill Hansen 805-757-1815

Car Show Dash Plaques. I need 2013, 2011, 2010, 2009, and all before. Call Lavonne Martin 805-844-5802

Interesting License Plate Toppers and Radiator Ornaments. Call Jay McCord 805-598-8133

Requested Recipes From Our Pot luck

Texas Sheet Cake

1 Cup Butter
1 cup water
4 Tbls. Unsweetened cocoa powder
2 cups flour
1 3/4 cup sugar
1 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 cup sour cream
2 large eggs
1 tsp vanilla

Frosting

6 tablespoons milk
1/2 cup unsalted butter
4 tbl unsweetened cocoa powder
3 & 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
Combine milk, butter, cocoa powder and
Bring to low boil, whisking constantly.
Quickly stir in powdered sugar and nuts.
Spread over warm cake. Let set before slicing

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350
Grease & lightly flour jelly roll pan (12 x 17). In medium pan over medium low heat melt butter, add water and cocoa powder. Bring to low boil, whisk frequently. Remove from heat and cool 20 minutes. In large bowl combine flour, sugar, baking soda, and salt. In separate bowl whisk together the sour cream mixture. Stir to combine just until incorporated. Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake for 18-22 minutes until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. While warm, spread with frosting.

By Gerrie Lees

Sheri's Broccoli Salad Recipe

Ingredients:

1 bag broccoli florets, 1 large red onion, chopped, 1 cup raisins, 1 cup chopped crispy bacon, 1 cup sunflower seeds.

Optional: 1 cup course shredded cheese

Dressing:

3/4 cup mayonnaise, 1/2 cup sour cream,
3 tbs red wine vinegar, 1/4 cup sugar

Salt and pepper to taste

Cut broccoli into small pieces and add all the onion, raisins and sunflower seeds. Mix dressings separately, then add to broccoli mixture. Cover and refrigerate 3-4 hours or make ahead 1 day before serving.

Optional: Use chopped apple instead of raisins.

Enjoy



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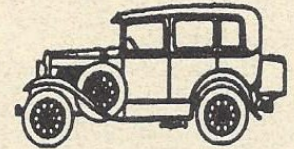
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