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Over 65 years of Model A'ing



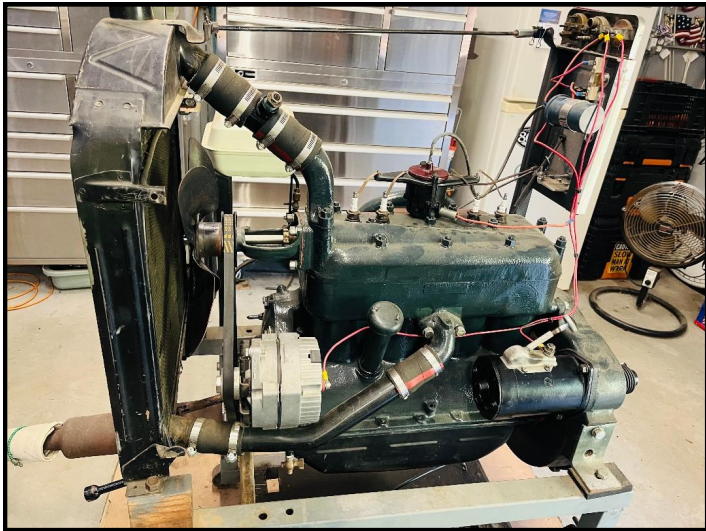
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Guy McElroy*

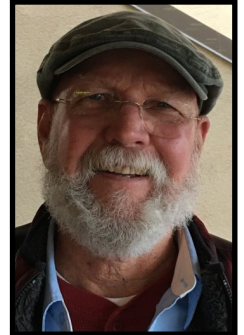
Well gosh, here it is November already. Time is going by so fast. Some of you may have heard this before, but I'll repeat it anyway, Life is like a roll of toilet paper, the closer to the end you get, the faster it goes.

A couple of years ago Ross Piper had a Model A engine that he had gotten at an estate sale. It was in an engine stand with attached radiator and a small gas tank so it could be run while in the stand. That meant it was a complete package with all necessary parts to operate. Ross wanted to sell the engine but keep the engine stand, that was all he really wanted in the first place but it was a take it all or nothing deal when he got it. While he was trying to sell the engine a noise developed and he didn't want to sell it if something was wrong inside. I heard the engine and told him I would buy "it as is" and tear it apart and see what was going on. I thought it would be a good experience for me and at the same time possibly fix the engine. Ross made it clear that he was not selling me the stand, but I could use it until he needed it back. The engine was great inside, and appeared to have been rebuilt recently with a lot of new parts in it. I put it back together and have run it many times in Ross's engine stand, which I still have. Zach Svelling wanted to buy the engine, but my wife wouldn't let me sell it. That's a story for another time.



Now I'm going to get to the point of the story:

A couple of times recently we have left our house driving a Model A and come back home in the front seat of a tow truck with whichever Model A I happened to be driving that day strapped on the back of the tow truck . (Cont. on Page 12)



The Gratitude Attitude

UP-COMING EVENTS: Save these dates!

NOVEMBER	2	Fall Back Festival—Gaslamp Quarter
	7	Memorial Service for Reen Kotas
	11	Veteran's Day Parade—Downtown San Diego
	14	Business Meeting—Santee 7 PM
	15	Jacumba Hot Springs Tour

DECEMBER	12	Business Meeting—Santee 7 PM
	13	Pacific Beach Parade

2026 DUES ARE DUE BY JANUARY 15TH

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The San Diego Model A Ford Club was first founded in 1957 by a few dedicated Model A owners. Our purpose is to help preserve the Model A, which was in production by the Ford Motor Company from 1928-1931. Ownership of a Model A is not a requirement for membership in the club. Membership dues are \$30.00 per calendar year. Membership in one of the National Clubs is mandatory (either MARC or MAFCA) and the responsibility of each member. Contact information to join a National Club is listed below:



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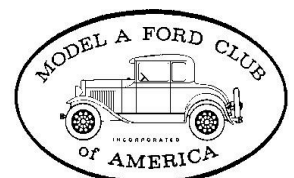
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San Diego Model A Ford Club

HENRY'S SPEAKEASY



"Henry Sent Us"

2026 Installation & Awards Luncheon

January 17, 2026

The Alpine Club

- ♦ 1830 Alpine Blvd, Alpine
- ♦ Drive your "A"
- ♦ Arrive 11:30 AM
- ♦ Lunch at 12:30 PM
- ♦ Program starting at 1:30
- ♦ Model "A" Era or Club attire

"Flappers Feast"

- ♦ Beverages: Giggle Juice,
- ♦ Bootleg Brew & Midnight Oil
- ♦ Salad
- ♦ Lasagna
- ♦ Rolls
- ♦ Pie Social

Program Features:

- ♦ Social Time
- ♦ Bingo
- ♦ Lunch
- ♦ Entertainment
- ♦ Installation
- ♦ Awards
- ♦ Business Meeting
- ♦ Raffle

Reservations & Payment due by January 3, 2026: \$30.00 per person in advance - pay at club meeting or via mail to Rochelle Svelling – Make checks out to SDMAFC.

SAN DIEGO MODEL A FORD CLUB

General Business Meeting – October 10, 2025



The General Business Meeting of the San Diego Model A Ford Club was called to order by President Guy McElroy at 7:00 PM on October 10, 2025. Guy led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ray Beardslee moved that we accept the September 2025 Minutes as published in the Quail Call. Ric Bonnoront 2nd; motion passed.

Tours: [Dave Kelsen] **Past Tours:** **September 20th - International Model A Day.** Toured to Marston Point in Balboa Park. East County members met at the El Cajon Target, then picked up the City and North County members at the SD Unified building at 4100 Normal Street and completed the tour to Marston Point. We enjoyed a picnic lunch & a beautiful view of San Diego. 16A's and 4 Moderns attended. Ray Beardslee provided International Model A Day patches. There is a video on the website. **Upcoming Tours:** **October 11th – Hubley Races.** Meet at Dixieline on Avocado at 9:00 – will tour back country roads to Guy & Judith McElroy's home to race Hubley cars. Then continue to Dickie's Bar-B-Que in Rancho San Diego for lunch. **November 15th Tour – Jacumba Hot Springs.** Meet at El Cajon Target at 9:15. Zach & Rochelle Svelling will lead the tour, driving Old Highway 80. We will get to tour the historic hotel and hot springs and have lunch.

Parades/Displays: [Ron Niemeyer]. **Past Parades/Displays:** **September 13 - Poway Parade;** Cliff Hughes led this parade, with 8 A's attending. This was the first event for Bob Green. **Upcoming Parades/Displays:** **October 30th (Thursday) – Display at Edgemoor Hospital – 10 AM arrival. November 2 – Gaslamp Fallback Festival** (Have not heard back from coordinators yet). **November 11 (Tuesday) – Veteran's Day Parade;** Meet up at the El Cajon Target for East County members and collect other A's at Juan Street. **December 13th Pacific Beach Holiday Parade.** Specific info will be emailed prior to event dates.

Treasurer: [Nayola Bieber] Checking account balance included **money deposited in September:** \$68 Ways & Means; \$26.00 Refreshments (a total of \$94.00). **Bills to pay.** \$12.46 to Jennifer Baehr for refreshment supplies. A motion was made by Nancy Lovell to pay this bill, seconded by Judy Norman; approved by all members.

Old Business:

Upcoming regional/national events: Check Quail Call for information.

Route 66 Tour Update: Paul Winchester sent an update while on the Route 66/Grand Canyon Tour: 3 cars from Southern California participated; 8 A's made the drive from Chicago. So far, no mechanical problems.

New Business:

Model A Poster Available for \$30.00; see Paul Palombo

Sunshine Report: Reen Kotas: Ed Poffenburger spoke with Reen recently and Reen is experiencing difficulties. **Bud Swarthwood:** We will drive by Bud's house during tomorrow's tour and he plans to be sitting outside.

Membership: [Rochelle Svelling] 49 members in attendance tonight with 2 visitors. We had 2 new members join the club: Paul Palombo has a 1929 Tudor and Joel Perez has a 1929 Pick Up.

Installation Banquet [Rochelle Svelling] Date is set for January 17th with a theme of "Henry's Speakeasy". The Banquet committee has scheduled a field trip to visit the Alpine Club to coordinate the menu and building lay out. All positions have been filled except still need a Parking Monitor.

Merchandise [Lisa Albrecht] Lisa has cups, tumblers & T shirts tonight.

Property: [Jim Taber] – Hubley track is already at the McElroy's home for tomorrow's Hubley race.

Defender: [Ray Beardslee] Ray reported that "Leno's Law" has died. Smog checks remain exempt for 1975 and earlier vehicles.

Refreshments: [Jennifer Baehr] Need sign-ups for December.

Webmaster: [Chris Halter] Not in attendance.

Correspondence: [Kris Francis] Nothing to report this month.

Era & Fashions Presentation: [Cliff Hughes] Cliff told about Ford's Marketing along with some Zombie info. Next month Mark Hughes the clock guy will visit.

Technical: [Paul Winchester] Cliff Hughes filled in for Paul Winchester (on tour) and discussed the "Help & Learn" Seminar he coordinated to work on Ahna Holder's Blind Back.

Ways & Means: [John Weisenseel] Six raffle items with a \$20.00 gift card for the Door Prize.

Membership drawing prize [\$10.00]: Reen Kotas' name was drawn but he was not in attendance. Next month = **20.00.**

Closing: Ric Bonnorant told some jokes. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM by Ric Bonnorant and seconded by Steve Lovell. Meeting adjourned.



Respectfully submitted, *Kris Francis,*

Kris Francis (Recording secretary)

Tours Report



Greetings Everyone! On Saturday, October 11th, we had our Great Hubley Tour. We met at Rancho San Diego Dixieline where Guy and Judith McElroy were our gracious Tour Leaders. It was a nice drive through East County streets in El Cajon. Along the way, we stopped at Bud & Judy Swartwood's in the Granite Hills area. They joined the Group in their nice Tudor. We made our way out to the McElroy's and got to hang-out in the barn and patio, enjoying Judith's awesome treats. By the way, their son, Adam, was dressed in era clothes and looked at home in any Model A.



The racing action was white knuckle type excitement. Victor Figueroa tried to sneak in a Modern Pinewood Derby Car that was more like a Tesla! In the end, Vern Schwebke won Overall Fastest. His car seemed highly tuned up. A really nice trophy, made by Guy, was awarded to Vern. He even took it to Lunch! This should inspire others to soup-up their cars. After the races, we headed to Dickey's Barbeque Pit in Rancho San Diego. Everyone had a great Lunch and visit.



There were 12 Model As and 7 Moderns. **Mileage goes to:** Steve & Lisa Albrecht, Arlyn & Nayola Bieber, Fred Crone, Victor Figueroa, Rod Tuttle, Dave & Kris Francis, Pete Franke & Brenda, Guy & Judith McElroy (son Adam McElroy), Ed Poffenburger, Vern Schwebke, Zachary Svelling, Bud & Judy Swartwood, Ben & Nina Taravella. **First Time Tour:** Pete Franke & Brenda. **Participation Points goes to:** Mike & Jen Baehr, Ray & Judy Jo Beardslee, Ahna Holder (her Dad Curt), Larry & Carolyn Kaiser, Dave & Sherill Kelsen, Ron Niemeyer, Jim & Jerriann Taber. (*More photos on Page 7*)

Upcoming November Tour: **OUR FINAL TOUR OF THIS YEAR** – because December is a really busy time for everyone. Our exciting, monumental Tour is to Jacumba in the East County of San Diego. We are planning a Tour on Saturday, November 15th, to Jacumba Hot Springs and surrounding nearby points of interest. We will meet at the El Cajon Target parking lot, located at 250 Broadway, El Cajon 92021. Arrive at 9:00 am, departing at 9:15 am. Directions will be provided. Zachary & Rochelle Svelling are nice enough to lead this Tour. (*Please see Zach's Article following page.*) We will drive the old Highway 80 East, out to our destination. We will travel through many historic sites on Old Highway 80, ending in Jacumba. The newly renovated Jacumba Hot Springs Hotel is located at 44500 Old Highway 80, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934. The hotel staff will give us a tour of their facilities and view the original mineral-rich hot springs. It is really a unique place that is historic and coming back to life thanks to the new hotel owners. If you get a chance, Google the history of the Jacumba Hot Springs Hotel. We will have Lunch at the hotel restaurant. If you prefer, you may bring a picnic lunch to enjoy across the street at the Community Park. Afterwards, we can visit the original hotel site and spring-fed lake. More details will be shared at the November Model A Meeting; and you can also **CALL** or **TEXT** Sherill Kelsen at (619) 997-0598 to be included. Please tell us when you sign up, if you plan on having Lunch at the restaurant so we can provide a count to the hotel staff. A clip board will be passed around the November Meeting for sign-up. The Tour is the next day. See you there! Thanks

At this time, no one has volunteered for Tour Director for 2026-2027. Please consider this Position so we can continue Touring. The Kelsens will help the new Director get started. Thank-you!

Celebrating 99 Years of U.S. Highway 80 — San Diego to Jacumba Hot Springs

In November 1926, U.S. Highway 80 was officially designated a federal route, stretching from San Diego, California, all the way to Savannah, Georgia. Known as the Broadway of America, it linked the Pacific to the Atlantic and became one of the nation's great transcontinental highways. Nearly a century later, we're celebrating its 99th birthday by touring one of the most beautiful surviving sections right here in San Diego's East County.

The original highway was a marvel of early engineering. Its high-cement-ratio concrete remains remarkably sound today, noticeably crisper and more defined than later mixes that favored higher aggregate to cement ratios. The early highway cement work is a standing testament to the craftsmanship and ingenuity of the 1920s; when over engineering and architectural design was standard operating procedure. The road's early designers let the pavement flow with the land, following natural contours that modern freeways could never replicate. Many of those graceful lines have since been re-graded, buried, or bypassed, but their spirit remains.



Before U.S. 80, this corridor was known as Legislative Route Number 12, a State funded highway that set the stage for modern travel between San Diego and Yuma. Portions of that route still survive, including a small loop we will take just East of McCain Valley. In Descanso, the Los Terrinitos Bridge, built in 1917, stands as one of the earliest surviving examples of Route 12. Another, of identical design, serves today as the trailer access bridge at the Horse of the Rising Sun YMCA Camp in Pine Valley—both siblings to the long-lost Shepherd's Bridge that once spanned the grade between Mountain Springs and Ocotillo. From Rancho San Diego or El Cajon, the safest way to reach the old highway is via Japatul Valley Road, which winds through Descanso and connects with U.S. 80 east of town. There is no frontage road between Willows east and SR-79/ Descanso, thus we will be taking Japatul Valley Road. From there, our route follows one of the purest surviving alignments of the highway—from Aunriac Highway through Buckman Springs—nearly untouched by later realignments. Look for the ruins of the Buckman Springs Water Company, where spring water was once bottled and shipped. Authentic bottles can still be seen at the Gaskill Brothers Store Museum in Campo.

Just beyond Boulder Oaks, a small parking area hides one of the county's rarest highway relics: six-inch concrete delineators that once marked the road's outer edge for early motorists. Installed around 1917, these short posts guided travelers along the dirt trail before the road was paved. Few remain anywhere in San Diego County.

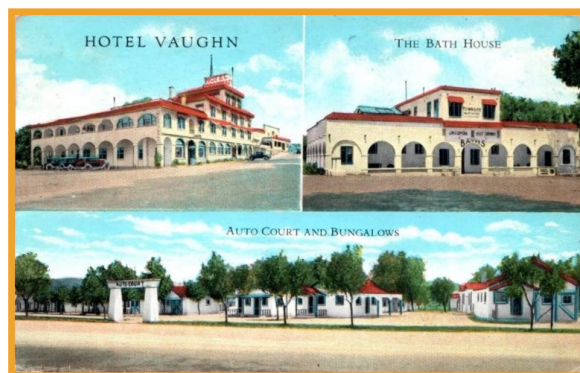


Continuing east, we'll pass through Manzanita, home of the Candy Cottage, serving handmade sweets since 1921—an ideal stop for a nostalgic treat. Beyond Manzanita lies the tiny town of Bankhead Springs, named in honor of Senator John H. Bankhead, founder of the Good Roads Movement that helped make U.S. 80 possible. The old Bankhead Springs Hotel and cabins still stand, weathered but rich with history.

As we near Jacumba Hot Springs, remnants of the 1917 concrete roadbed appear beside the modern alignment. The original bridge here was replaced in 1931, but the early approach remains visible to the left as we cross into town. Look closely, and you'll see traces of the old highway running through the backyards of nearby homes—living evidence of nearly a century of travel.

Jacumba Hot Springs was very popular with the Hollywood crowds in the 1920's and 1930's, when U.S. 80 would have brought travel through the heart of town, and passenger rail service was extended from San Diego to Yuma via the San Diego & Arizona Railroad, with Jacumba Station welcoming guests. Multiple hotels once dotted Jacumba Main Street; lost to time is the Hotel Vaughn (only the chimney and footings remain) and the bathhouse (ruins remain but locked to the public.) Although passenger rail service ceased over 70 years ago, automobile traffic is once again being pulled down Old Highway 80 offering motorists a hot meal, cold drink, lodging and a truly unique experience.

Our November drive is more than a tour; it's a tribute to the men and women who built America's roads, and to the enduring character of an era when motoring was an adventure. Legislative Route 12, the Bankhead Highway, and U.S. 80— are all one continuous story—and remain the Broadway of San Diego County. I hope you will join us on November 15th to celebrate U.S. 80's 99th birthday!



PARADES & Car Displays: *Ron Niemeyer*

Noble November 2025



Looking Back Out the Rear Window: In doing so, we have no scheduled parades or displays to report for the month of October. This is typical for October while we ramp up for holiday events in November and December. There will be a display on October 30 at Edgemoor Hospital, but as of this writing this has not yet happened.

Looking Out the Windshield A-head:

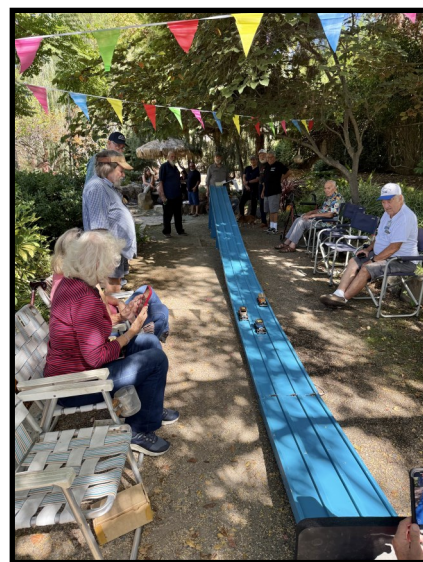
Sunday November 2- Gaslamp Quarter Fallback Display. Come enjoy a festival celebrating San Diego lifestyle in the 1920-30's. Details forthcoming.

Tuesday November 11- Veterans Day Parade. Let's celebrate together honoring our Veterans at San Diego's beautiful waterfront. Details forthcoming.

Saturday December 13- Pacific Beach Holiday Parade. Come and celebrate the Holiday with thousands of Pacific Beach goers! Always a festive time to enjoy.

Ron Niemeyer

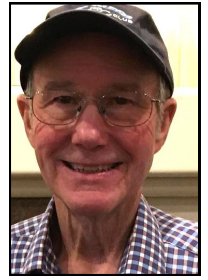
Additional photos from the Hubley Races



DUES ARE DUE!

2026 Membership dues are due! Please fill out the 2026 Membership Form included with this mailing along with \$30.00 cash or check made out to SDMAFC. To be included in the 2026 Membership Roster your membership renewal must be received by January 15th. Keep it simple! Make out one check for both the Installation Luncheon and your dues. (Be sure to indicate in the subject line the number of persons attending the Luncheon.)

Starter Bendix Bolts



October is gone and November is next, seems like this happens every year about this time. A weeklong Tour in October in the Model A Ford is always fun, but getting back home is also good. And now I have to fix what broke. The complete story will follow in a separate report, when we get the pictures off of Patty's phone.

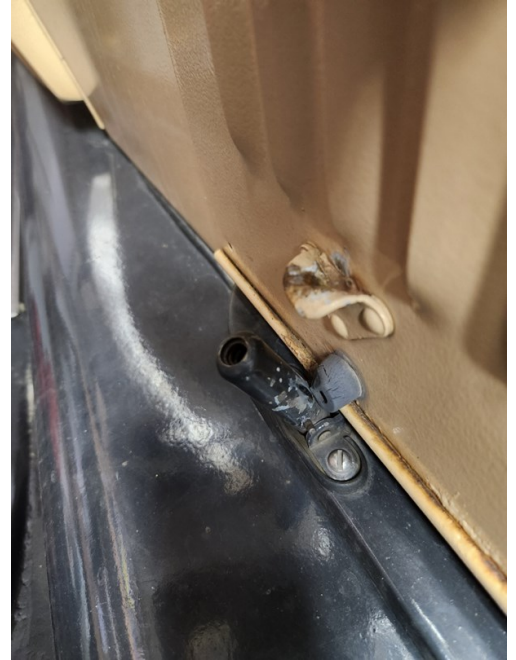
The Tour from Home to Williams Arizona was without any mechanical trouble for the three cars that went with the Southern California Regional Group, except for my right rear hood latch, which broke somewhere between Lake Havasu Az and Laughlin Nv.

Look at the side of the hood latch cylinder, there is a pin sticking through, this pin holds the spring onto the upper hook of the latch. The pin after 20 years wore through the side of the cylinder allowing the upper half of the latch to fall off. (see photo right) I did not notice the pin sticking through until after the hook fell off.

The missing hood latch was remedied by several zip ties, holding the hood shut. No real reason I would need to get to that side of the engine, so it stayed zip tied shut for the rest of the trip.

Then on the way back just outside of Victorville, I had a switch I installed 20 years ago for the alternator fail, but I just ran the wire to 12v + bypassing the switch and then the battery charged properly. Back on the road again.

The Chicago group had several cars with starter Bendix problems before we met up with them in Williams Az, including the bolt falling out and down into the flywheel housing. They used a magnet on a piece of wire to fish the parts out of the flywheel housing. This is usually a time consuming event. Following is a couple of articles about Starter Bendix Bolts.



Bendix Bolt Removal

It is not uncommon for a starter Bendix drive bolt to break off or fall out of the Bendix shaft. The loose bolt is of concern as it may jam and cause damage.

To remove the bolt from the bottom of the flywheel housing, firstly remove the starter motor. If you do not have available a flexible pick-up with a magnet, try a large blob of sticky wheel bearing grease applied to the flywheel. Slowly turn the engine over with the crank handle so that the grease returns to the original position. If you are lucky the bolt will be stuck in the grease. Remove the bolt and clean off the grease. *John Moorehead, Western Model A News, Aug/Sept 2014*

Bendix Drive Springs

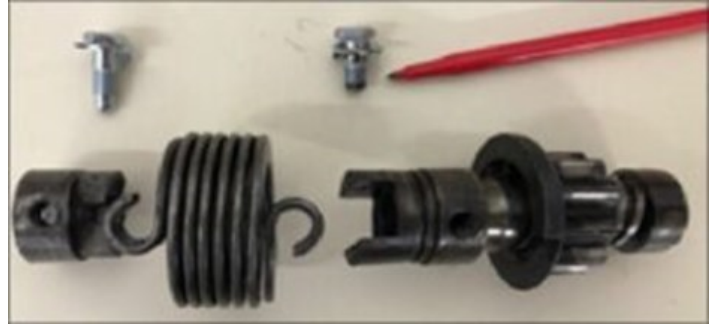
When the Model A was introduced in 1928 it was equipped with the Abell starter drive. By mid 1928 production was switched to 100% Bendix drive. The Bendix drive was considered to provide a smoother, quieter operation and more reliable.

Many Bendix drives resembled the ones used by Ford, but other makes engaged the starter on the other side of the vehicle and the spring was wound opposite in direction to the Ford spring. If one of these alternative springs is used on the Ford starter motor then it will unwind. If the Model A Bendix spring is held vertically it is termed left hand with the end coil for the securing bolt coiled in a clockwise direction. The alternative design has the coil wound anti clockwise. If second hand springs are sought at swap meets and the like then this difference should be noted. *John Moorehead, Western Model A News, May 2016*

Technical Report continues, page 9.

Installing the Starter Bendix Drive

The small Bendix Drive gear that's bolted to the starter motor puts up with a lot of use (and abuse when you forget to retard the spark before starting). Eventually you will be working on yours and I have a tip for you about installing it back on the starter shaft. The Bendix is bolted to the shaft with 2 special bolts and lock washers, as shown in the photo below. One bolt has a specially-shaped end that goes down into a hole in the starter shaft. This is critical, to lock the Bendix to the shaft; do not substitute a plain bolt for this.



The other bolt is "special" only because it is only 11/16" long. This allows the bolt to lock the spring in place, without having the bolt actually touch the starter shaft. Don't be tempted to use a 3/4" long bolt instead of the correct shorter one. See the comparison photo of a 3/4" bolt and the correct bolt.



When this longer bolt is used, it presses against the starter shaft when tight and it messes-up the Bendix operation. Don't forget to install the half-moon-shaped Woodruff key in the shaft before slipping the drive on the shaft. You may also use 2 spring clips (optional). Be sure to lock the bolts down tight by bending the ear of the special lock washer up against the bolt head. If you don't, these bolts will work loose and fly out of the starter drive. I carry a spare Bendix spring (they are known to break) and a set of these special bolts and lock-washers with me in my parts kit on tours. If I don't need them, someone traveling with us might. This will help quickly get them back on the road too. *Jim Cannon (MAFCA), Western Model A News, Jan 2021*

The Chicago group carried most of the needed repair parts. But, I did need to file down one of the bolts to fit correctly. It was still a good trip for almost 100 year old cars.

Paul Winchester, Almost Technical 2025

FROM THE TWIN CITIES A'S COMES THIS TIP:

Here's a great way to keep the ever-messy grease gun in a clean and handy storage container. Simply using an empty one gallon oil container modified by cutting two holes in it. The excess grease that is always present leaking from the tip is now contained in the leak-proof container. It also stores well on the shelf or floor. (*see photo right*)

WANTED: MODEL A AMP METERS

Cliff Hughes is experimenting around with rebuilding broken amp meters. If you have any broken, burned up, shorted Model A amp meters, please pass them over to Cliff. Thanks.



Thanksgiving 1930

Most Americans are familiar with the Pilgrim's Thanksgiving Feast of 1621, but when did it actually become an American Holiday? On October 3, 1863, buoyed by the Union victory at Gettysburg, President Lincoln proclaimed that November 26, would be a national Thanksgiving Day, to be observed every year on the fourth Thursday of November.

Only twice has a president changed the day of observation. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in order to give depression-era merchants more selling days before Christmas, assigned the third Thursday to be Thanksgiving Day in 1939 and 1940. But he was met with popular resistance, largely because the change required rescheduling Thanksgiving Day events such as football games and parades. In 1941, a Congressional Joint Resolution officially set the fourth Thursday of November as a national holiday for Thanksgiving. But during the Model A era, the President still made this official proclamation designating Thanksgiving Day:

The 1930 Thanksgiving Day Proclamation by Herbert Hoover

Notwithstanding that our forefathers endured the hardships and privations of a primitive life, surrounded by dangers and solaced only with meager comforts, they nevertheless bequeathed to us a custom of devoting one day of every year to universal thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the blessing of life itself and the means to sustain it, for the sanctuary of home and the joys that pervade it, and for the mercies of His protection from accident, sickness, or death.

Our country has many causes for thanksgiving. We have been blest with distinctive evidence of divine favor. As a nation we have suffered far less than other peoples from the present world difficulties. We have been free from civil and industrial discord. The outlook for peace between nations has been strengthened. In a large view we have made progress upon the enduring structure of our institutions. The arts and sciences that enrich our lives and enlarge our control of nature have made notable advances. Education has been further extended. We have made gains in the prevention of disease and in the protection of childhood.

Now, Therefore, I, Herbert Hoover, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, November 27, 1930, as a National Day of Thanksgiving, and do enjoin the people of the United States so to observe it, calling upon them to remember that many of our people are in need and suffering from causes beyond their control, and suggesting that a proper celebration of the day should include that we make sure that every person in the community, young and old, shall have cause to give thanks for our institutions and for the neighborly sentiment of our people.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this 6th day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty-fifth.



HERBERT HOOVER



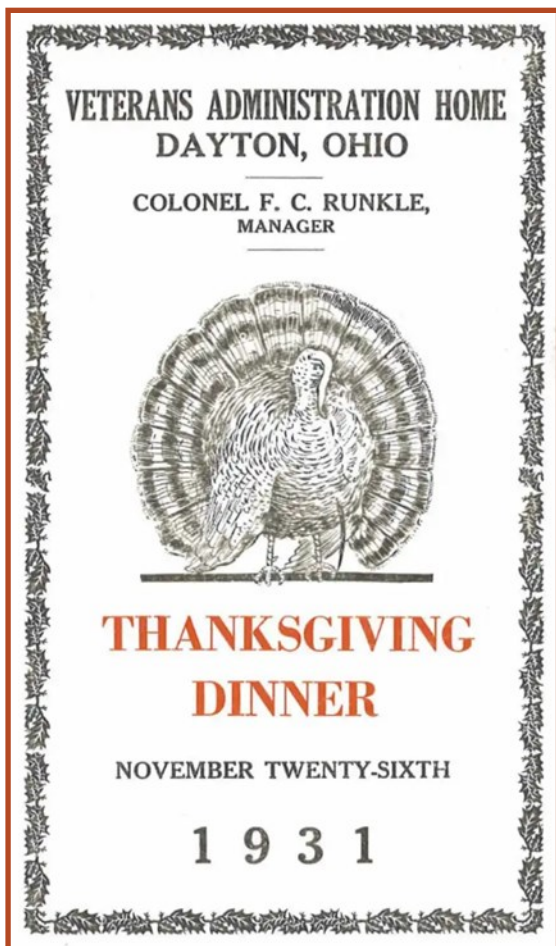
Thanksgiving Snips

1930: In this image, cartoonist Clifford Berryman helps his readers celebrate Thanksgiving Day as the Great Depression overshadows the country. The cartoon shows Uncle Sam getting ready to carve the traditional turkey, noting that the price of turkey is the lowest in years (due to the Depression which brought falling prices to most goods). Berryman's teddy bear works on a list of "Why I am so thankful."

Clifford Berryman was one of Washington, DC's best-known cartoonists in the early to mid-1900s. He drew for the *Washington Post* and *Evening Star* newspapers. His cartoons touched on a variety of subjects including politics, elections, and both World Wars.



What's For Dinner? Here's the Thanksgiving Menu/program from the Veteran's Administration Home in Dayton, Ohio in 1931. Looks like we're still serving the same basic menu, with one difference: No pumpkin pie! There would be a mass revolution at my house if pumpkin pie wasn't on the Thanksgiving Day menu!



**Hurray for the
Pumpkin Pie!**

My Model A Encounter with Law Enforcement

Some years back when ole BOB, my '29 coupe was still ready for prime time, I decided to take a Sunday drive by going eastbound on old highway 8. Approaching Willows East it was running so well I thought what the hell, I might as well continue onto I-8 towards Pine Valley.

Once on the interstate I kicked in the overdrive, the speedometer indicated I was zooming along at nearly 60 MPH. Traffic that morning was light and I was feeling real good when I saw flashing red lights coming up behind me. Thinking there may be an accident up the road, or some fool was about to get a citation, I continued on, expecting the CHP vehicle to pass me. Not so, the road cop blasted his siren and motioned for me to pull over. There was a turn off nearby where truckers pull off so I opted to go there.



After stopping I could see the officer through my side view mirror slowly walk up to my "A".

He appeared to be 10 ft tall and very menacing.

I felt a sense of relief when, as I rolled down my window, he had a smile on his face. By now I was fumbling through my wallet for my driver's license and vehicle insurance card. Surprisingly, he did not ask for either one; it was then he advised me the only reason I was stopped was so he could get a better look at my car. He went on to explain that his dad had one when the officer was a young kid and he observed many of them while patrolling but never saw one go that fast, especially if it was stock. He was sure I must be running a V-8 until I opened the hood.

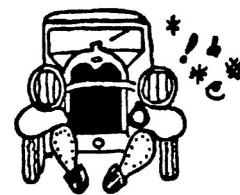
We talked about model A's for about 20 minutes until he received a radio call to assist a motorist on the Pine Valley bridge. He thanked me and continued on his way, as did I, only a little slower this time.

Happy Motoring!

Bill Corson

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Cont. from Page 1:

When I got home I would immediately attack the problem issue. Once on a trip to Costco it was a generator that was not keeping the battery charged up and it ran out of electricity. I took the spare engine's generator, problem fixed. Another time the starter was turning but not engaging the flywheel, bendix spring was broken. Took the starter off the spare engine and again problem fixed. I was having timing issues with the Bee truck. Took the distributor and shafts off the spare engine, problem solved. The shafts had developed a lot of slop and precise timing was not possible. I have swapped the carburetor from the spare engine out to cars that were having what I believed to be carb issues several times. In carburetor swaps I found out that the original carburetor was not the problem, so swapping parts can also tell you if something is not bad. Now I want to assure you that once I get the original problem fixed I replace the parts with good ones on the spare engine so I always know that it has good stuff on it.



This means whenever you go out in your model A you should carry a complete operating engine in your tool box. For example the other day new member Pete threw a connecting rod through the side of his engine on his Roadster Pickup. If he'd had his "toolbox engine" with him, Problem solved. You just never know which of the 95 year old parts are going to let go. I'm just sayin!

DISCLAIMER: Remember I am not the technical expert for the club and anything I may say regarding maintenance and servicing should not be taken seriously.

Guy



Reenlee Henry Kotas

JUL 28, 1931 - SEP 28, 2025

With Sympathy

We received sad news from Reen Kotas' son that Reen passed away on September 28. Reen was at home with family and passed peacefully. Reen will be missed for both his enthusiasm for the hobby and wonderful knowledge of all things mechanical. A service will be held at Rosecrans National Cemetery on November 7th at 9:30 AM. More information will be sent out thru google groups. Reen's Obituary is available on clairemontmortuary.com.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to Reen's family. Reen, you will be missed!

Upcoming Events 2025:

Southern California Regional Group (SCRG) Model A Ford Club of America Fall BBQ

Sat Nov 15th 2025
11AM-2PM (Lunch will be served)
4241 Emerald Cir
Cypress, CA 90630

All Club Members Are Welcome

Please RSVP:
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Upcoming Events 2026:

SAN DIEGO EXCURSION



Save the Date

San Diego Excursion

January 11, 2026

Drive to Point Loma, around the 1915 Road Race Route with lots of spectators and time at Liberty Station for the public to see our cars and talk with Drivers. Over 100 cars expected. Unmodified 1942 and earlier, speedsters accepted.

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2026 MAFCA National Convention

May 31 - June 7

Pendleton, Oregon



If you haven't already seen it, here is an invitation from Bill Geurtand Jack Remillard to join the fun and camaraderie at the 2006 National Convention.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2AXJ5lcEOM>

The Convention Committee is currently preparing a webpage for the event. It can be found at <https://www.2026mafcanationalconvention.com/> Check back often for more details. You can also be added to their early bird list at the website.

If you are a Facebook member you can join 2026 MAFCA National Convention to keep informed. (It is a private group so you will need to join their group.) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1368827974201745>

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

From Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

October 2025

MARC your calendars for the 2026 MARC National Meet at the magnificent French Lick Resort, July 12-16. Venture on tours to the Red Skelton Museum, historic New Harmony, and Jasper Engine plant. Or try classic adventures such as French Lick scenic railway, Patoka Lake cruises, and Amish/German country tours. For an active experience, enjoy the resort's new pickleball courts, quick-play (75 minute) 9-hole golf course, and West Baden bowling pavilion. This isn't just a Meet, it's a journey through history, full of Hoosier charm and new excitement!

All, we are compiling a list of members who have Model A mechanical knowledge and a desire to help other Model A owners or be a resource to MARC to answer questions from members either via email, phone call or through a MARC forum. Please email your information to Larry Shepard, including your name, phone number, email and include your area of expertise at marctech@modelarestorers.org. For example; Jim Zimmer, 614-353-8236, jwzimmer9119@gmail.com, tire pressure.

Regions, don't forget that ANY member of your Region who has never been a MARC member qualifies for a FREE 12 month membership (digital *Model A News*). Also, young adults age 18-25 not living at home qualify as well! It's easy to enroll. Just call 734-427-9050 during normal EST business hours.

Consider hosting a MARC national meet. Our national tours are very popular as there are no seminars, no swap meet, no judging, no formalities. Just drive your Model A and have fun! Contact any Board member for information and to get you started. Other Model Aers would love to see your part of the country in their cars! We're also looking for Regions to host Membership Meets—we do not have a host for 2027 yet and would be happy to assist with your questions and comments.



Items For Sale

1929 Model A Murray Town Sedan. Great shape. All original and always garaged. Asking \$12,500 OBO. Call Greg at (619)952-4769.

Assorted 1928-29 Model A Parts - Tim Case has various parts for sale including: A017080 jack; driver rear door inner and outer parts; right rear door inner & outer; rear door support inner & outer parts and tools. Contact Tim at timcase66@gmail.com.



Photos of some of the items available shown above.



1929 Tudor

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New Members

Paul & Teresa Palombo

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1929 Tudor Base



WELCOME!

Joel Perez & Amy Pasquinglli

800 Madison Ave, San Diego, 92116

Cell: 760-285-2017

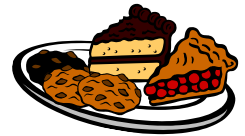
E-Mail: JLPFLY@gmail.com

1929 Pick-up

REFRESHMENTS: Jennifer Baehr

*The following have signed up
For November refreshments:*

- Joan Dainer
- Glenn Frehafer
- Barbra Green
- Carolyn Kaiser
- Judith McElroy



November Birthdays

- 4 Sue Hansen
- 7 Lisa Albrecht
- 10 Barbara Kruegel
- 14 Terri Nance
- 15 Naomi Kowalewski
- 18 Joe Caci
- 19 Roxy Faust
- 26 Ben Taravella
- 28 Gene Train
- 29 Dave Huhn



I got myself a senior GPS. Not only does it tell me my destination, it also tells me why I wanted to go there.

November Anniversaries



Bill & Meripa Corson Nov. 24, 1982
Bob & Barbra Green November 1, 1992
Mike & Karen Richardson Nov. 12, 2011

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING



The October Membership Drawing was \$10.00. **Reen Kotas'** name was drawn, but he was not in attendance. In November the pot increases to \$20.00. Be sure to attend our November meeting and the next winner could be **YOU!**

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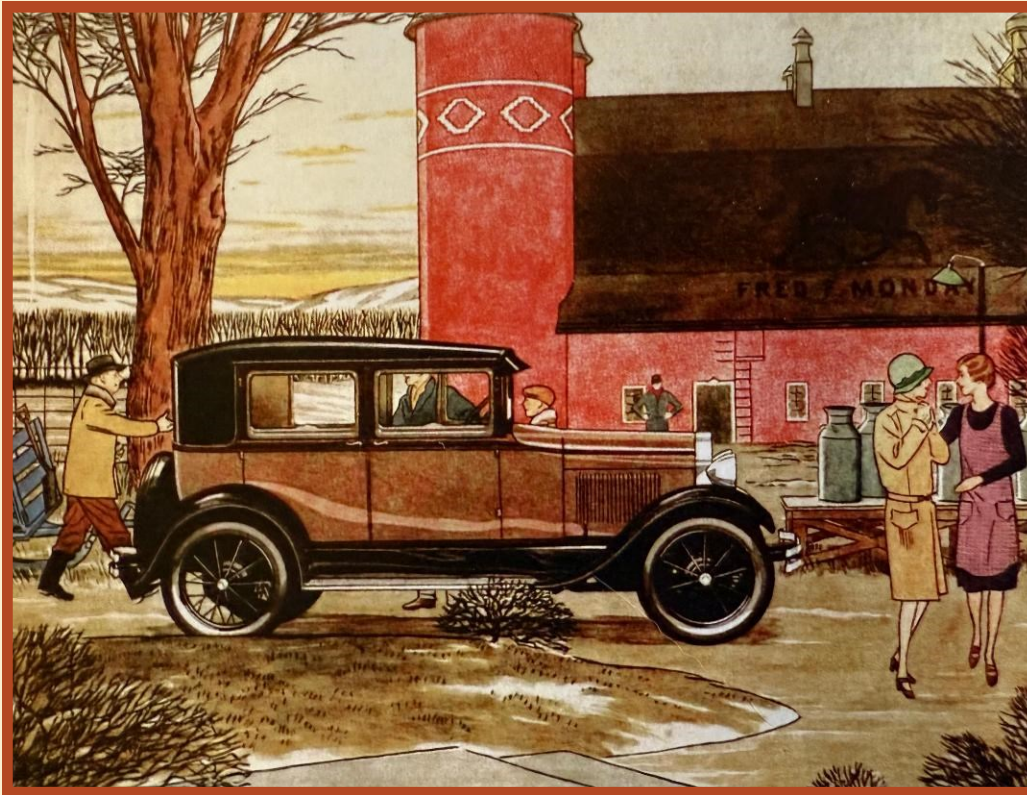
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Advertising the Model A Ford

From the book, Advertising the Model A Ford, we snipped the artwork and information from the advertisement titled "Monday Farm".

"The family has just arrived at the "Fred F. Monday" farm in their new Ford Fordor Sedan. As they get out of the car, Fred walks over and extends his hand to his friend while the farm hand stares at the new Ford.."

Most Williamson Model A ad drawings usually position individuals either behind or immediately to the front or rear of the Model A vehicle being featured. In this drawing, however, the two women are shown almost spotlighted in the foreground of the illustration.

In line with the farm setting used in the drawing, the "Monday Farm" ad appeared only in farm-related magazines. This Ad was published in 5 magazines in March 1929.

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