



The Mohair Flyer



Model A Ford Club of Santa Barbara

ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Print pg. 1 for your fridge, pg. 10 for the grandkids and pg. 12 for the ladies!		1 New Year's Day!	2 Friday Night Dinner 5:30	3
4	5 	6 Men's Lunch	7 General Mtg. Cody's 9 am 	8	9 	10 8am-10am Cars & Coffee South Coast Church
11	12	13 Men's Lunch	14	15	16 Friday Night Dinner 5:30	17 LUNNER! 10:30 Lunch & Dinner
18	19	20 Men's Lunch-Ladies Lunch	21	22	23	24 8am-10am Cars & Coffee South Coast Church
25	26	27 Men's Lunch	28	29	30 Friday Night Dinner 5:30	31

January's Meeting will be held at Cody's at 9 am. Come early to order breakfast or coffee. Bring your dues payment.

February's meeting will be held at Goleta Presbyterian Church at 7pm. Come to both and place your vote!

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Celebrations!

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Margaret Salter
- 5 Tanis Hammond
- 5 Charles Meraviglia
- 9 Bob Sponsel
- 13 Alan Salter
- 23 Jody Eulitz
- 25 Ed Firth
- 28 Janet Cox
- 29 Christine Johnston



ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Bob and Susan Carty
- 9 Lorne and Christine Johnston



Ladies Lunch

On the 3rd TUESDAY,
January 13 noon
at Mesa Café.



Tuesday Weekly Men's Lunch

Call Lorne Johnston
for time and location



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Refreshments

at our

February Meeting

From the president:

As I sit down to write this note with Christmas just behind us, I hope Santa treated you kindly and brought plenty of joy to your home. With the New Year upon us, it's a natural time to pause, reflect, and think about what we might do even better in the coming year. Hard to believe we're already welcoming 2026!

When I think about our club and the wonderful people in it, I encourage you to consider a few "Model A New Year's Resolutions": Volunteer to help our club — even small contributions make a big difference.

1. Put more happy miles on your Model A and enjoy the ride.
2. Invite someone new to join us — share the fun, the history, and the friendships. (And don't worry... we can always help find a Model A to ride in, drive, or someday own!)

Thank you all for being part of this special community. Stay safe, stay healthy, and enjoy this beautiful time of year.

— Randy



Which Model A Do YOU Want in 2026?

We are always happy to receive **Submissions**
for the Mohair Flyer.
You can email your stories to the editor by the 20th of each month for inclusion. Thank you!

Goleta Holiday Parade



Glenn, Lynette and their friends Sandi and Ron, ready for parade night!



Glenn Bjorkman's 1928 Sport Coupe looking merry and bright



Lorne and Christine and their lovely 1930 Cabriolet

Our club had a wonderful time participating in the Goleta Holiday Parade, with lights, laughter, and plenty of Model A cheer!



Randy's 1929 Tudor, glowing for the holidays!



Don and Carol Lauer's with their beautifully decorated 1930 Sport Coupe



Fred and Cyndy and their 1928 Fire Truck, always a parade favorite.

Goleta Holiday Parade cont.



L. Bob Davis leads our group, patiently waiting our turn, with icicles hanging off the front bumper.



R. Lynette and her friend Sandi enjoying the fun from the rumble seat. Best seats in the parade!



L. Cyndy and Fred, riding in their fire truck, ready to handle any "holiday emergency."



R. The back of Glenn's car was beautiful—decorated perfectly for anyone following behind to enjoy. (the kids also enjoyed the cartoon eyes on the front of his car too. Sorry no photo.)



L. Those behind Don and Carol's Sport Coup enjoyed how even the *rear view* screams Merry Christmas!

R. The back of the firetruck sparkled with decorations—because Christmas spirit should be festive from every angle.



L. Passing by our favorite Larry's Auto Parts and waving at the parade goers. The babies and kids waving at us were sooooo cute!

R. Grateful for the ride in Randy's Tudor since John's car overheated and had to go home.



After the parade, several of us continued the fun with a pizza get-together — the perfect way to end a festive evening!

SBMAFC Christmas Dinner December 7, 2025

Here are just a few happy moments from our Christmas Dinner — more memories on the next page!"

Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate a wonderful evening together at Mulligan's.



Christmas Dinner Committee:
Annie Villarreal, Steve Penniman

Photos by Jill Thach

SBMAFC Christmas Dinner December 7, 2025



A beautifully decorated Mulligan's.

Our Christmas Dinner was held at Mulligan's, which was already beautifully decorated — sparkling lights, ornaments overhead, Christmas tree, and a festive holiday atmosphere everywhere you looked. Many of our members arrived in cheerful Christmas red (with plenty of black and bright colors mixed in), which made the evening feel even more festive.

Before dinner, there was lots of visiting, laughter, and catching up. We sang

“Happy Birthday” to Susan Carty, whose birthday was the day before, and to Truett, who celebrated the day after.

When it was time to eat, the first table was called to the buffet, and Ed Firth proudly led the line. Dinner was delicious, with a choice of prime rib, salmon, or both — and many happily chose “both!” Steve brought the cake, which the restaurant cut and served for us, and everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal together. Steve and Phyllis added to the holiday fun by wearing Santa hats, as did Bill Mochnick. The first to arrive that evening were Aaron and Robin, Ed and Linda, and Bill.



Ed does double duty, helping Linda first before returning for his own.



Plenty of laughter and holiday cheer.



A festive dinner line .

After dinner came the lively gift exchange. There were laughs, good-natured teasing, and lots of fun surprises. The “most stolen” items of the evening were tied between the Trader Joe’s gift card and a beautiful cat stained-glass wall hanging, each stolen twice. Robin said her favorite part of the night was simply all of us being together.



Enjoying a wonderful dinner together.

John especially enjoyed when Steve Powell opened his gift — a toy singing pickle — and John joked that Steve ought to sneak up behind someone later and quietly slip it in their pocket. John wound up with a toilet-bowl night light, which certainly gave everyone a good laugh!



Ready for the gift exchange — so many tempting packages!

Annual Awards at the SBMAFC Christmas Dinner

The evening concluded with our club awards.

- **Eric Salter Award (Most Helpful):** Charlie Meraviglia — along with a Rusty's Pizza gift certificate. Charlie could not attend the dinner, so his award will be presented at our January meeting.
- **Milestone Award:** Lorne Johnston, for driving the most miles in his Model A.
- **Forefather's Award:** also awarded to Lorne, for best attendance, faithfully wearing his club hat, and enthusiastically driving his Model A to events. Lorne earned himself two Rusty's Pizza gift certificates!



It was a joyful evening full of smiles, friendship, and holiday spirit — the perfect way to close the year together as a Model A family.

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TREASURER *Steve Penniman*

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Many hands make the Mohair Flyer and our club events possible — here are the folks behind the scenes.

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Gymkhana: *Bob Davis, Randy Douglas and Fred Duerner*

Christmas Dinner: *Annie Villarreal, Steve Penniman*

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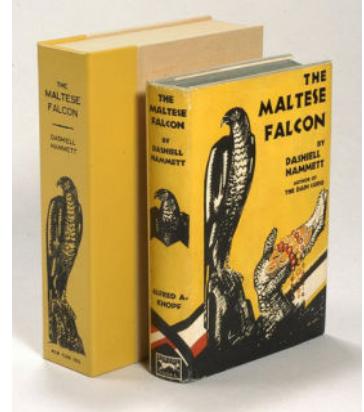
Vintage Treasures Enter the Public Domain in 2026

Each New Year's Day, a fresh batch of creative works enters the **public domain**, meaning they're now free for anyone to use, share, or adapt. On January 1, 2026, works published in 1930 will be released — the same era when our Model A Fords were rolling proudly off the line.

Here are a few fun highlights from that year:

Books

- *The Maltese Falcon* — the classic detective novel.
- *The Secret of the Old Clock* — the very first Nancy Drew mystery.



Films & Cartoons

- *All Quiet on the Western Front* — early Academy Award winner.
- *Soup to Nuts* — featuring the comedy team that became The Three Stooges.
- *Dizzy Dishes* — Betty Boop's very first appearance.
- Several 1930 Mickey Mouse cartoons also become free to use.



Music

Thanks to a different law, **sound recordings from 1925** will enter the public domain in 2026 — including Bessie Smith, Louis Armstrong sessions, and early jazz favorites.

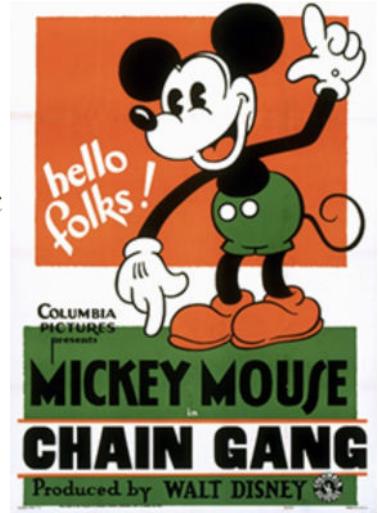
A Quick Note About the Model A

People sometimes ask whether the Model A “entered the public domain.” In short: the **design and mechanical patents expired decades ago**, so the car itself has long been freely usable — but **Ford’s trademarks** (the Ford name, the oval, and “Model A”) remain protected.

Why It’s Fun for Us

Public domain releases give us new material to enjoy from the Model A era: music for club events, classic films for a movie night, or even old illustrations and ads we can reprint freely.

In short, 2026 opens the door to more of the world our cars once lived in — a little gift from the past to start the new year.



Coming Attractions

For the Club Dues Members can now make payment to the club using Zelle. They just need to enter SBMAFC2831@gmail.com and it will locate our account at U. S. Bank. Cash and checks are also still accepted.

Wednesday, January 7 Breakfast General meeting at Cody's. 9 am. Dues are due. Bring your Model A's!

Saturday, January 17: Lunner! Meet at Sears at **10:30, leave at 10:45.** Please RSVP.

Estimated times

11:00: Appetizer at John and Janet's 4434 La Paloma Avenue,

12:15: Salad at John Haggerty's 910 Estrella Drive,

1:30: Main Course at Randy and Sue's 4681 Via Clarice Street,

3:00: Dessert at Fred and Cyndy's 610 Glen Annie Road.

Wednesday, February 4: General Meeting, 7 pm. Goleta Presbyterian Church 6067 Shirrel Way

Saturday, February 21: Safety Clinic 10 am held at Tierra Contracting, 5484 Overpass Rd.

Wednesday, March 4: General Meeting. Location and Time to be announced.

Saturday, March 21 Spring Tour, See Annie with ideas.

JOKES

Why did the Model A love January?

Because it finally got to *cool off* from all those holiday parades!

How do you know your Model A loves you?

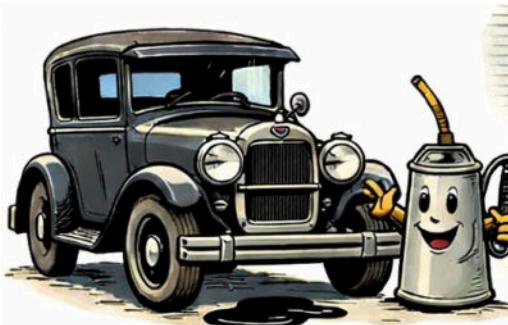
It leaks oil only where you can see it!

Resolution of a Model A:

"Run smoother, drip less, and only squeak when absolutely necessary"



Well... three out of four resolutions isn't bad.



"I don't leak... I just mark where I've been so I can find my wey home."



Model A Youth Page

Start 2026 with an A!

GUESS THIS PART!

Look closely at this strange-looking pArt. It's not a button for a video gAme, and it's not a doorknob! It's pArt of something every Model A hAs.

Do you know what it's cAlled and whAt it does?



A-mazing clue!

Tell us your guess at the next club meeting or send an email or text!



DID YOU KNOW?

The Ford Model A was the first cAr from Ford to use sAfety glass. If a bAseball flew toward your windshield, it wouldn't shAtter into dAngerous pieces! This new kind of glass helped mAke the Model A a lot sAfer than cArs before it.

WHAT'S IN THE TOOLBOX?

Every Model A cArried a tire pump — kind of like a bicycle pump! If a tire looked fAt, you could squeeze in more Air so the cAr kept rolling. The hAndle folds down to mAke it eAsy to store under the seAt. Model A drivers were expected to know how to fix things themselves, and this pump helped keep them on the roAd!



HOW MANY A's DID YOU FIND?

Count every capital A — even the sneaky ones!
(Lowercase a doesn't count — only big A's!)

We'll print the answer in February's issue.



Kids—this is your pAge! Send in a drawing, photo, joke, or Model A story for the Youth Page!

Technical Tips

Drive More in 2026 — Your Model A Will Thank You!



As we step into a new year, many of us think about resolutions... exercise more, enjoy life more, get out of the house more. Well, guess what? Your Model A would love to join you in those resolutions! These wonderful old cars like to be driven — they actually stay healthier when they're exercised regularly.

Here's why putting more miles on your Model A is one of the best things you can do for it in 2026:

- **Prevents fuel varnish & stale gas** Regular driving keeps fresh fuel moving through the carburetor and prevents gumming.
- **Keeps seals happy** Seals and gaskets stay more supple when they aren't sitting dry for months at a time.
- **Keeps oil circulated** Short drives help distribute oil, protect metal surfaces, and carry away moisture.
- **Helps the battery live longer** Batteries love to be used — occasional driving keeps them charged and healthy.
- **Finds little problems before they become big ones** A short neighborhood drive can reveal loose screws, weak spark, odd noises, or adjustments needed before they become serious.
- **And maybe most important... it keeps YOU smiling!** These cars were meant to be enjoyed. A 20-minute spin can turn into a better day.

So if you're thinking about New Year's resolutions, consider one for your car, too:

"In 2026, I will drive my Model A more!"

Take it to breakfast, a short errand, a club outing, or a Sunday drive with no destination at all. Your Model A will be happier — and so will you.



Diagnosis: Needs More Road Time!

*Need a few ideas for 2026 resolutions?
Your Model A has a few suggestions...*

My Model A New Year's Resolutions

- Take my Model A out at least once a month — even if it's "just because."
- Keep fresh gas in the tank so varnish doesn't get a chance to visit.
- Check fluids regularly (oil, coolant, fuel sediment bowl, and yes... that dipstick!).
- Make sure the battery stays charged — a happy battery = a happy day.
- Listen for little noises before they become big problems.
- Invite a friend, spouse, grandchild, or neighbor to ride along — share the fun!
- Wave proudly at people who smile, honk, point, or shout "Nice car!"
- Remember that these cars were built to *run* — not hide in the garage.
- Most important: **Smile and enjoy the ride!**

Signed: _____

My Model A approves this resolution!

The Parlor

New Year... New Life

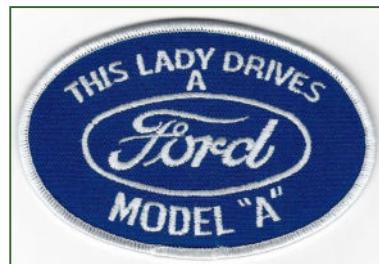
Resolutions for What we Want More of in 2026

- **More laughter** Because joy is medicine for the soul.
- **More friendships** Old friends, new friends, deeper connections.
- **More saying “yes” to new adventures** Even small ones count.
- **More confidence trying something new** Because courage grows when we use it.
- **More coffee, conversations, and stories** Time together matters.
- **More enjoying today, because life is meant to be lived** Less guilt. More happiness.
- **More kindness toward ourselves** Because we deserve the same grace we so freely give to others.
- **More celebrating little victories** Every step forward counts—even the small ones.
- **More gratitude for ordinary days** Because some of life’s sweetest moments are the simplest ones.

Submissions are always welcome for the Ladies' Parlor page — big or small, polished or simple. Your story matters.



2025 was quite the adventure for some of our ladies — we added three new hips, now four, and a shiny new knee to the group! We've learned something important: life may slow us down for a moment, but it doesn't keep us from moving forward with grace, humor, faith, and strength.



Sharing a Little of Ourselves

- **Share a favorite recipe** Something you love to make, something handed down, or something simple
- **Share a favorite quote** Funny, wise, inspiring, or meaningful — the kind you keep tucked away.
- **Share a favorite photo** A club memory, a moment that made you smile, or something that tells a story.
- **Share a short story** Just a paragraph is perfect — a memory, a reflection, or a moment that still makes you laugh.

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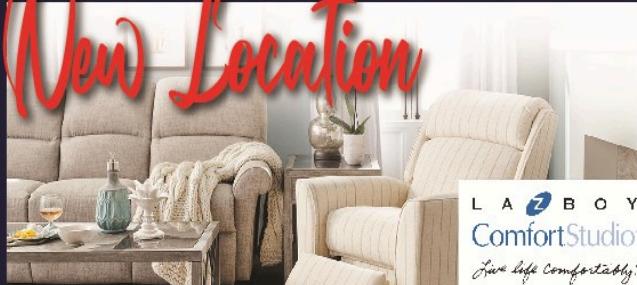
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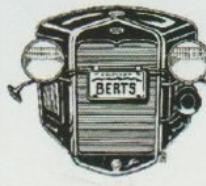
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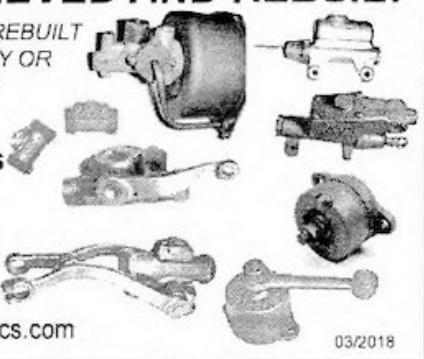
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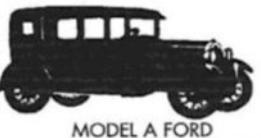
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