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President's Message

Angela Stergion-Becker

It was wonderful to see so many people join us for the picnic in the park and the Handel's Ice Cream tour! We filled the side room at Handel's with Model A enthusiasts enjoying sweet treats and great company.

We celebrated the 4th Annual Jerry Bengel International Day Picnic, and it was a fantastic celebration. A heartfelt thank you to Jay Dennis for graciously opening his home to us at the last minute—it made all the difference. We were thrilled to have the Hangtown A's join us, bringing delicious cookies, brownies, and the most adorable Model A-themed cookies to share. The weather was perfect, and everyone had a great time.

If you're planning to attend the upcoming Clearlake event, don't forget to bring your car to the next car clinic to ensure it's ready for the long drive!

Until Next Time,

Angela Stergion-Becker

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Questions? Comments?

Please email to ahooogaeditor@gmail.com

The Capitol A members meet the first Friday of each month at 7:30 pm in Veterans Hall at Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave, Carmichael CA

The Sacramento Capitol A's are dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the 1928-1931 Model A Ford and its era. The Sacramento Capitol A's Model A Club was chartered by the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) on May 15th, 1959, and is the second oldest active club in California and the 6th oldest club in the U.S.. Some items in this newsletter may have come from other publications. We thank others for sharing and invite you to use any information found here with credit to the original contributor.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL

Dues of \$50 per membership are due by December 31, 2025. Dues can be paid by cash, check, or Zelle*. Checks must be made payable to: **Capitol 'A' Club, Inc.** You may pay at the General Meeting or mail your check to:

Attn: Katy Trainer
Capitol A's,
PO Box 1416
Carmichael, CA 95608.

If *Zelle is offered by your banks, it's a quick and easy way to transfer money from your bank account to someone else's using just their email. If you wish to pay your dues with Zelle, send your payment to:

capitolatreasurer@gmail.com and note "2026 Dues" in the memo space.

A \$10 late fee will be added if dues are not postmarked by December 31st.

Changes to your current membership information (ie. address, email, phone) can be sent with your payment, or email our current List Keeper: Julia Martin.

MAFCA NOTE: remit your MAFCA dues directly to MAFCA before December 31st. You may pay your dues to MAFCA online through the MAFCA website.



We Love You, Santa and Mrs. Claus!

After many joyful years, our beloved club Santa, Tom Urban, is retiring. Santa and Mrs. Claus have been the heart of our Christmas party, bringing laughter, warmth, and unforgettable storytelling that kept us all in stitches year after year. Their presence has been a cherished tradition, and they will be deeply missed.

As we prepare for this year's Christmas party on December 13th, we're looking for someone to step into Santa's boots and help carry on the magic. If you or someone you know would be willing to don the red suit and spread some holiday cheer, please reach out to me! Angela 916-796-3692.



Sunshine Report



Hello Club Members:

A sympathy card was sent to Burr Ellis for the loss of his wife Sharon. We also sent a thank you card to Ron Lingren for the tools he contributed to our club tool box. A get well soon note was sent to Cliff Marriott. Gene Tolbert is still in Manzanita Healthcare and needs good cheer from everyone. He will be there for some time yet and really appreciates visitors

If you know of anyone who could use a card to cheer them up or wish them well, please contact the Sunshine Chairperson, Bobbi Cornejo, at bobbicor@gmail.com.

Bobbi Cornejo, Sunshine Chairperson

Anniversaries

08 Daniel & Kim Gossen

25 Raul & Bobbie Cornejo



27 Paul & Tina Shinn



Birthdays



06 Julie Brucklacher

11 David George

14 Daniel Gossen

14 Paul Shinn

15 Sam Stover

17 Bob Branson (Happy 99th!)



17 John Stoney

21 Joni Phinney

24 Les Andrews

24 Ginger DeGregory

27 John Anderson





Events Calendar



October 2025

- 03 October Monthly Meeting
- 04 Technical Seminar - 8:00am @ Kevin Furry's home, 105 Meadow Lakes Ct., Folsom
- 04 Stroll Through History Tour - **Cancelled**
- 08 Board Meeting @ Joel & Gina Trzaska's home, 10849 Nestlenook Circle, Mather
- 10-12 Annual Clearlake Trip (details on Page 5)
- 11 Cal Fire Tour of Boggs Mountain - 11:00am (details to be provided at general meeting)
- 21 Men's and Women's Birthday Lunches - 11:30am @ Chili's, 5303 Sunrise Blvd., Fair Oaks
- 25 River's Edge Spooktacular Car Show - 11:00am-1:00pm (details on Page 6)
- 28 Sacramento Historic City Cemetery Tour - 8:45am (details on Page 6)

November 2025

- 07 November Monthly Meeting
- 08 Technical Seminar TBD
- 11 Board Meeting @ Les & Linda Wittrup's home, 1609 Oak Hill Way, Roseville
- 18 Men's and Women's Birthday Lunches - 11:30am @ Chili's, 5303 Sunrise Blvd., Fair Oaks
- 30 Tree Trimming & Potluck Dinner @ the California Auto Museum - 1:00pm



Upcoming Activities

October 10th thru 12th - Annual Clearlake Trip Skylark Shores Resort, Lakeport



Friday, 10th: Meet West Sacramento Walmart parking lot, northeast area, 9:00 am leaving at 9:15 am. 755 Riverpoint Circle, West Sac, 95605. You will need a picnic lunch to eat in Williams. Dinner is potluck at the Motel. Bring your own meat to BBQ and a dish and/or dessert to share.

Saturday, 11th: You are on your own for daytime entertainment. 5:00 pm, we start the "hotdog" BBQ provided by the club, and we eat the leftover sides from Friday.

Sunday, 12th: Darn, we head for home. Be gassed and packed to head out about 9:00 am. We will stop at Road Trip Café for lunch, then on to home.

Project Warm Wishes.... Holiday Gift Bags for Meal On Wheels Shut-in Seniors



Our "stockings" this year will be small gift bags, mostly due to the increased price of felt, making the stockings too expensive to produce. Our resident stocking maker is also not in town this year.

How this will work: You adopt a holiday gift bag, or two.

Project Timeline and Other Information You Need to Know...

MOW (Meals On Wheels) have suggested that ideally the gift bag fillings be UNISEX, *however*, they are happy with whatever we return. Of the clients they serve, 70% are women and 30% are men. When you return your filled bag, you will receive a tag to attach to your bag, marking it as being for a W (woman) or M (man) if they are not unisex.

November General Meeting: Return your filled gift bags. All adopted bags must be returned to NO LATER than November 20th.

"Stocking" Stuffers for Seniors

Please be thoughtful as well as practical as you shop for items to fill your bags for our most needy seniors in Sacramento's Meals on Wheels program. What would you like to receive if you were house bound? What would brighten your day? Our shut-in seniors may really need things we would not consider to be a gift. It need not be expensive, and you don't need to spend a lot of money—Dollar Tree and Walmart, maybe even Amazon if you buy 3-packs and split them, are good places to shop. If you have grandchildren, you might consider inviting them to help you choose items to fill the stocking.



A few ideas....**PLEASE, NO** sugary treats or candy (per the Sac County MOW project director).

Puzzles, Crossword, sudoku, word searches
Adult Coloring Book and Colored Pencils
Large Print Calendar
A deck of cards or a favorite game
Toiletries
Small Lotion/cologne/perfume
Shower Brush
Foot Scrub
Nail Clippers/Emery Boards

Long handled shoe horn
Non-slip gripper socks
Magnifying glass
Small Flashlight and batteries
Nightlight
EZ off jar opener
Specialty teas
Note cards/stamps
Personal Card or note saying hello

Any questions, Please call Karen Lopez at (916) 206-9332. These will be available at the October and November meetings to adopt.

October 28th - Sacramento Historic City Cemetery Tour



Oct 28th at 10am Sacramento Historic City Cemetery Tour. 1000 Broadway, Sacramento. We will meet at the Veterans Hall in Carmichael at 8:45am and leave at 9am. You are more than welcome to meet us at the Cemetery. We will have a docent led tour of the old cemetery. **The cost is \$10 per person.**



The California Auto Museum (CAM) Tree Trimming and Potluck

Ho, ho, ho—here we go! We're kicking off the holiday season with the 34th Annual Christmas Tree Trimming Party & Potluck Dinner on Sunday, November 30th!

Here's the plan:



Tree Decorating: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Cocktail Hour: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Potluck Dinner: Kicks off around 4:00 PM

The California Auto Museum (CAM) is hosting and will be serving up the main dishes—ham and turkey—yum! We're all invited to join in the fun and bring a side dish or salad to share. Be sure to sign up at the October or November General Meeting!



Capitol A's Annual Christmas Party

*** Saturday Dec 13, 12:00pm**

Time to Plan for This Year's Christmas Party !

Location: **Carmichael Park Community Club House**
5750 Grant Ave, Carmichael, CA
(Across the parking lot from our regular meeting location)

Plan to arrive by 12:00 and bring a dish according to your last name (see below). **Lunch will begin at 12:30 pm** with the club officers and board members providing the main dish entrees, like ham and turkey including a vegetarian option. Decaf coffee, a holiday punch and water will be available for drinks.

Please bring your assigned dish to serve 8 - 12.

- Last name A - F Dessert A Christmas sheet cake will be provided
- Last name G - P Salad such as macaroni, potato, three bean, jello, spinach salad, green leafy, or carrot salad, etc.
- Last name is R - Z Hot side dish such as baked beans, mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, casseroles, rice, or vegetarian, or your favorite side dish.

Around 1:15 - 1:30 Santa will arrive bringing gifts and stockings for the kids. He is happy to be back and ready to meet the kids again ! If you are bringing children or grandchildren, please bring a wrapped gift with first and last name clearly marked. Remember to keep this a secret then Santa will appear really magical when he knows what the child has asked for. If you won't be at the Nov meeting to sign up on the clipboard just call or text:

Tina Raibley (916.838.3466) for additional details.
tntfamily7@gmail.com

**** Note: This is the 2nd Sat of the month ****



Please save the date Friday December 5, 2025 for the CHiPS for KIDS toy drop off. The event and toy drop is anticipated around 11:30-noon at Cal Expo. Exact times and more details will follow.

Past Events

September 13th - International Model A Day Get Together, David and Katy Trainer Tour Leaders

A wonderful gathering of A's celebrating the International Model A Day with a picnic and ice cream. Thanks to all who participated!



September 20th - Model A Day Jerry Bengel Memorial Picnic

"A" GREAT DAY for the Model A Day Jerry Bengel Memorial Picnic, and CHiPs For Kids Toy Drive. It was graciously hosted by Mr. Jay Dennis. There were 21 Model "A"s from the Capitol "A"s as well as the Hangtown A"s.







Fashionably Speaking

By Fern Davis

Ready For The Game – 1931 Style



These pictures are from the November 1931 *Delineator*. They show us what was worn to a football game. The two ladies, at the lower left, are wearing practical buttoned fur sport coats and felt hats worn to the side, in the 1931 style.

The man in the picture with the other two ladies is in good style with his turtle neck sweater, tweed trousers, top coat and fedora hat. Even though these picture are not in color, we know it would not be a straw panama, which were only worn in the summertime. The lady on the right is fashionably dressed in a wool suit, small hat, and carrying her overcoat. The lady on the left is wearing her buttoned and belted coat. They are both carrying their blankets, in case it really gets cold!

Behind them is group of spectators and players, from a "Wrigley's" ad, and it gives us another glimpse of how they dressed. That man's fur coat really looks out of place, but as we know, in the Thirties, many still clung to the the twenties fashions, or could not afford to bring their wardrobe up to date. Anyway, who would want to get rid of such a great looking coat?

The single lady in her beautiful sable coat, looks over-dressed with her simple hat, which probably does match the dress she has covered, and makes her ready for whatever the day or evening may bring!



Fashionably Speaking

by Fern Davis, Era Fashion Editor

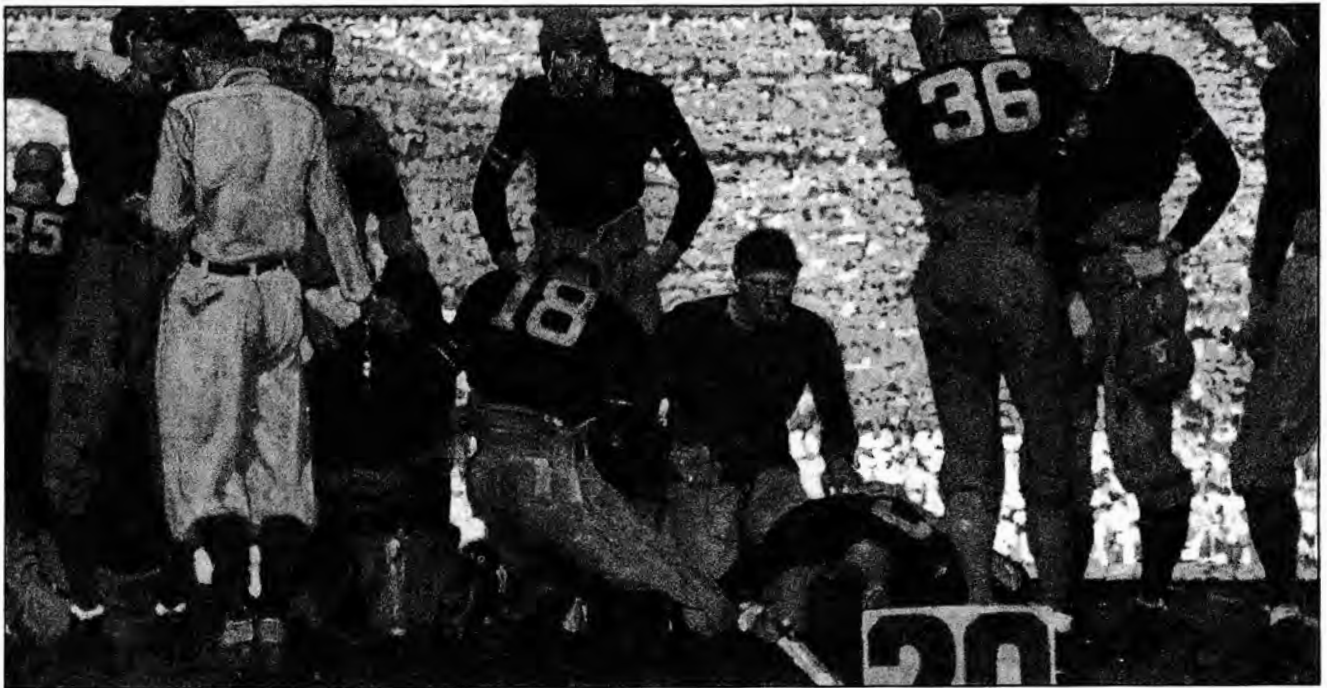
Football season - 1931

The first professional football game to be officially recognized as such, was played in Latrobe, PA on August 31, 1895. A team consisted of 15 players, max, compared to the modern team of specialists at 40 players. The American Professional Football League was founded on December 17, 1920 and changed its name to the National Football League in 1922. They did little at the time to protect the players.

Football in 1931 was a far rougher game than today. Unpadded, and often unpaid, they were required to play a full 60 minutes, unless they were carried off the field. Safety rules were few and far between. A helmet to protect the head was the only safety feature required. Notice the raised waistband, which may have been an attempt to protect the ribs. The knickers (though I'm sure they don't call them that now), jersey shirts, socks and shoes don't seem to have changed much. The Umpire's uniform looks quite similar to today's, though we can only see the back of it. This illustration is from the January 1931 issue of the *Ladies' Home Journal*.

Note: if you are lucky enough to find an old football uniform, take this picture and compare. This is always the best way to be sure any outfit is right.

Our spectator's dress is also quite different from today's fan (our casual, sometimes sloppy T-shirt and pants attire). Our spectator here wears a checkered wool suit, with its smart jacket and wrap around skirt. The blouse has a scalloped yolk and buttons with tabs to the skirt. Notice the hat, which is far off the forehead, but covers the back and sides of the head. (I think she would look better if she had a wave or bangs with her high forehead, don't you? Yes, bangs were worn in our era.) Also notice the strap pumps, so popular for any occasion, throughout the twenties and thirties. This illustration is also from the January 1931 issue of the *Ladies' Home Journal*.



Articles from the book *The Fashion Files 1908-1931* which is a collection of Era Fashion Articles written by MAFCA members and is available online at the MAFCA store.



Hydraulic Brakes

by Tom Endy

Keep it original:

Being somewhat of a purist I like to keep things on a Model A Ford as original as Henry intended. However, the more I fool around with a Model A and drive them in modern traffic it becomes apparent to me that a modification here and there adds to safety and convenience. Years ago I yielded to an overdrive and most definitely the installation of seat belts. Hydraulic brakes are another matter. I was of the opinion that well restored mechanical brakes with new cast iron drums were as good as hydraulics.

The 1929 Coupe:

A couple of years ago I purchased a 1929 Standard Coupe that had been restored in the 1970's and had been sitting in a garage for most of that time. When I bought the car it had not been operated in a number of years and was in bad need of attention to make it road worthy. Much to my dismay I discovered the car had been converted to hydraulic brakes. My first instinct was to covert them back to mechanicals. However, as I surveyed the situation I saw that though they were in need of attention, most of the hard to find and expensive hardware was there. Therefore I decided to keep them.

Good grief:

The condition of the brake system was deplorable. When I finally got the car to run and took it around the block a few times I discovered just how bad they were. The master cylinder and all four wheel cylinders were plugged up with crud and were badly pitted. All had to be either rebuilt or replaced. Fortunately this is not a killer expensive project. However, I also discovered how poorly constructed was the brake line system. The unknown conversion person had also whacked off the shock arm balls on both rear axle housings and welded on extension brackets. Since I planned to rebuild the rear end anyway, I found another pair of housings and replaced the molested ones.

The conversion:

If you have ever contemplated installing hydraulics on your Model A, you will soon learn that the brake system has to come from a 1939 to 1948 Ford.

There is a slight difference between the 1939-1942 and 1946-1948 years. The next thing you will learn is that as you try to fit this system on your Model A, everything gets in the way. You will find yourself altering this and that in order to make things fit. When you are finished you will end up with a compromise that not only compromises the installation, but also compromises **safety**.

Cling's:

A friend of mine, who is an ardent Model A Ford hydraulic brake fan, told me about Cling's. Cling's is a company owned by Dennis Cling that specializes in hydraulic brake system kits for Model A Fords. You can buy a complete system from him or you can buy portions of it in kit form.

The emergency brakes:

Once I got the cylinders rebuilt the first problem I encountered was that the emergency brakes did not work correctly. The pull lever that had been jury rigged into the car pulled an off center cable. This resulted in the left brake coming in ahead of the right brake and somewhere down the road it had caused the left radius rod to become bent. I ordered Cling's emergency brake kit and installed it and it worked like a dream. I also replaced the bent radius rod.

The rear backing plates:

The next area of grief was that everything conflicted with the two rear wheel cylinders. Especially after I had installed a set of unmolested rear axle housings. Cling's offers an exchange of 1939-1948 rear backing plates that have been machined and slightly rotated so as to fit the Model A rear axle housing mounting flanges. These too were ordered.

The hydraulic lines:

Further grief was the brake lines themselves. They were bent all over the place and were difficult to connect up to the wheel cylinders. Cling's offers a hydraulic line kit. This kit is complete in every detail. It installs on a Model A Ford very easy, and like all of Cling's products, you do not have to drill holes or alter the Model A Ford in any way.

The master cylinder:

Fortunately for me I did not need to throw out the master cylinder installation on the coupe. The unknown conversion person had done a reasonably good job of installing a Ford 39-48 master cylinder. I did have to do some rework to the installation, but it worked well enough to leave in place. Should a problem develop with it down the road, out it will come and in its place will go a Cling's master cylinder kit. A few years later a problem did develop and I have since installed Cling's master cylinder kit.

On the road with hydraulics:

Finally, I had the coupe on the road for real. I am very pleased with the hydraulic brake conversion. The car stops like a modern car and I have a lot more confidence out on the road in traffic. I have given some passing thought to installing a hydraulic system on Miss Vic. However, this would be a costly project since I would have to start from scratch and locate reasonable backing plates and drums from a 1939 to 1948 Ford, then probably have to buy new drums that are not turned out past their limits, not to mention replacing or rebuilding the wheel cylinders. I would certainly purchase all of Cling's kits and do the job properly.

Cling's Aftermarket Products:

If you are giving any thought to putting hydraulic brakes on your Model A, my recommendation is to do the job right. You don't want to compromise on a brake system. The project is pricey; you are looking in the neighborhood of about \$3,000 for the conversion.

Cling's Aftermarket Products Inc.
12452 S. 71st St.
Tempe, AZ 85284
480-777-1202

All of Cling's kits come with complete installation instructions. Cling's also offers a complete instruction guide for Model A Ford hydraulic brake conversion. Dennis Cling is also a nice fellow to do business with.☺



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Classifieds



For Sale: 1929 Ford Model AA Flatbed Stake-side Truck, standard cab, original motor rebuilt back in the 70's: 54 lbs compression on all cylinders, runs great with no smoke. 3-speed transmission with rare under gear box for 3 additional low gears. New interior, new bed-wood and stake sides, new roof. Painted moss green and black. Some chips and small amount of rust in a few places. Perfect for parades, father/son/dtr project, still plenty to do and have fun! REDUCED \$10,500 Contact **Ron Tiburzi** at 916 337-0362.



For Sale: I've decided not to add a quail and stone guard to my coupe so they are available for \$250. New, never installed. Contact **David Frank** at (916) 806-9756.



Wanted: Looking for a painter/bodyman to paint my 1934 Ford station wagon. If anyone has someone they can recommend, I would really appreciate it. Contact **Bill Schmidt** @ billefap@yahoo.com.



Colors That Match the Season's Mode



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AMONG the features of the Ford car is the privilege of selecting from a variety of beautiful colors. These colors are rich in tone and are changed at frequent intervals, in keeping with the season's mode. Frequently you will find that one of Fashion's newest shades, or a harmonious blending of it, is available also in the Ford car. With reasonable care, the smooth, gleaming finish of the Ford car as it comes fresh from the showrooms may be maintained for a long period. The pyroxylin lacquer is not affected by heat or cold and is easily polished to a shimmering luster. The Rustless Steel used for the radiator shell, hub caps, cowl finish strip and other exterior metal parts is an additional assurance of permanent beauty. Throughout the life of the car it will not scale, tarnish or corrode.



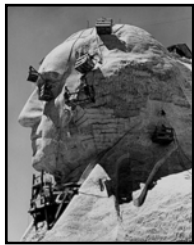


WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN... OCTOBER 1927

ON THE MAGAZINE RACK



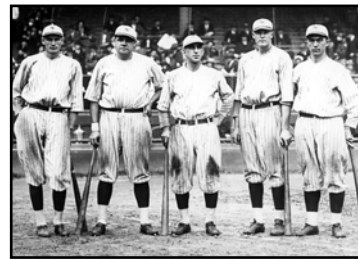
IN THE NEWS



October 4: Carving began on Mount Rushmore, starting with the head of George Washington. The likeness of Washington would be ready for dedication on July 4, 1934.



October 6: *The Jazz Singer*, starring Al Jolson. It was the first "talkie", with sound synchronized to the film, although much of it was silent, with title cards, and in cities without the sound system, was seen as another silent movie.



October 8: The New York Yankees, aided by their six consecutive batters dubbed "Murderer's Row" (Earle Combs, Mark Koenig, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Bob Meusel, and Tony Lazzeri) completed a 4-game sweep of the Pittsburgh Pirates in the World Series, with a 4-3 win.



October 28: Pan American Airways made the first regularly scheduled international flight by an American airline (and Pan Am's very first flight), with pilot Hugh Wells taking off from Key West, Florida, to Havana, Cuba, in a tri-motor Fokker F-VIII. Passenger service did not begin until January 16, 1928.



October 8: "*The Second Hundred Years*" silent short film was released starring Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy - 1st Laurel and Hardy film with them appearing as a team.

IN THEATERS



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