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## NO CHAPTER MEETING THIS MONTH!!

THE **CHRISTMAS BANQUET** AND  
**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**  
ON **DECEMBER 13TH**  
SUBSTITUTE FOR THE MEETING.

SEE BANQUET DETAILS BELOW.

### Sierra Chapter President's Corner

by *Todd Riley*



Sierra Chapter Members,

The last month of the 2025 year is here and I can't believe how fast it has gone and how many good memories were made around the good ol' Model A. It is hard to believe when you think about how an almost 100 year old car can bring so

many people together, provide so many smiles when driven, and still generate the public admiration the cars do.

We had a nice breakfast/tour hosted by **Chuck** and **Colette Kallas** in November with the poker run and sight stops along the drive in perfect weather rounding off activities for the year just right again.

I look forward to our Christmas Party and Installation Banquet this year to change things up some with new qualified leadership and looking to a fun 2026 year.

I appreciate to opportunity to represent this club as President for the last three years and I can't thank everyone enough for the privilege of trusting me in this position.

*Todd*



## Christmas Banquet

*Saturday, December 13th*

**Reservation Form**

***must be Received by***

***Saturday, December 6th !!***

**See page 7 for the Reservation  
Form and Details!**



### Sierra Chapter Officers for 2026

Below are the names of the new Officers and Directors for 2026. They were elected at the November general meeting and, along with **Past President Todd Riley**, will embody the Chapter's Governing Board of Directors for 2026.

President: **Bill Cooper**

Vice Pres: **Virginia Diffey**

Secretary: **Mary Cooper**

Treasurer: **Dave Ekstrom**

Editor: **Tom Dodd**

Membership: **Patty Schlegel**

Director: **Simon Adanalian**  
(1st year of new 2 year term)

Director: **Jim Riley**  
(2nd year of 2 year term)

Director: **Brent Richardson**  
(Assumes 2nd year of Bill Cooper's 2 year term)

Merry Christmas.



and Happy New Year

See this Christmas card at the MAFCA online store. For purchase at [https://www.mafca.com/cart/index.php?show\\_price=yes%22](https://www.mafca.com/cart/index.php?show_price=yes%22) or phone MAFCA at 562-697-2712.

## ARE YOU LATE?!



**Haven't renewed  
your Membership  
yet?**

**Then,  
you're Late!!**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL  
DEADLINE WAS **DECEMBER 1ST!**

**You've Now Incurred a \$5 Late Fee!**

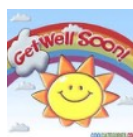
**Don't be left out of the Club's Directory!!**

Use the Renewal Application Form  
on **page 6**

**and Mail it to the Treasurer today!**



**Did you drive your Model A 1,000 or more miles this year? Let **Todd Riley** know so that the 1K Mile patches can be ordered.**



## Sunshine Report

from  
*Nadine Lowe*

**Please keep our fellow Members in your thoughts as they heal or grieve.**

Thankfully, I have not received any reports of any of our members becoming sick from the virus nor ailing for any other reason.

**Please notify Nadine of any Sunshine needs.**

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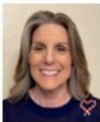


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## Meeting Minutes

## Minutes for the November, 2025 General Meeting

*Respectfully Submitted by Secretary Mary Cooper*

- \* The regular meeting of the Sierra Chapter of MAFCA was called to order by President **Todd Riley** at 7:37 pm. Todd welcomed everyone.
- \* **Marla Ekstrom** led us in the flag salute.
- \* **Todd Riley** recognized all the veterans in attendance this evening. Thank you for your service.
- \* The minutes from the October meeting were published in the November *Flying Quail*. The October minutes were accepted as published.
- \* **Dave Ekstrom** gave the treasurer's report. The club has money in the bank.
- \* **Jim Riley** read the slate of officers for tonight's election of officers for 2026.
- \* The *Clovis Children's Electrical Christmas Parade* will be held on December 6, 2025. This year there will be a 10-car maximum to participate in the parade. Pizza and hot chocolate will be provided for the parade participants in the staging area.
- \* Tip of the Month: **Bill Cooper** suggested placing a wire tie around the safety fuse to make it easier to remove. Leave a tail on the wire tie to hold onto.
- \* **Tom Dodd** announced that he and **Dave Ekstrom** will be accepting members registration forms for the Christmas Banquet and yearly members' dues tonight at the meeting. It is ok to make one check out for both.
- \* **Dave Ekstrom** suggested that baked goods might be better than a sheet cake for the Christmas banquet. If anyone is interested in baking for the banquet, please contact **Tom Dodd**.
- \* The election of officers was conducted at the end of the meeting. **Todd Riley** made a motion for the election of the slate of officers read earlier in the meeting. **Dave Ekstrom** seconded the motion. The 2026 Board is: President: **Bill Cooper**; Vice President: **Virginia Diffey**; Secretary: **Mary Cooper**; Treasurer: **Dave Ekstrom**; Editor: **Tom Dodd**; Membership: **Patty Schlegel**; Directors: **Simon Adanalian**, **Jim Riley**, and **Brent Richardson**.
- \* The sign-up sheet to volunteer for Tours, Breakfasts, and Refreshments for 2026 is available.
- \* Club membership drawing of 10.00 was won by Melvin and Jan Smith. Next drawing will be for \$5.00.
- \* **Todd Riley** thanked **Tom** and **Yvette Nelson** for bringing refreshments tonight.
- \* **Todd Riley** adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.
- \* **Charldeane Cluff** and **Patty Schlegel** presented the raffle this evening.



## Dangerous Criminal

One evening, a lady stumbled into the police station with a black eye claiming she heard a noise in her back yard and went to investigate. The next thing she knew, she was hit in the eye and knocked out cold.

An officer was sent to her house to investigate, and he returned 1-1/2 hours later with a black eye.

"Did you get hit by the same person?" his sergeant asked.

"No," he replied. "I stepped on the same rake!"

*Thanks to Script "A" News*

**A Nut at  
the Wheel**

**A Peach on  
His Right**

**A Curve in  
the Road**

**Fruit Salad  
that Night**

**Burma Shave**





# December



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>Membership Renewal Deadline!</b> See the Form on page 6	<b>Giving TUESDAY</b>	<b>NATIONAL GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE DAY</b>	<b>Happy National Cookie Day!</b>		<b>Christmas Banquet Registration Deadline!</b> Form on page 7
<b>PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY</b>	<b>NATIONAL BROWNIE DAY</b>	<b>Christmas Card Day</b>	<b>Christmas Tree Lane</b> (For those who preregistered with Tom Nelson)	<b>NATIONAL APP DAY</b>		<b>Christmas &amp; Awards Banquet</b> New Hope Church 5:00 PM See page 1
<b>ROAST CHESTNUTS DAY</b>	<b>NATIONAL WEAR YOUR PEARLS DAY</b>	<b>NATIONAL CHOCOLATE COVERED ANYTHING DAY</b>	<b>NATIONAL MAPLE SYRUP DAY</b>	<b>National Twin Day</b>	<b>National Oatmeal Muffin Day</b>	<b>UGLY SWEATERS DAY</b>
<b>WINTER starts today!</b>	<b>National SHORT PERSON Day</b>	<b>HAPPY FESTIVUS!</b>	<b>NATIONAL EGGNOG DAY</b>	<b>Merry Christmas</b>	<b>Happy National Candy Cane Day!</b>	<b>NATIONAL FRUITCAKE DAY</b>
<b>CALL A FRIEND DAY</b>	<b>PEPPER POT DAY</b>	<b>NATIONAL BACON DAY</b>	<b>NEW YEARS EVE</b>	<b>** December 23rd, the Holiday of Festivus:</b> Please see page 5 for a description of this special day.		

## Please Volunteer for the Open Events!

Month	Breakfast	Tour	Refreshments	Other	Raffle
<del>Jan:</del>	Chuck Kallas	None	Charles/Virginia Diffey		A-H
<del>Feb:</del>	Cecil Spurlock	Chuck Kallas	Bob Sharp		I-Z
<del>March:</del>	Tom/Yvette Nelson	Bill/Mary Cooper	Jim/Peggy Riley		A-H
<del>April:</del>	Allan/Elaine Graham	Rodeo-Parade	Mel & Jan Smith	CCRG, Visalia	I-Z
<del>May:</del>	Bill/Mary Cooper	Diffey's/Cooper's	Joe/Charldene Cluff		A-H
<del>June:</del>	Todd/Irene Riley	John Fermanian	Todd/Irene Riley		I-Z
<del>July:</del>	Tom Dodd	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Ray/Sue Porter & Patty Schlegel		A-H
<del>Aug:</del>	Randy Smith	Ladies Luncheon (Irene Riley)	Joe/Charldene Cluff		I-Z
<del>Sept:</del>	Bob Sharp	Charles/Virginia Diffey	Dave/Marla Ekstrom		A-H
<del>Oct:</del>	John Fermanian	Todd Riley/Bob Sharp	Stan Merk		I-Z
<del>Nov:</del>	Chuck Kallas	Chuck Kallas	Tom/Yvette Nelson		A-H
<b>Dec:</b>	(no Breakfast)	Christmas Tree Lane	(no meeting)	Christmas Banquet	none
<b>Jan '26:</b>	Past President Todd Riley	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Jim & Peggy Riley		A-H



## November Breakfast & Tour



On November 8th, **Chuck Kallas** hosted a combination Breakfast and Tour with members choosing one or both.

The day started with members meeting at Blackstone & Nees in Fresno and caravanning to Breakfast at the *Rancho's Liberty Cafe* in Madera Ranchos with a good turnout. This cafe always supplies a bountiful meal. It was also nice to see **Floyd Dupras** after some absence.

The next leg of the event, joined by members from the Ford V-8 Club, took the group on a site-seeing Tour and poker run through Friant to Tollhouse with a stop to see wildlife from the road at a local preserve.

—Pictures thanks to **Todd Riley** and **Tom Dodd**



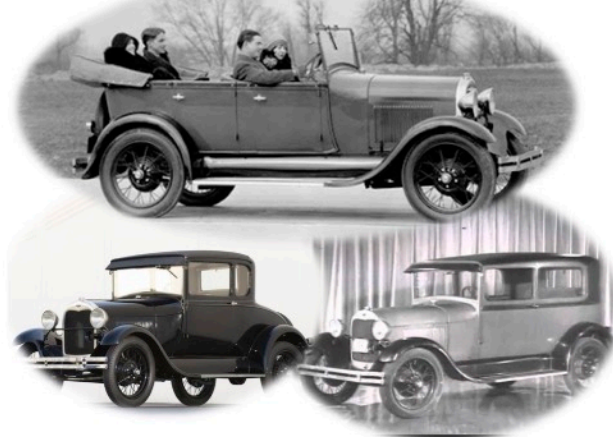


## FIRST RELEASE OF THE MODEL A FORD DECEMBER 2, 1927

In late November came the announcement that Americans had been waiting for: On December 2, 1927, the still unnamed Ford automobile would be shown to the public, at locations revealed to each and every Ford dealer. Pricing was announced on December 1, the eve of the showing, and to the delight of potential buyers, the new Model A would be priced comparably to the Model T. On the day of the car's reveal, Ford News, claimed that 10,534,992 people came to see the Model A, a number that represented 10 percent of the U.S. population at the time.

The Model A offered buyers elegant styling (described as a "downsized Lincoln" by some), four-wheel brakes, improved fuel economy, a laminated safety glass windshield, hydraulic shock absorbers, and a 200-5 cu.in. four-cylinder engine rated at 40 horsepower, enough to deliver a top speed of 65 MPH. Seven body types were offered at launch, including Sport Coupe, Coupe, Roadster, Phaeton, Tudor sedan, Fordor sedan, and truck, and buyers could choose from four colors (Niagara Blue, Arabian Sand, Dawn Gray and Gun Metal Blue).

Deposits from eager customers poured in, and in the first two weeks the automaker had reportedly accumulated 400,000 sales orders from dealers (adding to the thousands of orders that had been placed prior to the car's reveal). Though the Model A would only be produced from 1927 through early 1932, Ford sold over 4.3 million examples, and the car would help Ford transition from pioneer to modern automaker. The Model A would also go on to inspire generations of collectors, hot rodders and shade tree mechanics, helping to popularize the hobby that we've all come to know and love.



Thanks to Script "A" News

*Getting ready for winter...*



## Holiday Diet Rules

Submitted by Joe Sillman  
Western Lake Erie A's

Overeating can be a problem during the holidays and special events. Here are some simple rules that will help you through any holiday eating season.

1. Food that you eat when no one is looking does not have any calories. Somebody must actually see you eat the food for the calories to count.
2. Food licked off of kitchen utensils does not have any calories. The process of cooking caused the calories to be present.
3. Holiday cookies contain calories, but the pieces do not. To avoid calories, break the cookies into pieces before eating. The process of breaking causes caloric leakage.
4. Vegetables contain calories, but coating them with sour cream will prevent the calories from escaping into the body.
5. Snack food eaten at the office during regular business hours does not contain any calories. The U. S. Department of Agriculture does not consider this to be a nutritious meal, so the calories do not count.
6. Diet soda cancels calories. If you drink diet soda while eating a pizza, there are no calories in the meal.
7. The calories in alcohol can be deducted from other calories consumed. Alcohol burns in the engine of a car and in a human body, alcohol burns calories. (E-85 is not a substitute for alcohol)
8. When you eat with someone else, your calories do not count if the other person eats more than you do. It is a good idea to always eat with someone larger than you are. If everyone around you is big, then you are thin.
9. There are no calories in entertainment. Food consumed when you go out to eat contains no calories if you consider the meal to be entertainment. It helps to go out with an entertaining person, especially if they are also big.
10. Foods of the same color have the same number of calories. For example, a slice of grapefruit and a slice of lemon meringue pie have the same number of calories. **IMPORTANT:** Brown is a generic color, so chocolate may be substituted for any food of any color.

## This will be Your Last Quail Newsletter!

(Unless you've renewed your  
Membership!)

Haven't renewed yet?

You're Late!!

And, it will cost you \$5 more!

To get your next Newsletter, you must  
Send in your Renewal Form with your  
Dues & Late Fee ASAP!

The Renewal Form is on page 6

**\*\* December 23<sup>rd</sup>:** "A festus for the rest of us!" The holiday of **Festus** drew national attention thanks to the American comedy **Seinfeld**. In a 1997 episode, George Costanza's father, Frank (Jerry Stiller), decided he was staging a one-man war on Christmas. In lieu of celebrating a crassly commercialized holiday, Frank was going to start his own tradition—**Festus**. The holiday is celebrated on December 23<sup>rd</sup> because Frank wanted "to get a leg up on Christmas." To mark the occasion, an aluminum pole is set up in the living room or backyard—the Festus pole, which "requires no decoration," according to Frank. After a Festus meal, celebrants must air their grievances with each other and engage in feats of strength, like wrestling.





- ☐ New  
☐ Renewal  
☐ Life Member\*

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## SIERRA CHAPTER

### Model A Ford Club of America

# Membership Form

Please....  
**PRINT clearly!!**

Owning a Model A Ford is *not* a prerequisite for membership. Anyone interested is welcome to join. Sharing of technical information and the monthly newsletter are available to all Members. In addition, regular tours, breakfasts, parties and other social activities are planned throughout the year. Most activities are family functions with the whole family invited.

Please enter your name(s) and all information requested as you would like it to appear in our annual **Membership Directory** and on your **Chapter Membership Cards**. **Please PRINT clearly!!**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Cell # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Other\*\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*If Other, please indicate (e.g., Friend, Daughter, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

First Name(s) of Children under 18 **Living at Home**: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Optional. But, if entered, they will be listed in the Directory and receive a Chapter Membership Card.)

⇒ **RENEWING Members Only**: Please mark **ONE** of the two boxes below. Then, follow its instructions.

- ☐ "All of my/our data printed in last year's Directory is **current and correct**."  
— **Nothing further is needed on this Renewal Form**. Please submit this form with your dues to the Treasurer.
- ☐ "Some of my/our data in last year's Directory **has changed or was incorrect**."  
— **Fill in the new/updated information below**. Please submit this form with your dues to the Treasurer.

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(No. & Street) (City) (Zip)

Land-Line HOME PHONE, if any (*not* the cell numbers listed above): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Your **Email** address: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
(At least one email is needed in order to receive the club's monthly newsletter and activity announcements. Let us know if this is a problem.)

Spouse/Other **Email** address: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please List your Model A Vehicle(s), if any: \_\_\_\_\_ CB Handle: \_\_\_\_\_

1) Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_

3) Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_ 4) Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_

⇒ Please Submit this form **with your dues** to Treasurer **Dave Ekstrom, 4482 E Norwich Ave, Fresno, CA 93726**

**Make CHECKS payable to: Sierra Chapter Model A Ford Club**

**DUES per year**: \$20 for new members, \$25 for those *renewing* (minus a \$5 discount if you are a current MAFCA member).

— Please check **all** that apply below:

\_\_\_ I am a **New Member** of this Model A Club. **Dues = \$20**

\_\_\_ I am a **Renewing Member** and **NOT** a current member of MAFCA. **Dues = \$25**

\_\_\_ I am a **Renewing Member** and a Member of MAFCA. **Dues = \$20**. Here's my MAFCA # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I am renewing **after the Dec 1<sup>st</sup> deadline** and have **added \$5 late fee** to the above marked dues.

Six digit number printed on the label of your Restorer.

**Note: Renewal Deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Your dues increase by a \$5 late fee after the deadline.**

\*Those completing 30 or more years of *continuous* membership in Sierra Chapter are considered **Life Members**. Payment of dues by Life Members is *voluntary* for participation in the club. **However, we ask that you submit this Membership Form so that we may update your information for the Directory.** Although *voluntary*, your support of the Chapter by your contribution of the appropriate dues will be much appreciated.

Revised 3/31/25



**Sierra Chapter, Model A Ford Club**  
***Christmas and Awards Banquet***

**New Hope Community Church**

4620 E. Nees Ave, Clovis (East of Clovis Ave)

***Saturday, December 13, 2025***

**5:00 PM Social Time      5:30 PM Dinner**

***Officer Installation & Awards Ceremony follows the Dinner***

*Era clothing is encouraged!*

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*Please cut on the above line and*  
***Mail your reservation and payment to:***

**Tom Dodd @ 4146 W Fremont Ave, Fresno, CA 93722**

***\*\*Reservations must arrive by Saturday, December 6, 2025\*\****

***Buffet Dinner Includes New York Steak and Chicken entrees, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Water***

***Dinner Price is \$10.00 per person for Sierra Chapter Members***  
***(Non-member guest price is \$32 per person)***

**Questions? Contact Tom Dodd @ 559-435-9057 or Todd Riley @ 559-916-2167**

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

***Note:*** Make checks payable to ***Sierra Chapter Model A Ford Club***

**Not-So-Famous Quotes from Famous People**

*There is nothing better  
than a friend, unless it is  
a friend with chocolate.*  
—George Bernard Shaw

*Any fool can know. The  
point is to understand.*  
—Albert Einstein

*Christmas is the time of  
the year to get the kids  
something for the old  
man to play with.*  
—Anonymous

*It ain't what they call you,  
it's what you answer to.*  
—W.C. Fields

*For every minute you are  
angry, you lose 60  
seconds of happiness.*  
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

*Even when you have  
doubts, take that step.  
Take Chances. Mistakes*

*are never failure—they  
can be turned into  
wisdom.*  
—Chef Cat Cora

*Cats can work out  
mathematically the exact  
place to sit that will cause*

*the most inconvenience.*  
—Poet Pam Brown

*There are two means of  
refuge from the misery of  
life—music and cats.*  
—Albert Schweitzer



### ***The Flying Quail***

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*The line for  
the job  
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