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CHAPTER MEETING!!

SANDY'S COUNTRY JUNCTION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

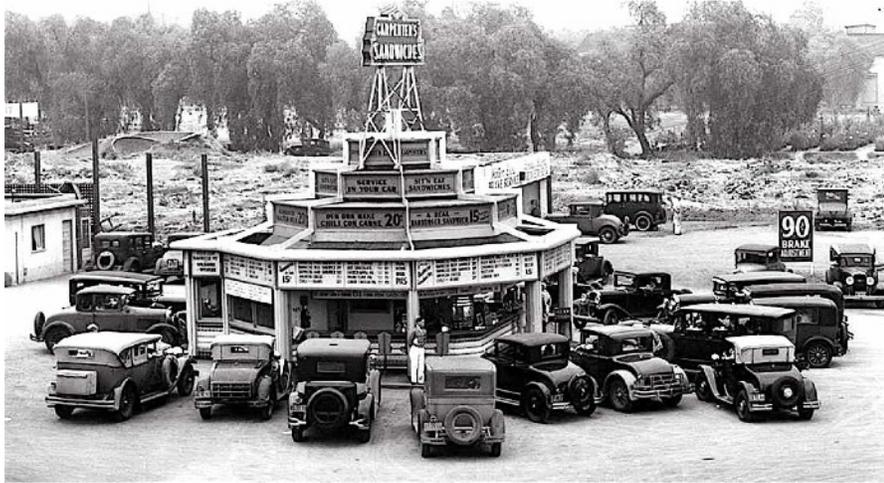
7:30 PM

(BOARD MEETING @ 6:30 PM)

**PLEASE BRING A DOOR PRIZE
IF YOUR LAST NAME STARTS WITH I - Z**

**REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY
GABE & HOPE VASQUEZ**

The Good Ol' Days — A 20¢ Bowl of Chile brought to your Car followed by a 90¢ Brake Adjustment



In 1932, **Carpenter's Drive-in Restaurant**, located at the bustling intersection of Sunset and Vine in Hollywood, California, epitomized the charm and allure of early 20th-century dining culture. This iconic establishment was situated in one of Hollywood's most famous and vibrant neighborhoods, known for its connection to the entertainment industry and its role as a central hub of social activity.

Carpenter's Drive-in was a notable example of the drive-in dining trend that gained popularity in the 1930s. As cars became more common and the culture of automobile ownership expanded, drive-in restaurants offered a novel and convenient dining experience. Patrons could enjoy a meal without leaving their vehicles, reflecting the era's fascination with automobiles and the growing emphasis on mobility and convenience.

—Old Light Society Publication, September 30, 2024

FEBRUARY VALENTINE BRUNCH



TREAT YOUR SPECIAL VALENTINE
TO A NICE BRUNCH

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 14TH**

10 AM !!

RED CABOOSE CAFE

**5054 N ACADEMY AVE
(SHAW & ACADEMY)**

YOUR HOSTS:

BRENT & MARY RICHARDSON

QUESTIONS? 559-907-0993



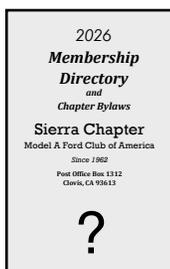
2026 DIRECTORY CONTEST!

Guess the 2026 Directory **cover color** and which
Model A **body style** is on the cover for prizes!

See the contest form on page 5.

**2026 Membership Directory
and Membership Cards
Will be Distributed at the February
Meeting!**

*Save the Club some postage!
Come pick up your Directory, or
ask an attending member to
pick it up for you. Thanks!*



Sierra Chapter President's Corner

by *Bill Cooper*



Dear Club Members,

I want to thank everyone who showed up for the Past Presidents Breakfast. The turnout was remarkable, and it was great to see

many of the presidents who turned out for the celebrations.

We have been invited to celebrate *Cornerstone Church's* 100th anniversary by showcasing our Model A cars! The celebration will feature a special moment where our city's mayor will illuminate the marquee in front of the old Wilson theatre. I hope to see strong participation from our club members on Wednesday February 4th from 6 - 7:15pm. Phone me at 559-824-0466 if you would like to participate. More details on page 4.

Let's keep the momentum going with our upcoming Valentines Day brunch. Your ideas and energy are what drive us forward, so please reach out with any tour plans or suggestions.

Warm Regards, *Bill Cooper*

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Sunshine Report

from
Nadine Lowe

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

- **Judy Hulstrom** is now in hospice care and is in the Lord's hands. She feels peace with each step that she is taking. Her daughter is helping **John** with her care. Judy was so happy that she was able to make it to the Past President's Breakfast and see some of her old friends. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Please notify Nadine of any Sunshine needs.
559-227-6423. HI-LOW7@PACBELL.NET



**ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT HOSTING A MONTHLY TOUR
BUT DON'T KNOW HOW OR TO WHERE?**

Contact **VP Virginia Diffey** (559-304-8054)!!

She has some ideas for destinations and can help you with the logistics.



Sierra Model A Club,
I am deeply honored to
have been presented the
Sierra Chapter Service
Award.
I wish I had been well
enough to be at the Christmas
Party. You could have seen
my total surprise and
appreciation.
Thank you so
much. I have
loved my years
model A'ing
and love all of you,
Judy Hulstrom

Judy Hulstrom is presented the 2025 MAFCA Service Award on behalf of MAFCA by Sierra Chapter board member **Tom Dodd**. This prestigious award provides national recognition to individuals within a chapter who have demonstrated a continuing and selfless service to others in the Model A hobby. Judy was able to accept the award at the January's club breakfast

Judy was nominated by Sierra Chapter because of her service to and strong participation in the club's activities over the years. She served as chapter president for two years, was instrumental in getting the club interested in era clothing, and helped revive the Ladies Luncheon tradition. And, with her husband **John**, she attended virtually all chapter, CCRG, and even some national Model A events until her declining health slowed her down.





February



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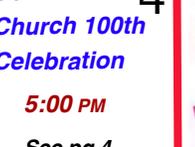
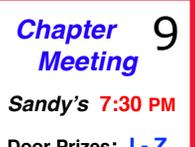
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Fri

Sat

 1	 2	 3	 4 5:00 PM See pg 4	 5	 6	7
 8	 9 Sandy's 7:30 PM Door Prizes: I - Z	 10	 11	 12	 13	 14 Red Caboose Cafe 10:00 AM See pg 1
 15	 16	 17	 18	 19	 20	 21
 22	 23	 24	 25	 26	 27	 28

Please Volunteer for the Open Events!

<u>Month</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Tour</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Raffle</u>	
<u>Jan:</u>	Todd Riley	Volunteer Needed	Jim & Peggy Riley		A - H	
<u>Feb:</u>	Brent Richardson	Volunteer Needed	Gabe & Hope Vasquez		I - Z	
<u>March:</u>	Bill & Mary Cooper	Volunteer Needed	Cecil Spurlock/Kay Hamilton		A - H	
<u>April:</u>	Gabe & Hope Vasquez	Coopers: Rodeo Parade	Bob Sharp		CCRG, Bakersfield April 29 - May 2	I - Z
<u>May:</u>	Chuck & Colette Kallas	Randy & Lisa Smith	Mike & Lily Gouff		A - H	
<u>June:</u>	Larry & Karen Elmore	Jim & Peggy Riley	Charldene & Joe Cluff		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Help the club by volunteering to host these monthly activities. Contact VP Virginia Diffey to reserve an event. 559-304-8054 or vcdiffey@yahoo.com Remember— no activities, no club!</p> </div>	I - Z
<u>July:</u>	Tom Dodd	Volunteer Needed	Mel & Jan Smith			A - H
<u>Aug:</u>	Raul & Susan Romo	Volunteer Needed	Marla & Dave Ekstrom			I - Z
<u>Sept:</u>	Bob Sharp	Diffey's: Caruthers Parade	Charldene & Joe Cluff			A - H
<u>Oct:</u>	John Fermanian	Todd Riley/Bob Sharp	Todd & Irene Riley		Remember— no activities, no club!	I - Z
<u>Nov:</u>	Charles & Virginia Diffey	Chuck & Colette Kallas	Charles & Virginia Diffey	Christmas Banquet	A - H	
<u>Dec:</u>	(no Breakfast)	Clovis Light Paraded	(no meeting)		none	
<u>Jan '27:</u>	Past President	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed		A - H	

Volunteers are also needed to Chair the following special Events! Dates are Negotiable!

- 1) Ladies Luncheon 2) Christmas Banquet 3) Ice Cream Social



Minutes for the January, 2026 General Meeting

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary Mary Cooper

- * The regular meeting of the Sierra Chapter of MAFCA was called to order by **President Bill Cooper** at 7:34 pm. Bill welcomed everyone.
- * Todd Riley led us in the flag salute.
- * **Raul and Susan Romo** were at the meeting tonight. **Todd Riley** thanked them for the donation to the Christmas Banquet. Tonight was **Jolinda Downer's** first meeting.
- * The minutes from the November meeting were published in the December Flying Quail. The November minutes were accepted as published.
- * **Dave Ekstrom** gave the treasurer reports for November and December. The club has money in the bank.
- * **Virginia Diffey** reported that there were no tour signups for the months of January, February, March, June, July, August and November.
- * January's breakfast will be the traditional Past President's Breakfast hosted by **Todd Riley**. The breakfast will be at *The Waffle Place* on Cedar on Saturday, January 17, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.
- * Tip of the Month: **Chuck Kallas** talked about the breakdown of the cork materials caused by the ethanol in our fuels, and a modern material available for our gas gauge float and glass lens gaskets that is resistant to today's ethanol gasoline.
- * There was no Sunshine Report. Thoughts and prayers to those who wish not to be reported.

- * CCRG Report: The CCRG Jamboree will be held in Bakersfield the weekend of April 30th -May 2nd, 2026. Registration packet should be out soon.
The CCRG Grand Tour will be held in Mariposa this fall.
The NCRG Round-up will be held the end of May, 2026
- * **Tom Dodd** announced that there will be a Directory Contest again this year. Guess the color of the 2026 Directory Cover and win \$10.00. Guess the Body Style of the Model A on the Directory Cover and win \$10.00. Deadline to enter the contest is **February 4, 2026**.
- * **CONGRATULATIONS TO TOM DODD!** Tom won the MAFCA Newsletter Award. Tom has been the editor of the Flying Quail for 8 years and won this award 4 times. The Club appreciates the great job he does!!!
- * **John Fermanian** suggested and made a motion for the club to purchase a new microphone system. **Cecil Spurlock** seconded the motion. Cecil to present estimates at the next meeting.
- * **John Fermanian** also announced that "Car show season is upon us". If interested in any of the car shows coming up, contact John.
- * The winners of the club's membership drawing were not present. Next month's drawing will be for \$10.00
- * **Bill Cooper** thanked **Jim and Peggy Riley** for bringing refreshments tonight.
- * **Bill Cooper** adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.
- * **Bob Sharp** presented the raffle this evening.

Past Presidents' Breakfast

Despite the heavy fog, Saturday, January 17 saw a great turnout for the January Breakfast with approximately 28 members attending.

Traditionally, the club's January breakfast is hosted by the immediate past president to honor all of the Chapter's former presidents. This year's Past President **Todd Riley** made the effort to personally contact the living former presidents or their spouses. He also fabricated a great poster listing all of the club's former leaders since its inception in 1962.

The event was held at *The Waffle Place* at Cedar and Herndon, formerly *BJ's Kountry Kitchen*.

—Pictures thanks to **John Fermanian** and **Todd Riley**



Former Sierra Chapter Presidents (l-r): **Brad Richter** (1996 & 2003); **Judy Hulstrom** (2018-19); **John Hulstrom** (2012); **Chuck Kallas** (2005-06, & 2020-22); **Tom Dodd** (2010-11); **Todd Riley** (2023-2025); **Nadine Lowe** for her late husband **Gordon** (2002, 2009 & 2015), **Jim Riley** (1976-77, 1986 & 2014); and **Dorothy Piccirilli** for her late husband **Russell** (1994).

COME JOIN THE PARTY!



Sierra Chapter has been asked by *Cornerstone Church* (formerly the *Wilson Theater* in downtown Fresno) to display our Model A's as historical ambiance for the celebration of their 100th anniversary. The address is 1463 Fulton Street.

This is going to be a public event on **Wednesday, February 4th**. The street will be closed off in front of the theater. The mayor will attend to light up the marquee. There will be a free movie. The street will be blocked off at 3:00 PM with the marquee light-up and speeches between 6:00 and 7:15 PM. After 7:15, all will be invited to go inside and see the free movie. They plan to have food booths and displays in the street.

If you are interested in participating, please contact president **Bill Cooper** (559-824-0466) for further details and to possibly coordinate caravanning to the location.

Be advised that, since no one has yet volunteered to host a *February Tour*, this event might substitute for it.



2026 Membership Directory Contest

1) Guess the **COLOR** of the 2026 Directory cover *and* 2) Guess the **BODY STYLE** of the Model A on the 2026 cover.

Members guessing the correct **color** will have their name entered in a drawing for **\$10**.

Members guessing the correct **body style** will have their name entered in a drawing for **\$10**.

Rules: Only current Sierra Chapter Members may enter. An "entry" is defined as one guess for the color *and* one guess for the body style. Each eligible member of a chapter family may submit an entry. Only one entry per member. **Deadline to enter is Wednesday, February 4, 2026.** Entries may be submitted on this form by mail or by emailing your guesses to Editor Tom Dodd at tdodd@sbcglobal.net. The 2026 Directory **color** will be one from the list below and might have been previously used. The **body style** will be one of the styles shown on the center pages of the 2025 Directory. *The drawing will be held at the February, 2026 monthly meeting. Good Luck!*

My Name (print): _____

My Color Guess is: _____

My Body Style guess is: _____ *

Eligible 2026 Directory Colors

- | | |
|--------------|------------------|
| -White/Ivory | -Tan/Brown |
| -Grey | -Purple/Lavender |
| -Blue | -Salmon/Orange |
| -Green | -Yellow/Gold |
| -Red/Pink | -Black |

Eligible 2026 Directory Body Style

Any Model A style pictured on the inside centerfold of the 2025 Directory. (Guessing the year is not required.)

***Note:** When guessing the Body Style, **be specific!** For instance, if guessing "Sedan", you must specify which model including Briggs/Murray. If guessing "Coupe", you must specify which style. **Guessing the year is not required.** **Hint:** the specific body style to be on the cover of the 2026 Directory has **not** been used before.

CCRG Jamboree
BAKERSFIELD
MAY 1-2 2026
Bakersfield, CA Model A Club
For a Registran Packet
Contact: Linda Jackson: snickers@atginternet.com

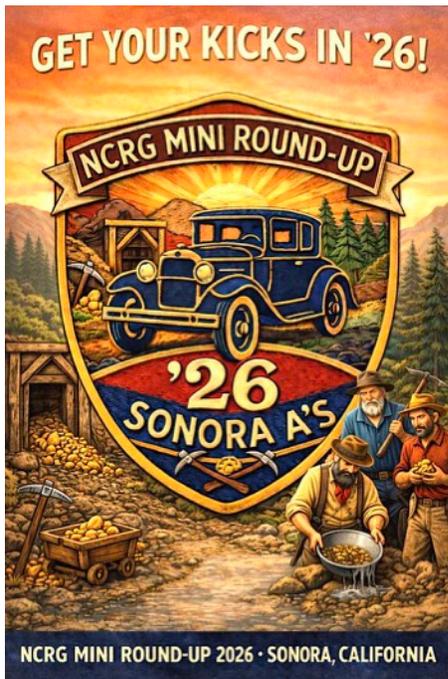
MAFCA Recognizes Sierra Chapter's Flying Quail as one of its Top Ten Newsletters

Quail newsletter editor **Tom Dodd** displays his *Newsletter of Merit* certificate, one of only ten newsletter awards presented by the Model A Ford Club of America this year.

"I want to congratulate you for doing a great job and winning recognition from MAFCA," wrote 2025 MAFCA Chapter Coordinator **Doug Linden**. "You should be proud of managing one of the best newsletters in the Model A hobby."



There are nearly 250 MAFCA chapters.



Download info & Registration Packet at:
<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/692943512a65625fb19c701f/t/69503735b11dc41e6cdc31d7/1766864693901/Registration+Form+2025+Word+Version+121925.pdf>



A 106-year-old cowboy in Texas recently passed away. He was asked his secret to longevity on his previous birthday.

He told them that, for the past 50 years, he had sprinkled a little gunpowder on his cereal each morning.

He left behind 8 children, 21 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren and a 15-foot hole in the crematorium.

- **Bob Davies**, Script "A" News



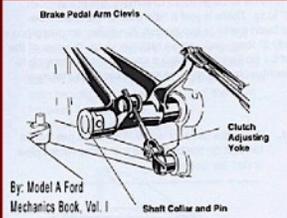
Jim's technical tip
by Jim Cannon, MAFCA Technical Director

Clutch Pedal "Free Play"

You don't want to drive your car without any free movement or play in the clutch pedal before it starts to disengage the clutch. The clutch pedal must have at least 1" free movement or play at all times. As the clutch facings wear, this play gradually becomes less, and, if not adjusted back out, will result in clutch slippage and a burned out clutch.

The free play is adjusted by removing the clevis pin on the clutch actuating arm, below the clutch pedal. Screw the clevis rod out to increase pedal movement, to compensate for wear. Replace clevis pin and cotter pin.

Make checking the clutch pedal clearance and adjustment (when needed) a part of your routine maintenance checklist, and Have a Model A Day!



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MAFCA PUZZLE

Can you find **ten** differences in the two pictures below?
(Answers are on page 7)



From the..... **1930-31 Fall & Winter Catalog**

SEARS ROEBUCK and COMPANY

NOW YOU CAN BUY HATS FOR ALL YOUR OUTFITS...

DESCRIPTIONS AND OTHER COLORS ON OPPOSITE PAGE

FASHIONABLE NEW BRACELETS
Exquisite Designs Every One a Masterpiece!

YOU CAN SAVE \$200 HERE!

USE CAR'S EXHAUST TO CLEAN CUSHIONS

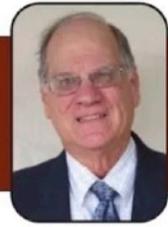
Using the exhaust gas of the automobile to clean the upholstery is the accomplishment of a recently invented device. An aluminum attachment is fastened to the exhaust pipe and the engine is allowed to idle. As the exhaust gas passes through this device suction is created at the inlet hole. Collected by a nozzle, the dust and dirt are drawn through the hose and expelled into the air at the rear of the car. It is made in three models, for cars of different size.

With the car's engine idling, gas from the exhaust creates a vacuum that cleans the cushions



Steering Column

Doug Linden - 2026 President



AS WE START the New Year, I would like to wish all our members a healthy and prosperous 2026 and many smiles per mile touring in your Model A.

I am honored to serve as president and look forward to working with our dedicated board. Our shared goal is to serve MAFCA to the best of our ability and continue to grow MAFCA by providing our members with first class



Introducing 2026 directors: Doug Clayton, Paul Shinn, Dennis Thompson, Dave Krill, Trish Evans, Happy Begg, David Frazee, and Sherry Winkinhofer.

services and benefits, while at the same time having fun with our Model A's.

Please join me in welcoming the newly elected board members for 2026-'27: Doug Clayton (Publications/ Public Relations); Trish Evans (Membership/ Marketing); Paul Shinn (Technical); and Dennis

Thompson (Treasurer). Continuing members include Happy Begg (Vice President); David Frazee (Secretary);

Sherry Winkinhofer (Chapter Coordinator); and Dave Krill (Advertising). We look forward to working as a team to guide MAFCA into the years ahead.

I would like to send a special thanks to Ed Tolman, Bill Truesdell, and Jay McCord for their dedication and service to MAFCA. They have made a lasting impact.

My wife, Nan, and I just returned from the 2025 National Awards Banquet (NAB) in Mobile, Alabama. Thanks to Allen Braddy and the Gulf Coast Model A Club, who spent countless hours making sure the attendees had a wonderful time. The location of the hotel made it convenient to reach all the scheduled tours; the tour of the USS Alabama Battleship Park made for a memorable event. Nan and I really enjoy attending NABs, and due to their size they offer a great chance to socialize with the other members and enjoy new places. Plan to join us at the 2026 NAB in Cincinnati.

The board is here to represent you, and I encourage you to contact any of us if you have any questions. (See our contact information below.) I encourage all members to participate in future events, local or national. Together we can make this a fantastic year for MAFCA. ☺

FOR SALE

Contact Chuck Kallas for Details

In Fresno: 559-287-1256



1929 Sport Coupe: \$15,500
Low Mileage Restoration



1928 Roadster \$26,500
Show Quality



1931 Roadster Pickup
Fresh Build \$25,500



1928 Phaeton Autorama
V6 Ford Automatic \$29,500



**Rare Late 1931 "Budd Body"
Wide Bed Pickup**

- All Steel Construction by Budd Manufacturing.
 - Wider Pickup Bed than previous Model A pickup trucks.
 - Only 8,282 of these Style 82B trucks were made.
- \$26,500**



This classic picture was taken in February, 1939 of U.S. 99 in Kern County a few miles out of Bakersfield headed south, possibly the base of the Grapevine. You can see the split north/south lanes in the background.

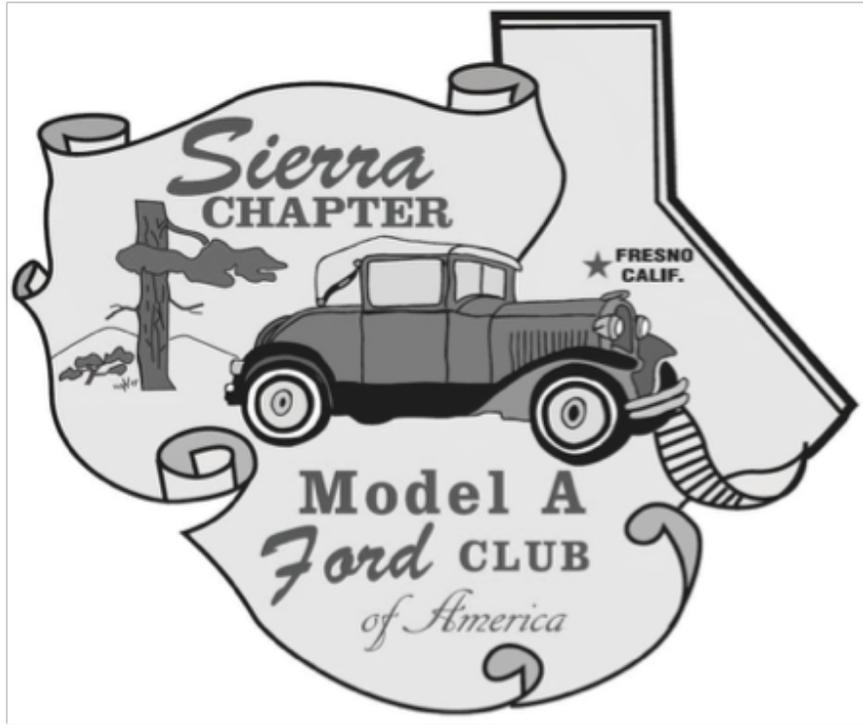


Help with adjusting carburetor float position accurately.

Call: Dave Ekstrom 559-779-1213

Answers for MAFCA Puzzle on page 6

1. Lug nut missing on left rear wheel
2. New bush at top of hill
3. MAFCA Decal next to roll of wire
4. More wood in the wood pile.
5. Bush below back wreck missing
6. Bracket on side of AA changed
7. Rib on back of cab missing
8. Rotted spot on left rear tire gone.
9. Wheelbarrow missing.
10. House roof missing object on it



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