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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Mumble for the Rumble

You never really learn how to swear until you learn to drive. On the heels of that realization, it's clear that a car's weakest part is the nut holding the steering wheel, and they're everywhere!

It's been quite a month since my last report. We had a truly engaging tour to the Newlon Home all wearing period clothes, well at least most of us were. The enticing centerpiece of the tour was supposed to be riding the 7-1/2 Gauge steam train around the property, but just as in days of yore where trains occasionally derailed, so too did a couple of the passenger cars. Not many people can say they've survived a derailment so in many ways it was an even more exciting day. Personally, I thought the home with its multitude of high-end antiques was the highlight, made even more so with Mike Newlon's detailed descriptions and back stories of the items in his collection. Standing overwatch on top of his garage/guesthouse is the original 4-sided clock from London's Victoria Station and in the garage below, a Duesenberg....painted on the wall silently watching his actual car collection which includes a Motel T with white tires.

The A-Team was at it again, finally getting Steve Kurtz's head back on.... his car! Success was also achieved at new member Phil Saleen's home where the Gallant Grease Monkeys descended. This band of merry men included Clark Pomeroy, Brendan Beatty, Steve Kurtz, Paul Quiero, Scott McNatt and myself. The electrical system was reworked with a new coil and condenser, the engine timed, the carburetor was disassembled and cleaned all while Steve Kurtz waited with bated breath for the go-ahead to push the starter button. The engine was getting fuel; there was a small spark to each plug and yet the car refused to turn over. It turns out there has to be a secure connection of the wires to the battery. Bingo!

Looking forward to October we plan to meet the group of A's traveling from Chicago along Route 66 on October 13 at Legends Classic Diner at 11:30 am. It is located at 1155 E Route 66 in Glendora. We'll drive the last leg of the journey with them to Santa Monica. I encourage EVERYONE to please join us and them for part of a historic drive.



Lastly, OUR CLUB puts on the Car Show and Swap Meet and so we are all obligated to do our part to make it a success. Jim Lank is already hoarse from trying to get more people to sign up and Hunter has paper cuts on both hands from passing out flyers. IT'S YOUR TURN TO JOIN IN!

Lastly, Lastly, there will be nominations for Board Members at our October Club Meeting. Got the itch to serve? Want to nominate someone else? Make yourself heard on OCTOBER 16 in person at the meeting.

A Shade Tree Mechanic's Thoughts on Life and Cars: By Wade Ratzlaff, San Fernando Valley Model A Club

William S. Hart – The Cowboy Who Rode Off into the Sunset... in a Model A Ford



When you think of William S. Hart, you probably picture him in black-and-white—broad-brimmed hat, six-shooter at his side, astride a trusty steed. Hart was one of Hollywood's first cowboy stars, a man whose rugged face and quiet dignity made him the Clint Eastwood of the silent film era. But here's the twist—when the cameras stopped rolling, Hart didn't just ride horses. He drove a Ford.

Hart came to California in the 1910s and quickly became the king of Westerns. His films were known for their authenticity—no flashy trick shots or dime-novel nonsense. He was the real deal, and the public loved him for it. By the mid-1920s, Hart had made his fortune, bought himself a ranch in what is now Newhall, and settled into a quieter life.

And then came 1928, the year Ford introduced the Model A. It was modern, stylish, and—compared to the old Model T—just about as luxurious as a cowboy could want without compromising his rugged image. Hart bought one, and it became his go-to ride when the distance was too far for a horse and too close for a train. Imagine it—Hollywood's original cowboy star rumbling down dusty Newhall roads, Stetson tilted back, maybe a saddle tossed in the rumble seat “just in case.”

His Model A wasn't just transportation; it was a bridge between two worlds. Hart was a man rooted in the 19th-century West, but he wasn't afraid to embrace 20th-century technology. The Model A fit him perfectly—simple, dependable, and ready for anything, much like the man himself.

Today, if you visit the William S. Hart Park and Museum in Newhall, you can still get a sense of the man who helped shape America's idea of the Old West. You'll see his home, his cowboy gear, and maybe even hear a story or two about that Model A. Because while Hart may have been famous for riding into the sunset, he also knew there were times when four wheels beat four legs—especially if those wheels belonged to a Ford.

So the next time you fire up your own Model A, tip your hat to William S. Hart, the cowboy who could handle a horse, a Hollywood set, or a winding California road—no problem.

Picture of Wm S. Hart's garage, back in the day. Anything look familiar?



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Thursday, October 9

6:30 PM

Board meeting

Mimi's Restaurant, 19710 Nordhoff Place, Chatsworth All are invited, however comments and remarks are permitted only if on the agenda.

A group of intrepid Model A devotees have set off from Chicago, IL and have traveled the "Mother Road" - U.S. Route 66 in route to Santa Monica, CA. The night of the October 12, they spent the night in San Bernardino at the Wigwam Motel. We've been invited to join them for lunch at Legends (1155 East Rte. 66 Glendora, CA)

October 13

9:00 AM

Rendezvous with Mid-west Model A'ers westward bound

Meet at Woodley Park 6350 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys

Meet the hearty travelers when we get to Legends (1155 East Rte. 66 Glendora, CA) Be sure to let Brendan know if you plan to join us. Remember, this is a holiday for most of us!

Sat. October 18

9 AM to 2 PM

Simi Valley Elks club Car Show and Chilli cookoff

1561 Kuener Drive, Simi Valley, CA

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/QgrcJHrjBQXxnVJdKkzlhHKNBDFXztbjSV?projector=1>

Click for further information.

Thursday, October 16

7:30 PM

General Membership Meeting

Galpin Motors 15505 Roscoe Bl. North Hills

Lot's of important stuff coming up at this month's meeting. We need to sew up final details on the Car Show / Swap Meet (lotsa blanks on the sign up sheets!) And we need to come up with names who will run for the board for 2026 (it's not time consuming nor strenuous), among other things.

And we'll be having dinner at Galpin's HORSELESS CARRIAGE restaurant around 6PM.

Most Every Wednesday —Lunch with the fellas at Lulu's Feel free to join us any Wednesday at Lulu's Restaurant, 16900 Roscoe Bl., Van Nuys at 11AM for master classes in Model A maintenance, marital functioning, world problems (state and local) solving and other general yucks.



LOOK AHEAD...

Sat & Sun 11/ 1&2

Club car show and swap meet (Set up on Saturday 11/1, event on Sunday 11/2)

Sun. Dec. 7

Granada Hills Holiday parade



SUNSHINE



Snacks for October's meeting - Lynley and Larry Margules

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10/ 2	Toshiko Favela
10/ 5	Darleen Bell
	Janice Smith
10/11	Larry Singler
10/12	Andy Bell
10/14	Patti Grubbs
10/19	Keri Hausner
10/22	Ben Hoskins
	Jeff Williams



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

10/ 9	David & Heidi Van Elgort
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Words of wisdom for your pondering...

“If you don’t read the newspaper, you’re uninformed. If you read the newspaper, you’re misinformed.”

Mark Twain

From where I sit...

This is the opportunity for my penultimate plea. We need your help for our Car Show and Swap Meet schedule for November 2 (with set-up on Saturday November 1). We need you to help get the word out. Hunter will gladly supply flyers, but talk it up to any and all of your car buddies. We are open to all makes and models of cars and the swap meet to all things automotive—parts, memorabilia— you name it! Also, as I look at the sign-ups for chores at the event, we’re a tad sparse. Please check out where we need help at our next meeting and fill in the blanks.

For the past few years it has been like pulling teeth to

get new folks onto the board of directors. We’ve got 3 or 4 current board members going off at the end of 2025 and need those positions filled and we desperately need a secretary. I especially appeal to some of our newer members and to our female members. Please consider taking part in the management of our club. It is fun, it is not overwhelming but the pay sucks. Talk to a member of the board and get their reactions. Please think it over and say yes.

There’s a Ford in your past!

Jim

ERA FASHIONS

Bob Mackie



Halloween 1930-ish

There's "no information available as to date or place" on this picture (reproduced in Ossian Brown's 2005 book *Haunted Air*), presumably because it was transported here through a portal from hell. Imagine opening the door to this lot: you would actually die. Take my best horse, my largest cabbage, the deeds to the farm, just don't hurt me. The chilling sight of wee Jimmie Krankie down the front makes me wonder why we ever bother with anything more elaborate than a pillowcase with holes in.

Henry Ford Story

Henry Ford started young. By the age of 12, he was spending most of his spare time in a small machine shop, which he had equipped himself. It was here that he constructed his first steam engine, in 1878, aged just 15. The next year, Henry left home, bound for the nearby city of Detroit, to work as an apprentice machinist.

By 1891, he had become an engineer with the Edison Illuminating Company in Detroit. A promotion to Chief Engineer two years later, gave him enough time and money to devote more attention to his personal experiments on internal combustion engines.

The culmination of his experiments was the building of a self-propelled vehicle – the Quadricycle – in 1896. The first Ford engine spluttered its way into history, on his wooden kitchen table at 58 Bagley Avenue and this was quickly followed by his next design, an engine mounted on a frame, fitted with four bicycle wheels – the first Ford car.



Learning The Trade

Make sure you say howdy to our newest members



Drew Lord
1930 Standard Coupe
1930(?) Closed cab pick-up
3/25



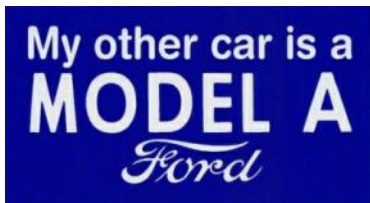
David Hamilton
1929 Tudor (Fire Chief)
1930 Tudor
4/25



Phil Saleen
1931 Coupe
8/25

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on to something.**

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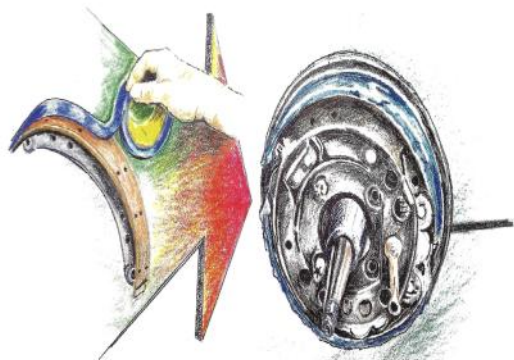


Tiny Tips

Tiny Tips From MAFCA Members

From Dennis Harwell, Bulverde, Texas
Illustrated by John Pratt, Urbana, Illinois

Keep Brake Linings Clean



Recently, I replaced my brake drums and brake linings. In the past, I have always had trouble keeping oil and/or grease from getting on the brake linings. This time I covered the linings with 2" blue masking tape.

I just simply left the tape on the linings until after I finished assembling all the springs and miscellaneous parts. I removed the tape as the brake drums were installed. This worked fantastic!

If you have a helpful tip about Model A restoration or maintenance that you'd like to share with MAFCA members, please forward it to the MAFCA Office, 250 S. Cypress St., La Habra, CA 90631-5515 or e-mail to: restorer@mafca.com.

SFV Chapter MAFCA General Meeting Minutes

September, 2025



Following the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, led by Jim Lank, Jim pointed out the sign-up sheets taped to the walls for the various tasks that need be addressed to make the Car Show / Swap Meet a success. Clark Pomeroy came to the front and had Roberta Jacobs' name drawn to receive the bouquet of flowers. Then Jim Lank's name was pulled for the member's only drawing. President Arthur spoke generally about the need for folks to step up to serve on the board and that club dues are due and payable prior to December 31 or the member will not be included in the 2026 roster.



Treasurer Hunter reported that the club is still solvent and spoke about the dues that can be paid by check or by Zelle. (You can see the dues invoice on page 4.)



V.P. Wade displayed a vast array of apparel that is (or will be) available. Wade then talked a bit about the A-Team and some past and some upcoming projects.

M.@L. Steve shared some of his pearls of wisdom.

Then break time! Aimee and Scott regaled us with hot dogs roasted right there, potato salad and torte for dessert!

After the break, Tours guy, Brendan reviewed the multi-club, highly successful Newlon house tour and spoke about some upcoming events. He then put on his



tech hat and played a video of a Pebble Beach concours which featured cars of Maharishis, including a Swan Car, as well as other cars that it helps to be a maharishi to own.

Treasurer Hunter stepped up again for the 50/50 drawing and V.P. Wade was happy to collect the proceeds. Meeting adjourned around 9:10 PM.

The fellas working to get Steve and Sondra's car back on the road



Clark hard at it.



Stan pondering while Arthur mugs.



Now you're working as a team!

Success! Head finally back on Steve's Sports Coupe. He drove it to the general meeting the next night.

Each time he puts her in the garage, he checks the torque on the head, and proceeds to report to Sondra that his nuts are tight!

International Model A Day –Newlon House tour

September 13, 2025



A combination of 3 Model A clubs, Conejo Valley, Simi and San Fernando, celebrated International Model A day in grand style with the help of Mike and Lorraine Newlon in Santa Rosa Valley. Among the clubs, some 20+ Model A's mustered at their 'Disneyland' in Ventura County. Some 40 to 50 folks, donned in era attire, enjoyed the grounds and the house that the Newlon's opened up to them. Many came anticipating a ride on Lulu Belle , their steam locomotive that circles the Newlon's Victorian home on 800 feet of track, through a tunnel. Alas, the rides were short lived as there was a derailment on Lulu Belle's run. The crowd was then relegated to the wonderful antique furnishings of the house, including a collection of vintage cash registers, period Victrola machines, and other old-fashioned artifacts, including the authentic clock tower that once graced the Victoria Station in London.



Needless to say, his cars were a smash. A 1948 Chrysler Town and Country with fine wood paneling and a brass era Model T touring car. From light fixtures to peanut roasting machines, everything was ancient, but working. And what do you do when you're plumb tuckered out from being awestruck. Why, you eat, of course. Everyone brought their lunch and we enjoyed the repast and opportunity to discuss the wonders of the Newlon house.



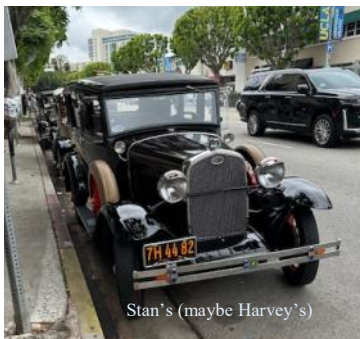
(Pictures thanks to Brendan Beatty)



Oakley's Barber Shop 100th Anniversary

September 27, 2025

The A guy who Stan worked with when 'Old Fashion Day in the Park' was a thing, reached out to him for a couple cars to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Oakley's Barber Shop in West L.A.



Stan's (maybe Harvey's)

So Stan, in turn, reached out to Harvey and Steve to see if they would accompany him to the event on Gayley Ave. We know you don't have to do much cajoling to have Steve or Harvey get on board to drive and display their cars.

Interestingly, as they were approaching, Harvey got a déjà vu feeling. Apparently, it was Oakley's Barber Shop that Harvey's mother, the real Mrs. Jacobs, would take Harvey to for his haircuts when they first opened. Ah, the memories it brought Harvey!



Cool Model T fire engine

back to



Steve's, for sure!



Harvey's, but then again, maybe Stan's

Car Show & Swap Meet

All Cars Welcome

Sunday November 2nd, 2025

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5	6	7	8 Fellas' lunch at Lulus	9 SFV MAFCA Board meeting 6:30	10	11
12	13 Meet Rt 66ers in Glendora Columbus / Indigenous Peoples' Day	14	15 Fella's lunch at Lulus	16 SFV MAFCA General meeting 7:30	17	18 Simi Valley car show & chili cookoff
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