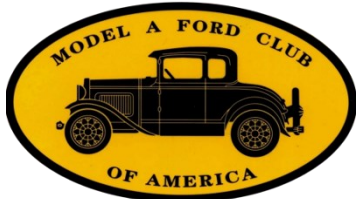




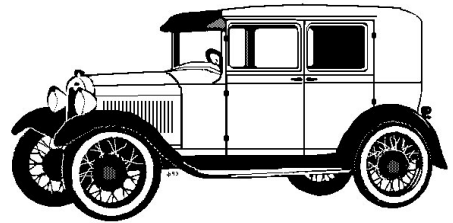
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January Club Activities

1st New Years Day Garage Tour Meet at I-Hop Santa Maria 7am

6th Past & Present Board Meeting 5 pm Weber's Home

8th Monthly Club Meeting Elwin Mussell Center Social 6 PM, Meeting 6:30 Program led by Bill Kanne, Annual Planning and Tax update Dessert Kay McCord

10th Memorial Service for Audrey Bailey 11:00 St Andrews United Methodist Church 3945 Bradley Road, Santa Maria, CA Please drive your Model A

15th SMA's Board Meeting 6pm Oasis Senior Center 420 Soares Ave, Orcutt

17th Tour with Bakersfield A's to New Cuyama Buckhorn for lunch. Meet at I Hop 9 am Leaving 9:30

22nd SMA's Breakfast The Boy's Restaurant 8:30

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Happy New Year

The Santa Maria A's General meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Elwin Mussell Senior Center, 510 E. Park Ave in Santa Maria, CA. Doors open at 6:00 and the meeting begins at 6:30 PM.

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Note: Phone numbers can be found in the Club Roster.

President's Corner

January 2026



**President
Bill Hansen**

Happy New Year Santa Maria A's,

I am looking forward to 2026. We are planning a very full year of activities. Brad Southwick has planned our January Tour to New Cuyama for a meetup with the Bakersfield A's. Details are provided in this newsletter. A sign-up sheet will be provided at the January 8th, General Meeting. I hope you are planning to come with us.

I will take a minute to look back at 2025. We enjoyed some great activities. I especially enjoy our tours. Richard Alexander did a great job planning our tours and activities. We had a very successful Car Show. It takes a lot of planning and work to pull it off. My sincere thanks to all of you who helped make it a success. A very special thank you to the committee members for your dedication. Special thanks to Jay McCord for his fund-raising efforts to support our chosen charities. John Humann's Round-up is a wonderful event. I am so grateful for John's warm and generous hospitality.

Thank you to those of you who have sent in your club dues for 2026. It is the best \$30 dollar investment you will make all year. Where else can you get a year full of fun and activities for 30 bucks? If you have any ideas for tours or events, please share them with Brad Southwick. He's in the process of planning our calendar for the year. He is planning a spring safety check very soon.

Thank you for giving me the chance to serve you this year as your club president. I am pleased to be a member of your board of directors. It is a solid and cohesive group dedicated to our hobby and to you, our members. Wishing you a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

Bill Hansen



January Celebrations



1-Marcia Idler
3 Paul Allen
3 Dianne Humann
9 Joyce McGhie
17 Gary Denny

22 Laurie Weaver
23 John Humann

4 Elaine & Vincent Bozanich
5-Vicky & Bob Douglass
22 Alexandria & Paul Allen
Linda & George Cecchetti

Santa Maria A's Christmas Party and Installation of Officers. 2026

We enjoyed a delicious dinner, good music, and great fellowship with 46 Members in attendance at our Annual Christmas Party. The Santa Maria Inn was fully decorated with lights, displays and of course the giant Santa checking to see if we were on the NICE list. Enjoy the pictures.







Santa Maria A's Last Living Life Member Passes

We are all invited to attend Audrey's Memorial Services. Details listed in the calendar page 1.

Life Story of Audrey Dorene Hoy Bailey



Audrey Dorene Hoy was born on September 6, 1933 in Holtville, California. She was the daughter of Howard Linn Hoy and Frieda Anne Kolkhorst. She had an older sister Beverly Diane Hoy Hamley, and younger brother Howard Lowell Hoy. Audrey also had an older half-sister, Alta Kathryn Hoy from her father's previous marriage to Verna Alta Lewis who had died from scarlet fever. Audrey enjoyed a close relationship with Kathryn in their later years.

Her early childhood was spent on the Holtville farm where her father raised grapefruit, rabbits, and chickens. The family planted their own vegetables. After World War II ended, her father left farming for investment real estate and moved the family to Ocean Beach, California. During her teen years she lived in Long Beach, California. Her father became ill, so the family moved during her last year of high school to Paso Robles, California in 1952. She graduated from Paso Robles High School in June, 1952.

She attended San Jose State College (now San Jose State University) in San Jose, California, where she graduated in June 1956 with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Education. She taught first grade at Linda Vista Elementary School in San Jose. Then she married Lieutenant Charles Stanley Bailey, United States Air Force, in a ceremony at Belmont Heights United Methodist Church, Long Beach, California, on June 22, 1957.

Audrey enjoyed the life of an Air Force Officer's wife. She liked traveling and living in new places. She was an active member of the Officer's Wives Club and hosted many Hail-and-Farewell social events. The Air Force stationed them around the United States: Dyess Air Force Base, Texas; Bunker Hill (now Grissom) AFB, Indiana; Barksdale AFB, Louisiana; Loring AFB, Maine; Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota; Offutt AFB, Nebraska; and finally Vandenberg AFB, California, where they retired. The logistics of packing and moving an entire household became second nature to her. Once, they had to move with just a week's notice; she did it. Chuck retired at the rank of Colonel after 26 years in the Air Force and they continued to travel in a van conversion all over the continental United States. They regularly attended Air Force B-58 reunion events. Many of their Air Force colleagues became life-long friends with which she kept up an avid correspondence.

Audrey had many hobbies throughout her life. She learned to garden and sew from her parents, and throughout much of her life sewed many of her own clothes, including a camel-hair cape and gold brocade formal dress & jacket. She made matching mother-daughter dresses. Besides sewing, she canned jam, painted art, made three hats, square danced, gardened, decorated cakes, wrote poetry and limericks, and researched her family history. She completed an extensive history of her Hoy and Kolkhorst ancestors that she happily shared with others. She and her husband were active members of the Santa Maria A's, a car club devoted to antique Ford Model A's that Chuck helped found. This club sponsors the ongoing annual All-Ford Car Show in Orcutt that raises money for scholarships to the Automotive Technology Department at Allan Hancock College. She enjoyed making period-accurate costumes for herself and Chuck when they went touring with club members.

She was an avid pianist from childhood and enjoyed amateur performing, including two-piano duets with her high school friend Joann Royer. In later life, she taught herself to play the organ, and played both piano and organ for chapel services.

A life-long devout Methodist, she was an active participant in church life. She volunteered in many ways, including donating altar flowers, singing in the church choir, and writing the history of Saint Andrew United Methodist Church in Orcutt, California.

She was predeceased by her parents Howard Hoy and Frieda Kolkhorst, her husband Charles Stanley Bailey, and sisters Kathryn and Beverly. She is survived by her brother Howard (Nancy Earl) of St Louis Park, Minnesota, her children: Catherine Suzanne Bailey (Roy Weinberger) of Mission Viejo, California, Charles Steven Bailey (Imelda Ochoa Fuentes) of Thousand Oaks, California, Craig Stanley Bailey of Santa Maria, California, and Curtis Stewart Bailey of Orcutt, California, and her grandchildren: Lieutenant Marina Lynn Weinberger, United States Navy (Captain William Theodore Brooks IV, United States Air Force), Steven Ramon Bailey, and Nicole Marie Bailey.

Despite declining health with her heart, lungs, and brain, she died peacefully and painlessly at the age of 92 at home surrounded by family. Internment will be at Wasco Memorial Cemetery, Wasco, California with her beloved husband of 55 years.

Jim's Tech Tips

"Ignition Misfires"

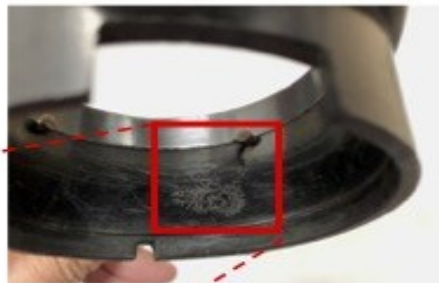
We've all experienced it. When the engine is cold and first started up, the engine is running rough and you can tell not all 4 cylinders are firing. It usually clears up in under a minute. But later, when the engine is warm, you should not feel a miss when climbing a hill or accelerating into traffic. If the power is just not there, like you know it should be, where to look? It could be a carburetor problem, but don't overlook fouled spark plugs and problems in the distributor.

Check the point gap in the distributor. The cam follower wears as you drive and the point gap closes down, giving a weak spark. So check it and increase the gap back to 0.020" if needed. While you are there, look for burned points and clean them up or replace them; you might have a bad or weak condenser.

Look at the rotor. Make sure the black flat spring is touching the underside of the cap, and is not burned up. Wipe off any oil film on the rotor.

Look at the underside of the distributor cap. Inspect the graphite button on the underside. I have seen caps with the entire button broken off and missing.

Look at the inside of the distributor body (the black plastic piece). Look for an oil and dirt film on the inside. Wipe it out with a clean cloth. Look for "carbon tracks" on the inside of the cap, where the spark is jumping down to ground on the metal housing. (See photo.) Replace if needed.



Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!*
Jim



MAFFI Minute

December 2025



Happy Holiday Season, Model A'ers! Hope everyone is staying warm and that your cars are either tucked away for the winter or still enjoying the cooler air. I know I've been enjoying taking my A out in the snow.

Earlier this month, John Marshall, our Executive Director, sent out the Holiday Donation Letter, which is a great opportunity to stay involved by giving back to the museum. Don't forget that we also have a store where you can purchase MAFFI merchandise, located under the "Store" tab at maffi.org.

One of the coolest things about the museum is that it's constantly in motion. Dan Cargo and Jerry Dennany are always tinkering or moving cars around, with the help of the amazing volunteers from the Grape Country A's. If you visit the "Cameras" tab on maffi.org, you can see all the holiday decorations and even catch a glimpse of some of our newest additions.

The trustees also met in November to start shaping some exciting ideas for the museum. While it's a bit early to share details just yet, there are some great things in the works, and we're looking forward to unveiling more as plans come together in the months ahead.

Keep on motoring, and have a Happy New Year!

MAFCA CALENDAR-2026

APRIL 30-MAY3, CCRG JAMBOREE, IN BAKERSFIELD DETAILS SOON

MAY22-24 NCRG ROUNDUP Details: Contact Mike DeCesare
mjdecesare@sbcglobo.net

MAY 31-June 7, Pendleton, Oregon MAFCA NATIONAL CONVENTION Hosted by the Blue Mountain A's. Watch for details. See the video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oXsLB9-kIUA>
Website: <https://www.2026mafcanationalconvention.com/> Check your Restorer Magazine for more information.

SEPTEMBER 12th 24th Annual All Ford Car Show. Santa Maria A's

SEPTEMBER 18-19 Hickory Corners Michigan. Model A Ford Foundation hosts the 15th Annual Model A Days at the MAFFI Museum. Swap Meet, MAFFI membership meeting, Model A Hall of Fame induction, and seminars. Visit www.maffi.org and see the November December issue of the Restorer pages 18-21 for info

-YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE MAFCA FACEBOOK PAGE.

-TECHNICAL QUESTIONS modelatechquestions@gmail.com

January's Favorite Recipe: Aaahh! Potato Soup

Ingredients:

2 Yukon Gold Potatoes, Cubed, 1 1/2 Cups Water, (More as needed)

1 10 oz can condensed Chicken broth, 15.5 oz package Au Gratin Instant potato mix
1 cup heavy cream

Combine potatoes, water, broth, and au gratin mix together in a large pot. Add water if needed to cover potatoes. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally until potatoes are tender(+- 40 min. Stir in heavy cream. Warm and serve.

A great soup for a chilly night.

1929 Tudor Sedan, An older restoration Lebaron Bonney Upholstery, a clean and reliable A. Asking \$12,000 obo

Please contact Jay McCord 805-598-8133



For Sale: 1928 Business Coupe, Year of Manufacturer Plates, it still has the factory trunk. Older Restoration with under 500 miles Beautiful Paint, LeBaron Bonney Upholstery. Engine by Aaron Machado. Asking 14,000 OBO

