

CHARTER OAK "ACORN"

November 2025





The Charter Oak Model A
Club meets at 6:00 p.m. on the
second Monday of each month

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Martha Martinez

Hello Model A'ers,

Presidents Message

November is almost here

with Thanksgiving right around the corner.

October has been a busy month starting with the Grand Tour to Solvang, we had quite a turnout with several nice tours of the area.

October 18th the Fresno Sierra Model A Club and The Early V8 Club invited us on a tour to Bobby Whited's Car and Memorabilia Collection in Elderwood. The Early V8 Club provided a BBQ. A Big Thank You to Todd Riley who paid for our lunch.

November 1st we will have a tour to Bari Olive Oil Harvest Festival in Dinuba. They will be having Olive Oil tasting and a cooking class along with a free Taco Truck Lunch.

November 10th meeting will be election of officers. If anyone has any suggestions for officers contact the nominating committee that consist of David Martinez, Dave Bockman and Ed Lynn. Please try to attend this meeting to vote for the candidate of your choice.

November 11th the day after our meeting will be the Veteran's Day Parade in Porterville. This is always a very nice and large parade. We will caravan to David & Martha Martinez's home for Lunch, please throw a few bucks in the donation hat.

Dues for 2026 are due, please contact Linda Kneeland.

December 6th is our Christmas Party if anyone would like to help contact Donna Nottingham or Martha Martinez.

REMEMBER; DRIVE YOUR MODEL A WHERE EVERYDAY IS A PARADE!!!

Gary Gallian, Pres.





Successful Model 'A' clubs have one common ingredient. They have members that will plan events and volunteer to assist in running the organization.

It's a necessary ingredient.

November 2025



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30 statustook.com; 206/857211		Candy Cane Parade 12/1 And that, my friend, is the sad definition of "OLD"! I very quietly confided in my best friend that I was having an affair. She turned to me and asked, "Are you having it catered?" And that, my friend, is the sad definition —Thanks to Script "A" News							ig an d ion	



Charter Oak Minutes



Charter Oak A's General Meeting October 13, 2025

Meeting called to order by Gary Gallian, President at 6:07PM. Flag salute led by Donna Nottingham. Members in attendance – 25.



Hospitality – Desserts brought by the Kneeland family.

September 2025 minutes accepted as read.



Sunshine –Lori Perez had leg surgery.

Old Business: Grand Tour to Solvang was 9/29 – 10/3. Two breakdowns and repairs were made.

10/18 Whited Tour with the Fresno V8 Club and BBQ. Meet up at 11AM.

New Business: Visalia's Candy Cane Lane Parade will be Dec. 1. Sign ups were told to Donna N. Insurance cards to be sent to her. The theme: "Classic Christmas." Sandwiches and drinks will be provided before the parade.

Nov. 1 - Bennett sale will be held for friends and those who helped with the cleanup.

Nov. 1 – Bario Olive Oil Tour, meeting up at 8AM. CACHE Museum, Exeter fundraiser 10/25 – would like some Model A's 4PM-8PM.

Nov. 11 – Veteran's Parade, Porterville – Lunch will be at the Martinez home, Porterville.

David Bockman distributed a copy of the revised By-Laws for members to review and to make any necessary modifications. David B, Sharon Lynn, or Richard Tapley should be notified of any changes. The members will vote on the By-Laws once any changes are made.

Nominating Committee – Dave Martinez and Ed Lynn will be asking if anyone is interested in being on the 2026-2027 Board. Names may be submitted from the floor in November.

December 6 - Holiday Lunch/Raffle at the Wyndham Hotel from 11A-1PM+. Martha Martinez will be setting the menu and Donna Nottingham will be overseeing the raffle.

Phil Kneeland will be setting appointments to photograph cars for the 2026 calendar.

Various Clubs around the US have expressed interest in purchasing our throws. Some have already been purchased and sent.

Nov. 2 - Horseless Carriage Club sponsoring a holiday potluck at the Blaine Ranch.

50/50 Raffle – Kathy Tapley won and donated her share to the Charity Box.

Meeting adjourned: 6:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,......Marsha Brooks-Smith,

Don't Forget Dues are due!!!!!!! January 1, 2026



Sunshine Report.... or clouds!!

Bv Marsha Brooks-Smith

Lori Perez, is now recuperating from a bad fall and is at home.

Marsha Brooks-Smith, our Club Secretary, was doing better as she was at the Membership Meeting this month.

Please keep these members and their families in your thoughts and prayers. If you have a report please contact Marsha Brooks-Smith...(559) 741-1165



HAPPY November 2025 Birthday's & Anniversary's



- 2 Phíl Kneeland
- Marsha Brooks-Smíth
- 8 Lana Tucker
- 11 Debí Cook
- 12 Donna Nottingham
- Anna Lewis
- 14 Mona Míchaels
- Mary Riffle 20
- Ríchard Anderson 20
- Sheila Bennett 20
- Clementine Mayer 21
- Míke Messerschmídt 22
- Línda Woodbury

20 Richard & Rheta Anderson

22Bill and Kathryn Deisman





New Shipment Of Model A Throws 🕬



Here Now!!

New Colors!!

Contact: Linda Kneeland (559) 679-1980

The Charter Oak Model A Club is a non-profit organization and a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America. The purpose of our club is to promote, enjoy, preserve, and protect the Model A Ford car; to serve as a medium for the exchange of ideas, information, parts, and to help fellow members in the restoration and preservation of the Model A Ford in its original likeness. You don't have to own a Model A to join, just have the desire to participate in the hobby, sooner or later, you'll get the bug for an "A"! Charter Oak dues are \$20.00 per family and are payable to the Club Treasurer. Membership in the Model A Ford Club of America is a prerequisite to join the Charter Oak A's. MAFCA dues are \$50.00 per year payable to MAFCA, 250 Cypress, La Habra, CA 90631. Our chapter meets at the Blain Motorsports Found ation, at 3008 S. Burke St, Visalia, CA, 93292, on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 PM.

The Acorn News is the official newsletter of the Charter Oak Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America and is published monthly. The deadline for publication is the 20th of the month. Submit material to the editors: Phil and Linda Kneeland, Visalia, CA 93277, phone (559) 679-1980 or via e-mail: lindannphil@sbcglobal.net

The editor would like to thank other chapters for sharing their newsletters with us. We are happy to share our articles, cartoons, etc. for publication provided proper credit is given, where known, sources will be noted and acknowledged.









Don't Forget!!!!

To sign up with our Parade Chair Person, Donna Nottingham, for our Candy Cane Parade Dec.1, 2025





Donna: (559) 804-4590













"Where Are We Going"???



November

EVERY SATURDAY.....Cars & Coffee...

8:00am til 10:00am

<u>Every Tuesday Model A Breakfast at</u> IHOP-6:30



"TOUR IDEAS WELCOME"

Contact: VP Dave Martinez



11/1 Bari Olive Tour





11/5 HCCA Meeting



11/11 Veteran's Parade & Happy Honkers Meeting





11/13 Charter Oak Meeting



12/1 Candy Cane Parade





Porterville Veteran's Day Parade Tuesday, November 11th

Parade starts at 10:00am but be there <u>very early</u> as traffic is a problem getting to our staging area.

Bring a lawn chair to rest on (and water) while we wait for the Parade to start.

Bring your patriotic Decorations for your Model A.

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Any Exeter Folks please meet The Caravan at Cairn's Corner (Tulare-Lindsay Hwy (Hwy 137) and Hwy 65)

Let Phil know if you'll be meeting at Lover's Lane

"After the Parade".....

Vets Day Parade Participants and Non-Participants

We will be led in Caravan to Dave and Martha Martinez's home in Porterville (515 E. Mill Ave, Porterville, 93257) for a Luncheon Treat!! Cold Croissant sandwiches, macaroni salad, chips and bottled water will be served. Donations will be welcomed.

(A map is attached to this email from the end of the parade to the Martinez home.)
Watch for Dave M. who will be parking each
Model A on Larson Street east of their home for a group "Photo Op"

For more information and to RSVP please contact;

Dave Martinez at



(559) 359-1199 Happy Honkers will have their

> November Membership Meeting after

the Luncheon!!





BARI OLIVE CO. TOUR November 1, 2025



Charter Oak and Happy Honkers Members attending this event will meet at the Lowe's parking lot at Demaree St and Riggin Avenue and be ready to depart at 8:00am, Saturday, November 1, 2025.

For further info contact President Gary Gallian:

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Felt Bags to Make for Christmas Gifts (1928-1931)

How-To: Basic Instructions

- Choose a pattern and cut the main pieces from felt, using sharp scissors for clean edges.
- Embellish the pieces with your chosen decorative elements before assembling the bag—embroider initials, applique shapes, or sew on beads.
- Stitch the sides together using whip stitch, blanket stitch, or backstitch for a vintage look.
- 4. Add dosures: sew on a button or use a broach.
- Personalize with finishing touches—tassels, fringe, or a monogram for the recipient.

CUESTA CRANKERS "OUIPS" October 2025



Pumpkin Apple Pie

Total Time: Prep: 20 Minutes Bake; 50 Minutes Servings - 8

This cozy pumpkin apple pie combines the best aromas and flavors of tow signature fall serts into one irresistible treat.

INGREDIENTS

Dough for single-crust pie

1 tablespoon cornstarch

1/4 teaspoon salt

2 tablespoon butter

Pumpkin layer

3/4 cup evaporated milk

1 large egg, room temperature

1/3 cup packed brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/3 cup water

3 cups sliced peeled tart apples

3/4 cup canned pumpkin

1/3 cup sugar

1/4 cup (or less) sugar

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

(optional; whipped cream or vanilla ice cream)

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Ona lightly floured surface, roll dough to 1/8-in-thick circle; transfer to a 9 in pie plate. Trim crust to 1/2 in beyond rim of plate; flute edge.
- 2. In a saucepan, combine the brown sugar, cornstarch, cinnamon and salt. Stir in water until smooth. Add the butter; bring to a boil. Add apples. Cook and stir for 4 minutes.
- 3. Add apple mixture to crust. In a bowl, whisk the pumpkin, milk, sugar, egg, cinnamon and salt until smooth; pour over apple layer. If desired, decorate edge with crust leaves.
- 4. Bake until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, 50-55 minutes. If necessary, cover edges with foil during the last 15 minutes of baking time to prevent overbrowning. Cool completely. If desired, serve with whipped cream or ice cream. Store in the refrigerator

Ladies Corner

Cranberry Broccoli Salad

Yields 8-10 servings

Salad Ingredients:

5 cups broccoli florets, cut into 1/2 inch pieces

1/2 cup chopped red onion

1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese

1 cup cooked and crumbled bacon piec-

1 cup sunflower seeds

3/4 cup whole dried cranberries

Dressing Ingredients:

1 cup mayonnaise

in a large bowl, mix well. Combine dressing ingredients in a small bowl. Mix until thoroughly combined using whisk or

fork. Add dressing to salad and mix well.

Refrigerate 1 hour before serving.

2 Tablespoons red wine vinegar

1/2 teaspoon salt (or less to taste)

Directions: Combine all salad ingredients

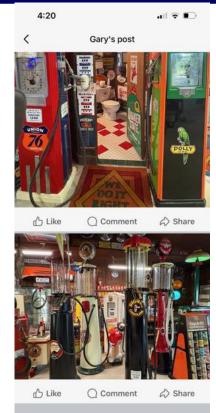
Enjoy!

Debbie Sanders (Early V8 Club)

Charter Oak Had A Great Time At The Bob & Debbie Whited Collection

Along With The Fresno Sierra Model A Club & The Early V8 Club





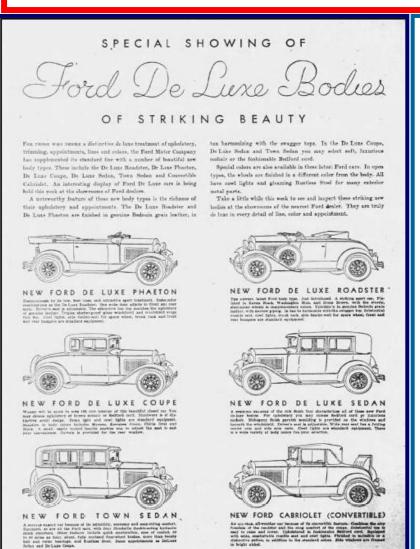






We had an added delight as two of Phil and Linda's friends came over from the Lemoore area (Chris Gibson, a new owner of a 1930 Model A Coupe and his friend Narce Morris)and, we were also joined by Robert & Mary Jane Teitsworths that belong to the Paso Robles Model A Club and who are also affiliated with the "Early V8 Club!!!

Interesting



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Working On My Model A

bought an A the other day needs some work has some decay that's ok I like to tinker keeps me busy instead of a drinker

picked up tools at the hardware store then went back to get some more I'm saddled up and ready to start called Snyder's I need a part

a body off resto job if I don't know I'll just ask Bob replacing nuts, washers and bolts doing an upgrade to 12 volts

apart it comes one bolt at a time cleaning off the grit and grime a powder coat will look really good need to replace some of the wood

I'll pull the engine and look all thru I'll check every bolt nut and screw when it all goes back it'll have more power might even do 60 miles an hour

I'll check the brakes for adjustment and ware I'll check the pressure in my spare I'll sand it smooth to look really good it's all shiny under the hood

my wife has asked how long it will take maybe 2 without a mistake only two months with joyful tears no what I meant was two years

day by day I'll get this done eager to hear the engine run what a great day it will be when I finally turn the key

David Rose
- taken from Smoky Mountain A's





CAR FINANCING A CENTURY AGO

ON DISPLAY THIS WEEK AT FORD DEALERS

Borrowed from The Ford Squeeks

The introduction of auto financing in the 1920s had a profound impact on car ownership and the auto industry. Financing, specifically for automobile purchase, began to be offered by dealerships and banks, and this led to a rapid increase in car ownership. Owning a car became a symbol of prosperity and modernity, and many people were eager for the freedom afforded by mobility.

The emphasis on financing resulted in potential buyers considering a wider range of vehicles, from economy to luxury models. This was certainly noticed by the folks at the Ford Company as they were still churning out the low cost Model T in 1925.

Automobile financing transformed car ownership and fueled related industries including road construction and gasoline production. This contributed to the overall economic growth during the Roaring Twenties.

Tech For Your Model A Ford

INSTRUMENT PANEL AND SPEEDOMETERS

'Do you know how fast you are were going?" said the officer.

'No, not really because I don't have a speedometer" I replied.

The Model T after 1915 did not have a speedometer, just two items in the instrument panel...an ignition/light switch and an ammeter.

The Model A instrument panel used from 1928 through June 1930 had five items on display: gas gauge, ignition, dash light, ammeter and speedometer. There were four versions of this

panel. The first version used an oval speedometer, had machined countersunk mounting holes at the bottom and a flange that completely encircled the panel (BOP - 01/28). The second version had a one inch section of the flange removed (02/28 - 09/28). The third version had stamped countersunk mounting holes (07/28 - 06/30) while the fourth version was used solely for Northeastern speedometers and did not have a notch for the trip odometer (12/29 - 06/30).

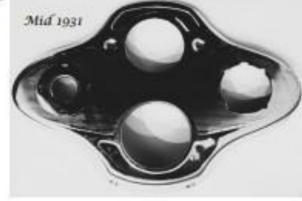








From 06/30, the instrument panel was elongated horizontally with a ribbed pattern on the face and a round speedometer. The panel was steel and finished in bright nickel (06/30 - 08/30) while Butler nickel was specified for 50% of production (09/30 - EOP). A brass panel was optional (01/31 - 02/31) while the the final panel had a distinct line around the ribbed area was not flared at the perimeter (05/31 - EOP). The recessed areas above the gas gauge and below the speedometer were painted satin black. All screws were nickel plated.



Speedometers were manufactured by three companies: Stewart-Warner (S-W), Waltham (W) and Northeast (N). Stewart-Warner and Waltham had a trip odometer while Northeast did not have one. Stewart-Warner produced two speedometers (BOP-03/28 and 01/28-06/30) while Waltham produced one model (06/28-06/30) with a fleur-de-lis marker. The Northeast speedometer had a red pointer and a red 1/10 mileage marker (12/29-06/30). Round shaped speedometers (06-30-12/31) were introduced with the new instrument panel in June 1930. All numerals were black except the 1/10 odometer dial which was red. The pointer was red until March 1931. All

speedometers had a satin black face plate with a bright nickel bezel. Northeast speedometer was discontinued in late 1930.

Speedometers were required to be accurate and consequently were certified as such and were provided with a identification number and means of indicat-

ing that they have not been changed afterwards. The Stewart-Warner has a number and visible means of scaling while the number on the attachment ear (Northeast) serves the same pur-

Ton Jeanes, of Pollock Pines, California, is a member of the Hangtown A's. He serves on the Judging Standards Commissee and as The Restorer magazine's Technical Editor.





Christmas Party Time

Saturday, December 6, 2025 Wyndham Hotel, Vísalía

Contact Our Christmas party Chairman For this Year, Martha Martinez: (559) 920-5817

"To Volunteer for"
*Donating Raffle Prizes

*Help With Decorations

*Help Raffle Crew

*Ask Martha What you can do to Help!!!





Sign Up For Your Special Calendar Page!
Our First Calendar is now Full but we are
starting a second one!

All photos have to be in to Phil by November 10th

Call Phil now at: (559) 679-1980

For your appointment to be **Photographed**

Calendars will be handed out at the Christmas Party







What's this lady doing, adjusting the visor?

The following is from Suzy Curtis:

Me: (sobbing my heart out, eyes swollen, nose red)...I can't see you anymore... I am not going to let you hurt me like this again!

Trainer: It was a sit up.
You did one sit up.

Things I learned from my mother...

- 1. My mother taught me about ANTICIPA-TION. "Just wait until we get home."
- 2. My mother taught me about RECEIVING. "You are going to get it when you get home!"
- 3. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE. "If you don't' stop crossing your eyes, they are going to freeze that way."
- 4. My mother taught me ESP. "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
- 5. My mother taught me HUMOR. "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."



Vapor Lock

When the fuel in the carburetor boils due to high

heat (connected to the exhaust manifold) does not enter the combustion chamber as a vapor a super lean event occurs with hesitation, back-firing or just plain quitting. Some old-timers (very old) would add wooden clothes pins to the fuel line to pull the heat away, some added crumpled up tin foil for the same purpose.

The latest suggestion (other than booze-free fuel that helps) is to add 1 pint of diesel fuel to a full tank of gas.

Otherwise... just deal with it.

- Colonial Virginia A's

Some people are like clouds, when they disappear it's a brighter day.



Tech Tip for MARC

- From a Technical seminar presented by Ron Ehrenhofer

Many members are now using John Deere corn head grease in the steering gear instead of the usual 600W oil

The corn head grease is a polyuria grease that it thixotropic. It is a gel when resting and turns into a liquid when under use.

This makes it perfect for steering boxes because of how much they tend to leak.

- Northwest Missouri A's

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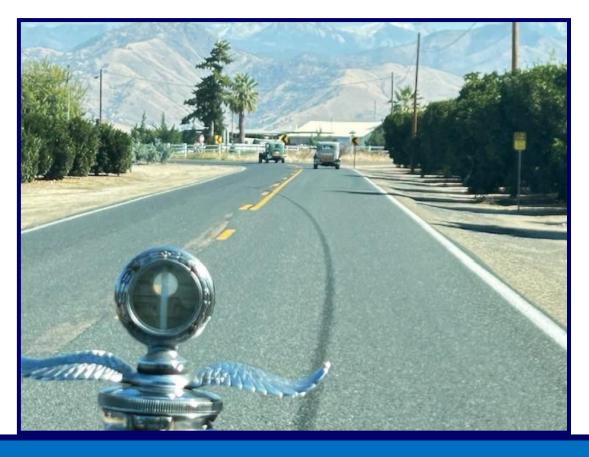






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