

# **“HORNBLOWER” NEWSLETTER”**

## **August 2025**



### **Happy Honkers Model A Club**

*Since 1984.....42 Years*

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##### **Temp. Hornblower Editor:**

Phil Kneeland.....679-1980

##### **Meeting Place:**

East Meets West Restaurant,  
224 N. Kaweah St, Exeter, CA,  
Second Thursday @ 5:30pm

## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

### **Hello Fellow Happy Honkers!**

*I hope* this message finds you well and enjoying these warm August days. Summer feels like it's flying by, and thankfully to me, it feels like it hasn't been as hot as it usually is, with fewer 100-degree-plus days.

Now, on to one of the highlights of our club calendar: the Bockman Ice Cream Social! This annual tradition is always a good time, and we're grateful to the Bockmans for opening up their home once again and hosting us under the shade of their beautiful walnut tree. It's a great opportunity to relax, catch up with fellow members, and enjoy some sweet treats while surrounded by classic cars and good company.

August is also a great month for early morning or late evening drives as long as the sun is low and the roads are calm; there's nothing quite like the sound of your Model A smoothly running along.

A big thank you to Larry and Maria Mase for bringing refreshments to our last meeting.

Hope to see you all at the Bockman Ice Cream Social, and also look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup>, with the meeting beginning at 5:40 PM.

Stay cool, drive safe, and keep those engines running smoothly!

*Pres....Ray & Lady Rosa*



# August 2025



| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed | Thu  | Fri   | Sat                                      |
|---|---|---|-----|--|---|--|
|  |   | <b>Every Tuesday Breakfast 6:30am</b>   |     |  | 1<br>    | 2  |
| 3<br><b>HCCA Meeting</b>  | 4<br>U.S. Coast Guard Day<br> | 5<br>                         | 6   | 7  | 8   | 9<br><b>Bockman Ice Cream Social 3pm</b> |
| 10  | 11<br><b>No Charter Oak Meeting</b>   | 12  | 13  | 14<br><b>Happy Honkers MEETING</b>   | 15  | 16<br><b>Ladies Luncheon August 16th</b> |
| 17  | 18  | 19<br><b>CROP DUSTER</b><br> | 20  | 21   | 22  | 23                                       |
| 24  | 25<br>                       | 26  | 27  | 28   | 29<br> | 30                                       |
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# ***Happy Honkers Minutes***

***June 12, 2025***

## **Happy Honkers Minutes**

**July 10, 2025**

**President Ray Ramos** called the July, 2025 meeting to order at 5:45pm on a very warm but pleasant evening. Twelve members were present at the Exeter, East Meets West Restaurant.

Flag salute was led by First Lady Rosa Ramos.

**Ofelia Armendarez** shook the raffle tickets and **Linda Kneeland** drew the winning number out of the jar. **Larry Mase** won the \$10 which he donated back to the Club.

**Phil Kneeland**, Secretary, read the June 12<sup>th</sup> minutes which were accepted by **Gordon Oakley** and seconded by **Rosa Ramos**.

**Treasurer Ofelia Armendarez** gave the Treasurer's report and it was accepted by **Phil Kneeland** and seconded by **Gordon Oakley**.

Communications were non-existent as told by our Pres. **Ray Ramos**.

As we have no Sunshine chairman so we had no formal Sunshine report....but, **Louie Armendarez** did report on **Carson Blaydes**, saying, he is doing fine and did say he hoped that **Carson** would be attending this meeting but guessed that he did not make it. **Phil K.** did mention that he and **Linda** had seen **Larry Williams** at a past funeral and said he was doing fine other than an upcoming ear procedure..**Louie A.** did describe his ear cleaning procedure in detail.

Old and New business was reported by VP **Gary Gallian** and told of some upcoming events. There will be a "4 Club Lunch Tour" to the Runway Café on Friday, July 18 and the "Annual Ladies Luncheon," August 16<sup>th</sup>, will be hosted by **Irene Riley** of the Fresno Sierra Chapter. **Linda Kneeland** passed out flyers for each of these events and also offered registration forms for the CCRG Grand Tour.

**Gary** then turned the New Business over to **Phil K.** who then reported on The CCRG Grand Tour to Solvang, and the upcoming Tour to "The Old Ridge Route" that is happening on November 15<sup>th</sup>. We will caravan down to Bakersfield on November 14<sup>th</sup> to a hotel and after checking in we will drive to **Linda Jackson's** home for a BBQ hosted by the Bakersfield Model A Club. We then will go back to our hotel and depart Saturday, November 15 to meet our "Old Ridge Route" guide, **Sydney**, at **Gorman** at 9:00am.

**Gary Gallian** reported on The Charter Oak Club Ice Cream Social on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm which will be held at the **Bockman** ranch.

Around the Room was suggested by President **Ray** and **Phil** and **Linda** told of their adventure in installing "valve stem seals" in their Pinto engined/Sedan.....

**Maria** and **Larry Mase** furnished the delicious cake or cheesecake (your choice) for our treats...Thanks much to **Maria** and **Larry**.

President **Ray** adjourned the meeting at 6:36pm.

Submitted.....*Phil Kneeland, Secretary*

**Don't Forget "The Charter Oak A's  
Ice Cream Social, August 9th"!!**

# Sunshine Report

Or Clouds!

By ????



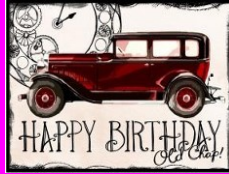
**We have no Sunshine Chairman**



*HAPPY August, 2025  
Birthday's & Anniversary's*



10 *Brian Dooley*



11 *Larry & Dora Lee*  
19 *Eldon & Joann Loewen*  
20 *Neil & Andie Jaentsch*  
23 *David & Joann Welter*

## *Just for Laughs*

While looking in the mirror, I see gray hair, fine lines, and eyes that don't sparkle quite the same... and I can't help but think, "They sure don't make mirrors like they used to!" 😊💧

**Quality means  
doing it right  
when no one is  
looking !**



**Impress her with  
something  
expensive!**

“The Hornblower” is the official publication of the Happy Honker A’s. It is published once a month for the enjoyment of the members. Have all articles in for publication by the 20th of each month. Please submit articles to the Happy Honker A’s, c/o Phil Kneeland, 3801 W. Country Ave, Visalia, CA 93277– email: [lindannphil@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lindannphil@sbcglobal.net)- (559) 679-1980.

The Happy Honker A’s is a chapter member of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). Although membership to MAFCA is not required, it is encouraged. The monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at

The East Meets West Restaurant, Exeter, CA. We thank the various clubs for the use of the many articles, jokes, fashion, and technical advice.





Ladies

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## MEN'S FASHIONS







## More MEN'S FASHIONS

The *Friend Telegraph* on December 11, 1925, remarked in an editorial entitled "How Times Change": In Christmas seasons gone by, it was not considered good form for a young man to give his best girl articles of wearing apparel. To do so indicated that her people neglected to clothe her. A man's gift had to be an album, a toilet set or something along that line.

In the 1920s Christmas giving grew more sensible giving the recipient gifts they could use. People bought more for the home. Rather than pictures and mementos, a chair, a new rug, dishes or silverware, labor-saving devices and even new-fangled cooking utensils became favorite gifts. "Give a woman something serviceable to wear or something she can use in her home and you gladden her heart. Give a man something for his auto, or something he can wear besides neckties, and you win his thanks."

The 1920s became the age of flapper fashion and jazz music. New fashions in art and architecture, from art deco to modernism jumped into fashion. Frank Lloyd Wright built his ultra-modern homes. In 1927, Lindbergh made the first flight across the Atlantic. Hot toys included die-cast metal toys, the Raggedy Ann doll, and, toward the end of the decade, the yo-yo. —Read more at [www.hhhhistory.com/2013/12/christmas-during-1920s.html](http://www.hhhhistory.com/2013/12/christmas-during-1920s.html)



### Men's Fashion



## Model A Fashion Enthusiasts

Is our club interested in era fashions? Here is some ideas and articles which will inspire you. This information is borrowed from MAFCA's Era Fashion Guidelines. *How to "Spark" an Interest in Model A Fashion*, is a basic outline to get the club started in era fashion.

### How to Spark an Interest in Model A Fashion

By Anne Neely-Beck

- I. Call a meeting of all the interested people in your club. If you already meet regularly then make it a special meeting such as a luncheon or tea at a restaurant. If you do not meet regularly then have a designated person call everyone to invite them to lunch or tea at a given restaurant. The club will probably budget the money for this purpose, if you ask.
- II. Set a goal. Example: You may take a certain tour every year, so make it a goal for everyone to be dressed in era looking clothing for the trip.
- III. Study pictures from the Model A era. Good sources are:
  - *MAFCA Fashion Guidelines*
  - *MAFCA A Book of Fashion Facts*
  - *The Restorer*
  - Vintage catalogs from 1928-1931
  - Dated vintage photos from your family or other sources
  - Be "true" to your car and pick the style that matches your year of car.
  - Vintage catalogs from the era
  - Internet
  - Reproduction catalogs
  - Books about vintage fashion
  - Vintage patterns
- IV. Decide whether you are going to look for originals, fun fashions, reproductions, or a combination of two or three to give you that Model A era image look.
- V. A question to consider is, do I want to be judged at a meet. Complete instructions can be found in the *Fashion Guidelines*.
- VI. "Shop till you drop" Plan a day "field trip" and shop for your special look. Some suggested shopping places.
 

|                  |                           |                     |
|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| • Antique stores | • Thrift stores           | • Goodwill          |
| • Salvation Army | • Vintage clothing stores | • Department stores |
| • Ross           | • T.J. Maxx               | • Macy's            |
| • Stein Mart     | • J.C. Penney             | • Kohl's            |

For the "shop-a-holic" in the club, you might be the one who could be on the look out for vintage, fun, and reproduction items for everyone in the club.

  - Catalogs
  - Newport News
  - J.C. Penney

Internet (buyers beware) Ebay and other sites are not always what they seem when it comes to the description of clothing items. Many of the items listed do not have the correct date.
- VII. Issues with Originals:
 

|          |           |           |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| • Caring | • Storing | • Wearing |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
- VIII. Marking Reproduction from patterns:
 

|                         |                     |                  |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| • Fabric store patterns | • Internet patterns | • MAFCA patterns |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|

If you want to be judged in reproduction then you will have to follow *MAFCA Fashion Guidelines* using fabric found in the Model A era to make your garment. If going for Model A era image, modern day fabric content is okay.
- IX. Getting your man interested in Model A era fashion:
  - Bribe!! Example: Your club is asked to drive beauty queens in a parade, have the men dress in white shirts, bow ties, and a driving cap or hat
  - Threaten (only if you must!) Kill with kindness (this works well)
  - Use all three, bribe, threaten, and kindness.
- X. Keep that "spark," don't retard it!



# "Where Are We Going"???



## August

**EVERY SATURDAY.....Cars & Coffee...**  
8:00am til 10:00am



**Every Tuesday Model A Breakfast at IHOP - 6:30**



**8/3 HCCA Meeting**



**8/11 NO Charter Oak Meeting**



**8/14 Happy Honkers Meeting**



**9/13 International "MODEL A DAY"**

**9/13 Orcutt All Ford Car Show**

## "TOUR IDEAS WELCOME"

**Contact VP Gary Gallian;**  
Emailboss949@aol.com  
Cell- (559) 679-3591



## Taste of Home



### Grandma's Baked Ham Salad Sandwiches

**Total Time** Prep/Total Time: 30 Min.

**Yield** 6 Servings

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**Test Kitchen Approved**

This is another tried-and-true recipe I found in my grandma's recipe box. I love seeing her handwriting on faded notecards. — Crystal Jo Bruns, Iliff, Colorado



### Ingredients

- 2 cups cubed fully cooked ham
- 1/2 cup sliced sweet pickles
- 4 hard-boiled large eggs, finely chopped
- 3/4 cup finely chopped celery
- 1/2 cup finely chopped sweet onion
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 6 onion rolls, split

### Directions

- 1 Preheat oven to 350°. Place ham and pickles in a food processor; pulse until almost smooth. Transfer to a small bowl; stir in eggs, celery, onion and mayonnaise. Spread 1/2 cup over each roll bottom; replace tops. Wrap each in foil and place on a baking sheet. Bake until heated through, 10-15 minutes.

### Nutrition Facts

1 sandwich: 338 calories, 15g fat (4g saturated fat), 153mg cholesterol, 971mg sodium, 30g carbohydrate (6g sugars, 2g fiber), 21g protein.

### Skillet Lasagna



Total Time Prep/Total Time 30 Min.

Servings = 6

Skillet Lasagna is made in a single skillet and features creamy, cheesy layers full of classic flavors.

The best part is no oven required.

#### INGREDIENT

- 1/4 pound ground beef
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes with basil, oregano and garlic, undrained
- 2 jars (14 ounces each) spaghetti sauce
- 2/3 cup condensed cream of onion soup, undiluted
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 1/4 cup 1% cottage cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 9 no-cook lasagna noodles
- 1/2 cup shredded Colby-Monterey Jack cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded part-skim Mozzarella cheese

#### DIRECTIONS

In a large skillet, cook beef and garlic over medium heat until meat is no longer pink, breaking up beef into crumbles; drain. Stir in tomatoes and spaghetti sauce; heat through. Transfer to a bowl.

In a small bowl, combine the soup, eggs, cottage cheese and Italian seasoning.

Return 1 cup meat sauce to the skillet; spread evenly. Layer with 1 cup cottage cheese mixture, 1-1/2 cups meat sauce and half the noodles, breaking to fit. Repeat layers of cottage cheese mixture, meat sauce and noodles. Top with remaining meat sauce. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 15-17 minutes or until noodles are tender.

Remove from the heat. Sprinkle with cheese; cover and let stand for 2 minutes or until cheese is melted.



## News Flash!

**A&W Root Beer Float Mobile**

**Will be the MAIN EVENT at the  
Charter Oak A's Ice Cream Social**

**Starting at 3pm**

**Games.....Fellowship.....Laughter.....Friends**



**Saturday August 9th, 2025**

**3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

**Bockman Residence**

**15870 Avenue 309**

**Visalia**

**Games.....Fellowship.....Laughter.....Friends**

**Contact: Dave Martinez for more info.....**

**Cell: 1(559)-359-1199**

**Email: [daveytita@gmail.com](mailto:daveytita@gmail.com)**

## Tollhouse Fish Fry



**Sept 05, 2025**

**Time: 3pm - 5pm**

**Tollhouse Market and Grill**

**28524 Tollhouse Rd.**

**Tollhouse, CA 93667**



**All of the Clubs will meet on  
Hwy 168, (Tollhouse Rd) about 1 mile Northeast of  
Academy Rd at the  
"Academy College Historical Marker (pullout)"  
at 2:00pm, Friday, Sept. 5th  
and then caravan  
together to the "Tollhouse Market and Grill"  
\$20.00 per person**



**For more info please contact:  
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*Save the Date!*  
**Central Valley  
Model A Ladies  
Annual Luncheon**  
*Sponsored this year by Sierra Chapter*

**Saturday, August 16, 2025**  
**Mimi's Cafe**  
7660 N Blackstone Ave, Fresno  
**11:30 AM**  
**Vintage Clothing Optional**  
**Create a Decorative Hat  
for Entry in the Contest**  
**Order from the Menu  
and pay your own tab**  
**No Pre-registration necessary; but,  
an RSVP would be appreciated**  
**Need a Chauffeur?**  
**We'll do our best to find you one**  
**Contact your Host**  
**Irene Riley: 559-284-4939**  
**Chauffeurs will meet for lunch at an  
as-yet undetermined location.**

**September 29th to October 3rd**  
**Welcome to the 2025**  
**CCRC Grand Tour to Solvang.**

Please join us as we explore the beautiful Santa Ynez Valley, the pristine coastline, and historic sites in Santa Barbara.

Starting Monday Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> thru Fri Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> our host hotel will be the  
Corque Hotel 400 Alisal Road Solvang, Ca.  
Room rates are \$132 nightly plus tax. Phone 1-800-248-6274

Registration is \$110 per person and includes the pizza party and Italian dinner.

Here is the itinerary with lots of free time to enjoy this quaint Danish town:

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Friday - saying good bye until we meet again.

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**Dave and Cyndi Krill**



### Do Not Turn Up Clevises on Pull Rods for Average Brake Adjustments

The length of the brake pull rods connected to the levers at each brake is correctly set at the factory and *should not* be altered .... Car owners should be notified to this effect.

If the pull rods have been tampered with in an attempt to adjust the brakes readjust brakes as follows:

Operate the brake pedal quickly and snap it off several times to insure the brakes being fully released.

Disconnect the pull rods at adjustable clevises by removing cotters and clevis pins. Make certain that the brake equalizer levers under the center cross member are back against the stops (see "A," Fig. 412) and the brake cross shaft is in the bracket on the frame side member (see Fig. 413). **This is important!**

An easy method of keeping the cross shaft in the center of the bracket, while the adjustment is being made, is to insert a wooden wedge between the bracket and each side of the shaft.

Now with the brake equalizers against their stops; the brake cross shafts in the center of their brackets as previously described, pull forward on the rear brake rod just sufficiently to take up the free travel in the rear brake lever (the brakes are designed and machined to allow a small amount of free travel in each

brake lever) then adjust clevis until holes in clevis line up with hole in cross shaft lever and clevis pin can be inserted.

Next pull backward on front brake lever to take up free travel and adjust clevis until holes line up with hole in brake lever and clevis pin can be inserted.

Adjust brakes as previously described.





# Brake Adjustment According To “Ford Barn” Method

## Page #2

 **Re: Model A 1930 brake adjustment**

Ford said not to adjust the lengths of the rods. This assumes that the rods were not changed in the past. The rods should be checked to see if the proper angle is at the levers front and back. It is 15 degrees in front and I am not sure what it is in back but probably a little aft of vertical. Adjust for the drag in front first and if the brakes cannot be adjusted for drag then add a pellet or two (the spacer pills available from the vendors). Then adjust the rears for drag. Back off 2 clicks all around.


You can use the boards to get an idea of how they will respond when the brakes are applied and the particulars are not all that important. But the real test is in the driving.

Then take the car out for a test drive. The pedal should be firm and not spongy. If spongy it indicates that not all the brakes are being activated at the same time. The car should stop on dry asphalt within 25 feet at 20 miles per hour when you push all the way down on the pedal. You should get uniform black marks on the pavement from both rear tires. The car should not pull to either side. If the car pulls then back off the front brake one click on that side and try again. If one of the rear tire is not leaving a black mark tighten up that brake by one click and try again but not so much that you get a lot of drag there. Keep testing until you get good braking. If you cannot eliminate the pull to the side with loosening the brake on the side that is pulling with several clicks then try tightening up the other side but not until you get lots of drag. This is a trial and error effort.

Then take the car out for a normal drive where you use the brakes. Measure the temperature of the drums with an IR thermometer. They should be within 20 degrees side to side with the rears slightly higher. Not more than 120 degrees with normal use of the brakes.

The brakes may take a while to settle in, especially if you have done work on them. After a month or so do redo the driving test. This all assumes that the brakes are in good shape. If you cannot get the car to stop properly then you may need to work on the brakes.

## **Paul Shinn's Brake Adjustment Method**

 **Model A 1930 brake adjustment**

I'm confused as to the proper way to adjust the brakes. Below are the two methods I've found;

\*Paul Shimm and Diablo DVD version-

Adjust all 4 wheel brake adjusters until there is a slight drag. Then back off 2 to 3 clicks.

Then install the board on the brake pedal at the 1st notch. Go around and adjust the brake shaft turnbuckle for a slight drag at each wheel. Then with the board at the 2nd notch adjust the brake shaft turnbuckles for a hard drag at each wheel. Then with the board at the 3rd notch adjust the brake shaft turnbuckles so all 4 wheels are locked. Then install all cotter pins.

\*Les Andrew's Red Book-

Adjust all 4 wheel brake adjusters until there is a slight drag. Then back off 2 to 3 clicks.

Pull the brake rods forward to take up all free travel without activating the brakes. Adjust the clevis on the brake rod until the hole in the clevis lines up with the holes allowing the clevis pins to be inserted. Then install all cotter pins

Then install the board on the brake pedal at the 1st notch turn the brake adjusters so there is a slight drag at all 4 wheels. Then with the board at the 2nd notch turn the brake adjusters so there is a hard drag at each wheel. Then with the board at the 3rd notch, turn the brake adjusters so all 4 wheels are locked up.



# Brake Rod Adjustment (1st Method)

## Page #3

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# Brake Rod Adjustment (2nd Method)

## *Technical Info* (No Author)

### **ADJUSTING BRAKE RODS**

- Check all brake parts to be sure they work properly before adjusting rods.
- Disconnect all brake rods at the threaded clevises.
- Check to be sure that the brake pedal is all the way to the rear.
- With the rods disconnected adjust brake wedges until wheel locks up. Back brake wedges off 3 to 4 clicks or until wheel has just a slight drag.
- Pull the rear brake rod up to the cross shaft adjustable clevis so pin easily slips into clevis and arm. Remove pin and lengthen clevis two full turns. Replace clevis pins and cotter pin.
- Push the front wheel brake activating lever to the rear with the pin in the clevis. Adjust so the clevis slips over the activating arm. Remove pin and hook back up to arm. Replace cotter pin and tighten lock nut.





## **Even The Pedals!**

**by Tom Endy**

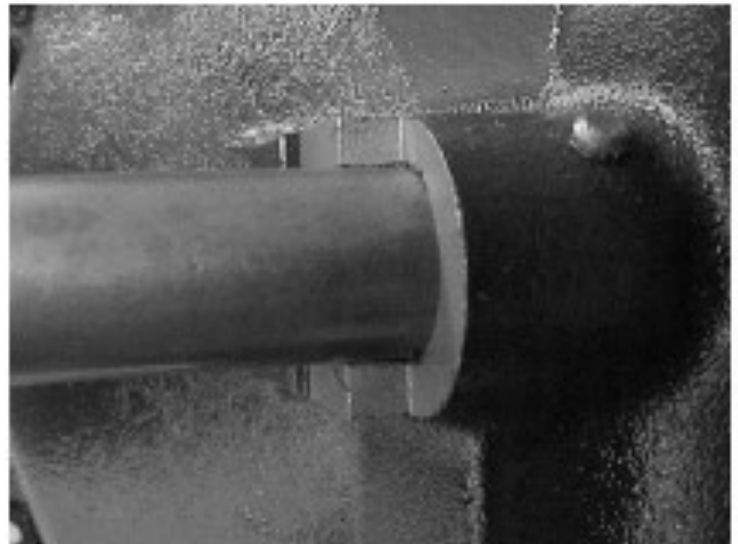
It is quite common to find that the brake pedal and the clutch pedal on a Model A Ford do not return to the upright position so that they are even with one another. One pedal may sit lower than the other. This is caused by wear on the bell housing brake pedal stops, the clutch and brake pedal stops, and the clutch pedal collar stops.

There is a very easy way to correct the problem and it is best accomplished when a complete restoration of the bell housing is being done. The restoration should include a new pedal shaft, a new clutch release shaft, new bushings in the bell housing, and new bushings in both pedals.

To even the pedals up you should begin with a new clutch pedal collar, p/n 7507-C, that has no wear on it. Slide the brake pedal onto the pedal shaft and pull it up against the stop on the bell housing so that it is in the full upright position. This will be the reference point for adjusting the clutch pedal to be even with it.

Slide the clutch pedal onto the pedal shaft and install the clutch pedal collar and insert the locking pin. Pull the clutch pedal up to the full upright position with the pedal stops against the collar stops. The clutch pedal will probably be sitting lower than the brake pedal if you installed a new clutch pedal collar.

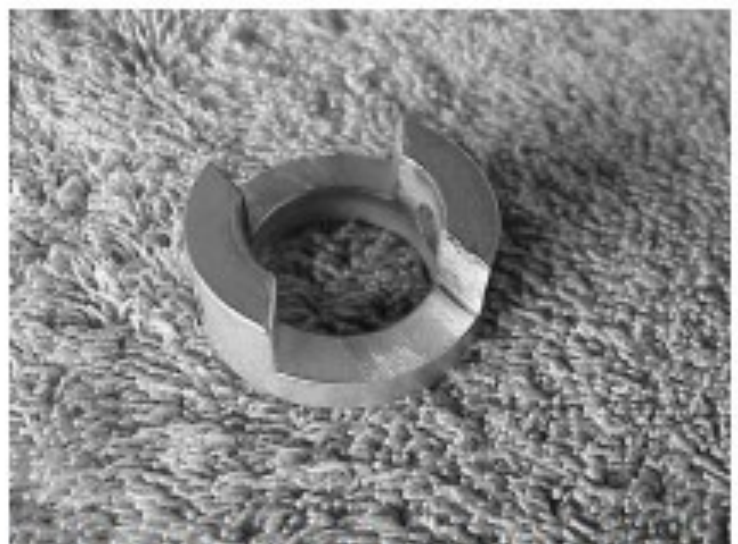
Carefully note where the clutch pedal stops are sitting against the collar stops. With a marking pen mark the location of the two collar stops that are in contact with the pedal stops. There are four stops on the collar, but you are only interested in the two you marked. Place the collar in a vice and carefully file material off both marked stops. Try to do it evenly. It is a trial and error fit process. As you remove material from the two collar stop positions the clutch pedal will start to move up even with the brake pedal. When the process is complete both pedals will be even regardless of the orientation of the clutch pedal collar. It can install on the pedal shaft two ways, but it won't make any difference in the pedal height.



**Bell housing brake pedal stops**



**Brake pedal stops**



**Clutch pedal collar, with stops, p/n A7507-C**





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*Dave and Cyndi Krill*





# 2025 MAFCA NATIONAL AWARDS BANQUET



In Mobile, we will celebrate our 2025 National Award Winners and meet the 2026 Board of Directors.

- Enjoy seminars by Sherry Winkinhofer and Paul Shinn
- Hear the history of Alabama's roadways
- Tour the beautifully lit Gardens of Bellengrath, all decked out for Christmas
- Visit the USS Alabama and enjoy lunch under the planes
- Explore Mobile's history by Trolley

Join us in  
Mobile, Alabama

December 3 - 6

Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel

Click on link below for the  
Registration form

<https://tinyurl.com/2025-MAFCA-NAB>

Info Video - <https://youtu.be/uGqyKedfWTs>



## Old Ridge Tour

*Tour Day.....Saturday, November 15, 2025*

**We will Caravan on Friday, November 14, 2025 from Visalia via Lovers Lane; east on Tulare Lindsay Highway; south on Highway 65 to 99 Highway; south to I-5; cross the Ridge Route on I-5 to Gorman. At Gorman we register at the Hotel of your choice (2 Hotels recommended; Holiday Inn Express in Frazier Park; or Days Inn in Lebec; make your own reservations) We're considering staying in Gorman Saturday night also as we probably will be traveling back to Visalia in the dark (some drivers might not like to travel home after sunset)!!**

**Here's where we will be going:**

[https://maps.app.goo.gl/YzqYHa8uTxvNkWan8?g\\_st=ic](https://maps.app.goo.gl/YzqYHa8uTxvNkWan8?g_st=ic)

<https://youtu.be/2BoGhV9-uNU>

We'll meet our guide at the dirt lot next to Carl's Jr in Gorman (49669 Gorman Post Rd, Lebec, CA 93243) ready to depart at 9:00am, Saturday, November 15, 2025, taking Gorman Post road to the 138 and then jumping on the Old Ridge Route. It's 18 miles each way, 36 out and back.

Only available gas, food and restrooms will be in Gorman. There is a gas station at the freeway exit there, we recommend filling up before starting the tour. We'll give everyone a moment for a restroom break or food run before heading up.

Bring a packed lunch, lawn chairs, water, and we'll all enjoy a picnic with an incredible view at Reservoir Summit! Then our group will turn around and head back towards our meeting point in the Carl's Jr lot.

I know you will have some questions so feel free to ask Phil at: (559) 679-1980; email: [lindannphil@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lindannphil@sbcglobal.net)

Please keep me informed of your intentions to go.....

Please RSVP to Phil ASAP!! There will be a maximum of 10 cars allowed on this Tour....

I do not know how many reservations will be available for the Hotels.

I will keep you informed of any changes to the above schedule!! *Phil*

*P.S. There will be a donation of \$35.00 per car (Suggested) to the:*

**"Ridge Route Preservation Organization"**

**Only A Few Spots Left For  
This Fantastic Tour!!!**





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