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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jeff's Update

I have been driving Jeff with improving skill regarding shifting gears smoothly and quietly. In my spare time I found a book *The Ford Model A - As Henry Built It*. It's the 4th Edition. Initially the descriptions year by year of the different models and factory exterior color combinations intrigued me to see what Jeff may have been originally painted. For 1931 the Deluxe Roadster came in four colors - Stone Brown, Brewster Green Medium, Black, and Washington Blue (Jeff's color). I know he has been repainted so I am guessing Valarie Basham wanted to keep him authentic. The book also stated that there were 52,997 built in 1931 in the four colors. It's just a bit of trivia that I will keep a record of. I wish the book was printed in color to help me appreciate the combinations of exterior and interior colors that paints and fabrics were used at the time of building him.



Skipping forward in the book I found the section that deals with the "new" brake design. Besides the thrill of shifting the tranny, my second surprise was stepping on the brake pedal for the first time. He was not slowing down as fast as I hoped. According to Guy McElroy the brakes are very good compared to some A's that he has driven. All I know is the first downhill stop at a T intersection I wasn't sure if it was going to stop. We did, but I was starting to sweat a little.

Back in the Ford book I found a page that described the new and improved brake design which initially was disapproved by the State of Pennsylvania and prevented the A from being registered. Basically the issue was the lack of an independent emergency brake. By March of 1928 Ford redesigned the system to the satisfaction of PA. There is a lengthy discussion on how the design would equalize braking on all four wheels. My next task will be to climb under Jeff and see what the rods and adjustments look like. One of these days I need to try an emergency stop and evaluate whether my new knee can apply that much force.

Finally I would like to bring up the business of the club to be discussed next month. The tradition of buying MAFCA bricks for past and present members needs to be reviewed since the club bank account may not support it. We also need to discuss next years officers and volunteers. If you can't make the meeting I may call a few people to discuss these two items.

Bruce

OCTOBER MINUTES

Minutes from October 1, 2025 - Meeting of the Palomar A's was called to order by President Bruce Furbush at 7:05 PM with 20 in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

was led by David Frazee.

[PREVIOUS MINUTES](#) - A motion was made by Karla Maxwell to approve the minutes of the September meeting as published in *the Reflector*, and

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OCTOBER MINUTES CONTINUED

seconded by Steve DeAmbrogio. Motion passed by those in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bill Adams could not attend so David Frazee commented on Print Pro billing as well as status of miscellaneous supplies. Bruce Furbush gave a brief bank balance and mentioned member dues and payment for the holiday dinner could be given to Roseanne Meyerhoff.

Motion to approve the report and pay the bills was made by Karyn Frazee and seconded by Howard Kruegel. Motion passed by those in attendance.

SUNSHINE & SORROW – Anthony Lugo is dealing with skin cancer. Karen Beel's daughter, Shila Saxman continues to improve. Laurie Perez fell while visiting Hawaii and damaged her knee. Surgery was required so she returned home and had the procedure at the end of September.

BREAKFAST GET TOGETHER – Greg Wilson said there was a nice group that attended the lunch get together at the Old Poway Hamburger Factory. The November 19 gathering will be at the Broken Yolk, 101 S Las Posas Rd, San Marcos. Arrive by 8:45 for the 9:00 AM seating.

MISCELLANEOUS – The group was told of a year-round morning get together of cars and owners on the third Sunday at the windmill in Carlsbad, 890 Palomar Airport Rd, just off the 5 freeway. Hours are 11 AM to 2 or 3 PM.

There was also discussion of Cruise Nights in downtown Encinitas. They're held the third Thursday monthly (except August) - May through September, 5:30 – 7:30 PM. One of the members mentioned attending but found no parking so "cruised" out of town.

Christmas Party at Hunter Restaurant December 13. Some members discussed finding a new location for next year due to price vs limited food options. Because of set up requirements for the restaurant, we are asked not to arrive before 11:30.

LONG TOURS – Not quite a tour but David Frazee attended the Model A Day and reopening of the expanded Model A Ford Museum in Hicko-

ry Corners, Michigan. There were about 180 Model A's driven to the event. David was quite impressed with all the different museums on the Gilmore grounds and said there was an amazing selection of vehicles but not enough time to see everything.

While at the Model A Ford Museum, David tried to document the personalized bricks that had been purchased by members and the Club as part of the expansion. He had trouble locating some of them even though being sure that they had been purchased. Also commented that there was only room for about 25 more bricks. He was able to document many of the bricks and provided photos in the recent *Reflector* Newsletter.

REFLECTOR REPORT – David Frazee is looking for someone to take over editor duties and apologized for running the September President's Message a second time in the October issue.

TECH REPORT – Bruce Furbush says he is putting more time into learning to drive the "A" and he and Rosanne are getting more confident around "Jeff".

HOSPITALITY – Donna & Anthony Lugo thanked those that brought treats. Volunteers for November are Steve & Irene DeAmbrogio, Howard & Barbara Kruegel, Ed Simson, Bruce Furbush and Roseanne Meyerhoff.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Submitted by Karla Maxwell, Secretary

Dues are now due

Dues are still just \$20. You can mail them along with a check to prepay your Christmas Party lunch—December 13, noon at the Hunter Restaurant in Oceanside. \$30 a person. To:

Bill Adams, Treasurer
1417 Darwin Drive
Oceanside, CA 92056

For the lunch, please indicate your choice of Steak, Chicken, Salmon, or Prime Rib. Ask about the vegetarian option.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- November 1 Vintage Car Show at the Riverside Elk's Club 6166 Brockton Ave,
 November 1 Chuck Fiebke's Birthday
 November 4 Martie Wiedle's Birthday
 November 5 Meeting at Palomar Estates 7:00 PM
 November 7 Karen Beel's Birthday
 November 8 Russell Park's Birthday and Wayne & Martie Wiedle's Anniversary
 November 10 Barbara Kruegel's Birthday
 November 14 Fred Skikker's Birthday
 November 15 Jim Ball's Birthday
 November 19 Breakfast at Broken Yolk, 101 S Las Posas Rd, San Marcos.
 November 20 Danny Montijo's Birthday
 November 21 Jim and Betty Foster's Anniversary
 November 23 West Leffingwell's Birthday / West & Johannah's Anniversary
 November 25 Doug Dixon's Birthday
 November 26 Kieth and Linda Thamer's Anniversary
 December 1 Susan Duey's, Wayne Wiedle's and Craig French's Birthdays
 December 2 Cindy Wilson's Birthday
 No meeting December 3
 December 3-6 MAFCA National Awards Banquet – Mobile, Alabama
 December 6 Kaden Montijo's Birthday
 December 13 Christmas Party, noon at Hunter Restaurant 1221 Vista Way, Oceanside
 December 13 Dianne Frazee's Birthday
 December 15 Sandra Yancey's Birthday
 December 22 Betty Foster's and Katie Mylar's Birthdays
 December 24 Ed Simpson's Birthday
 December 28 Donna Lugo's Birthday
 December 29 Irene DeAmbrogio's Birthday
 December 31 Fred and Donna Slikker's Anniversary



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Original Ford Block

Engine Date Code: May 1930

Inside of block has been sealed with Glypbal paint *
 The block is setup for external oil filter assembly *
 Rebuilt high output oil pump * Aluminum timing gear *
 New valve springs * tested for correct & even pressure *
 Valves ground and hand lapped * Adjustable lifters *
 Connecting rods and pistons balanced *
 Balanced crankshaft pulley balanced * Touring cam *
 Police head (B) * Gooseneck drilled and tapped for water temp gauge *
 Bell housing was dial indicated for output shaft alignment *
 Lightened and balanced flywheel *

I replaced this running engine for a Burts engine *
 All this for \$2500.00 — Jim Kruegel 619 386 8697

Bill Horn is looking for a starter for a 1930. bill-horn5@gmail.com

Henry Rivera is looking to hire a mobile mechanic to work on his Model A. He needs a head gasket replaced, carburetor work and other things phone (510) 387-7575

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Membership is \$20 per year and club information, including a membership application and an archive of past newsletters, is available on www.palomarmodelclub.org

Business Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, except December, at the Palomar Estates East Clubhouse: 650 S Rancho Santa Fe Rd, in San Marcos at 7:00pm. Check the website, newsletters, or Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/palomarmafca> for future events. All Model A Ford hobbyists are welcome.

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