

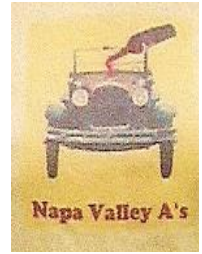


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Napa Valley A's

A Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America

SEPTEMBER 2025



## 2025 Officers

### President

Matt Pendergast

### Immediate Past President

Jim Kanne

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Jim Mounter

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LeeAnn Pendergast

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Skip Keyser

## A Look Back

### Napa Valley A's History for September

September 11, 2010: Two Model A's and three modern cars made the trip to San Rafael to the Marin A's Oktoberfest. The raffle raised over \$1000 for the victims of the San Bruno fire. Sam and Marty Leach, Randy and Lea Stegman, Celeste Weklych, Virginia, Joe, and Ken Midile, Howdy and Gerri Rogers, and Larry and Linda Dreyer made the trip.

September 18, 2010: The Napa Valley A's had seven Model A's and one 1934 Ford coupe on display at Napa Ford for International Model A Day.

September 19, 2015: The club celebrated International Model A Day with a brunch at Compadres Rio Grill. Eight Model A's were driven.

## A Look Forward

September 13: International Model A Ford Day

September 13: Ice Cream Social, 5:00 pm at Las Palmas, 1730 Yajome St. Napa

September 14: Cars n Coffee, 8:00 at Brewed in the Napa Outlets, 865 Factory Stores Dr. Napa

September 25: Napa Valley A's Meeting, 7:00 pm at Creekside Church, 1050 Hagen Rd. Napa.

October 4: Packard Museum Tour. More information will be available at the September meeting.

## Chairpeople

Editor/Historian – Jim Mounter

Hospitality – Sheila Kanne

Raffle – David LeCount

Sunshine – Barbara Fanucchi

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## Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on the fourth Thursday, September 25, at 7:00 pm at Creekside Church located at 1050 Hagen Rd. in Napa. Coffee will be available, but no refreshments as the club voted to discontinue the refreshments at the March meeting.

## Ice Cream Social



This month's Ice Cream Social will be held at Las Palmas Café, 1730 Yachome St. on September 13 at 5:00 pm. It is also International Model A Ford Day, so you may want to drive your Model A around town before the social.

## Model A Parts for Sale

Ron Pippert has the following parts for sale:

Four 21 " wheels/tires  
Headlamps  
Engine block (frozen)  
Black radiator shroud (truck)  
Bumper parts  
New 1929 re-pop dash/gauge bezel in the box  
And he is sure there may be a few more miscellaneous parts.

Call Ron at (707) 257-6982 or email  
[rpippert@soscolautobody.com](mailto:rpippert@soscolautobody.com)

## Q & A Section

Q: Rivet jacks. Mikes Affordable left me a message that they are obsolete and not available despite their website having them. I have a front cross member to re-rivet. Any suggestions? I'm open at this point.

Chads Millwork

A: I had to replace my front cross member because somewhere along the line mine was welded solid. So I cut the old out and found a correct replacement and riveted it in. I ordered the correct replacement rivets and made a backing plate out of a 3/4 bolt with nuts. I then inserted the rivet from inside the frame adjusted the bolt and heated the rivet and used an air hammer. You wedge the bolt between the rivet and the bottom frame rail.

Gary Rehe

A: Try here. Big Flats Rivet used to be the place to go but they retired. Think this place took their place.

<https://www.hansonrivet.com>

Arlan Evans

A: I used grade 8 bolts.

Ben Moody

Q: What are rivet jacks?

John Sexton

A: An adjustable tool that is used for bucking the heads of rivets in tight areas.



Mike's Affordable



Time For Birthdays

Jim Kanne

September 24

Lea Stegman

October 1



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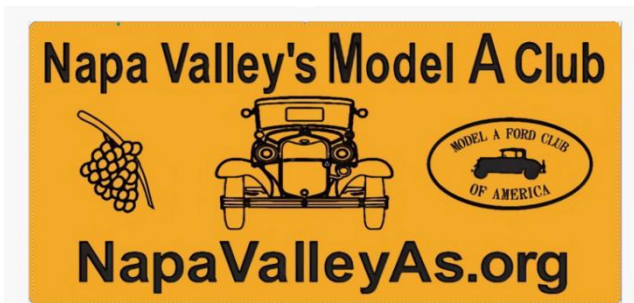


Wendy and Bruce Tschida

September 17

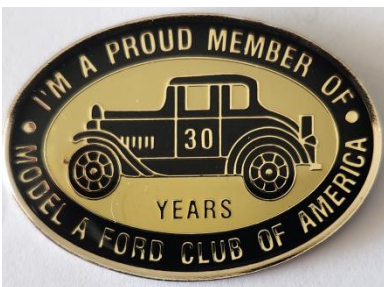
Sheila and Jim Kanne

September 21



Check out our website, [napavalleyas.org](http://napavalleyas.org), for more club information and activities.

Congratulations to Ken Midile on receiving his 30 year pin from MAFCA.



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## Yountville Veterans Home Car Show

There were three Model A's at the Veterans Home Car Show. Barbara Fanucchi, Jim and Sheila Kanne, and John Davis drove their cars. Matt and LeeAnn Pendergast and Dan McCabe provided photos. Dan, who belongs to the Golden Hills Mustang Club, invited us and plans to have the event again next year. Here are some of the cars at the show.



## Ice Cream Social at Super Duper Burger

There were ten people and three Model A's at the Ice Cream Social on August 6. Matt and LeeAnn Pendergast, Jim and Lynn Mounter, and Dave Lloyd drove their A's. Skip and Jean Keyser, and Dave's wife Renee and two grandchildren also attended in modern cars.



## Ladies Driving Class

LeeAnn Pendergast and Lynn Mounter attended the driving class before the August meeting. Barbara Fanucchi took pictures and Jim Mounter was the instructor. Both LeeAnn and Lynn were successful in starting the car and driving around the church parking lot, even shifting gears as they drove.



## Ladies Driving Class Photos



## More Photos



## Veterans Home Car Show More photos from the car show.



Napa Valley A's  
General Meeting Minutes – August 28, 2025

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Roll call: 13 people in attendance.

Presidents Report: Jim Mounter

Where has your Model A been? Jim Mounter drove his car to the meeting tonight. Jim reported on the "Learn to drive" session before the meeting. Lynn and LeeAnn drove in the parking lot and Jim was a fantastic teacher! Barbara came for moral support and a laugh! Jim and Sheila, John Davis and Barbara Fanucchi drove their cars to the Yountville Veterans show. Dave Lloyd showed his car at August Coffee and Cars event. Barbara contacted Napa Genealogy club for results and they never heard anything.

Secretary's Report: LeeAnn Pendergast

Last Meeting's July 2025 minutes were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Skip shared current financials.

Media Committee: Jim Mounter, Ken Rands, and David LeCount

Jim Mounter reported that another car photo needs to be sent again to the Marketplace magazine. David reported info from the Farmers Market contact. Skip clarified our club is a nonprofit and we should qualify for a space to share our hobby.

Steering Committee: LeeAnn Pendergast, Jim Mounter

LeeAnn thanked everyone for stepping up and helping with events. Discussed recent event at Pestoni's Winery for Henry Ford's birthday. Had about 20 people and 12 cars, everyone seemed to enjoy the day. Costco cake worked out great at half the price. Dave Lloyd suggested next year we meet up at a more convenient parking lot. New meeting spot will be by the old Sweeney's location in the River Park lot. LeeAnn reported on Yountville Veterans car show. Event was great and LeeAnn shared a message from Dan McCabe. He sent a thank you note to the club and plans to have event again next year.

August 6th - Ten people attended the Ice Cream social at Napa Super Duper Burgers.

August 31st - Car show at American Armory Museum if anyone is interested.

Dave Lloyd reports that the Blues, Brews and BBQ Car show has been cancelled.

Jim Mounter will pick a location and schedule another Ice Cream social in September.

Packard Museum has been contacted and we're waiting for a reply.

2025 Club Activities:

October 4th Packard Museum - Event contacts: LeeAnn and Barbara.

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October - Reschedule Bally Keals Estate. Event contact Pete Smith.

October 23rd - Club meeting Pie Social and Election of Officers.

November 20th - Friendsgiving potluck at Matt and LeeAnn's house - no general meeting.

December - No general meeting. Holiday Luncheon with suggestion for La Strada again.

Recurring events: Coffee and Cars: Every month on the second Sunday 8am to 10am @ Brewed 865 Factory Store Dr.

Old Business:

None reported.

New Business:

Barbara reports that she has been contacted by Mike Rippel from the Sonoma A's. They are planning an event for October 18th with details to follow for us to join.

Kathie Higgins brought her Model A Restorer magazine fashion collection in a binder to share.

LeeAnn asked about interest in another Ladies Lunch. She will reschedule one.

Shop talk: Club goal is to help members get their cars on the road.

Barbara's car engine has been picked up by Jim and Ken. Jim Kanne shared pictures of the new engine. Looks like Matt's Phaeton has a blown head gasket. Dave Lloyd shared he recently bought a 1966 Mustang with no engine or transmission.

Sunshine Report: Barbara Fanucchi - Matt's hand surgery went well. Martina had a knee procedure to clean up scar tissue. Howdy took a tumble in the backyard, but felt well enough to attend tonight. Speedy recovery everyone! David shared update on baby Lilly! Growing fast.

Raffle - David ran the raffle with \$19 collected. Thank you for the donations.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

LeeAnn Pendergast

Secretary

### Quote of the Month

"Vision without execution is just hallucination."

~Henry Ford~



## Napa Valley A's 2025 Membership Application

\*\*\*\*\* Membership Application/2025 Annual Dues Renewal\*\*\*\*\*

NOTE: Annual dues for 2025 are \$40.00 per family

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(Mail your annual Model A Ford Club of America dues directly to: MAFCA, 250 S. Cypress St, La Habra, CA 90631.)

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