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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - October Happenings

We are heading into fall and though I remind myself that my car runs on a diet of oil, gasoline, and good intentions it still wants to play its favorite game, "What's That Sound?"

Though October had fewer club events the highlight was Brendan Beatty, Harvey Jacobs and Steve Kurtz driving out to the Santa Monica Pier to join the intrepid group who drove the entire length of Route 66 from Chicago for a well deserved final dinner.

November, on the other hand, started off with bang, no not a backfire, a Bang. Our own Car Show and Swap Meet was the largest we've ever had with 82 Cars in the show and 2 rows of vendors! Hunter will be accumulating the precise numbers for our next Club meeting but you can be sure he'll be using terms such as Cash Cow and the Eagle Screams on Sunday Mornings between 7:00 and 10:00.

Our next Club Meeting is the time of year when all of you get to voice your opinion: It's Board Member Election time. You must be present to vote. Our club must be doing something right because this year, unlike the past few, we have more candidates than places on the Board. That's right, a real election. Members staying on for the balance of their two-year term are Wade Ratzlaff, Clark Pomeroy, Hunter Bloch and Brendan Beatty. Our Candidates, in alphabetical order are: Chris Haynes, Scott McNatt, Paul Quiero, Roger Sanford and Shanna Warren. Three of them will receive a Golden Ticket to star in Board Land, a mystical place where they gather to discuss the matters of the day, and perhaps Club business as well.

November also returns the club to activity, the next of which is the Galpin Car Show on November 9. Remember, Galpin supports the club with our meeting facilities and the trophies for our Car Show so we should reciprocate by participating in their show!

Lastly, I want to remind you of 2 IMPORTANT ITEMS: 1. Club Dues for 2026 MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2025 IF YOU WANT TO BE A MEMBER -IN-GOOD-STANDING AND BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT ROSTER and 2. Our installation Brunch will be held on JANUARY 4, 2026 at the SMOKEHOUSE in Toluca Lake. The Costs are \$26 for Members and \$52 for Guests. Since we must pay them in advance we Must Have Your Funds NO LATER than December 25. Think of it as stuffing the Club Stocking that's hung on Moto Meter with care. All questions should be directed to our official Brunch Master, Clark Pomeroy.



A Shade Tree Mechanic's Thoughts on Life and Cars: "The Tech Seminar That Was- n't"

By Wade Ratzlaff



In the world of Model A Fords, the term tech seminar can mean anything from "serious mechanical instruction" to "a thin excuse for coffee and donuts with friends." This particular Saturday, it leaned heavily toward the latter.

Dad and I were down in South Orange County on what I called "The Great Dutch Oven Expedition." We had convinced ourselves that somewhere between Laguna Niguel and Mission Viejo there was a used camping dutch oven waiting for us — one that didn't cost more than a rebuilt carburetor. We had already scoured every thrift store, estate sale, and "Antiques and Stuff" shop we could find. Dad inspected each pot like it was a cylinder head, muttering things like, "You could make a fine cobbler in this one... if you don't mind a little rust flavor."

That's when my phone rang. "Hey Wade, we're having a little tech seminar over at Richard's place," said a familiar voice from the Orange County Model A Club. "You and your dad ought to swing by."

Now, "tech seminar" sounded noble and educational — maybe something about carburetor tuning or spark advance. But experience told me that "tech seminar" often translated to "old friends swapping lies and eating pastries." Which, truth be told, was just the kind of education Dad and I were looking for.

When we arrived, the seminar was already in full swing — meaning half the donuts were gone and the coffee was cooling. An old friend greeted us with a grin and a handshake that carried twenty years of Model A friendship. His garage was a museum of old Ford wisdom — grease-stained manuals, shelves of mysterious tools, and that faint smell of oil that should be bottled and sold as "Eau de Mechanic."

We sat around his patio table as the sun warmed the yard. The conversation drifted from "Why won't my horn work?" to "Did you hear about the guy who used JB Weld on his radiator?" Technical topics lasted maybe thirty seconds each before detouring into fishing stories, road trip tales, and who had the best deal on tires at the last swap meet.

Then a member pulled out a book — a photo album, really — chronicling his trip around the country in his Model A Fordor.
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Thursday, November 13

6:30 PM

Board meeting

Mimi's Restaurant, 19710 Nordhoff Place, Chatsworth All are invited, however comments and remarks are permitted only if on the agenda.

Sunday, November 9

9AM to 2PM

Galpin Car show. Sign up here: <https://www.galpin.com/galpins-11th-car-show>

Be part of one of the Valley's great car shows.

Saturday, November 22

10 AM

Williams Auto Collection Tour, We're going to drive to a home in Thousand Oaks to view a private collection of cars and auto memorabilia. We'll go out to lunch afterwards to a restaurant to be determined. For the Williams tour on November 22, we'll meet at Denny's on Topanga and Burbank at 10 AM.

Sunday, December 7

1:30 PM

20's'.

Granada Hills Holiday Parade This is the largest parade in the SF Valley and it's Granada Hill's 100th Anniversary, Theme: 'Holidays of the Roaring 20's'. This is right up our alley. Don't put away that era clothing quite yet. Staging times and location to be determined and we'll let you know.

Saturday, December 20

5:30 PM

Christmas Lights Tour and Dessert at Carrara's, Moorpark. More info to be announced.

Sunday, December 28

7:30 AM

Holiday Motor Excursion, Horseless Carriage Club of So. Calif., Arcadia Regional Park, 1932 and older stock vehicles required for tour.

Thursday, November 20

7:30 PM

General Membership Meeting

Galpin Motors 15505 Roscoe Bl. North Hills

Be sure to make it to this last meeting of 2025. We'll be electing next year's board from an actual slate of nominees (that's something we haven't had recently!) We should know the results insofar as who will be on the board in 2026. We'll also get the report on the Car Show / Swap Meet - success or not? Plus, although it is not official, President Arthur will probably spring a surprise activity on us. And we'll be having dinner at Galpin's HORSELESS CARRIAGE restaurant around 6PM.

Most Every Wednesday —Lunch with the fellas at Lulu's Feel free to join us any Wednesday at Lulu's Restaurant, 16900 Roscoe Bl., Van Nuys at 11AM for master classes in Model A maintenance, marital functioning, world problems (state and local) solving and other general yucks.



LOOK AHEAD...

Sunday, January 4 Board Installation Brunch

11 AM

Smoke House Restaurant, 4420 Lakeside Dr, Burbank, CA 91505 Burbank
An end to the suspense! Find out who will be serving as the president of our board for 2026 as well as the rest of the board.
\$26 members, \$52 guests



SUNSHINE



Snacks for November's meeting - Pizza night

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

11/ 5	Sharon Kreis	12/ 9	Mike Petrella
11/ 5	Craig Edmonds	12/ 9	Renee Petrella
11/10	John Ciccarella	12/13	Jeff Jennings
11/15	Virginia Keene	12/13	Gerri Radman
11/17	Janet Waters	12/14	Larry Margules
11/18	Ted Roberts	12/15	Jim Lank
12/ 2	Sonya Turner	12/20	Lidia Jung
12/ 8	Denny Sharp	12/23	Kathy Monheit
		12/31	Richard Arroyo

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

11/11 Mike & Renee Petrella
11/15 Carroll & Valerie Vaughan
12/10 Brian & Janice Smith
12/18 Hunter & Diane Bloch
12/24 Mark & Jo Lichtman



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Mark Twain

From where I sit...

Zounds! Another car show / swap meet out of the way! But certainly not without your help. Our set-up on Saturday went rather smoothly and on Sunday, with the small glitch of having no 50/50 tickets, but taking corrective action quickly, the event was a large success. Going into that Sunday, we had but 12 spaces sold for the swap meet and 43 cars registered for the show. That means that we sold another 18 swap meet spaces and 40 more car spaces on Sunday.

Our new head cook and bottle washer, Shanna War

ren, did a bang up job with her crew selling donuts, hot dogs sodas and chip. And Wade, in a family affair, enticed us with freshly baked peach cobbler. Thanks to all who participated and let's get ready for next year!

Wishing you Thanksgiving greeting and Happy Holidays. We'll see you at the Installation Banquet on January 4!

There's a Ford in your past!

Jim

ERA FASHIONS

Edith Head



What was Thanksgiving like during the Great Depression?

On Thanksgiving Day, businesses and stores closed to give people time to spend with their families, though some sawmills continued production. Churches held union, or joint, Thanksgiving services. Groups organized inexpensive gatherings and parties around or on the holiday.

Herbert Hoover's proclamation for Thanksgiving.

...Now, Therefore, I, Herbert Hoover, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, November 27, 1930, as a National Day of Thanksgiving, and do enjoin the people of the United States so to observe it, calling upon them to remember that many of our people are in need and suffering from causes beyond their control, and suggesting that a proper celebration of the day should include that we make sure that every person in the community, young and old, shall have cause to give thanks for our institutions and for the neighborly sentiment of our people...

Try a 1930's Thanksgiving standard Recipe

Ingredients

4 cups pearl onions
3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
3/4 cup chicken broth
3/4 cup half-and-half
1/4 cup minced fresh parsley
3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
Pimiento strips, optional

Directions

1. In a Dutch oven or large kettle, bring 8 cups water to a boil. Add pearl onions; boil until tender, 6-7 minutes. Drain and rinse in cold water; peel and set aside. 2. In a saucepan, melt butter. Stir in the flour, salt and pepper until smooth. Gradually stir in broth and cream. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in the parsley, cheese and onions. 3. Pour into an ungreased 1-1/2-qt. baking dish. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Remove from the refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Cover and bake at 350° for 15 minutes; stir. Top with pimientos if desired. Bake, uncovered, 10 minutes longer or until bubbly and heated through.

Creamed onions

Henry Ford

Henry Ford was very interested in developing village industries. He built small factories in Michigan so that people could work and farm during different seasons. His idea was also to use agricultural products in industrial production, including soybean-based plastic automobile components.

Village and city



Make sure you say howdy to our newest members



Drew Lord
1930 Standard Coupe
1930(?) Closed cab pick-up
3/25



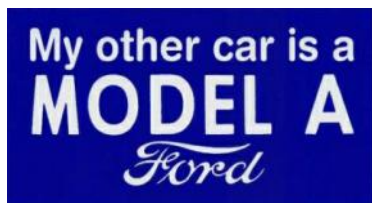
David Hamilton
1929 Tudor (Fire Chief)
1930 Tudor
4/25



Phil Saleen
1931 Coupe
8/25

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Know a young person interested in Model As?
Have them check out <https://www.modelayouthrestorationaward.org/>

The Model A Youth Restoration Awards helps young restorers restore his or her Model A by funding them with gift certificates from our major Model A parts suppliers. Fifteen applicants were awarded \$2,500 and another 3, \$1,250 each in 2025. MAYRA is funded by clubs like ours and by generous donations from the participating vendors.



CLASSIFIED ADS

Model A parts (and other assorted parts) for sale. Frames, engine blocks and a whole variety of items available. The fellow passed away and his brother is trying to liquidate the pile. Located in Granada Hills area. Contact **Gordy** at (218) 422-5842

In search of:

Buzz Gunnarson (previous member and looking to rejoin when he finds his car) is looking for a Model A to replace the one he sold a year or two ago. He is not too choosy as to the body model, but needs to be in good condition. He had a 31 Slant Window. If you know of one, contact him at (661) 296-3668 or text at (661) 645-7998 or email at BuzzGunnarson@yahoo.com

Phil Saleen, one of our newer members, MAY be looking for a Model A Pick-Up truck. If you know of one, please let Phil know so he can go 'try it on'. Phil's phone # is (818) 378-4172

signs of the Times

I wanna be 14 again and ruin my life differently. I have some new ideas



Can everyone please stop inventing new slang words so quickly? I'm having a hard time not becoming my grandma

Tiny Tips

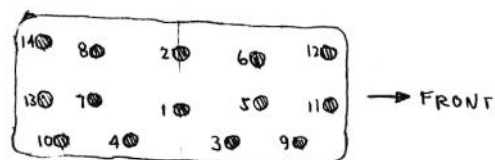
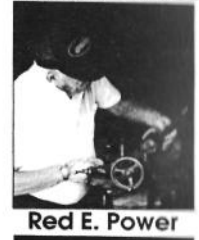
HEAD BOLTS

When you tighten your head bolts there is a recommended pattern. The exact tightening sequence should follow the pattern which is to start at the center and work towards each end in a methodical manner.

It is as if you were smoothing out the wrinkles in your bedspread.

The following sequence is the method I developed and have been using since the mid-twenties. It was the only way I could keep from blowing the head gasket in my Model "c" race car engine with 10 to 1 compression and 4-inch bore.

Patent Cures



SFV Chapter MAFCA General Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2025



Ladies only winner—
Richard Schwag's guest

The October, 2025 meeting of the San Fernando Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America was called to order by President Arthur at 7:33PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Lank, who then used the platform to encourage more sign-ups for the car show / swap meet coming up in 2 weeks. President Arthur also pled for additional volunteers.

Membership chair Clark drew the name of the Ladies Only drawing and the winner of the nosegay was Richard Schwag's guest. Clark then drew Jhoe Abejon's ticket and he won the Members' Only drawing. No new members were present this evening.

President Arthur then took the floor to encourage members to help by being in the board. Surprisingly, several folks did step up and we'll have an actual election in November to choose three new board members from nominees; Paul Quiero, Roger Sanford, Chris Haynes, Shanna Warren and Scott McNatt. Wade Ratzlaff, Hunter Bloch, Brendan Beatty and Clark Pomeroy are remaining on the board. We will elect the three new board members in November and all will retire to a dark, smoke filled room to determine amongst themselves which board position they will take. Those results will be announced at the installation banquet scheduled for January 4, 2026 at the Smoke House Restaurant.

Hunter Bloch, esteemed treasurer, announced that our club was, indeed, solvent.



Chris Haynes wins the 50/50 again!

Carroll had nothing to add this evening.

V.P. Wade spoke on the *A-Team* and if anyone needed them to let him know. He then spoke a bit on the merchandise he has to offer of club gear.

Steve Kurtz, our member at large, shared some valuable information with the club, which no one can recall at present, but it was invaluable.

Brendan Beatty, the leader of Tours and Activities presented the events upcoming in November including our Car Show / Swap Meet, the Galpin car show a week after. A trip to a private collection of automobiles and auto memorabilia scheduled on November 22. He made a pitch for the Horseless Carriage trek around the San Gabriel Valley on Dec 27 and announced our installation banquet on January 4, 2026.

The 50/50 drawing winner was pulled and Chris Haynes was the winner (again.) The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.



Members' Only winner—Jhoe Abejon

Tech and Safety guru,

(Con't from p1)

The man had actually driven it across the states, which put him in a rare class of adventurers somewhere between Marco Polo and the AAA roadside assistance guy.

As I flipped through the pages, admiring the scenery, a familiar face stopped me cold. There was Mom — smiling beside the members car, somewhere in the Midwest, her hair windblown and her eyes bright. She'd passed away a couple years back, and seeing her there — in that book, frozen in time with a Model A in the background — hit me right in the carburetor.

I smiled, blinked a few extra times for good measure, and kept turning the pages. That's the thing about these old cars and clubs — they're not just about grease fittings and valve clearances. They're about people. The ones still turning wrenches, and the ones who left their fingerprints on the fenders long ago.

By two o'clock, the seminar dissolved as naturally as it had formed. Hugs, handshakes, and promises to "see you at the next one" echoed across the driveway. Dad and I loaded up the truck — dutch oven-less but richer for the day.

After dropping Dad off, I headed back up the 5 toward Santa Clarita. The sun was dipping low, and my mind wandered to Mom, photos, and the upcoming San Fernando Valley Model A Club Swap Meet and Car Show.

It struck me then that every swap meet, every coffee-fueled "tech seminar," and every roadside repair was really just a way of keeping the people we love close — in stories, in laughter, and sometimes in the pages of an old photo book.

I didn't find a dutch oven that day. But I sure found something that filled me up.

Greeting the voyagers from Chicago on the Santa Monica pier.

October 13, 2025



On October 13, several members of our club took the 405 south to the Santa Monica pier to welcome nearly a dozen adventurous travelers who drove their Model A's from the greater Chicago area to Santa Monica via America's "Mother Road", Route 66. Their party included Terry Burtz, of Burtz engine fame.

(Pictures courtesy of Harvey Jacobs)



59th Annual Car Show / Swap Meet

November 2, 2025



Kitchen staff hard at it

It was a lovely Sunday morning! Albeit dark at 5:15AM, the players were assembling.. Clark was there with the donuts, Russell, with his twinkly flashlight was ready to direct the swappers to their space with Brendan. Shanna was stoking the fires to warm the donuts and Hunter, with son Andy were eager to start staging cars. SHOWTIME!



Swap meters don't mind bending over!



Henry's ladies all lined up.

By 10 AM, 83 cars had been placed on the Rancho San Antonio Boys Home athletic field and 30 vendors were eagerly hawking their goods. The only hitch in the get along was the lack of tickets for the 50/50 drawing, which was easily solved by dispatching Hunter's son Andy in Hunter's T bucket who went to Smart and Final and saved the day when he brought back a roll of the tickets.



More Henry's Ladies



Stan winning for one of best Model As in the yard.

The reconfiguration of the field was well received by most, with a few minor adjustments for next year.

A huge note of thanks to all who helped make this year's Car Show and Swap Meet a success: everyone who helped in the set-up, all who attended to the gates, everyone (including some that I didn't recognize) who served in the galley, members who sold 50/50 tickets, especially the big producer, who's not a member of the club!



Harvey, another winner for his Model A sedan



Best in show winner, Dale Huddleston for his sweet 1963 C10

Lastly, to Hunter Bloch, the builder of the trophies, who dreams of garnering 100 cars to the show, who fell but 17 cars short this year! And to Shanna Warren, Carroll and Valerie's daughter, who stepped up and ramrodded the food space.

Great job, all. Thanks!



50/50 winner, Bob Sarnelle

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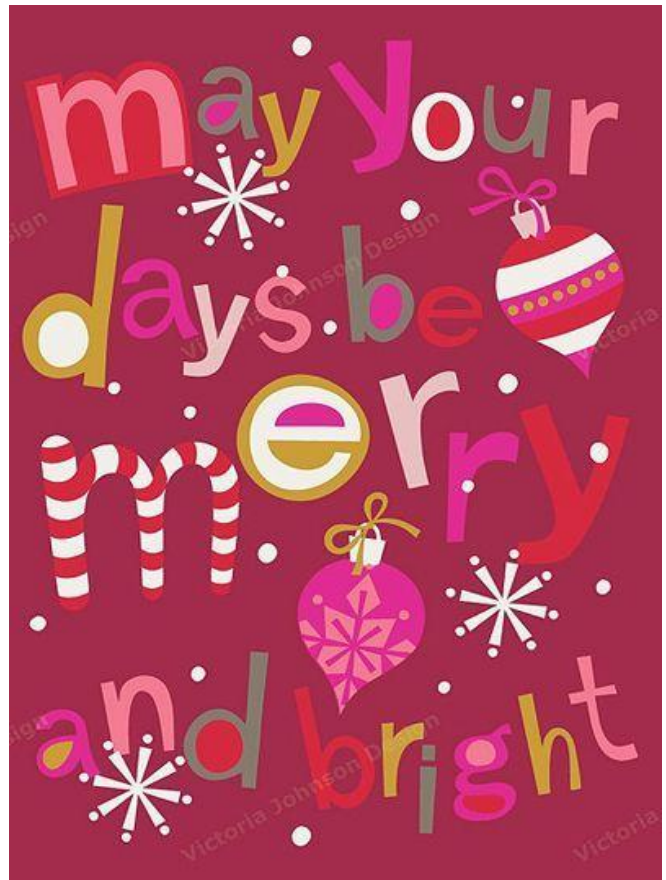
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November 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Car show swap meet set-up
2 Car show / swap meet	3	4 Election Day	5 Fella's lunch at Lulus	6 Edsel Ford born, 1893	7	8
9 Galpin car show	10	11 Veterans' Day.	12 Fella's lunch at Lulus	13 Board meeting 6:30P	14	15
16	17	18	19 Fella's lunch at Lulus	20 General meeting 7:30P	21	22 Williams Auto Collection tour
23	24	25	26 Fella's lunch at Lulus	27 Thanksgiving	28 First American Auto race, 1895	29
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December 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Ford introduced the continuous assembly line, 1913	2 Ford Model A went on sale, 1927	3 Fella's lunch at Lulus	4	5	6
7 Granada Hills Holiday parade. Pearl Harbor remembrance day	8	9	10 Fella's lunch at Lulus Ford builds 1,000,000th car 1915	11	12	13
14	15 Hanukkah	16	17 Fella's lunch at Lulus First successful flight, Wright brothers 1903	18	19	20 Christmas lights tour
21	22 Lincoln Tunnel opens, 1937	23	24 Fella's lunch at Lulus	25 Christmas	26	27
28 Horseless Holiday Excursion	29	30	31 Fella's Lunch at Lulus New Years Eve			



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WHO WE ARE

The San Fernando Valley Model A Club (SFVMAC), a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA), is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for enthusiasts of the Model A Ford car, to aid members and other enthusiasts in their efforts to restore and preserve the car in its original likeness. The Rumble Sheet is the newsletter of the SFVMAC, published monthly, January through November. The organization disclaims any liability for the technical information provided herein. The material published are the opinions of the authors and not those of the organization. We invite all those interested in the Model A Ford to join us. Ownership of a Model A Ford is not required. All members must join MAFCA. Membership includes a subscription to the newsletter. Material in the Rumble Sheet may be used in other publications provided that credit is given for the source.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

General Meetings are held at Galpin Motors 15505 Roscoe Blvd., North Hills, CA (just east of the I-405) on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM except in December - No Meeting.