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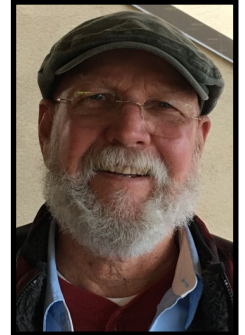
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December 2025

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Guy McElroy*

Our old computer decided that it didn't want to work anymore so I'm working on my new laptop today. Actually we bought it for Judith to replace an old I-pad that she had, but she didn't like it, so I guess it's mine now. Once I get this all typed out I hope I can figure out how to get it to Kris Francis so she can get it into The Quail Call.

I have to take this opportunity to mention the passing of two of our dearest members. Reen Kotas and Carolyn Kaiser have both passed.



Reen passed in late September although we didn't hear about it until October. He was a treasure and was at the meetings very regularly. Reen had the best luck of any man I knew. He won so many of the raffle drawings at the club meetings, it seemed that he had it rigged, uncanny. When his health started to fail his son in Ramona took him in. We didn't see him too much after that, but we missed him. November 7th several club members attended his service at Fort Rosecrans Cemetery, along with many family members.

Carolyn passed away at the end of October; it took me totally by surprise as I was not aware of any medical issues. Carolyn had tried to call me earlier in the week and left me a sweet voice mail. She was thanking Judith and I for hosting the Hubley races here at our house. It made me so happy whenever she and Larry would show up at a meeting or event; she had such a beautiful smile, it's not hard to see why Larry fell in love with her. Carolyn would always keep an eye out for Larry, if she was talking to you she would still be watching him out of the corner of her eye, just to make sure he was doing ok. She was such a sweetheart. Carolyn's services were on November 21.

Now, on a much more pleasant note. Our Installation Committee, led by Rochelle Svelling, has been making good progress. The theme is "Henry's Speakeasy" and will be held at the Alpine Community Center, as it was last year. Our own Fred Crone is going to be doing most of the artwork, as he did last year. I hope all of us never forget all the things that Fred does for the club. He is such a quiet and soft-spoken person, but he does so much.

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Ho-Ho-Ho Holidays!

UPCOMING EVENTS: *Save these dates!*

DECEMBER	12	Business Meeting—Santee 7 PM
	13	Pacific Beach Parade
JANUARY	1	New Year's Breakfast
	3	RSVP for Installation Banquet Due
	6	Board Meeting
	15	Dues due for 2026
	17	Installation & Awards Banquet
	24	Help & Learn Seminar

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**Carlton Hills Lutheran Church;
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The San Diego Model A Ford Club was first founded in 1957 by a few dedicated Model A owners. Our purpose is to help preserve the Model A, which was in production by the Ford Motor Company from 1928-1931. Ownership of a Model A is not a requirement for membership in the club. Membership dues are \$30.00 per calendar year. Membership in one of the National Clubs is mandatory (either MARC or MAFCA) and the responsibility of each member. Contact information to join a National Club is listed below:



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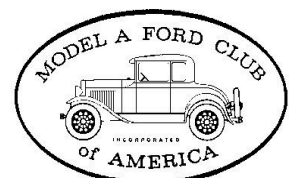
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Dues are \$50.00 per calendar year.



San Diego Model A Ford Club

HENRY'S

SPEAKEASY



"Henry Sent Us"

2026 Installation & Awards Luncheon

January 17, 2026

The Alpine Club

- ♦ 1830 Alpine Blvd, Alpine
- ♦ Drive your "A"
- ♦ Arrive 11:30 AM
- ♦ Lunch at 12:30 PM
- ♦ Program starting at 1:30
- ♦ Model "A" Era or Club attire

"Flappers Feast"

- ♦ Beverages: Giggle Juice,
- ♦ Bootleg Brew & Midnight Oil
- ♦ Salad
- ♦ Lasagna
- ♦ Rolls
- ♦ Pie Social

Program Features:

- ♦ Social Time
- ♦ Bingo
- ♦ Lunch
- ♦ Entertainment
- ♦ Installation
- ♦ Awards
- ♦ Business Meeting
- ♦ Raffle

Reservations & Payment due by January 3, 2026: \$30.00 per person in advance - pay at club meeting or via mail to Rochelle Svelling – Make checks out to SDMAFC.

SAN DIEGO MODEL A FORD CLUB

General Business Meeting – November 14, 2025



The General Business Meeting of the San Diego Model A Ford Club was called to order by President Guy McElroy at 7:00 PM on November 14, 2025. Guy led the Pledge of Allegiance. Cliff Hughes noted a correction to the minutes regarding attendance at the Poway Parade. Should be corrected to “This was Bob Green’s and Mike & Laurie Matthias’ first event with their Model As.” Ken Hatfield moved to that we accept the September 2025 Minutes as corrected. Ed Poffenburger 2nd; motion passed.

Tours: [Dave Kelsen] **Past Tours:** **October 11th – Hubley Races.** Met at Dixieline on Avocado and toured back country roads to Guy & Judith McElroy’s home. On the way we stopped by the Swarthwood’s home and they joined us driving their A. After visiting Guy’s shop and enjoying Judith’s snacks, we weighed and prepped the Hubley cars. Race winner was Verne Schwebke. Then we continued to Dickie’s Bar-B-Que in Rancho San Diego for lunch. 12 A’s and 7 moderns attended.

Upcoming Tours: **November 15th Tour – Jacumba Hot Springs.** Cancelled due to rainy weather forecast this weekend. Will reschedule until February. No Scheduled tour in December; January’s tour is to our installation banquet in Alpine. Still need someone to volunteer for Tour Director next year. New director would not need to schedule a tour until March.

Parades/Displays: [Ron Niemeyer]. **Past Parades/Displays:** **October 30th (Thursday) – Display at Edgemoor Hospital –** Residents really enjoyed the cars – 10 A’s participated. **November 2 – Gaslamp Fallback Festival –** 3 As: Fred Crone, Ross Nelson and Ron Niemeyer participated. It was a long day but free food. **November 7 – Reen Kotas’ Memorial Service –** 5 A’s and lots of members attended Reen’s service at Ft. Rosecrans. **November 11 (Tuesday) – Veteran’s Day Parade;** 12 As participated in this parade honoring our veterans. **Upcoming Events:** **November 21 (Friday) – Carolyn Kaiser’s Memorial Service –** Family has asked for Model As at the service. Currently, there are 8 spots designated for As, but more spots will be available if needed. Meet at College Avenue Church at 12:15 to stage. **December 13th - Pacific Beach Holiday Parade.** Entry fee is \$75.00 for 5 cars. Club policy in the past was that we will not pay to participate in parades. Several club members volunteered to pay the entry fee. After a lengthy discussion, Jennifer Baehr moved for the club to pay the \$75.00 fee for 5 cars to enter the 2025 Pacific Beach Parade. Cliff Hughes 2nd; motion passed. Ron will see if he can negotiate with the coordinator for more cars and/or a reduced entry fee. This discussion about parade fees will be reviewed at the next Board Meeting in January with a recommendation brought back to the membership.

Treasurer: [Nayola Bieber] Checking account balance included **money deposited in October:** \$36 Ways & Means; \$25.00 Refreshments; \$60.00 Membership; \$20.00 Merchandise (a total of \$141.00). **Bills to pay.** \$20.00 to Tina Weisenseel for Ways & Means supplies. A motion was made by Dave Sohr to pay this bill, seconded by Ben Taravella; approved by all members.

Old Business:

San Diego Excursion – January 11, 2026: Signup on line at HCCA.org. They would like a photo of your car when you sign up to use for promoting the event.

Nominating Committee: Tour Director still needed for next year.

New Business:

Help & Learn Event – January 24. Cliff Hughes is coordinating this event to grease pack Fred Crone’s A’s front wheel bearings. To be held at Ahna Holder’s garage near the Sports Arena.

Cars for Sale: Bud Swartwood will be selling his 1929 Tudor. Greg Drilling is selling his 1929 Murray Town Sedan.

Parade Ride needed: Member Stephen Tako is requesting a parade ride-along for his mascot. Costume will fit someone 5’2”.

Membership: [Rochelle Svelling] 46 members in attendance tonight with 2 visitors. We had a new member join the club: Terry Rodriguez is restoring her family’s 1930 Coupe, which is up at Hansen’s Garage

Installation Banquet [Rochelle Svelling] Kathryn Hughes is in charge of the Pie Social for the Installation Banquet. She is sending around a clipboard for sign-ups to bring a pie. Would like 15 pies. Also, Rochelle & Zachary have brought their traditional gift of Pumpkin Pies for all club members. Be sure to take one home.

Merchandise [Lisa Albrecht] Steve has cups, tumblers & T shirts tonight.

Property: [Jim Taber] – Hubley track will stay at the McElroy’s home for future Hubley races.

Defender: [Ray Beardslee] Nothing to Report

Refreshments: [Jennifer Baehr] Need sign-ups for next year.

Webmaster: [Chris Halter] New videos are on the website. In the last month, 522 folks have viewed our website: 346 views from China, then the US and Singapore.

Correspondence: [Kris Francis] Quarterly article featured photo of Carolyn Kaiser using Jim Train’s “car phone”.

Era & Fashions Presentation: [Cliff Hughes] Mark Hughes the clock guy provided an interesting presentation about 1930s clocks.

Technical: [Paul Winchester] No technical presentation tonight to give Mark Hughes more time for his clock presentation.

Ways & Means: [Tina Weisenseel] Six raffle items with a \$20.00 gift card for the Door Prize.

Membership drawing prize [\$20.00]: Steve & Joann Cortz’ names were drawn but were not in attendance. Next month = **30.00.**

Closing: A moment of Silence was dedicated to Reen Kotas and Carolyn Kaiser. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM by Dave Sohr and seconded by Ann DiNapoli. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, *Kris Francis,*

Kris Francis (Recording secretary)



Tours Report



Greetings Everyone! I want to thank Zachary and Rochelle Svelling for the tasty Thanksgiving Pumpkin Pies they gave Club Members at the November Meeting. Also Zachary gave us an informative history of the Jacumba area and Hot Springs in the November Quail Call. Zachary drove out there after Sherill and I did and he came up with a better route for Model As. A lot of planning went into our November Tour. Zachary and Rochelle were going to lead; but the rain changed our plans and we had to cancel this event for November.

The Club does not do a Tour in December due to the busyness of Parades, family events, travel, and it just gets really busy for most of us. The Installation & Awards Banquet is the Club's big event for January. If you drive your Model A to the event, it counts as a Display. For February, we are going to Jacumba Hot Springs as planned for the November Tour. If we have to change weekends because of the rain, we will have more flexibility.

Meanwhile, Ross Nelson has volunteered to be the Tour Director for 2026 – 2027. The Club should thank him. Sherill and I will help him with this change in Tour Directors. Hope you have a great Thanksgiving and see you at the December 12th Meeting.

Upcoming FEBRUARY 2026 Tour: Our exciting monumental Tour, which was originally planned for the November Tour, is now scheduled for February 2026. Exact date to be determined. It is to Jacumba Hot Springs in the eastern San Diego County. We are planning a Tour on Saturday, February (date to be determined), to Jacumba Hot Springs and surrounding nearby points of interest. We will meet at the Rancho San Diego Dixieline parking lot, located at 3607 Avocado Blvd. & Highway 94, La Mesa, CA 92041. Arrive at 9:00 am, departing at 9:15 am. Directions will be provided. Zachary & Rochelle Svelling are nice enough to lead this Tour. We will drive Japatul Road and old Highway 80 East, out to our destination. We will travel through many historic sites on Old Highway 80, ending in Jacumba. The newly renovated Jacumba Hot Springs Hotel is located at 44500 Old Highway 80, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934. The hotel staff will give us a tour of their facilities and view the original mineral-rich hot springs. It is really a unique place that is historic and coming back to life thanks to the new hotel owners. If you get a chance, Google the history of the Jacumba Hot Springs Hotel. We will have Lunch at the hotel restaurant. If you prefer, you may bring a picnic lunch to enjoy across the street at the Community Park. Afterwards, we can visit the original hotel site and spring-fed lake. More details will be shared at the Friday, December 12th Model A Meeting; and you can also **CALL** or **TEXT** Sherill Kelsen at (619) 997-0598 to be included. Please tell us when you sign up, if you plan on having Lunch at the restaurant so we can provide a count to the hotel staff. A clip board will be passed around the December Meeting for sign-up. Thank you!!

President's Report continued from page 1.

Fred shows up at nearly every event the club has, be it a parade, display or a tour and more often than not he is in an appropriate costume. He designed the artwork for our club logo and the sign I bring to every meeting. He designed, procured the materials, cut out and painted the set that was the background for last year's luncheon, and he's doing it again this year. Fred was the club president during Covid for the years 2020 and 2021. He held the position of "Past President" during Valarie's term as president and during my time also. That position entails that he attend all board meetings. I cannot remember even one business meeting where Fred was not sitting right up front. Next time you see Fred shake his hand and give him a big "thank you". I'm very thankful that we have people in our club that give so much. THANK YOU FRED!

I think that's it for this month, as always, Guy

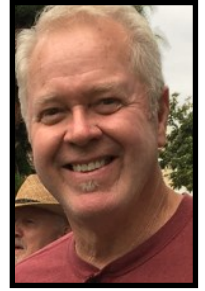
Dashing December

Looking Back Out The Rear Window

Thursday October 30- Edgemoor Hospital Halloween Harvest Display: 10 A's met in the parking lot of Carlton Hills Lutheran Church and took the brief tour to Edgemoor. Coffee, donuts, oil drip pans were ready for us when we arrived. The residents enjoyed the decorated cars and shared their interest in



them. Phil Kowalewski's wife Naomi was working at the hospital this particular day and came out to visit with us and enjoy in the comradery as well with the club. So nice to see her! A complementary Mexican lunch was provided and thoroughly enjoyed. Participants were Fred Crone, Dave Francis, Pete Franke, Ahna, Kurt and Barbara Holder, Phil Kowalewski, Steve and Nancy Lovell, Guy and Judith McElroy, Ron and Linda Niemeyer, Ben Taravella and Paul Winchester.



Sunday November 2- Gaslamp Quarter Fall Back Display: Fred Crone and Ross Nelson rendezvoused with Ron Niemeyer enroute to 4th and Island Ave. Three designated spots were ready for us in a prominent location. Organizers even fabricated a Model A Club sign for us. We each received a complimentary meal pass to enjoy several items from the vendors menus.

Friday November 7- Rene Kotas' Memorial Service: 5 A's and numerous moderns made it to Reen Kotas' memorial at Fort Rosecrans, then off to Clairemont Mortuary for a reflection in the chapel and luncheon afterwards. A's in attendance: Reen's Tudor driven by his son, Betsy Johnson, Ed Poffenberger, Ben and Nina Taravella and Paul and Patty Winchester.

Tuesday November 11- Veterans Day Parade: A total of 12 A's joined in on the festivities, east county members meeting in El Cajon, then toured to Mission Valley to meet more participants, then passing through Old Town the Holders joined in, all arriving without incident at the staging area. We all enjoyed watching nearly the entire parade as it passed by us Southbound while we awaited our position in the line-up. Several members commented they saw us on live stream. Participating were Fred Crone, Mike and Jen Baehr, Phil Kowalewski, Dave Francis & Chris Halter, Pete Franke and his brother, Ahna, Kurt and Barbara Holder, Guy and Judith McElroy, Ross and Susan Nelson, Ron Niemeyer, Ross and Sue Piper, Ed Poffenberger, Victor Figueroa and Rod Tuttle.



Looking Out the Windshield A-head

Saturday December 13- Pacific Beach Holiday Parade (details forthcoming)

It has been a fun-filled year of parades and displays and has been a pleasure organizing these events for the club. Looking forward to 2026.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !

Ron Niemeyer- Parades and Displays (More photos on Page 7)

Edgemoor Display



Veterans Day Parade

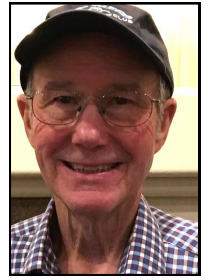


Holiday Funnies

- What do you get if you cross a snowman and a dog? **Frost-bite.**
- Why did the tree go to the barber? **It needed a trim.**
- What's an elf's favorite music genre? **Wrap music.**
- Why are Christmas trees bad at knitting? **They always drop their needles.**
- What do you give a snowman with a fever? **A chill pill.**
- What do you call Santa when he takes a break? **Santa Pause.**
- What do you call an old snowman? **Water.**



Rear Axle Threads Repair



It's time to pay your Dues for next year already, dues for our local Club, dues for the Model A Restorers Club and dues for the Model A Ford Club of America. I never can remember which magazine goes with which club. Our local club news letter is the "Quail Call" that makes sense as the Quail radiator cap was a Ford accessory available to purchase from Ford. Here is where it gets confusing: the "Model A Restorers Club" magazine is the "Model A News" and the "Model A Ford Club of America's" magazine is called the "Restorer". I just send all of them money at the end of the year and don't worry too much about it.

While reading the Model A Restorers Club magazine for September- October 2025 I saw an article about fixing threads on a Model A rear axle. The tool looked a lot like one I purchased a while back, so I went to the garage to see if my tool looked the same as the one on page 9; yes, it is the same tool. So I decided I would write an article about it and reference to the magazine. So I picked up my most recent copy of the Restorer, November/December 2025 and looked for the article on page 9, but it wasn't there, instead there was an article about Model A Grease Fittings, which is a good article but not the one I expected to see on page 9.

If you have a recent copy of the Model A Restorers Club magazine, and have read page 9, then this link is for you,: Model A Ford rear axle threads repair, with a Ford 40 HP Lathe [1928 Ford Model A stripped axle thread repair - YouTube](#) I probably won't use this method but it is interesting.

If you are reading The Restorer magazine on page 9 about Zerk grease fittings then this is for you: [A-Z guide to grease fitting types, sizes and thread identification - Gmund Cars](#)



I changed all my grease fittings to the modern style so I could use a modern grease gun. The fittings in the front brake I used pound in at some locations. If I take the front end apart again, I will drill out and thread the holes.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving Day with family, or by yourself eating a stale piece of pizza, if you so choose. See you in December.

Paul Winchester, Technical, 2025

DUES ARE DUE!

2026 Membership dues are due! Please fill out the 2026 Membership Form included with this mailing along with \$30.00 cash or check made out to SDMAFC. To be included in the 2026 Membership Roster your membership renewal must be received by January 15th. Keep it simple! Make out one check for both the Installation Luncheon and your dues. (Be sure to indicate in the subject line the number of persons attending the Luncheon.)

1930—Christmas in the Great Depression



In the year 1930, the worst of the Great Depression was still to come. Christmas was still a merry time for those who still had jobs and homes and hope. Many were worrying about the bad economic news but tried not to let their children know that hard times were ahead.

As the Depression dragged on, many workers were laid off, businesses closed down, and money was tight. The government provided some jobs in different programs to get people back to work, but there weren't enough of those for everyone.

So people economized, and lived by the slogan "make do or do without." At Christmas, they would make gifts with whatever they could manage. These need-

ed to be things that involved labor rather than money. You could unravel an old sweater to use the wool for knitting a pair of socks or make mittens. Scavenging some wood meant you could hand-carve a wooden

toys. An old orange crate combined with some baby buggy wheels from a broken carriage could be turned into a go-cart.



Banks encouraged people to save a little each week for next Christmas by utilizing Christmas Club Accounts. With a Christmas Club, you earn interest on the deposits you make throughout the year. Each fall, typically by the end of October, you receive a check for your total Christmas Club balance. This provided a lump sum for holiday shopping on gifts, food and decorations. Americans found Christmas savings clubs especially popular during the Great Depression. Their touchpoint extended across the landscape, helping people save money for holiday expenses amidst widespread unemployment and financial hardship.

(Cardboard Santa on left is a hanging Christmas tree ornament. Santa's bag reads "The best gifts in Santa's bag are Christmas Club Checks and Savings Account Books..")



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1930

Have Money
For Christmas

THE joy of giving is being able to PAY FOR your gifts. And . . . after Christmas it is a joy to know that you still have a bank balance and can add to it regularly.

START SAVING REGULARLY NOW
We Welcome YOUR Banking Business

THINK!  **CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK**  THINK!

One of Uncle Sam's
ELLSWORTH, KANSAS

HAVE MONEY! HAVE MONEY!

MODEL A ERA 1928-1931

INVENTING SCOTCH TAPE

Richard Drew never wanted an office job. Yet the banjo-playing college dropout, born 125 years ago, would go on to spend some four decades working at one of America's largest multinationals, and would invent one of the best-selling and most iconic household products in history. That product is Scotch transparent tape, the tape that looks matte on the roll but turns invisible when you smooth it with your finger. Every year its manufacturer, 3M, sells enough of it to circle Earth 165 times.

Born in Saint Paul, Minnesota on June 22, 1899, Drew spent his youth playing banjo in dance halls, eventually earning enough money to attend the University of Minnesota. But he only lasted 18 months in the engineering program. He took a correspondence course in machine design, and was soon hired as a lab tech by the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company, which was then in the business of manufacturing sandpaper.

Transparent tape was not Drew's first ingenious invention. That was another household must-have: masking tape.

In Drew's early days at the company he would deliver sandpaper samples to auto manufacturers, who used it for the painting process. In the 1920s, two-tone cars were trendy. Workers needed to mask off part of the car while they painted the other, and often used glued-on newspaper or butcher paper for the job. But that was difficult to get off, and often resulted in a sticky mess. Drew walked into an auto body shop one day and heard the "choicest profanity I'd ever known" coming from frustrated workers. So he promised a better solution.

He spent the next two years developing a tape that was sticky yet easy to remove. He experimented with everything from vegetable oil to natural tree gums. A company executive, William McKnight, told Drew to stop messing around and get back to his regular job, which he did, but Drew kept doing tape experiments on his own time.

Eventually, in 1925, he found a winning formula: crepe paper backed with cabinetmaker's glue mixed with glycerin. But his first version of masking tape only had adhesive on the edges. When the painters used it, it fell off. They allegedly told Drew to take his "Scotch" tape back to the drawing board, using the term to mean "cheap," a derogatory dig at stereotypical Scottish thriftiness. The name, so to speak, stuck. It would be used for the larger range of tapes from 3M (as the company would later be known). Drew received a patent for his masking tape in 1930.



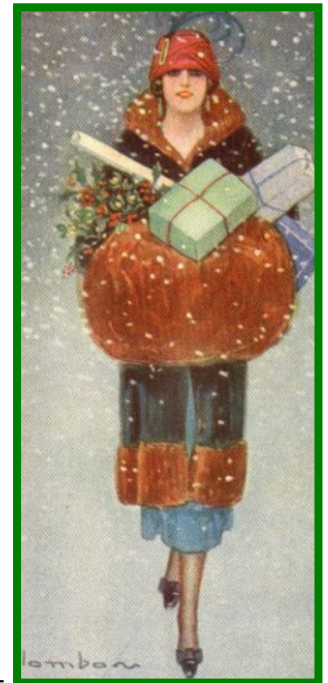
That same year, Drew came out with his waterproof transparent tape after months of work. The tape took advantage of newly invented cellophane, but the material wasn't easy to work with, often splitting or tearing in the machine. The adhesive was amber-colored, which ruined the cellophane's transparency. Drew and his team went on to invent adhesive-coating machines and a new, colorless adhesive.

The tape was released just as America plunged into the Great Depression, a time when "mend and make do" became a motto for many. People used Scotch tape for everything from mending ripped clothing to capping milk bottles to fixing the shells of broken chicken eggs. At a time when many companies were going under, tape sales helped 3M grow into the multibillion-dollar business it is today.

William McKnight, the executive who told Drew to stop working on Scotch tape, eventually became chairman of 3M's board. Through Drew, McKnight came to understand that letting researchers experiment freely could lead to innovation. He developed a policy known as the 15 percent rule, which allows engineers to spend 15 percent of their work hours on passion projects.

"Encourage experimental doodling," McKnight said. "If you put fences around people, you get sheep. Give people the room they need."

The 15 percent rule has deeply influenced Silicon Valley culture—Google and Hewlett Packard are among the companies that give their employees free time to experiment. The Scotch tape story is now a classic business school lesson, a parable of the value of instinct and serendipity, which Drew once called, "the gift of finding something valuable in something not even sought out." **Fun Fact:** Prior to the invention of Scotch tape in 1930, gift-wrappers had to make do with decorative Lick 'em adhesive seals.



Is this Progress?

Influenced by Cliff Hughes's recent slide presentations, it got me to thinking how without realizing it, many things on our vintage vehicles have been disappearing over the years and are not found on modern cars and trucks.

Most no longer have running boards like model A's, nor do they have ash trays and cigarette lighters, they have been replaced with built-in cup holders.

On-board radios are no longer needed since most everyone has smart phones, or subscribe to Serious, etc. Our last couple of SUV's did not even have cassette players in them.

Grease fittings are not needed for lubrication since most components are sealed.

Checking tire pressure manually is becoming a thing of the past since the vehicle's computer lets you know if the pressure is low.

It is my understanding oil dip sticks are being phased out by some manufacturers, (I do not recall the last time I looked at the one in my current modern).

Also, street maps that were offered free at many service stations, and road atlas books one could get from insurance companies are a thing of the past, much like full - service gas stations where they pumped the fuel, checked fluid levels, and cleaned the windshield upon request.

I guess one could chalk it up to progress but I kind of miss the simpler times.



Happy Motoring!

Bill Corson



What's In a Name?

Vern & Lori Schwebke's 1928 Roadster

The '28 roadster arrived just a couple of months after our daughter Stina was born in 1992. It took almost 5 years before the A was ready to hit the road. Because the little one liked to give names to everything else, the roadster had to have a name too. Initially I thought to name it after my grandmother, Daisy, but it was decided to also name it after my mother, Kay. So putting them together resulted in DaisyKay. Of course that's too many letters for the DMV, so the license plate reads DAZYKAY.



Grandma Daisy



Mom Kay



Upcoming Events 2026:

SAN DIEGO EXCURSION



Save the Date
San Diego Excursion
January 11, 2026

Drive to Point Loma, around the 1915 Road Race Route with lots of spectators and time at Liberty Station for the public to see our cars and talk with Drivers. Over 100 cars expected. Unmodified 1942 and earlier, speedsters accepted.

Email or call to join our mailing list:
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2026 MAFCA National Convention **May 31 - June 7** **Pendleton, Oregon**



If you haven't already seen it, here is an invitation from Bill Geurtand Jack Remillard to join the fun and camaraderie at the 2006 National Convention.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2AXJ5lcEOM>

The Convention Committee is currently preparing a webpage for the event. It can be found at
<https://www.2026mafcanationalconvention.com/>
Check back often for more details. You can also be added to their early bird list at the website.

If you are a Facebook member you can join 2026 MAFCA National Convention to keep informed. (It is a private group so you will need to join their group.)
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1368827974201745>

With Sympathy *Carolyn Kaiser*



We received sad news from Larry Kaiser that our dear member Carolyn Kaiser passed away peacefully at home with Larry and family by her side on October 31st. We will miss her genuine sweet smile, words of wisdom, concern for others and her impeccable way of festively dressing up for club activities

5 A's and many club members joined the Kaiser family in Carolyn's beautiful Celebration of Life service on November 21st.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to Larry and the extended family.



2027 MAFCA National Tour

June 13 - 18, 2027

Durango, Colorado

Hosted by The Model A Ford Club of Colorado

Tour Highlights

4 Days of Driving Tours to: Aztec Ruins National Monument (New Mexico) - Mesa Verde National Park - Million Dollar Highway - Pagosa Springs/Wolf Creek Pass

A fun Day on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad (a can't miss event)

Car Games, Ice Cream Social, Model A Car Display, Hubley Derby, Welcome and Farewell Dinners, and More



Scan to go to our website
mafcc.org/2027-mafca-national-tour



Scan to join our Facebook group



SUNSHINE & RAINDROPS

Bill Corson tells us that Meripa was in the hospital for over a month having suffered several strokes. She is currently receiving home care pending surgery. Our thoughts and prayers for healing and recovery.



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Holiday Message to the Kid in all of Us

From Bill Corson

Santa was ready to leave the North Pole to spread Christmas joy and cheer, when he realized he could not locate Rudolph, or any of the other reindeer.

Seems somebody in Washington thought they were Government employees and they all got laid off in spite of their tears.

Not to worry, Santa had a back-up plan to save the day.

He would just make the deliveries in his trusty Model A.

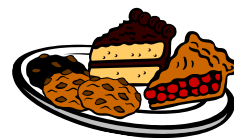
Don't you just love a happy ending?



REFRESHMENTS: Jennifer Baehr

The following have signed up
For December refreshments:

- * Lisa Albrecht
- * Betsy Johnson
- * Judith McElroy
- * Judy Norman
- * Rochelle Svelling



December Birthdays

- 3 Linda Sawyer
- 9 Jane Hatfield
- 10 Jerry McCawley
- 12 Phil Kowalewski
- 13 Ed Poffenberger
Bob Green
- 14 Ross Piper
- 15 Joe Valentino
- 16 Karen Lazar
- 20 Ray Beardslee
- 22 Pam Drilling
- 23 Tim Johnson
Greg Drilling
- 25 Lisa Elliott



December Anniversaries



- Dec. 15, 1972 Bill & Sue Hansen
- Dec. 16, Ruben & Maria Sanbria
- Dec. 17, 1967 Ron & Joyce Peterson
- Dec. 27, 1985 Greg & Pam Drilling
- Dec. 28, 1995 Phil/Naomi Kowalewski
- Dec. 30, 1962 Arlyn & Nayola Bieber

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

\$30

The November Membership Drawing was \$20.00. Steve & Joann Cortz' names were drawn, but they were not in attendance. In December the pot increases to \$30.00. Be sure to attend our December meeting and the next winner could be YOU!

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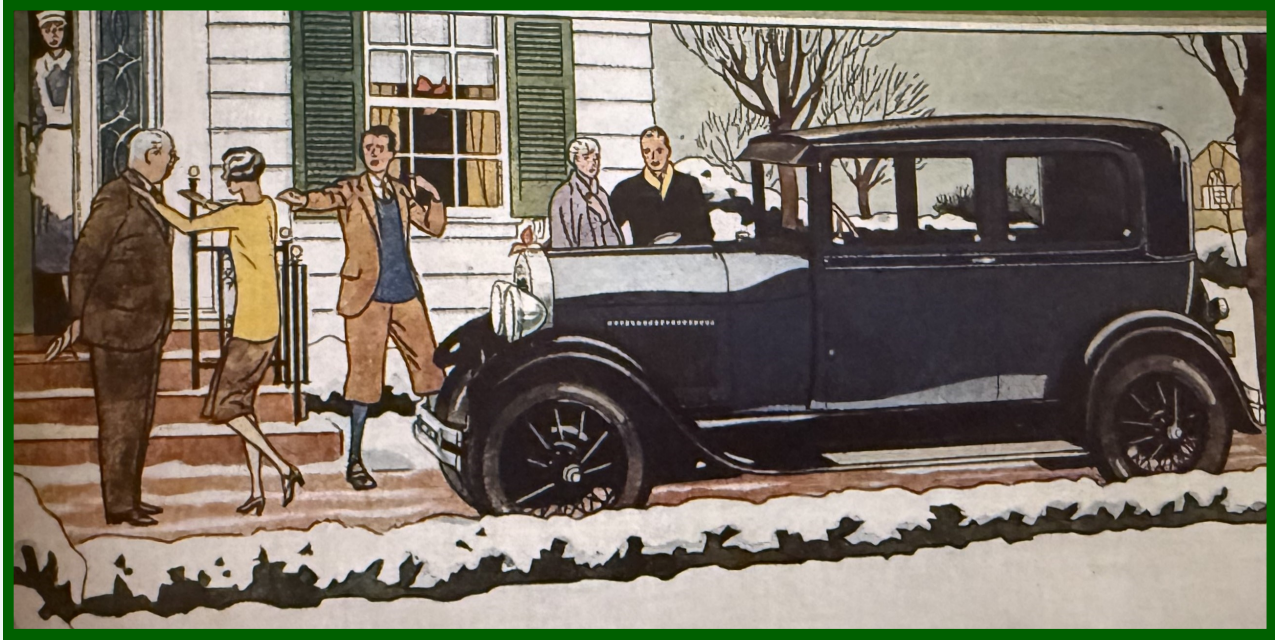
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Advertising the Model A Ford

From the book, Advertising the Model A Ford, we snipped the artwork and information from the advertisement titled "Pondering Hood".

"A couple standing in the snow admires the new Ford Tudor Sedan. This drawing also shows a young man seeming to be saying "how about me?" as his sister thanks their grandfather for her Christmas gift of a new Ford Tudor Sedan."

This was a third version of a drawing which added a wreath with a red ribbon in the window of the house along with a red ribbon tied to the radiator cap of the Tudor Sedan. It was a secondary inset illustration in a December 8, 1928 magazine ad featuring a Sport Coupe and a Fordor Sedan.

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