

Quail Call

San Diego Model A Ford Club Inc.
Celebrating over 50 years of Model A'ing



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AUGUST 2015

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dave Johnson

Wow Club, we are back from an awesome vacation. Thank you, Bud Swartwood, for taking over the helm while we've been absent from the last two meetings. Since our twins graduated from high school and are now registered at San Diego State University, we took them on an Alaskan Cruise and then on to Calgary for the Stampede. The weather was perfect except the last day, more on that at the meeting. While in Calgary we visited Heritage Park which has many of the first buildings in Calgary and a great vintage car collection display. Of course the first car you come to is a 1929 Ford Briggs Delivery Sedan with the description "Typical 1930 Model A", wait a minute that's a 1929 I exclaimed to the member of the staff. He just shrugged his shoulders and said "Eh." I snapped a photo with my phone and sent it to Arlyn Bieber to see if he could explain. Arlyn's reply could make sense, if a car was manufactured late in the 1929 and not



sold until the next year they can describe it as a 1930 car. Darn, I thought I had the Canadians on that one "eh." The rest of the displayed cars were well worth the time if you ever make it to Heritage Park, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. I missed being with all of you but have kept up with all the parade pictures Bud sends out. This next meeting will have many absent because of vacations, but we'll carry on through the summer and look forward to hearing about your vacations. Paul Winchester will be covering Arlyn's technical report and Judy Jo will be covering Nayola's fashion report at the next meeting. Bill Corson was absent and the unlucky winner for the membership drawing last month so this month's membership drawing will be for \$30.00. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone August 22nd at the Chula Vista Harbor Fest. Be sure to mark your calendars, save the date and get your Model A out for lots fun and fellowship.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Mark your calendar

AUGUST: 14 Business Meeting 7 pm San Carlos Rec. Center
15 Mt. Helix Anniversary Car Display
22 Chula Vista Harbor Fest

SEPTEMBER: 11 Business Meeting 7pm
19 International Model A Day
19 S.D. State Football game
28 Board Meeting@ Johnson's



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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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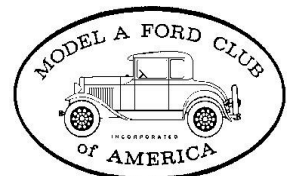
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**GENERAL MEETING OF
SAN DIEGO MODEL A FORD CLUB INC.**

July 10, 2015

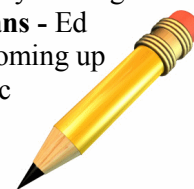


Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Bud Swartwood, our Vice President at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was the next business of order. **Director's Report** - Bud Swartwood reminded all of about the necessity that each person must be a member of either MARC or MAFCA. If you are an officer you must be a member of both organizations. Renewal forms for 2016 will require you to list your membership number or numbers. MARC's number can be found on the back cover of the Model "A" News and MAFCA's number can be found on the plastic wrap of the Restorer. Note what your numbers are and write them down so that they will be readily available to you when they need to be used for your renewal form. It was recommended by the Board that our club donate to the Youth Scholarship Fund in an amount not to exceed \$200. There was a motion from the floor to donate to the fund in the amount of \$200. Discussion followed. A vote was taken and it was passed. Roxy Faust will pay that bill. The January banquet will be headed by Selena Forman - she volunteered to be chairman. Her committee will be Carol Weckman, Betsy Johnson, Nayola Bieber, Valarie Basham, Dalene Jensen and Paul and Laura Abbott. It looks like a wonderful group of volunteers and we thank them ahead of time for all of the work they will do to make the evening a success!

Minutes - The minutes of the June meeting were approved as written in the Quail Call. **Treasurer's Report** - Roxy Faust reported on groups that contributed to the club because of volunteering that we did - Eastlake Car Display and Lantern Crest Assisted Living. She also reported on balances of checking and savings. Bills were presented and it was moved and passed that they be paid in full. **Refreshments** - Joan Dainer thanked those that brought the refreshments this evening. **Ways and Means** - Ed Poffenberger told us about each item that was available to win in the drawings. **Parades** - Bud Swartwood reminded us about the Descanso parade scheduled for July 11th. He also told us about the Pine Valley parade to be held on July 25th. He reminded us to mark our calendars for the August 22nd Chula Vista Harbor Fest and the Boulevard Boo parade on October 24th. See his write up under Club Parades in the Quail Call for more details. He passed around sign up sheets for the 5th Avenue Showcase on Oct. 11th, the San Diego State Football evening on Sept. 19th, and the Mt. Helix car display on Aug. 15th. **Tours** - Paul Winchester gave us more information about the Model A Ford Day on Sept. 19th. We will tour the city and the Automotive Museum in Balboa Park. Lunch will be served behind the Automotive Museum. Sounds like fun! Mark your calendar! In October a tour is being planned to Fallbrook - walk in the Grand Tradition gardens followed by lunch and a ride through town to see the Scarecrow exhibits with a possibility to tour a Gem Museum. We will keep you posted - save October 3rd for the event. Don Minnick went to the Del Mar Fair trip and shared his experiences - imagine driving around the track with a blindfold on - oh my goodness! A great time was had by all. Fred and Barbara Dacy told us about a group that meets at the Boll Weevil just outside Ramona every Thursday and they cruise up and down the main street. Check with them for times. Apparently it is very laid back and anyone can go. They enjoyed it and you might too. **Club Apparel** - Nayola Bieber reported for Betsy Johnson that a number of items were in the refreshment room which could be purchased right away. The hats are still not ready and it is hoped that they will be done by our next meeting. We just have to be patient! They will be ready soon. **Quail Call** - Valarie Basham announced that MARC would like to have everyone's e-mail address. **Membership** - Ed Woodruff and Peggy Dalby announced that 53 members were in attendance. Ed introduced a new member - Mike Brantly. He stood up and told a little about himself and his car. We welcome him to the club! Join in with us right away, Mike, and sign up for some of our activities. We are sure you will have fun! **Fashions** - Nayola Bieber introduced us to the bathing suits of the Model A era. She and Judy Jo Beardslee brought in some great examples. They, of course, were very modest in design and of all things, they were constructed out of wool knit! Check out her wonderful article in the July Quail Call. Gene Amy brought in his collection of old bottles that he has found - many here in San Diego. It is quite a nice collection and he shared how they were made and what things to look for in order to determine their age. He also talked about the colors - some were clear and others were blue, red or green. Thank you, Gene, for bringing them in for all of us to see. **Technical** - Arlyn Bieber shared with us some of the reasons why our cars might overheat. License plates are often attached to the headlight bar. If they are put in that location they will block 30% of the fin area of the radiator. It's a better idea to mount it on the front bumper. He also talked about checking the fan belts for cracks or to see if they are too loose. It was suggested that a spare fan belt should be one of the things we carry in our tool box. Arlyn also mentioned that the 2 bladed original Model-A fan should be replaced with a cast aluminum, one piece 2 bladed fan. The cast aluminum 2 bladed fan has a high pitch angle which pulls as much or more air through the radiator as a 5 or 6 bladed fan. Also the original Ford 2 bladed fan can come apart as it gets older and fatigued. Check your timing and your wheel alignment. Don't use antifreeze in your radiator, but do use an anti rust product. The mystery part was a knurled knob for tightening or loosening the front window - aka, air conditioning control knob. I was so excited because I won!!! Gals you can do it too. I knew there was a reason why Stan was always asking me to check the tightness of the knob. Who would have guessed that it would be the mystery part. **Ways and Means** - Ed Poffenberger handed out lots of great door prizes to lucky winners. He has been doing a good job this year coming up with a variety of items. Everyone keeps hoping they will go home with the Julian pie! **Joke** - Thank you Ric Bonnoront for coming up with clever jokes each month. We are in smiles each time you share them with us.

Adjournment - The meeting was closed in due form by Bud Swartwood at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Boyer, Secretary



TOURS: Paul Winchester

July was a busy month with parades and events, on Saturday July 11th we went to Ron and Joyce Peterson's home in Descanso after the Descanso Parade, and I'm calling that a Tour. So if you went to Peterson's after the Parade you will get Tour miles. Eleven cars made the trip, mileage goes to Gene Amy, Don & Joan Minnick, Roy Jenson, Paul & Patty Winchester, Bud Swartwood, Reen Kotas, Valarie Basham, Stan & Judy Boyer, Richard Potts, Ron & Joyce Engen, and Ron & Joyce Peterson.



I can't get away with this every month so no Tour in August, but there are several events to go to. Check the Quail Call and/or the google email group. Mt Helix Heart Event on August 15th, contact Dan Seeman (619-749-5608), only a few cars can go.

The Chula Vista Harbor Fest is August 22nd, it is always fun.

September 19th is Model A Ford Days event, a tour through San Diego ending at the Automobile Museum at Balboa Park. More details next month.



Glen Vernon Silvers October 4, 1925—July 20, 2015

Glen Silvers was a quiet man, who always arrived at the meeting early. You might not know the name but you'll recognize the face, he was always winning the raffle prizes. We haven't seen him a lot lately, he was battling cancer again, but was always optimistic. I gave him a call one day since we hadn't seen him for a while, he answered that phone so chipper and happy to be alive. The treatment was going well and he was so happy with his Doctor. Just a little too tired to make it to the club meetings. He lived alone and was still doing all his own shopping and care giving. He loved his Model A, and was very active in the Veterans of Foreign War, in Lemon Grove. His service was held on Thursday July 30th, at the Miramar National Cemetery, followed by a celebration of life at the VFW post. Our condolences to his family!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE GLEN!

PARADES & Car Displays: Bud Swartwood



The Descanso Parade was well attended and the Model A's were right up front. After the parade Ron & Joyce Peterson hosted us at their Mt. cabin in Descanso, we kicked a few tires, fed our faces and several took a short stroll down the road. It was a very relaxing day in our local mountains. Thanks Ron & Joyce for having us.



The Pine Valley Parade was a success thanks to Valarie (leader), Reen Kotas, Paul & Patty Winchester, Gene Amy & Ron & Joyce Peterson. We had two additional Model A entrants, well sort of, Rich Potts & Jack Rabell drove their tractors. Participation to support local community events is just part of what makes the Model A experience fun and worthwhile.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, August 15 is the Mt Helix Anniversary Car Display. Check your Club Google email for specifics. Contact Dan Seeman for additional information.

Saturday, August 22 is the Chula Vista Harbor Fest. The Event goes from 10AM - 6PM. Our Model A's will be able to leave by 4:30 to avoid late afternoon driving.

Saturday, September 19 is the San Diego State Football Game at Qualcomm Stadium. We will be joining with the San Diego Ford Thunderbird Club. Expect a fun experience.

Sunday, October 11 is the 5th Ave Auto Showcase. Model A's really do look good alongside a Ferrari. Come find out for yourself.

Saturday, October 24 is the BOO Parade, our second time to support this fun annual Event. Last year we found this Parade to be well organized and fun. Make plans to join us.

Sunday, November 8 is the Fall Back Festival in Downtown San Diego. Kids of all ages enjoy this opportunity to join in the many varied activities.

HARD LUCK TROPHY

Mike & Karen Richardson had an issue at 70th & Alvarado Rd back in May after the Kensington parade. Their car locked up and fishtailed leaving nice "S" shaped skid marks. They were blocking traffic, until the La Mesa Police showed up. The tow truck driver and Mike were able to rock the car back and forth and free the car. Any of you who have seen their driveway would be impressed by the tow truck driver. Backing down their driveway and putting the Model A in the garage. They were given the Hard Luck Trophy until the next meeting, will there be someone else in line? I think maybe.....





Trouble Shooting Tips for the Running Model A

Excerpts from an article by Lynn Sondenaar, June, 2014 Beaver Chapter newsletter.

Let us assume that the Model A was running fine, but then something changed causing it not to purr like a kitten. It might backfire sometimes, or the engine might have a miss. This is a list of problems to consider and check.

Point gap -- Wear can cause a change in the point gap setting. Loss of power, hard starting could mean the point gap is too narrow. Proper point gap is between 0.018" & 0.022".

Plugged carburetor jet -- To do a quick unplug of a carburetor jet without taking the carburetor apart try this method. With engine warm and idling, wear a glove and place your hand over the choke housing to momentarily cut off the air supply. This may help to dislodge a particle of dirt. If covered too long the engine will die.

Backfire -- This could be many things, so here is a list of possibilities.

- Defective condenser
- Too rich of a fuel mixture
- Incorrect float level
- Manifold air leak by the block
- Exhaust/muffler leak at the clamp area
- Too lean of a fuel mixture

Backfire going downhill

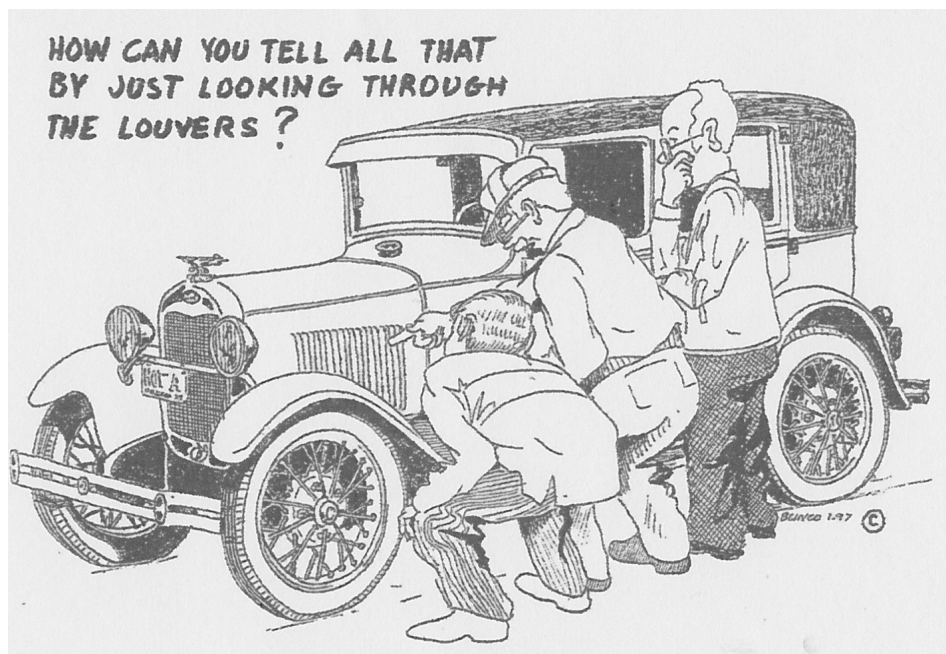
- Spark retarded too much
- Fuel mixture too lean

Loss of power going uphill

- Spark is advanced too far
- Fuel mixture too lean
- Incorrect float level
- Clogged fuel screens at tank/
sediment bowl/carburetor

Low speed shimmy

- Tires not inflated to 35 psi
- Loose wheel lug nuts
- Loose wheel bearings
- Worn wheel bearings
- Worn king pins
- Tie rod or drag link loose
- Worn tie rod or drag link balls
- Incorrect toe-in (should be 1/32")



NO MODEL A MYSTERY PART this month, Arlyn is on vacation and Paul Winchester will be at the meeting to give us some words of wisdom on something Model A related.

Note from the Editor: I received this notice from MARC, if you belong to MARC please send this information!

With the Niagara meet behind us, we are asking that all Region contacts please inform your membership to send us their email address. As mentioned at the meet, we are sending more and more information via web blasts now and we do not want any of the members to miss out on important emails and information. Please have your MARC members call Shelia or Peggy at the office or send their email address directly to: (modelarestorers@sbcglobal.net) Please try to have members do this ASAP. As always, thank you all for your prompt assistance in this matter.....



1930 SUMMER DRESSES

By Jeanie Adair of
The Beaver Chapter, Portland Oregon (May 2015 issue)

This pink dress on the left has short cape sleeves and shirring and a bow at the neckline for a feminine touch. This would be considered a Spectator Sport* outfit since she is wearing heels, gloves, a hat and is carrying an envelope bag. The Blue dress on the right could be considered as Active Sportswear*.

Perhaps this lady has been playing golf or tennis... I say this because she has no hat or gloves on (we can't see what kind of shoes she is wearing). The sleeveless dress also indicates she's been active, as a lady would usually have some kind of jacket to wear. Again this dress has shirring and a bow at the neckline; the skirt has pleats that wrap around to the back equally at the hipline; it's finished with a belt. Another clue it could be worn for active sportswear are the pleats—they would provide fullness in the skirt for ease of movement. These fashions are from a McCall's May 1930 magazine. Also check out what the people in the background are wearing.



* Check out the
MAFCA Fashion
Guidelines for
more information
on Spectator and
Active Sportswear

MARC 2015 National Meet

Steve & Nancy Lovell

We attended the National Meet at Niagara Falls, Canada, June 21-26. The host was Can MARC.

What a great place to have a National Meet with the American Falls and the Niagara Falls as the background view from the Crowne Plaza and Sheraton Hotels which is where most members stayed.

The view of the American Falls and Niagara Falls from the Hospitality Suite at the Sheraton was spectacular. One thing which really caught our eye at the



Hospitality Suite was the table decoration which was a Model A consisting of parts from a Model A car (i.e. radiator/fenders/tires/etc) along with flowers. Very creative thinking on creating that display. On our first night (June 21) at the Falls there was a spectacular fireworks shows at the Falls which was a sight to remember.

Most of the events were held at the Gale Center (hockey arena) located about 3 miles from the hotels.



Each day they provided free shuttle service back and forth between the Crowne Hotel and Gale Center which made it easy for members to attend events without having to drive. Ice Pad #1 at the Gale Center was cleared of ice and seats were removed which left plenty of room for Model A's to be stored and viewed for the Fine Point Judging. There was plenty of room for the Swap Meet Event each day in the same arena. The Fashion Seminars were held at the Crowne Plaza. A great deal of preparation was done by the ladies to put on a mock wedding ceremony with members wearing 1930's style wedding apparel (i.e. jewelry/gowns/tuxedos/hats/veils/shoes/etc)

The Touring Class Judging was held at the Ravine Winery with free wine tasting for registered National meet members. The scenic drive which was lined with trees, flowers, etc. to the winery was enjoyable. Members were allowed access to the Model A's for close up viewing. Getting a close look at the Models A's and viewing the judging comments was great.



Thanks Steve & Nancy for sharing your pictures and writing the article, Valarie

Beyond Imagination

Roving Reporter Bill Corson

In September 2014 my Pennsylvania Model A'er friend Don Freed asked me if I would like to see a barn full of Model A parts. WHO WOULDN'T? As a point of reference, Don (*pictured on the right in the baseball cap*) was featured in the Dec. 2013 edition of the Quail Call when he invited me to ride shotgun on a ride in the country in his Model A sedan. The fellow who collected and sold various old Ford parts lived a little over an hour from where we hang our hats so Don arranged a meeting time to take in the sights.



Don advised me ahead of time that I would not believe my eyes. How right he was. Upon arriving at our destination we met the proprietor Bill Haberer, (*pictured on the left*), Club members who attended Hershey may have seen him there as a vendor. He bought the farm in 1988 and has been collecting ever since. After introductions we proceeded to the first of several storage and repair facilities. It was a 30 ft. by 230 ft. former chicken house that was crammed full of Model A parts as far as the eye could see. There

were piles of headlights, starters, generators, fenders, etc. with barely enough of a pathway to navigate through the place. Some parts were stored above the rafters.

Outside were many rusting hulks deteriorating in the elements. Some still restorable, others not. Next



was a walk to the lower yard of the barn that was built in 1842. I was so emotionally consumed that I do not recall how many old Ford trucks, etc. were stored there. Some models I had never seen before.

We then ventured up to the main barn floor where I was near to hysteria at

the sight of parts stacked floor to ceiling, and boxes that only Bill knew what they contained. There were approximately 20 vehicles of every description stored on the property, including a 1930 two door Sedan he had driven to school as a teen. When I inquired as to how he was able to find a specific part, he explained they were all placed with parts of like kind and he could locate them in short order. Bill has been a long time collector and is very knowledgeable about Model A's. After an hour or so of rummaging we said our goodbyes. Don and I left with my mind still reeling at what I had just experienced.



Final analysis:: The tour was like a compilation of the television programs American Pickers, and Hoarders, or perhaps a condensed Hershey.

For the benefit of club members looking for hard to find parts Bill's contact information is, Bill's Model Acres Ford Farm, 3355 Eighth St. Dr. P.O. Box 22, Watsonstown, Pa. 17777, Phone (570) 538-3200

He buys, sell, trades NOS and reproduction parts and would be happy to assist you...

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:

When roving report Bill Corson sent me the article you just read on Beyond Imagination, it seemed only right to inform him of yet another missed opportunity to make a little cash. His reply "One good thing that came of it is that I know my name is **ACTUALLY** in there, I was beginning to wonder..."



\$30

YOU COULD BE A WINNER TOO!

See you at the next meeting with your name tag on.



I have a collection of parts that I would like to sell, a partial list is below:

1. 1928 splash aprons, running boards and hood shelves, all six reproduction items painted black professionally and ready to install on a car. \$950 or best offer. 2. Top bows (wood only) for original bows, made by Classic Wood Products, unused/new \$120 3. Original front and rear 30-31 fenders (rough but restorable), 30-31 rumble seat riser original, 30-31 coupe interior dome lights, 28-29 roadster body parts (windshield stanchions, rumble gutters, etc), original exhaust manifolds (sand blasted), intake manifold, other misc parts.

For questions, call Karl Wehrle at [\(858\) 454-6808](tel:8584546808)

Old Handyman cart, 2'X4' steel platform w/ pipe push bar, 7" castors, a bit heavy.

Ray Beardslee 619-465-9513

Paul Hastie has inventoried the Model A magazines that were left on the counter in the kitchen last meeting. He will bring them to the August meeting. If you would like a copy of the list of the magazines, email him at prhastie@sbcglobal.net.

WELCOME, WELCOME WELCOME

Mike and Jeanne Brantly are our newest members. They have a 1931 Coupe, Mike even shared with the group that he bought it to make it into a hot rod. I am happy to report he saw the LIGHT and is restoring it as a stock Model A. Here is their contact info.

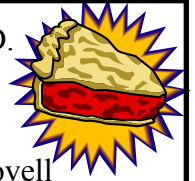
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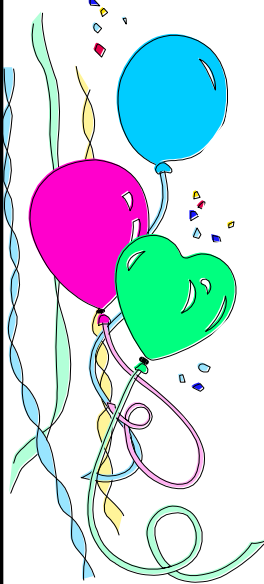
Refreshments: Shari H. & Joan D.

This months goodies will be provided by:

Betsy Johnson Nancy Lovell
Valarie Basham Dalene Jensen
Joe Valentino



AUGUST BIRTHDAY



11 Sherrill Kelsen
13 Diane Seeman
14 Penny Smiley
Bill Monroe
20 Larry Kaiser
21 Mary Baker
23 Barbara Amy
Danny Duncan
Henry Hunte
Jennifer Monroe
29 Joan Miley
30 Eleanore Phillips
31 Chuck Faust

August Anniversaries

Duane & Ginny Ludtke August 21, 1948
George & Donna Trapnell August 18, 1951
Ed & Anne DiNapol Poffenberger Aug. 16, 1964
David & Janine Lowe August 6, 1966
Webb & Avalee Smith August 20, 1966
Stan & Judy Boyer August 3, 1968
John & Nancy Watt August 3, 1974
Mark & Linda Sawyer August 21, 1976
Jim & Cindy Croff August 28, 1976
Thomas & Karen Lazar August 20, 1980
Bob & Jeanette Bowie August 21, 1982
Chris & Cammie Formo August 12, 2000
Ray & Barbara Miller August 3, 2002

In what year was the first-ever Grand Prix race held?

While there were organized racing events before the turn of the 20th century, the first race called the Grand Prix occurred in France in 1906.

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