

Quail Call

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



P.O. BOX 19805 SAN DIEGO, CA. 92159

JULY 2015

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dave Johnson

Well Club with the year half over, two daughters graduating from high school and non-stop work, I'm exhausted. Guess I'll take the family on a well-deserved vacation. Bud Swartwood will be taking the helm yet again at the next general meeting. Thank you Bud! Now down to business. I am very proud of all members answering the call to take your 'A's to the many car displays this month. It really helps the Club's coffers as well as having fun. The next month is jam packed with parades and displays, so check our calendar and put on your calendar all the events you can participate in. I'll be back halfway through July to join in the fun. So continue to get your Model A's out and have fun together!



EDITOR'S NOTE: Valarie Basham (Since Dave was so short winded this month there's room to fill)

Just a reminder that if you are not receiving your Quail Call or other reminders on the google group site, please let Bud Swartwood (619-579-6726) or Valarie Basham (858-278-6317) know. There could be several reasons.

1. We don't have a current email address for you.
2. The Google group site is not listed in your email contacts and your computer does not recognize it, therefore it may be going into your spam or junk mail folder (not good)! Please make sure to add the email address: sdmodela@googlegroups.com to your email contacts. Now you can send out to the group too.
3. Maybe you have been receiving notices and all of a sudden they have stopped? Well, we can't explain it but it has happened to a few people and once we hear about it we will attempt to correct it. So CALL us.

The Quail Calls should arrive in your mailbox both email and snail mail the first Friday of each month, one week before our scheduled business meeting, (notice the key word **SHOULD**).

Once again our **Quail Call** was recognized by **MARC with an AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**, I want to thank all of you who submit articles to make this newsletter what it is. I maybe the one who calls to remind you of our deadline, and pulls it all together but you are the ones who write the articles month after month. So thank you to everyone who contributes, it couldn't be done with out you.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Mark your calendar



JULY: 4 PARADES, PARADES, PARADES

10 Business Meeting 7 PM San Carlos Rec.Center

11 Descanso Parade then Tor over the Peterson's Ranch in Descanso

25 Pine Valley Parade

AUGUST: 14 Business Meeting 7 pm San Carlos Rec. Center

22 Chula Vista Harbor Fest

SEPTEMBER: 11 Business Meeting

19 International Model A Day

28 Board Meeting@ Johnson's



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BUSINESS MEETING HELD THE 2ND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 PM

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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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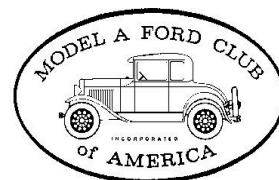
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**GENERAL MEETING OF
SAN DIEGO MODEL A FORD CLUB INC.
June 12, 2015**



Call to Order - The meeting was opened in due form by Bud Swartwood, Vice President, at 7:00 p.m.. He led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Report - Bud welcomed all of us. He announced that Valarie Basham had just received an award from MARC for excellence in the writing of our Quail Call for 2014. She met all 15 points of the guidelines. Bravo, Valarie!!! Job well done!

Minutes - The minutes of our May meeting were approved as published in the Quail Call, Treasurers Report - Roxy Faust announced bills needing to be paid. We voted in favor of paying the bills.

Refreshments - A sign up sheet was passed for those people who wished to bring treats to our next meeting. The members that brought desserts tonight were thanked.

Ways and Means - Ed Poffenberger previewed the items brought for the drawing and for the door prize.

Parades - Bud Swartwood reminded us of the upcoming parades and car displays.

Car Displays - Lantern Crest Assisted Living (June 13). Eastlake Car Display (June 14). Monte Vista Assisted Living (June 20), Gillespie Field Air Show (June 20&21), Arbors Assisted Living (June 28) Parades - Scripps Ranch (July 4), Mira Mesa (July 4), Descanso (July 11)

Tours - JoBeth Stelzer reported on the wonderful success of the Idyllwild Tour. Everyone had a grand time. It has been suggested that it would be fun to have this as a yearly event.

Club Apparel - Valarie Basham reported that hats should be available at our July meeting. A sheet was passed around listing those items that could be purchased right now. Call Betsy Johnson with any questions or to place an order.

Quail Call - Valarie Basham reminded Board Members that the next Board meeting will be held on June 22nd at her home.

Membership - Judy Jo Beardslee filling in for Ed Woodruff and Peggy Dalby, she announced that 53 members were in attendance this evening. They also announced that some old members had come back and rejoined the club. They were Howard and Barbara Kruegel and Clyde Marion. Welcome home! We are glad to see you back.

Fashions - Nayola Bieber told us about perfume and shared some make-up items and old perfume bottles with us as examples of those found in 1928-1931. She shared with us a trip she had made to visit the flower fields and perfume makers in France. From her description one could almost smell the fragrance of the blooming fields.

Technical - Arlyn Bieber announced the Model A mystery part. It was a carburetor float. This is a device in which air is mixed with gasoline spray to make an explosive mixture in a internal combustion engine. Sometimes the float needs to be adjusted in a Model A. He also talked about balancing tires by putting weights inside the tubes instead of using weights on the rims. Next, Arlyn shared with us about painting his Victoria. In most of the Model A's, just the parts you saw were painted. In the Victoria every part - inside and out - must be painted and polished. It is quite a job! Good luck., Arlyn.

Drawing - Sue Hansen was not here to win her prize. The money will increase to \$20 next month.

Ways and Means and Door Prize- Ed Poffenberger was in charge of the drawing which included a windbreaker, gloves, Model A coffee mugs and a Julian apple pie.

Defender - Ray Beardsley told us about bills that were going to be presented to help to fix California roads. Of course, they were all suggestions of increases in taxes - 10 cent gas tax increase, vehicle registration increase of \$35 and vehicle license increase. What will our legislators do? Keep us informed.

Historian - Penny Smiley wants pictures for her book. Look through those stacked photos.

Joke - Ric Bonnorant never fails. He came with his lists of jokes and kept us laughing.

Adjournment - Bud Swartwood closed the meeting at 8:20 p.m..

Respectfully submitted, Judy Boyer, Secretary



TOURS: Paul Winchester

June was a busy month with parades and events so we did not have a Tour, July will also be busy with parades and events, however Ron and Joyce Peterson have offered us the opportunity to come to their Ranch in Descanso after the Descanso Parade on Saturday July 11th.

Come to the Descanso Parade, and then the lunch Tour to Ron and Joyce's. I know it will be fun.

The fourth of July is a busy time so everyone please drive carefully.

Mark your calendar **September 19** is **INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY!**



Here are some pictures from all those June Car Displays around town (several even made cash donations)



Lantern-Crest
Santee
June 13th



East Lake
Car Display
June 14th



Monte
Vista
Display
June 20th



Gillespie
Field
Gillespie
Field
June 20th & 21st



Gillespie
Field
June 20th & 21st



Arbors
June 28th

PARADES & Car Displays: Bud Swartwood



The Club Parade schedule

July 4th our Model A's will participated in both the Scripps Ranch and the Mira Mesa parades. Departing at 8:45am from I-Hop (9449 Kearny Mesa Blvd.) for the Scripps Ranch parade which starts at 10am and **Mira Mesa** starts at 11:30 staging is Mira Mesa Blvd. & Greenford. Thank you **Arlyn & Nayola, Ray Miller and Danny Machado** for providing leadership in these Club Event.

Mark your calendar for the **Descanso Parade, scheduled for Saturday, July 11. See Tours for after Parade activity.** We will meet at the Target in El Cajon for a 7:55am departure.

The **Pine Valley parade is on Saturday, July 25.** Meet at the Target in El Cajon for a 7:30am departure. **Valarie Basham** will be leading. The **Boulevard BOO Parade is scheduled for October 24, 2015.** Be sure to save the date and plan to attend this fun parade.

August 22 is the annual Chula Vista Harbor Fest. Mark your calendar and save that date.

Car Displays are not only fun but can provide a source of revenue for our Club

Saturday, June 13th we were at the **Lantern Crest Assisted Living facility** in Santee. We joined with the San Diego Thunderbird Club & had over 30 cars on display.

Sunday, June 14th was the **Eastlake Car Display** in Chula Vista. Another successful Club Event with time to visit, check out the other vehicles on display & enjoy a nice Sunday afternoon.

Saturday, June 20th **Ed Woodruff** had ten Model A's for this annual Club Event at the **Monte Vista Assisted Living Facility** in Lemon Grove.

The **Gillespie Field Air Show** was **Saturday & Sunday, June 20 & 21.** **Dave & Kris Francis** attended both days, providing the leadership on Sunday. A long day and a bit warm, however a fun experience. The static displays and flying demonstrations were impressive.

Sunday, June 28th is the scheduled date for the car display at the Arbors Assisted Living. **Arlyn & Nayola Bieber** will be leading.

The individual leadership of Club Events is much appreciated. Thanks to all of you who step up and volunteer.

This is the busy time for both Car Displays and local Community Parades. There are many opportunities to drive and show off our Model A's. Thanks for your continued support. Bud

MONTA VISTA VILLAGE RETIREMENT - CAR DISPLAY

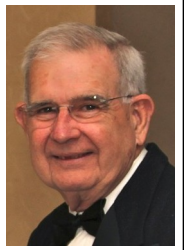
On Saturday July, 20 ten cars turned out for the car display. We met at Anna's Family Restaurant in Lemon Grove and did a very short run to the Monte Vista Village. This is always a fun event because our Model A's are cars the residents drove at one time. As they have in the past once again we were served a wonderful BBQ lunch! They even brought liquid refreshment out and served it to us. Great conversations were had between our group and the people who reside at the Village. We had the added treat of having Ron and Joyce Engen's 1940 Deluxe Tudor Ford, complete with original factory installed interior. Thanks to the Stelzer's for guiding us in an out of some very tight spaces. Miles go to: Basham and Mom, Boyer's, Engen's, Kotas, Crone, Patterson's, Stelzer's, Taber's, Wittkop and friend Marty, Ed Woodruff and Peggy Dalby. Great time was had by all!

Submitted by Ed Woodruff



TECHNICAL TALK: Arlyn Bieber

ENGINE OVERHEATING OR WHY IS STEAM BELCHING FROM THE RADIATOR CAP!



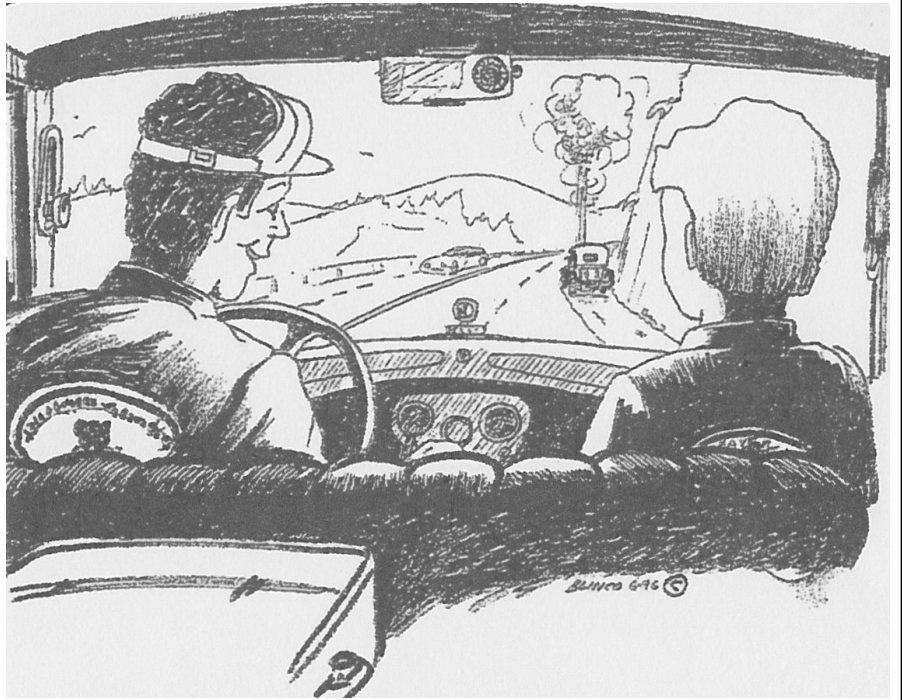
Summer is upon us and engine overheating has been a problem since Henry Ford built his first quadricycle in 1896. The Model A is not exempt from this problem today. However, the A's cooling system, if properly restored, is more than adequate for almost any set of driving conditions. There are many causes of overheating, but once identified, most can be corrected with a minimum of effort.

FAN BELT -- Fan belts are prone to slippage and a belt that's loose will not turn the fan and water pump at the proper speed. Belt tension can be adjusted by loosening the generator mounting bolt and pulling the generator away from the engine to take out the excess slack. A 3/4 to 1 inch of belt play between the pulleys is about right. If you are running an alternator you might want to tighten the belt a bit more. While you are tightening the belt it is a good time for a belt inspection. If you see ANY cracks in the belt it is time for replacement. Belts are cheap, \$11. (I suggest you purchase two and keep one under the seat for emergency use.) Trust me it is a lot easier to replace a belt in your garage when the engine is cold than alongside the road when the engine is 200 degrees, the air temperature is nearing 100 degrees and Valarie is sneaking up behind your back with her camera!!!

LICENSE PLATES AND OTHER RADIATOR OBSTRUCTIONS --

The headlight bar seems like the ideal place to mount the license plate, but the plate does block about 30% of the radiator's cooling fin area. A radiator ornament or plaque will do the same thing. During the summer, consider removing the ornaments and flipping the license plate into the horizontal position to expose more fins to the airstream. Better yet wire the license plate to the front bumper for those long summer tours.

These are just a couple items that can affect the engine operating temperature. Come to the July meeting and learn more about engine overheating!!



MODEL A MYSTERY PART:

Here is a part used on the Model A. Can you identify the part?? For "bragging rights" send an email to anbieb@san.rr.com with your answer. Your answer may be Ford's part number, part name or an accurate description. In other words descriptions such as that thingamajig on the back of the car probably won't win. Good luck! The names of those who correctly identify the part will be placed in a box for a drawing at the June meeting.

Remember you must also attend the June meeting to receive the \$10 award. Good luck guessing this month's mystery part!





Swimming Weather!

Excerpts from fuzzylizzie.com/swimsuits.



This wool swimsuit could have been made anytime in the 1920s through the mid 30s. It is a basic tank and trunks suit that could have been worn by either a man or a woman. The trunks were very often covered by a modesty panel. This panel was used on both men's and women's suits, and continued into the 1930s. It was not considered decent for a man to go tankless until around 1930. (The best way to determine if the suit is for a man or for a woman is by the armholes. Men's armholes tended to be larger than those of women.)

These bathing suits were made from a wool knit, very similar to the stitch that was being used for sweaters at the time. The wool suits fit well when dry, but as soon as the wearer got them wet, they began to sag and stretch. And they absorbed quite a bit of water so they became very heavy.

(I shudder at the thought of wearing wool next to my skin, let alone wearing it wet as a swimsuit!).

Bradley Knitting Company was started in Delavan, Wisconsin, in 1904. It was a major manufacturing facility, and that small town's chief employer. During peak production, 1200 persons were employed at Bradley. Bradley made all kinds of knitted garments, but is best remembered for their knit wool bathing suits. Their specialty was sportswear, and their slogan in the early years was "*Slip into a Bradley and Out-of-doors.*"



In 1928 the great Elsa Schiaparelli designed knit bathing suits which were based on her famous trompe l'oeil sweaters. These were imported into the USA by Saks 5th Avenue. This suit, while not made by Schiaparelli, was certainly inspired by her designs. It was probably made in the US, and was sold by Saks 5th Avenue's lower-cost cousin, Saks and Co.



This women's suit was pictured in the 1929 Jantzen catalog. A similar suit was made in 1928 but the colors were different. It is made from wool, and the original cost was \$5.50. It had a paper label with attached wool yarn with which to make mends. Note: the label reads Sept. 6, 1921. This is not the date of the swimsuit; it is the date that the method of constructing the suit was patented.

This suit is a true classic! Jantzen made versions of it for several years because it was so popular. This suit dates to 1930. The Diving Girl was first used by Jantzen in 1920, and it became an instantly recognizable symbol of the company. As styles changed, so did the red diving girl, and the style of her suit can be a hint as to the age of the garment.



Please bring your vintage swim suit to the July meeting to add to the display for all to view.

SETTING APART

Roving Reporter Bill Corson

Only the drivers of vintage vehicles can know what it feels like to be motoring among the masses. From the time the wheels leave the garage you are set apart from the rest of the driving public. Neighbors usually wave as you go bye, Drivers of moderns slow down for a better look as they pass, and it is not uncommon for them to give a "thumbs-up". Occasionally, if you are holding up traffic in a no-passing lane the thumb is converted to a middle finger salute.

On the negative side, there is the gut wrenching feeling one gets when traveling along and a modern goes around, pulls in front with mere inches from your front bumper, then slams on their brakes... IDIOT! If we could collect a fee for each time a photo is taken from a cell phone camera we could probably have enough to pay off the national debt. (NOT !)
I for one, enjoy discussing model A's with anyone who will listen, but once in awhile, if I am pushed for time, like at a gas pump and the San Diego group is about to leave without me, I have to resort to politely terminating the conversation, especially for the old timers who say they had a car EXACTLY like mine, except it was a Chevy.

Over the years I have picked up valuable tips from some of those folks such as, if you desperately need a gasket a cereal box will do just fine. Also, to stop a radiator leak drop in an uncooked egg, or can of black pepper. Never tried either one, but who knows? An interesting story was told me during a lunch stop on our way home from the Portland, Oregon tour some years ago. While admiring my coupe an elderly lady related how, as an infant, her family drove one from the mid-west to California with her entire family, and as many belongings they could stuff into it. Must have looked like a scene from the Henry Fonda movie "Grapes Of Wrath", or the T.V. series "Beverly Hillbillies". Parents occupied the seat, clothing, food, etc. was stored on the shelf behind the seat, three teens took up the rumble seat, the family dog on the rumble seat floor, and a baby in a cradle was tied to one of the running boards. Other than a few flat tires, thanks to the grace of God they made it intact.

So next time you are on the road, When a stranger waves, wave back, or give them a blast from the ahoogah horn. If you see one without a smile be generous. Give them one of yours.....



A Meeting of the Minds

Picture taken in 1921.

(Left to Right)

**Henry Ford,
Thomas Edison,
Warren G. Harding,
Harvey Firestone**

That ornery Model A

How do folks learn to fix cars in the country? In this case, one neighbor at a time.

story / EDNA NORRELL, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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I mean
Borrowed,
thanks.

When Dad bought a 1928 Model A Ford in 1935, I thought we were just about rich. Well, at least for the first half mile into our first drive to town. That’s when the car coughed and sputtered to a dead stop.

Dad walked around the door and raised one side of the hood purposefully. He shook wires, lifted caps, tapped metal and kicked the tires.

“Maybe you need a new string,” I said, pointing to a strip of flour sack tied to something. “That one looks really dirty.” Dad gave me a funny look.

Amos Spradley came along in his wagon. “Got car trouble?” he offered. “I ain’t never owned one, but I heard tell if the spark plugs are dirty, the thing won’t crank.”

“What’s a spark plug?” Dad asked.

Amos climbed down and the men ducked their heads under the hood. “Don’t rightly know,” Amos said, “but I believe it’s them things.” He pointed to what looked like four little bottles lined up. Dad carefully unscrewed one, eyeballed it warily, then wiped it reasonably clean with a rag. He cleaned all four, then got in behind the steering wheel to start it. Nothing happened.

“Well, must be something else,” Amos said before hollering at his horse to giddyap.

Dad sighed and looked over at me. I studied the closest tire and gave it a kick. Just then, Peanut

Jenkins rode up on his mule.

“Got car trouble?” he nodded. “Ben Simpkins had the same. Car wouldn’t start for nothing. It was his carburetor stopped up.”

“What’s a carburetor?” Dad asked.

Both men stuck their heads together over the fender. Peanut reached way in and touched something. “Yep, I think it’s this thing right here.”

Dad tried to remove the carburetor, but it stayed put. He wiped everything in reach, then jumped inside and tried starting it up. Still nothing.

Peanut slung a leg up over his mule. “Looks like that wasn’t it after all.”

Dad walked a few paces off, wiping grease off his hands, staring at the car and muttering. Bubba Wilson pedaled up on his bicycle.

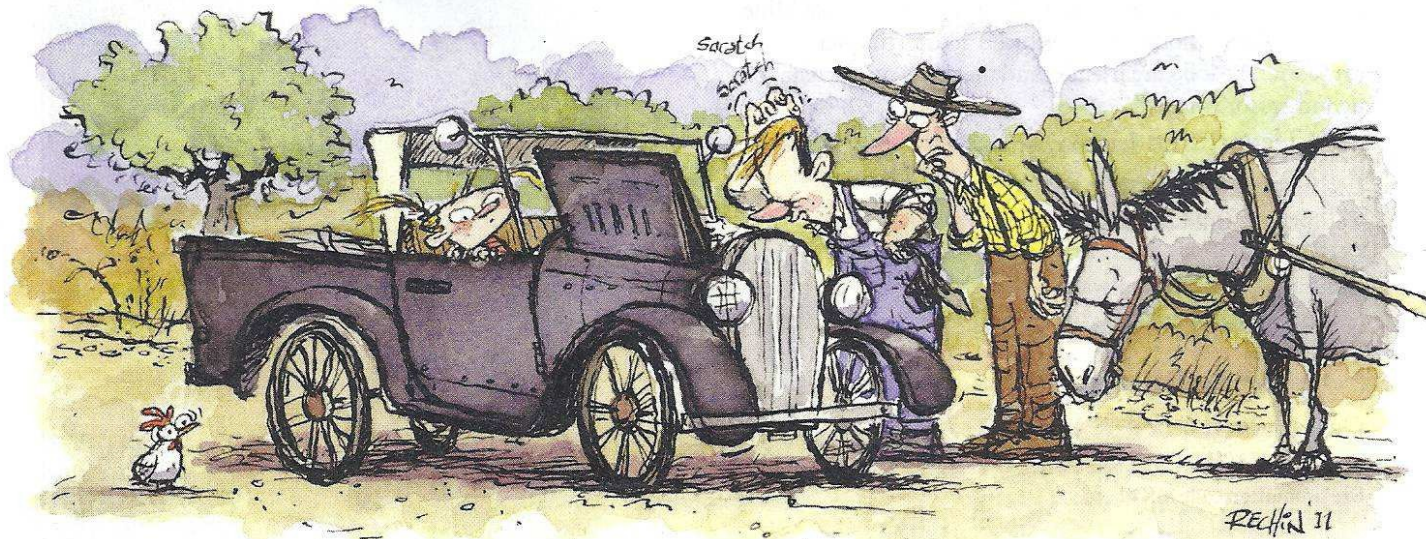
“Don’t you ask me what’s wrong with this car,” Dad warned before Bubba could open his mouth.

Bubba shrugged, more interested in the car body than the motor. “Prolly ain’t got gas, anyways.”

Dad stared at him a full minute, then cut a straight limb from a persimmon tree and stuck it in where he’d taken off the gas cap. It came out bone-dry.

Bubba went for gas, and after Dad poured it in, our Model A started right up. Dad laughed hard and winked at me.

“I guess if you wait long enough, the answer just comes to you!” ☀



GOT GAS !

Editors Note: While restoring our first Model A in the front garage, it was amazing how many neighbors were watching the process. It took us 3 years to get Lizzie back on the road, but those first few spins around the neighborhood were magical. Fill up the old gas tank and join the club on an upcoming event. If you have a mechanical problem, you’ll have lost of neighbors (aka members) willing to put in their two cents worth.

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:

Bill & Sue Hansen missed on the membership \$ in June. The July pot is now worth \$20 bucks. Stop on by the Rec. Center on July 10th, and have your name tag on....

\$20

YOU COULD BE A WINNER TOO!



Beautiful pair of DMV clear 1930 License plates, Duplicate issues of the Restorer & Model A News from 1960 to 2010, also have club binders to hold them, will sell separately. Tom Hurley 619-669-0177



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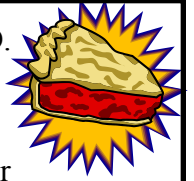
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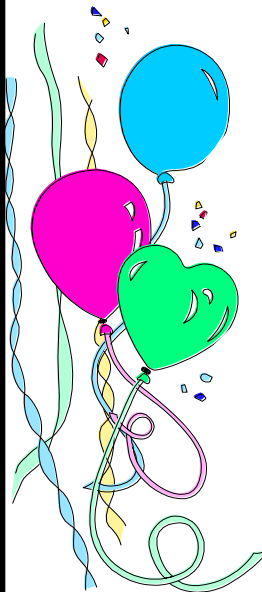
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This months goodies will be provided by:

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