

Quail Call



HAPPY NEW YEAR

January



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8 NO MEETING	9 INSTALLATION BANQUET CROWNE PLAZA 6:30 PM
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30 TOUR IF CANCELED ON THE 23RD
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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 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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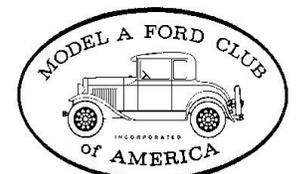
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(562) 697-2712

E-mail: info@mafca.com

Website: www.mafca.com

Dues are \$40.00 per calendar year.



FROM THE EXHAUST PIPE:

By Director Dave Sohr



Hope everyone had the best of the holiday season. I want to thank all of the board and the committee chair people that made my job easy. Their hard work made your club a smooth running machine. And especially Valarie's hard work made this all happen in a timely manner. Hats off to all that put in that extra effort. It has been a pleasure working as your director for the past 2yrs. The nominating committee did an excellent job and I feel the club is in good hands. I'm not going to miss the motions, emotions, and commotion on the floor! Instead I'll be in the back row suggesting motions, stirring emotions and possibly causing some commotion! HA! Could you speak up a little I can't hear? When are we going to take a break? Now I'll be a little more in the garage doing what I enjoy. Working on my Model "A"s. The slant window is coming in to its final stages. The upholstery is 75%, the body 95% electrical 60% and lots of odds and ends. Jan. 8th is still not out of the completion date. So I'll Drop one more \$10 spot in the membership box and hopefully I'll call your name. See you at the banquet.



Installation Banquet

*Saturday January 9, 2010
Crowne Plaza Hotel (Hanalei)
2270 Hotel Circle North
6:30 PM*



The hotel is located at the west end of Mission Valley just east of the Taylor Street exit, remember there is a \$2.00 parking fee. We will be in the Peacock Room; It is located just to the right and around the corner from the main lobby (off the parking lot). The new board and committee chairmen will be installed, awards will be given out for mileage and membership, and Penny has the photo contest winners to announce. A short business meeting and of course door prizes too. If you have any questions please contact Valarie at 858-278-6317.

See you at the Banquet.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Congratulations San Diego! I want to thank all of those who regularly sent in articles for the *Quail Call*, this past year. MAFCA awarded our "*Quail Call*" a Certificate of Merit for 2009. Without the articles from board members and committee chairmen there would be *no* newsletter. This is the information connection that keeps our club moving on down the road. A special thanks to those don't have to submit article but find something of interest and send it in, these are the bonus articles that make my job so much easier. Please keep those article coming. Thanks to all of you! Valarie

Minutes of the San Diego Model A Club General Meeting December 11, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7: 00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Parades-Had a couple of parades last weekend, the Toyland and Ocean Beach. Paul Winchester will be in charge of parades next year. Next parade March 2010.

Minutes-approved as appear in Quail Call.

Treasurer's Report-Account balances were read, and bills were presented for payment. Motion made to pay the bills. Bob is still collecting dues and money for the banquet.

Rec. Center-rental of building going up according to Ray Beardslee. \$440 needed to pay for rec. center for the year. Motion made and seconded to pay this.

Quail Call-Sue Kotas was in the hospital with pneumonia but is now home recuperating. So far we have over 50 people coming to the banquet. We were obligated for at least 50. January 1st deadline for reservations. Choice of ham or turkey. \$2.00 parking fee. Hotel right off Taylor Street. Handicapped drop off if needed. Arlyn suggested that the club provide money for door prizes of about \$400 seconded by Dan Seeman. Jean Anderson did not feel that we need door prizes. The club did not provide money to subsidize the banquet. A vote was taken for the club to provide \$400 to subsidize the banquet. It was suggested that the club pay for the parking but Penny said that it was a real headache. Jo Beth suggested that we save the money for further down the road for a brunch or other item. Dave Sohr suggested that the club subsidize \$5.00 per head for the banquet. A motion was already on the floor that had not been acted on. This motion was to spend \$400 for door prizes. The motion passed.

Fashions-Carol Weckman shared men's socks, a bowtie, old fountain pen a pocket flask, crystal necklace, pearls, ladies' pen, purses, compacts.

Membership-Ray Miller was here as a guest. There were 50 people in attendance, according to Roger Phillips acting membership person again this month.

Tours-Bud Swartwood said that the tours are all wrapped up for the year and we had excellent participation. Roger Ball will be tour director for next year.

MAFCA-Next year is 150th Anniversary for Pony Express. MAFCA is sponsoring a tour of the route. June 19 -27th are the dates. This will be the first annual tour. MAFCA will be sponsoring more tours in the future. MAFCA has an award for the various newsletters from about 300 chapters. Valarie Basham received a Certificate of Merit from MAFCA for the Quail Call. Way to go Valarie! Webb Smith joined MAFCA in Dec. of 1974 and received his 35 year pin tonight. Congratulations Webb! MAFCA will have a museum and they have a facility. They want to have a façade of an early Ford dealership on a part of the building.

Historian-Penny thanked those who submitted photos and the book will be done for the banquet.

Defender-No report but Ray has plaques for \$15 if anyone wants them. Spoke about batteries for Model A. Ray called Battery Systems in Santee and they had one left, on sale too for \$115.00. Sale goes until end of January. (Optimum battery.)

Ways and Means-50-50 tonight ½ of \$65.00. Dave Sohr was the winner. Door prize went to Carol Thrush.

Director-Dave thanked those who brought treats tonight. No info from Pacific A's tonight. More info provided at the banquet. New slate of officers: Director Bud Swartwood, Parades-Paul Winchester, Tours-Roger Ball, Secretary-Bob Weckman, Treasurer -Roxy Faust, Technical- Arlyn Bieber, Mailbox, Defender, Rec. Center-Ray and Judy Jo Beardslee, Membership-Roger and Eleanore Phillips, Corresponding Secretary-Diane Seeman, Ways and Means Rich and Denise Phillips, Refreshments-Sue Kotas, Historian-Penny Smiley, Fashions-Billie Bonnoront. Motion made by Dan Seeman to accept the slate of officers. Motion passed.

Membership Drawing-Harry and Marlene Whelan were not here. Next month \$10 will be added to the kitty.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27PM

Respectfully submitted, Joan Minnick Recording Secretary



TOURS: Bud Swartwood

This year was a great year for touring in the Model A's. Many local sites around our San Diego area were revisited as we made our way to the Missions, enjoyed a revitalized "All Ford Day" at Simpsons Nursery, appreciated the hospitality of the Bali Hai and the Bahia Hotel on Mission Bay for our International Model A Ford Day, visited historical mansions and other local sites. Many of our cars spent the night in out-lying areas as we drove to Idyllwild, Palm Springs, Laughlin and beyond. The fun memories are real, thanks to all of you who participated in the tours throughout the year. We have several members who had their "first tour" experiences and will receive the magnetic plaque at the banquet in January. It was fun having so many of you lend your special interest and expertise for the tour destinations each month. A trip to the Cabrillo Monument or a progressive meal at various members homes provided an opportunity to visit, get the Model A's on the road for the public to see and just enjoy being a part of the San Diego Model A Club.

I am looking forward to the tours this coming year. Roger Ball will be coordinating. Let Roger know your ideas and plan to take responsibility for a tour for 2010. Together we will have another great year.

Judy and I have appreciated all your support, enthusiasm and assistance this year.

UPCOMING TOURS 2010: Roger Ball

Follow the Lead Tour: Saturday January 23, 2010 if it rained out or Charger fever takes over we'll try again on Saturday January 30th. It's been a while since we have had the cars out of the garage so let's fire them up and take a little spin around town. Meet at the I-Hop in Mission Valley (2169 Fenton Parkway) in the Costco/Ikea/Lowes shopping center (off Friars Rd). We'll depart at 9:30a.m., have a full tank of gas, and an adventuresome spirit. Who know where we'll end up but you can bet it will include food.

Please be thinking about leading a tour this year. Roger Ball the new tour leader is looking for members to volunteer to keep this club on the move. We have had some outstanding tours in the past and we know that you'll come through again in 2010. Talk to Roger at the banquet or give him a call (619-465-4110) and let's get your tour on the calendar.

Other dates you'll want to make a note of :

**Big Three Swap Meet
February 26, 27, 28**

**Orange County Pancake Breakfast
March 20 & 21**

**Laughlin Meet
April 15, 16, 17 & 18**

**Annual Hubley Races
May 16 (?)**

DUES ARE DUE

Dues are now due and can be paid to Treasurer Bob Weckman at the November or December meetings. Make the check payable to MARC of San Diego for \$30.00 per family. Membership in one of the National clubs is mandatory and the responsibility of each member. That also must be paid by Dec. 30th, that information is on the inside cover of this newsletter.

Send your local dues to: or bring it to the meeting

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***You can also pay for your Banquet at the same time.
Please note either ham or turkey dinner.***

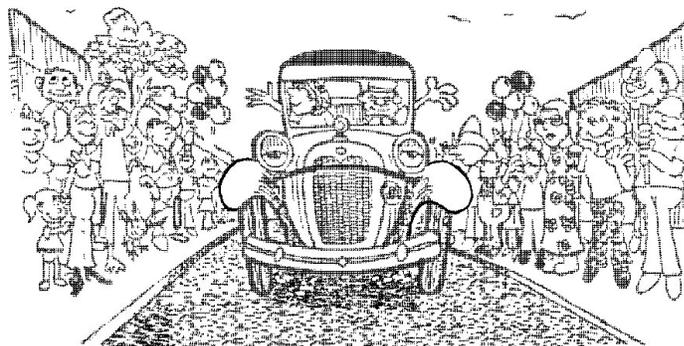
PARADES: Danny Machado

We had our last two parades for the year, however I was not present for neither. Your new Asst. Director Paul Winchester led both parades as an intro to his new position for the upcoming year as I was on a camp out with my boy scout troop to the desert.

As I mentioned in last month's article I've had a wonderful time serving as your Asst. Director and parade coordinator for our club over the past two years. We've had many fun parades, exciting events and great displays that have grown our club to what it is today throughout San Diego. Please continue to support club events and welcome our new Asst. Director Paul as he leads our parade of cars next year.

I want to wish all of you a Happy New Year.

Dec. 5, 2008, Saturday, Toyland Parade and Band Competition. A small group of us met at IHOP 2169 Fenton Pkwy, Mission Valley (Costco shopping center off Friars Rd.) at 7:00 am for breakfast. They left at 8:00 for our staging in North Park, the parade started at 9:30 am with a festive holiday theme of Christmas. I heard one of the disappointments of the parade were many cars were towed away because parking on the parade route. Mileage went to: Jean Anderson, Valarie Basham, Neal Melden and Paul Winchester.



Dec. 5, 2008, Saturday, Ocean Beach Holiday Parade. The group met at Toys-R-Us 1240 W. Morena Blvd. at 3:00 left at 3:15 for a parade start at 5:15 in Ocean Beach. Getting there in time to decorate with lights is always been exciting as other participants are getting ready for the evening event. This parade is one of my favorites as everyone is in a very festive mode in the evening and OB does get into the party mode celebrating the spirit of Christmas. Mileage will go to Valarie Basham, Gary Carr, Dave Sohr, Rich & JoBeth Stelzer, Terry Thrush, Karl Wehrle w/ two of his cars, and Paul Winchester.

Thanks again to Paul for "pitch hitting" for me the last two parades of the year. See you all next year!



2010 Parades: (dates listed are tentative)
Ocean Beach Kite Parade March 6th
St. Patrick's Day Parade March 13
Lakeside Parade April 24
Tierrasanta Parade May 16
La Mesa Flag Parade May 29

THE MAYONNAISE JAR AND COFFEE

(Food for thought—for the new year)

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar...and the coffee...

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with an unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life.

The golf balls are the important things—your God, family, your children, your health, your friends, and your favorite passions—things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, and your car. The sand is everything else—the small stuff. "If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal.

"Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."

Or a trip down the road in your Model A !

2010 BOARD MEMBERS

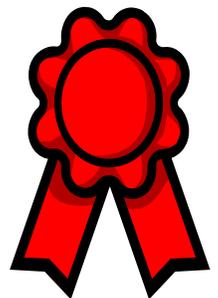
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Board meetings are held quarterly on Monday, the week before the regular business meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

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1928 ERA FASHIONS 1931

Carol Weckman

JANUARY, 1931

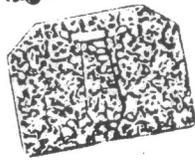
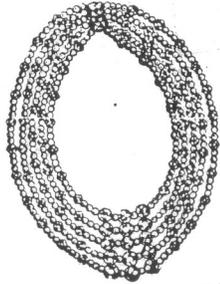
NEW YEAR FASHIONS

Here are some wonderful New Year ideas for the Model A wardrobe

Five strand pearl and diamond necklace fastened with a sterling silver clasp.

Jeweled clip pins for hat and dress offer a new look for daytime or evening wear

Black calfskin handbag with zipper closing; brocade bag with hand strap.



MAFCA MILLION MILE CHALLENGE

Be a part of the **MILLION MILE CHALLENGE**. Roger Ball will be keeping track of the mileage for the San Diego Chapter and will see that it is reported to MAFCA. All you have to do is record your start mileage, as of January 1, 2010. Then drive that Model A and start that odometer turning! Periodically Roger will get a tally of mileage from members and sent it to MAFCA. Progress will be reported on the MAFCA web site (www.MAFCA.com) as well as in *The Restorer*. Each participant will be rewarded with a window decal noting that they were part of the MAFCA 2010 MILLION MILE CHALLENGE. **RECORD THAT MILEAGE ON JANUARY 1**



A Tribute Indeed by Bill Corson

Those of you who were not able to attend Gene Amy's surprise birthday party held Dec. 12th missed a really great bash. Gene's wife Barbara did a superb job of organizing the event. I understand family from as far away as Colorado came to help celebrate. Upon inquiring what ruse was used to attract him to the Santee city hall on a Saturday afternoon I discovered he thought he was going there to attend a fly-fishing class. (I pondered why anybody in possession of their senses would actually fish for fly's? Around our house we swat them or break out a can of spray), but to each his or her own. Remember, this is the same person who digs in abandoned out-houses for treasures. ugh !



Prior to my arrival I expected a dozen or so family and friends to be there on such a rainy day but to my surprise the room was packed. Guess there are those who, like myself, can not pass up a free meal. That in itself made it worth the trip. Arlyn Bieber was actually levitating with all the Barbecue items offered. It was a meal fit for a king, right down to the Model A shaped cake.

Although Gene admits to being 80 years young, I suspect the only way to determine his true age is through carbon dating. [vada boom]. I seem to recall he was wearing a cap bearing a U.S. Naval ship insignia, which brings to mind a bit of trivia I got from a good source. (possibly Bob Weckman). While in the Navy Gene was awarded a medal for saving an entire ship's crew..... He shot the cook.

All kidding aside. The surprise party could not have happened to a greater guy.
Happy fishing Gene!

I would like to thank all of you that joined us at my 80th birthday party and/or sent me birthday greetings. It was a spectacular birthday!!! I am so lucky to have friends like you in the Model A Club.

Hardluck Trophy:



It seems that everyone has been having some carefree driving experience lately. No breakdowns that we know of and we're up to date in handing out the trophy. That does happen from time to time but it never last to long. The list for 2010 will soon begin.

Membership in Attendance:

\$40

Harry & Marlene Whelan's name was drawn last month unfortunately they were not at the meeting. Another \$10 is added to the kitty this month. See you at the banquet if your name is drawn you'll be a winner!





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We have now added nine new members to the club this year. Make sure you introduce yourself to these new members and encourage them to come out and join in. You really get to know the members when you are waiting for the parades to start or kicking a few tires at a car displays. The real camaraderie starts on the side of the road waiting for the seminar to conclude. The question many of us have ask: "How many heads can you fit under the hood of a Model A?" Yes, it times like these that you really get to know your fellow members. Come on out in 2010 and have an adventure with your Model A.

WELCOME!

January Birthdays



- 5 Nancy Peterson
- 6 Mike Judd
- 8 Karen Machado
Norman Thrush
- 9 Sheila Rabell
- 13 Rich Stelzer
- 16 Roger Ball
- 17 Rich Phillips
- 21 Webb Smith
Joyce Schuler
- 22 Gary Karr
- 24 Tom Westrup
Wayne Lollis
- 26 Ernie Mitemeyer

January Anniversaries

Reen & Sue Kotas January 25, 1958
Ken & Jane Hatfield January 31, 1970
Ross & Nancy Henderson January 24, 1981



2010 ROSTERS

If you have made any changes in the last year to your cell or home phone, e-mail address, or moved please get that information to Valarie ASAP. A rough draft of the new roster will be at the Banquet so please check your information for accuracy. The club is now sending out updates and reminders about upcoming events, through the group e-mail site, we don't want anyone to miss out. The new 2010 Rosters should be available at the February Meeting. (They will not be mailed out). Thanks for your help in keeping your contract information up to date.

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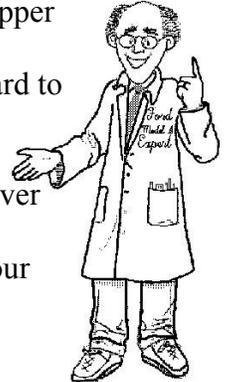
Did you know that a Model A has over 30 grease fittings that need lubrication on a regular basis! Next time you plan a road trip, make sure you get them all.

In addition check out these forgotten locations on your Model A that might need a little oil...

- How about a drop of oil at each end of the motor in the horn? It can make the horn spin more freely and give a true ahooga sound.
- The accelerator linkage assembly attached to the rear of the engine block next to the firewall has two hole in the top. This is for a drop of oil once in a while. This keeps the gas pedal operating smoothly. While we are talking about gas linkage, how about a drop of oil at the end of the spark and gas linkages. This spring loaded joint can wear the ball off the end of the control rods if it doesn't get some lube.
- A little lube on the distributor cam can extend the life of your points and keep them set much longer.

The key word is "little". We don't want the points fouled by excess lube.

- Inside your distributor housing, the upper plate moves in grooves when you advance and retard the spark. This groove can become worn and cause difficulty moving your spark lever. Removing the distributor, then cleaning and lubing the groove will make things work so much easier.
- While the distributor is out, you might put a drop or two of oil where the upper distributor shaft bushing is located. Ford didn't provide a positive lube location for the upper bushing.
- Are your spark and gas levers hard to move? A drop of oil in each of the lever holes under the horn will make things easier. They never get any oil!
- Do you think a drop of oil in your hood latches will make them easier to use? It does.....



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