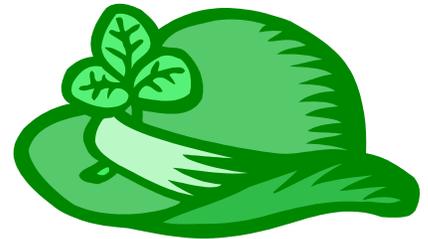


Quail Call



March



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 OCEAN BEACH KITE PARADE
7	8	9		11	12 BUSINESS MEETING 7PM	13 TECH. SEMINAR Hansen's Garage
14 Daylight Saving Time Starts Spring forward	15	16		18	19	20 Gillespie Field TOUR
21	22	23			26	27
28	29 BOARD MEETING 7 PM Winchester's	30				
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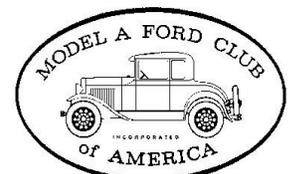
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(562) 697-2712

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Website: www.mafca.com

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Bud Swartwood



Rain postponed our first Tour, however the 30th was a great day and the Follow the Leader Tour was completed in grand fashion. Thanks, Roger, for your organization skills and leadership. We all had a great time. Rain was a major player in the scheduled Tour to Gillespie Field on February 20. The make up date has yet to be confirmed. We are, with the use of our Google Groups e-mail, able to keep everyone informed as to changes and updates as needed.

We had our first Technical Day for 2010. The large turn out consisted of members of both our Club and Palomar A's. Everyone had a good time and a worthwhile learning experience. Thanks to Arlyn Bieber, Bob Weckman and Bill Hansen for their expertise & hospitality. The drawings were well funded and fun. Thanks Rich Phillips for your continued effort in that area. I do appreciate Joan Minnick for her efforts to make Club merchandise available.

Save the dates and plan to attend the following Club events. A Technical Workshop will be held in Ramona on Saturday, March 13th. The Palomar Club has been invited. Come by, make new friends and enjoy getting together. We plan to have a "rain date" for the Tour to Gillespie Field in El Cajon. Model A's and antique airplanes should be a great combination. Plan to attend as we accept the invitation of the San Diego Antique Airplane Association to join them in this event. The Big Three Swap Meet was February 26 through the 28th. Ric Bonnoront will have more to report on this annual event. Specifics for each of these events are in the Quail Call. Check your e-mail for changes or up dates.

On short notice we had 4 Model A's in a supporting role as the First Avenue Bridge was rededicated with a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony. San Diego dignitaries and members of the public were in attendance. Walter & Roxy Faust, Gene Amy, Paul Winchester and Jay Zamzow joined me at this event.

The Laughlin Meet is scheduled for April 15 - the 18th. The Orange County Breakfast is the weekend of April 24th & 25th. These are busy times with many opportunities to enjoy driving the Model A and getting together with friends. Save the dates and plan to participate.

I look forward to your continued support as Club President. Your input and suggestions are essential and certainly appreciated. The quarterly Board Meeting is March 29. Let me know if you have something to present or better yet, attend the meeting.

BIG 3 PARTS EXCHANGE

Last year it was sun screen, shade hats and water bottles with a record heat wave, this year it was umbrellas and rain gear. With the threat of a rainy weekend, rumor has it some members might have been seen doing the anti rain dance. Friday & Sunday were the best days to make your way to the stadium but Saturday was a little damp. Hope you found a treasure or two!



San Diego Model A Restorers' Club

General Meeting, February 12, 2010

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

Minutes-approved as presented in the February Quail Call.

Treasurer's Report-Roxy read the account balances and presented bills for payment. A motion was made and approved to pay the bills.

Member Dave Huhn spoke about Optima batteries.

Director-Bud Swartwood presented many 2009 annual awards not given out at the annual party in January.

MAFFI-Arlyn Bieber gave information about MAFFI and its future museum. He also thanked Karen Wittkop for her large donation of model cars to MAFFI. Nicholas Fintzelberg spoke about the progress and some history of the museum.

Refreshments-Dalene Jensen passed the clipboard and thanked those who provided refreshments. She also asked for 8 or 9 sedan owners to provide transportation for her daughter's wedding.

Parades-Paul Winchester gave info about the Ocean Beach Kite Parade on March 6.

Tours- Roger Ball mentioned the San Diego Antique Air Show Tour on February 20. He hopes to put together a tour to San Vicente Dam. Also the Orange County Breakfast Tour was changed to April 25.

Technical-Arlyn Bieber reminded us about the seminar on February 13 at Bill Hansen's in Ramona. Also, he gave a good presentation about tires.

Big Three Swap Meet-Ric Bonnoront gave the hours and a few rules regarding the meet on February 26,27 and 28.

Fashions-Billie Bonnoront gave a great presentation about hats.

Corresponding Secretary-Diane Seeman mentioned three members who are ill; Gerry Hill, Sue Kotas and Laura Abbott.

Quail Call-Valarie Basham stated that she has the 2010 rosters available.

Membership-Roger Phillips introduced our visitors.

Membership Drawing-Joan Minnick pulled the name of Jim Croff who was not present. The Kitty will be worth \$20 next month.

Ways & Means-Rich Phillips presented the raffle prizes.

Tour-Nayola Bieber spoke about a future tour to Idyllwild in October.

Bud Swartwood spoke about the google group we use for E-mail.

Ways & Means-Rich and his beautiful assistant gave out prizes.

Pacific A's-Gary Karr spoke about the 2011 MARC National Meet in San Diego on June 26 to July 1, 2011.

Parades-Paul Winchester mentioned a special E-mail address for parades-parades@sdmodelaclub.com.

Ric Bonnoront told a joke.

Bud Swartwood called for adjournment at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Weckman, Recording Secretary



TOURS: Roger Ball



RAIN - we need it, but not so much on a tour day! We had 27 cars signed-up for February 20th, but inclement weather forced a reschedule of our tour to Gillespie Field in El Cajon for a car and airplane display with the San Diego Antique Airplane Association. This tour has been rescheduled for **Saturday, March 20**. We will meet at the El Cajon Target parking lot (350 Broadway) at 9:30 am, and we will depart for Gillespie Field at 9:45 am. The cars and airplanes will be on display from 10:00 until noon, after which we will head out for a great lunch.

Tour events in April include the 22nd annual **Laughlin Meet** from Thursday, April 15 through Sunday, April 18. You must make your own hotel & meet reservations. Reservation forms will be available at the April meeting or get one off the Pomona Valley web site, the deadline is March 26th.

The Orange County Model A Ford Club's 49th annual **Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, April 25 from 8:00 AM until noon (rain or shine). If you plan to spend Saturday night in the City of Orange you must make your own reservations for Sat. night April 24 at the Best Western, 1302 Chapman, 714-633-7720, mention the Model A club for a special rate. Many have already signed up; look for the clipboard at our next club business meeting on March 12.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:

The club was invited to have 1931 Model A present at the First Avenue ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday February 22. With the threat of rain over head, four brave Model A's ventured out. Here are a few pictures from that event.

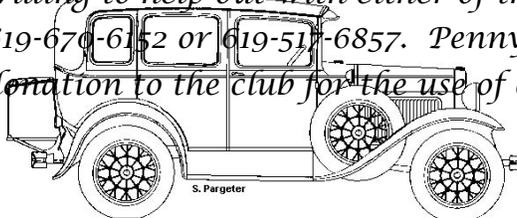


JUNE WEDDINGS

Just a reminder that Sedans are needed for two upcoming weddings:



The first wedding is on Saturday June 12th, for Roy & Dalene Jensen's daughters, Cari. The wedding is in La Mesa at 2 pm with a church reception, leaving the church at 5:15 for a dinner at 6 pm in Coronado. The second wedding is Saturday June 26th, friends of Penny Smiley. This wedding will be held at the Hotel Del in Coronado. If you have a sedan and willing to help out with either of these weddings please let them know; Roy & Dalene at 619-670-6152 or 619-517-6857. Penny Smiley at 619-440-0374. Both couple will be making a donation to the club for the use of our cars.



PARADES: Paul Winchester



The Ocean Beach Kite Parade and festival will be on Saturday March 6th. We will be meeting at Toys-R-US, 1240 Morena Blvd. I plan on departing Toys-R-US about noon heading toward Newport Ave. and Ebers St. in O.B. so we can have enough time in Ocean Beach to walk around, look at the shops and have lunch before the parade starts. The parade will start a 2pm Ocean Beach Time. Ocean Beach is always a fun Parade, if you want, bring a Kite and fly it after the parade. I hope to see you there. This will be the only parade this month. We will not be attending the San Diego St. Patrick's Day Parade this year.

If you have any questions contact Paul at; parades@sdmodelaclub.com or by telephone 619-669-0737

TECHICAL SESSION

FEBUARY 13, 2010: The first technical session of the year was held on this bright, sunny morning among the large oak trees in the countryside near Ramona, CA. The exact location was the Hanson Ford Garage, a dream garage for all Model A enthusiasts. In attendance were members of the Palomar Model A Club and the San Diego Model A Club. Over 40 people watched as a leakless-greaseless water pump was machined and assembled for all to see. Then a rebuilt engine bolted in an engine stand was started and several members brought their carburetors to be tested on the new engine. Some of the carburetors ran perfectly; others needed some rebuilding. A couple of the carburetors idled the engine at 250 rpm; nearly slow enough to count the blades on the fan!!

During the morning, 3 dozen donuts, 30 cups of coffee, a quart of orange juice, half a jug of apple juice, a box of chocolates, several bottles of water, several cans of Pepsi and 4 boxes of Girl Scout cookies disappeared -- based on the food consumption, everyone must have had a great time!!!!

A special thanks to Bill and Sue Hansen for their hospitality and the use of their country home and garage.

Mileage to: Ray Beardslee, Arlyn Bieber, John Frazee, Ladd & Steve Graham, Bill & Sue Hansen, Larry Kaiser, Don Minnick and Rich Stelzer.

Participation to: Gene Amy, Roger Ball, Ric Bonnoront, Bill Corson, Michael Dainer, Ross Henderson, Tom Hurley, Roy Jensen, Wayne Lollis, Danny Machado, Neal Melden, Chuck Niemeyer, Ron Peterson, Greg & Cathy Rising, Ralph Schuler, Bud Swartwood, Bob Weckman, Paul Winchester, and Ed Woodruff.

Upcoming Technical Sessions

Several technical sessions are in the planning stages. If you have any suggestions for items to be discussed at a future technical session, please send an email to Arlyn Bieber, anbieb@san.rr.com.

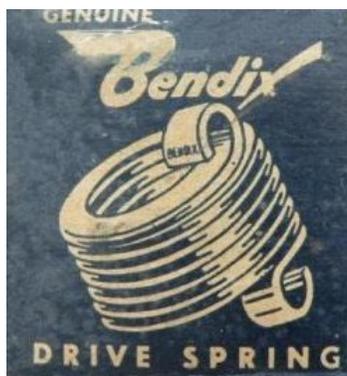
TECHNICAL SEMINAR
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SATURDAY, MARCH 13
9:00AM

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Everyone who has an interest in seeing Babbitt bearings poured in the Model A engine is invited to attend.

Note: Roy Jensen has already installed his new engine in his Victoria and it's running great

TECHNICAL TIPS... Arlyn Bieber

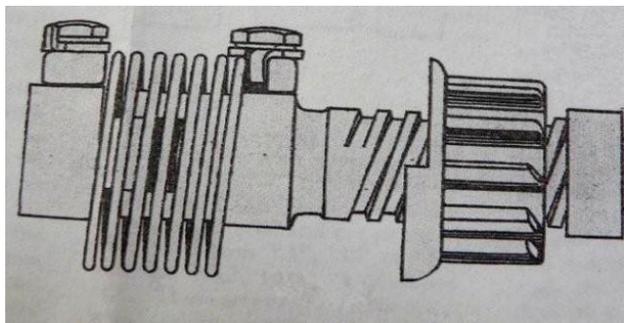


In 1910 Vincent Bendix (1881-1945) invented and patented the Bendix starter drive for the purpose of engaging an electric motor to start a gasoline engine. His timing and design couldn't have been better. Until that time starting the motorcar

was by hand crank. However to make his starters, Bendix needed a triple thread screw that was expensive and difficult to make because they had to be manufactured by hand. In 1913 Bendix located the Eclipse Machine Co. in Elmira, NY that manufactured the needed screw. He contracted with Eclipse to manufacture the screw and he started marketing his starter drive under the slogan: "the mechanical hand that cranks your car."

This new invention revolutionized driving. Nearly 5,500 were installed in the 1914 Chevrolet, "Baby Grand" touring. By 1919, 1.5 million or nearly every car on the market had a Bendix starter drive. Bendix was so successful that the name Bendix became generic for start drive in general. Bendix dominated the market for many decades and produced over 70 million drives.

When the Model A was introduced in late 1927, Henry Ford equipped his cars with the competitive Abell starter drive. It is unknown why Henry chose the Abell drive over the popular Bendix but it was probably because the Abell drive was cheaper to produce. Apparently there were problems with the Abell starter drive because an October 3, 1928 Ford Service Letter was sent to all dealers announcing "a new Bendix type starter drive will go into production immediately". The Service Letter instructed the dealers to return their starter stock to the branch office. This office would then replace the old Abell starter



Bendix starter drive used after October 1928

drive with the new Bendix drive and return to the dealer. Ford charged the dealer \$3.00 and the dealer was instructed to charge the customer \$4.50 including installation in the vehicle when a customer complained about his starter.

Today these original Abell starter drives are almost impossible to find. I have been going to swap meets since the 1960s and don't recall ever seeing one. By October 1928 nearly 500,000 Model As had been produced so one would think a few would have survived. Or, maybe there was a near 100% failure rate!!

Word to the wise: Many Bendix drives resemble the ones used on the Model A engine, but other engines like the Model T used a spring that was wound opposite of the one used by the Model A. Since these springs often needed replacement, there were thousands of these springs on the market. These opposite wound springs look nearly the same and will fit the Model A starter; however, when the starter is engaged the spring will unwind creating quite a mess!! If you see one at a swap meet, make sure it is wound the correct way for your Model A or you may be in for quite a surprise the first time you press the starter pedal.

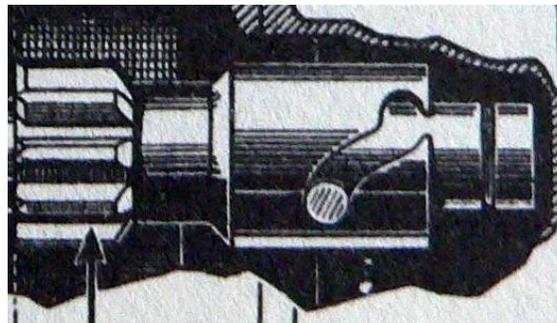
Come to the March 12th meeting and learn more about "the mechanical hand that cranks your Model A".

My thanks to Roger Graham of the Wichita A's for portions of this article.



Model A Spring

Non Model A Spring (on the right) If you have one of these in your spare parts stock you may want to throw it away or at least paint it red.



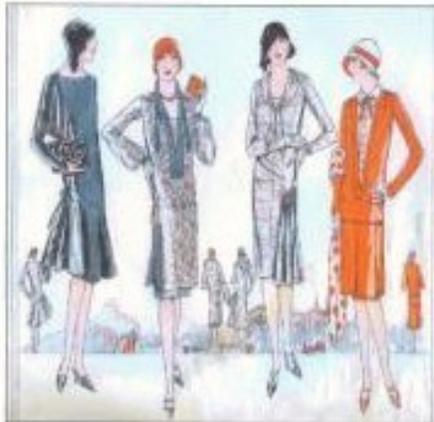
Abell starter drive used on early 28 Model A's

1928 ERA FASHIONS 1931

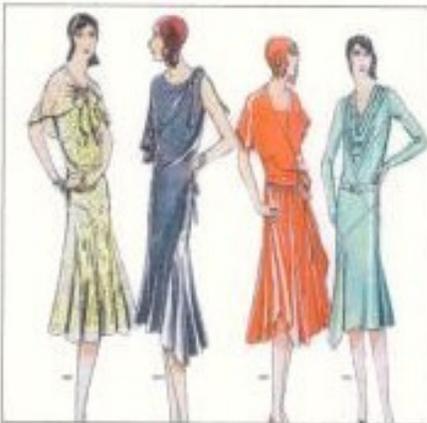
Billie Bonnoront

FOUR YEARS OF FASHION

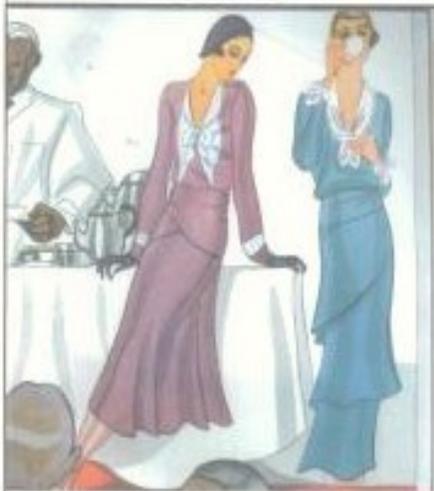
Just like the styles of the hats we saw last month, the same changes occurred in the styles of dresses during 1928 through 1931. The pictures below are only a few basic styles of that year which may help you in search of a dress that is your era period.



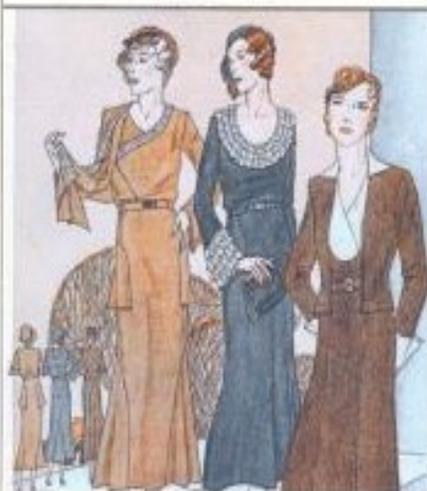
1928



1929



1930



1931

In 1928, the waist line started out low and moved up until it is at its natural location by 1931.

The hemlines quite obviously moved down also. The styles were more flowing due to a bias cut to the dress and lower skirt area.

The dresses soften the lines and don't look so straight and flat as time proceeded.

Also notice the pictures include hats showing how the forehead gets more and more exposed. As you recall in 1928 hair barely shows and by 1931 you can see the whole side of the head.

Last months Scam Alert:

Referencing my submission in last months Quail Call regarding the scam alert, I did not expect the amount of interest I received via numerous e-mails requesting to know what Home Depot I shop at. I respectfully decline to answer that question on the grounds that I do not want the competition. Bill

Model A Word Search

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WHEN TOURING REMEMBER TO...

1. Be sure to service your car with oil, gas, water and lube before leaving on any trip.
2. Be sure your car is in good, safe mechanical condition. Have a complete tool kit & spare parts with you.
3. Obey all traffic laws at all time. Use common sense and no horse play.
4. Don't follow to closely. Outside the city limits, the CHP demands at least 100 ft between cars.
5. Be sure to leave plenty of room for other drivers of moderns to enter and leave the highway safely. Remember A's don't pick up speed as quickly as moderns.
6. On freeways, be sure to stay in the outside lane.
7. When touring watch ahead and behind for other members in trouble. If you need help, turn lights on & honk horn, use walkie talkies or cell phone to call leader.
8. Be cautious, careful and courteous at all times.



submitted by Gene Amy

Membership in Attendance:

Jim & Cindy Croff's name was drawn from the pot at last month meeting, they were not in attendance so it will roll over this month to \$20.00. See you at the March 12th Meeting. You must have your name tag on to collect the winnings.



\$20



31 Deluxe Roadster, new engine, radiator, differential, brakes and high compression "Winfield" head. Great condition, mechanically sound, tour ready. \$18,000 Walter Faust 619-297-1424

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LOOKING FOR:

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Still looking for 31 radiator shell, must be 1/2 way nice.
Dave Sohr 619-440-0374

WOW- WHAT A DONATION

Karen Wittkop has made a most generous donation to The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI)! As you know MAFFI has plans to build a Museum with the purpose to preserve the Model A and its era and have all the donated contents on display for all to see. Karen has donated approximately 200 models (all Model A's) collected by her late husband, Deigh. Art Callan, MAFFI Executive Director has stated, "This is a great offer. These models will appear in several of our Museum displays—our trustees have been working on building designs and display designs." Karen's reply, "Deigh enjoyed collecting them and looking at them so it will be nice to know his efforts will be enjoyed by others".

It's TAX time again.



Did you ever consider that when you put THE I.R.S. into one word it spells

REFRESHMENTS: Dalene Jensen

These members are signed up for goodies in March



Judy Swartwood

David Fanning

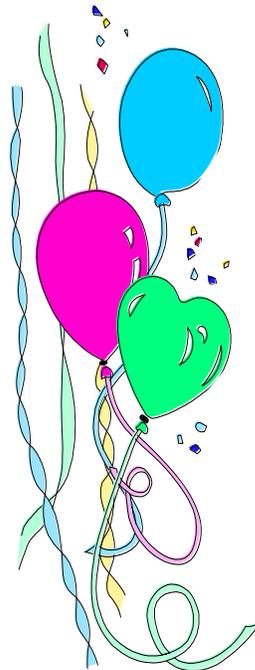
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March Birthdays



5 Patty Winchester

6 John Frazee

7 Irvin Thrush

8 Larry Withem

9 Neal Melden

10 Jane Wehrle

17 Barbara Miller

18 Ron Peterson

20 Gerry Hill

Shirley Thrush

21 Ginny Ludtke

26 Jim Croff

27 Lorrie Ball

29 Ric Bonnoront

Kimberly Giery

30 Burnette Hill

Sue Winnett

March Anniversaries

Roger & Eleanore Phillips

March 17, 1945

Neal & Lea Melden

March 6, 1960

Wayne & Pamela Lollis

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