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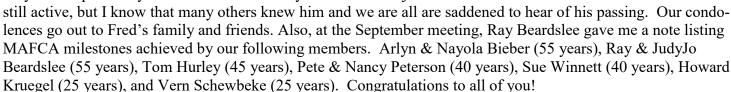
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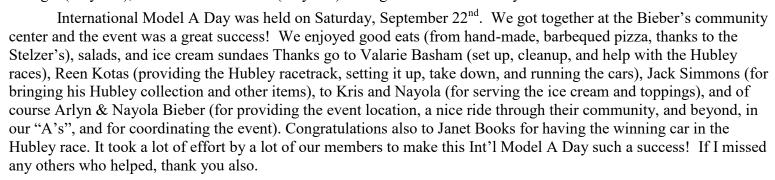
OCTOBER 2018

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Stan Boyer

It's official, our new monthly general (business) meeting location, as voted on and approved at the September 14, 2018 meeting, is the Francis' church (the Carlton Hills Lutheran Church; 9735 Halberns Blvd., Santee). After the conclusion of the upcoming October 12<sup>th</sup> general meeting, for those who want to join us, we will be going out to Mimi's Café. Due to a misunderstanding with the café we realized the mistake and by the time we could tell people most had left. A few of us got to go. My apology to those who wanted to go.

At our last general meeting it was brought to my attention, and I announced, that Fred Meyers had past away. I don't believe that my wife and I had joined the club while Fred was





*Note:* Danny Machado announced that the October 5<sup>th</sup> tour to the Kearny Mesa "Solar Turbine" plant (that he told us about at the last general meeting) has been cancelled. It may be rescheduled at a later date for either the Kearny Mesa or Pacific Highway locations.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:** Mark your calendar

OCTOBER: 1 Board Meeting @ Lovell's

- 4-7 Hershey Swap Meet (Hershey PA)
  - 12 Business Meeting 7pm SANTEE
  - 13 Leatherneck Museum Tour
  - 26 Edgemoor Car Show Santee

No Boo Parade this year

**NOVEMBER: 2-4 Idyllwild Tour** 

9 Business Meeting 7pm





# **QUAIL CALL**

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

Carlton Hills Lutheran Church; 9735 Halberns Blvd., Santee, CA. 92071

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:



#### **Model A Restorers Club**

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E-mail: info@mafca.com Website: www.mafca.com

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#### SAN DIEGO MODEL A CLUB, INC General Business Meeting - September 14, 2018

**President Stan Boyer:** Stan began the meeting at 7:00 pm. Stan lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Stan served in the Air Force for 4 years (1960 to 1964) as a Crew Chief. Stan asked those who had bills to submit them to Jim Taber. Stan also conveyed to everyone that he had received word that Fred Myers recently passed away. Business meeting minutes of August 10, 2018 were approved.



**Defender:** Ray Beardslee - Honorable mention of service to MAFCA- (2) honorable mention of service MAFCA – (55 years -Judy Jo Beardslee, Arlyn & Nayola Bieber), (45 yrs. –Tom Hurley), (40 yrs.-Sue Winnett), (25 yrs.-Howard Kruegel & Vern Schwebke).

**Refreshments:** Patty Winchester relayed that volunteers who brought refreshments tonight were herself, Steven & Nancy Lovell, Betsy Johnson, Judy Jo Beardsley, Carolyn Kaiser, and Sherill Kelsen. Patty also thanked those who finished the quilt blocks for a special quilt.

**Membership:** Carol Weckman relayed that there are 48 members present tonight and introduced a new guest, Dick Press ,who has a Model A. He was having difficulty getting it registered.

**Apparel:** Betsy Johnson was not present. If anyone needs any clothing items contact her.

**Ways & Means:** Dave & Kris Francis: Item #1 –door mat. Item #2 - Spa Basket and Fashions Coloring Book. Item #3-1931 Ford Model Kit. Item #4 –The Coupe Book.. Item #5 –Zenith Gasket Kit. Item #6- A framed vintage car stamp collection.. Door Prize (\$15 certificate for Chick Fila),50/50 raffle. Arylyn Bieber conducted an auction of four Hubley cars which proceeds (\$145.00) went to the club. New Hubley owners are Ed Woodruff, Stan Boyer, Dave Francis and Susan Valentino.

**Quail Call:** Valarie Basham relayed to let her know if you wanted anything published. Also conveyed that price of printing has gone up and she is working with the new staff at the printing company to see if she can get price down. **Parades** (organized by Fred Crone)- No parades until December (Pacific Beach and North Park Parades).

**Treasurer - Jim Taber** Bills submitted and approved tonight: Ways & Means \$26.99 and \$50.00. Quail Call - \$105.50 - Refreshments - \$30.19. Note: Valarie Basham submitted \$10.00 to Treasurer.

**Tours (Nayola Bieber):** 9-22-18 – Model A Day at Bieber's clubhouse, make your own pizza, you bring toppings and a salad to share. Pizza dough, ice cream & drinks will be provided. Hubley races and brief tour of neighborhood which will involve a treasure hunt. 10-5-18- Tour of Solar Turbine Kearny Mesa Facility- Manufacturing Day. Bring your Model A and tour facility. Early morning hours. If interested contact Danny Machado by email or by phone. 10-13-18- Flying Leather Neck Museum 9:30 am meet at IHOP. 10:00 am take tour (no picture taking allowed.) After tour drive to Mills Park for lunch. Nov 2,3,4<sup>th</sup> Idyllwild overnight event. Need to make reservations at the Silver Pine Lodge or Village asap.

**Technical (Dave Francis):** Mystery Part (rear hub seal) won by Paul Winchester. Arlyn Beiber discussed a mechanical problem with Larry Kaiser's Model A. His Model A was making a grinding noise when trying to start his car. The problem was that his modern starter drive locked up and had to be cut off and was replaced with an original starter drive. Always remember to retard your spark advance when starting your car. Jim Train shared information on repairing horn on his Model A. Use nylon screws when putting horn back together.

Fashion/Culture Era: Vacant.

Miscellaneous: Larry and Carolyn Kaiser took home the Hard Luck Trophy.

**New Business:** Talked about the venue change (having our meetings switched from San Carlos Rec. Ctr to Carlton Hills Lutheran Church, 9735 Halberns Blvd, Santee). Ray Beardslee advised that the cost at San Carlos Rec. Ctr. was going to be \$95.00 a month. There was a vote by Ron Peterson and a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Arlyn Bieber to change to new location. Chris and Dave Francis indicated that it would not cost anything to have at the Church, however, the majority of club members felt we should donate something to the church. Nancy Lovell suggested

\$30.00 a month with the understanding that it could be raised if need be. It was voted and approved by majority of members to pay \$30.00 per month to the Church.

**JOKESTER:** Ric Bonnoront-ended meeting with some pretty funny REDNECK JOKES. **ADJOURNED:** Meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Recording Secretary Nancy Lovell

#### **TOURS COORDINATORS: Arlyn & Nayola Bieber**

San Diego joined other clubs throughout the world in celebrating **International Model A Day** on September 22. Our Club began with a Treasure Hunt Tour in the Model A with the passenger answering questions along the way. During the rest of the day, answers were compared --Was the statue by the front door a crane, egret, flamingo or stork? Just how many park benches did you count?







JoBeth showed us how to prepare our own individual pizza and Rich helped us cook it on the grill.







The Hubley Races were a huge success! We had a

great time cheering for our favorite Hubley as it flew down the racetrack. Janet Books won 1rst place; Danny Machado, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Jim Taber 3<sup>rd.</sup> Special awards were presented for "slowest car down the racetrack" & for "littering the racetrack. It was a fantastic day that ended with



bowls of ice cream and all the toppings. Mileage for driving their Model "A's" goes to



Valarie Basham, Arlyn & Nayola Bieber, Stan & Judy Boyer, Fred Crone, Dave & Kris Fran cis, John & Dianne Frazee, Larry & Carolyn Kaiser, Reen Kotas, Danny & Karen Machado Clyde Marion, Vic & Joyce Patterson, Ed Pof fenberger, Rich & JoBeth Stelzer, Jim Tabor, Paul & Patty Winchester, and Ed Woodruff. In a Modern: Janet Books and Kam Kamali

#### **UPCOMING TOURS:**

Flying Leatherneck Museum & MCAS Miramar Tour Saturday, October 13th, 2018 –

Note: MUST have Signed Up by October 1 for base access.

Please join us for a tour of the Flying Leatherneck Museum on Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. We will meet at the museum parking lot at 10:00 AM for our museum docent tour at



10:30. The Flying Leatherneck Museum is located on Miramar Road in San Diego between Cabot Drive & Camino Ruiz. The museum is actually on the grounds of MCAS Miramar, but visitors use their own "Museum Gate", with an American Flag and Marine Corps Flag flanking the entrance to the museum. The museum has allowed us to park under the static airplane displays, so be ready for some photo-ops! Admission to the museum is free, however, a \$5.00 per person donation is recommended. You do not need base access to visit the museum.

After visiting the museum, we will enter the base for a driving tour, stopping to watch arrivals & departures, passing along the C-130, F-18 and CH-53E flight lines, the control tower, and finally stopping too at the terminal building. We will conclude our day at MCAS Miramar with a picnic at Mills Park, also located inside the base. A sandwich lunch will be provided. We have reserved a covered picnic area with 3 tables, but extra chairs would be welcome.

By the time you read this Newsletter, we will have already submitted to Miramar the names and vehicles of those requesting base access. (It was due on October 1<sup>st</sup>). If you didn't sign up and still want to attend, you can still join us for the tour of the museum. Any questions? Please e-mail Dave at C182H@cox.net, or call at (619) 895-5610. For information about the museum, visit www.FlyingLeathernecks.org. Hope to see you there!

#### Model A Overnight Tour to Idyllwild: Come for a weekend of food, fun, and friends!

Leaving Friday, November 2 at 9:30am from I-Hop at 9449 Kearny Mesa Blvd and returning Sunday, November 4. Our first stop will be Dudley's Bakery; then Sierra Roble Winery, Warner Springs, moving on to Anza for gas and ice cream before driving up the mountain to Idyllwild. Bring appetizers to share when we arrive and a potluck dish to share for dinner. The outside grill will be available if you want to bring and grill something for yourself to add to your meal. We will spend the evening playing Bingo. On Saturday, a tour to a lake, museums, nature hikes, then watching a sunset before dinner and an evening of games and

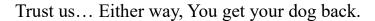


conversation while relaxing near the fireplace. You make or cancel your reservation with Silver Pines Lodge and/or the Silver Pines Village (telephone# 951-659-4335). Sign-up at the October meeting or call Nayola at 858-530-2336 to get on the list. Only those on the sign-up list will be emailed more details about the weekend.



#### **Southern Humor**

Sign above a combination Veterinary – Taxidermy business in a rural southern state.





#### PARADES & Car Displays: Fred Crone

It is still the slow time of year for parades after a busy summer of activities. Unfortunately, the Halloween BOO parade has been cancelled this year. We all had fun in past years decorating our cars with scary stuff, but not this year - BOO HOO!

Our next parade events will be the Holiday parades in December. First will be the North Park Toyland Parade on Saturday, Dec. 1. We will meet (probably) for a 9:00 am departure at the IHOP parking lot at Fenton Pkwy in Mission Valley. Parade starts at 11:00. The next



Holiday parade is in Pacific Beach on the following Saturday, Dec. 8th. We will meet (again - probably) at the Toys R Us parking lot on W. Morena Blvd. for a 10:30 departure. Parade starts at 1:00. This information is tentative for now - more specific details later.

There is another car show event at Edgemoor on Friday, Oct. 26th. We attended one of these several months ago and it was an enjoyable day. We would meet directly at the facility at 655 Park Center Dr., Santee. The show is from 10:00 am 'till noon, with lunch served at noon. Registration begins at 9:00. Halloween decorations for the cars and costumes would be welcome.

#### **OLD BARNS AND FARM BELLS by Bill Corson**

With each succeeding year of my annual visits to rural Pennsylvania I experience dismay at the absence of old barns. Some fall from neglect of a younger generation not interested in doing the hard work of their forefathers. Others are torn down to be recycled via suppliers of old wood. I often wonder how many old model A's, etc. are buried under the rubble of timbers. I am aware of an early model Chandler that was lost when a neighbor's barn was struck by lightning. Our very own structure, built in the 1800's went up in flames some years ago. Fortunately, cattle was out grazing at the time.





Of farm bells- Most folks are familiar with the clang of church bells summoning parishioners on Sunday mornings. Although similar in size and sound, the farm bells performed a different function. Prior to current day cell phones most farms of large acreage had one posted outside the house to alert farm hands when it was time to return from the fields for meals, or emergencies. Each one had a distinctive sound quality, making it easy to distinguish one farm from another. Since farm bells are no longer needed for communication and family farms are dwindling, many end up in the hands of collectors, bring a premium price. Only those raised in rural areas can identify with memories of a simpler time. I'm happy to say I am one of them. Bill

#### HOW OLD CARS AND OLD MEN ARE ALIKE

- 1. They don't work well when cold
- 2. They emit more fumes
- 3. They have more wrinkles
- 4. They take longer to get up to speed
- 5. Their resale is lower
- 6. Used parts are hard to find
- 7. They like to be in the garage
- 8. They don't have much mo-hair left
- 9. They don't see well in the dark
- 10. Leak in some joints
- 11. They won't run for the wife



#### TECHNICAL TALK with Dave Francis

#### Hello everyone!

As you may recall from last month's Tech Talk article we were discussing exhaust system leakage, specifically at the exhaust manifold/muffler flange interface. This particular location does have a service reputation for leakage, so this is where I began the investigation to address the exhaust leak we were experiencing on our coupe. While there was some slight leakage at the connection, the majority of the exhaust leakage was found to



be occurring at the exhaust manifold/block interface (#3 cylinder exhaust port), which shifted the investigative focus to the manifold itself. Removal of the exhaust/intake manifold assembly and subsequent review at Hansen's Garage, revealed the warped manifold condition that is detailed in the following Ford Garage article.

#### "Model A & B Exhaust Manifold Warpage" by Vince Falter – January 2004

Model A & B exhaust manifolds are well known for warpage and sealing problems and this page explains some of the issues and causes.

The basic manifold design has a couple of shortcomings which lead to problems. First there are only four attaching studs and there are no attachments at the front or rear extremes of the manifold.

This bolt pattern allows an uneven clamp load which can allow leakage at the unclamped ends, as well as differential movement to the block with manifold expansion and contraction during temperature changes.

Second, the exhaust outlet is located at the far rear (Figure 1) rather than at or near the center of the manifold.



The position of the outlet at the rear means that all four cylinders' exhaust heat is transferred and saturated at the rear port area. In contrast, the area at the number one port 'benefits' from cooling air from the radiator fan and the heat from only the number one cylinder.

This uneven distribution of heat along the manifold, combined with a less than ideal attachment pattern, allows the manifold to expand and contract unevenly during heating and cooling cycles.

Additionally, the weight of the muffler is suspended from the rear of the manifold, and adds an ever-present downward force on the hottest portion of the manifold.

Now just for fun throw in the fact that a great many Model A's also do not have proper ignition timing, and owners like to idle them at

very low rpm's and tend to drive with the spark too far retarded.

This late timing condition causes fuel to continue burning and releasing heat after passing into the exhaust manifold. This adds tremendous heat energy into the casting and actually can make the castings glow red hot as many people have experienced.



Shown above (**Figure 2**) is the droop or sag at the number 4 port on a Model A manifold. The first three ports remain in line, but the number 4 port has dropped significantly.

This type of warpage is the primary failure. Manifolds do not seem to change shape or warp in the machined gasket surface plane. Re-surfacing the gasket surface is really of no value in addressing the typical warped manifold.

The up/down alignment of the four ports is really the concern. Typically the first three ports remain in a straight line, and the fourth port drops 1/8 inch or more.

#### **Tech Talk continues:**

The droop or sag at the number 4 port on a Model B manifold (**Figure 3**). The first three ports remain in line, but the number 4 port has dropped some.

If the port drops 1/8 inch then it is very difficult to align and seal the manifold and gasket to the engine block. The likelihood of an exhaust leak is very high.

Sag of the rear port by more than 1/8 inch is a good signal to start looking for a replacement manifold, or be prepared to deal with exhaust leaks at that area.



As noted in the above Ford Garage article, the appropriate corrective action to address a warped exhaust manifold is ultimately just to replace the manifold with either a new or conforming (straight port alignment) manifold, installed with copper gaskets (preferred). Since it was going to take some time to ship the manifold cross country (due to the weight), I elected to perform an interim action to get our car back on the road. After thoroughly cleaning the gasket surfaces on the exhaust and intake manifolds as well as the block, the manifold assembly was re-installed using flat composition gaskets with Hi Temp RTV applied at the intake port locations as well as the discrepant (#3 & #4) exhaust port locations. So far the interim solution is holding its own but because of the warped manifold, I'm realistic in projecting that it is only a matter of time before we experience another exhaust leak. The permanent corrective action will be to install the new manifold.

Happy and safe motoring everyone!

MYSTERY PART: Identify this Model A part and send an email to Dave Francis at: 182H@cox.net with your answer or educated guess. Your answer may be the part name or an accurate description. The names of those who correctly identify the part will be placed in a box for a drawing at the next meeting. We will now respond "Received" to any e-mail guesses. If you don't receive a "Received" response from us, to please e-mail again or call. (Make sure you are using their cox.net email address)

Remember you must also attend the meeting to receive the \$10 award. **Good luck!** 



#### FRED MEYERS

Fred & Charlene Meyers joined the club back in 1970, they were pillars of this club for many, many years, filled

many board and chairman positions. They left the club for a short period of time but Fred's love for cars never wavered, Fred rejoined us in 2003 after Charlene passed away. Fred was a quiet man of few words and only wanted his free, 15 minute service at Fort Roscrans and that is exactly what his girls gave him. The girls were overwhelmed with the turn out of cars and people who had been touched by their father's love of old cars. The story I remember most was the time they were trailering a car to a National meet and encountered a terrible storm. Charlene says she thought Fred was going to sacrifice the girls by throwing them on the roof of the car to protect it for the storm, Fred's Phaeton, now owned by Mark Williamson was there at the service in all it's glory. RIP my friend you are now back with Charlene and does she have a lot to tell you about, and he will sit quietly and listen.







Model A & AA vehicles and parts, 1930 & 1931 DMV clear (CA) licenses plates in pairs. Contact Tom Hurley 619-669-0177

#### HARD LUCK TROPHEY

The hard luck trophy is on the move again. This time Larry & Carolyn Kaiser had a little issue with their starter. Oh it worked well the first time and got them to the I-Hop where everyone was meeting up for the National City tour. As everyone headed out, our leader got a call that someone's car didn't want to start. Those of us who had made our way out of the parking lot sat in the center divide waiting for the others to join us. Upon arrival we were one Model A short, it seems they couldn't get it started and the Kaisers jumped into the Boyer's modern for a very comfortable ride. Abandoning their car in



the parking lot. After the tour, they were happy to find their car among a sea of moderns. Someone rushed home changed cars and drove down the hill to get a few picture: The car is up and running again



#### REFRESHMENTS: Patty & Judy Jo

Goodies this month will be provided by:

Judy Boyer Dave Sohr

Kris Francis Danny Machado

Valarie Basham

Remember we'll be in Santee again this month

# Birthdays

- 3 Joan Dainer Betty Wied
- 7 Judy Jo Beardslee
- 8 SusanValentino
- 10 Gabriel Nordquest
- 13 Mark Sawyer
- 16 Joe Ambrose Judy Boyer
- 23 Arlyn Bieber
- 27 Theresa Johnson
- 31 Robin Judd Jack Simmons

# **Anniversaries**

Bob & Carol Weckman October 4, 1969 Steve & Joann Cordtz October 23, 1976 Karl & Jane Wehrle October 30, 1976 Vern & Lori Schwebke October, 1, 1989 Greg & Mary Hmielvskie October 15, 1993



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