

SANTA MARIA A's Chapter

Model A Ford Club of America By-Laws

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the **SANTA MARIA A's Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America, Inc.**, and is hereinafter designated "**The Chapter**" for the purposes of these By-Laws. The principle office of the Chapter shall be in Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County, California.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

SECTION 1. The Purpose of this chapter shall be:

- a. To enjoy, preserve and protect the Model A Ford Cars
- b. To serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for admirers of the Model A Ford Car, and to aid them in their efforts to restore and preserve the car in it's original likeness.
- c. To help its members become better acquainted, encourage and maintain among its members the spirit of good fellowship, sociality and fair play through sponsored activities including the use of the Model A Ford and family participation.

SECTION 2 Limitations

The chapter shall be non-commercial, non-sectarian, and non-partisan. The Chapter shall not discriminate against any person or groups on the basis of race, creed, color, country of national origin, sex, age, or the basis of any other item which is declared to be illegally discriminatory under the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America and under the Constitution and Laws of the State of California.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERS

Section 1.

Membership in the Model A Club of America (MACFA) is a pre-requisite to membership in the Santa Maria A's Chapter, as outlined in Section 2

Section 2.

Requirements for membership in the Santa Maria A's shall not insist upon the actual possession of a Model A Ford. Merely an interest in the objectives of the club, and a desire to take an active part in the club activities shall be the primary requirement for membership. An applicant for membership shall be of good character and to be of benefit to the club and its functions and objectives, and must display sincerely of purpose. Non-alcoholic conduct at all chapter activities will be strictly enforced.

Section 3.

There shall be three types of membership: Single Membership, Family Membership, and Associate Membership. Single membership is entitled to one vote and family membership is entitled to two votes, providing that both members are present to vote. Associate Members have no voting rights or entitlements, do not have to be a member of MACFA, and will only receive the monthly newsletter.

Section 4.

- a. Dues are payable in advance of the 1st day in January each year. Single or family dues are \$15.00 per year. The Secretary will update the Chapter roster in March and publish a current roster to all paid up members.
- b. The Board of Directors may determine from time to time the amount of annual dues payable to the chapter by its members/associates.

Section 5.

New Members joining in November or December each year and paying their dues shall be paid up for the following year.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings of Members

Section 1: **Annual Meeting.**

The annual meeting of the membership shall be held during November. The purpose of said Annual meeting shall be for the purpose of installing the new officers for the ensuing year who have been elected at the regular meeting in October

Section 2: **Regular Meeting**

Regular meetings of the members shall be held monthly for the purpose of transacting business. The date and place shall be decided by the current officers of the Club (Board of Directors).

Section 3: **Special Meetings**

Special meetings of the members may be called either by the President, or at the request of the President or any two officers. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Directors may fix the time and place for holding any special meeting of the Board of Directors called by them.

Section 4: **Notice of Special Meetings**

A written or printed notice stating the place, day, and hour of any special meeting shall be delivered to each member not less than five, nor more than forty days before the date of such meeting, and the purpose for which the special meeting is called shall be stated in the notice.

Section 5: **Quorum**

The members holding one-tenth of the votes which may be cast at any meeting shall constitute a quorum and such meeting. If a quorum is not present at any regular meeting, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting.

Section 6: **Removal**

Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors for failing to perform the duties of his/her position, or otherwise acting contrary to the general welfare of the Chapter. The member shall be given an opportunity to be heard either orally or in writing as to why he or she should not be removed from office.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the Club

The Officers of the club shall be a President, **Past President**, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Director, Assistant Activities Director, and Newsletter Editor. These officers will constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Election and Term of Office

At the regular meeting in **August**, the President shall appoint a chairperson for a nominating committee. Only members who have given verbal assurance of serving are eligible for election. The chairperson for the nominating committee may select anyone or as many as he/she chooses from the membership to help select a slate of officers who have given their verbal approval to serve. During the regular meeting in **September**, that person shall place his slate of officers in nomination. The President shall then open the meeting for additional nominations from the floor after reminding the members that no nominations are acceptable without prior verbal approval. New Officers for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret, written ballot during the **October** meeting.

2a. Notification of Election Nominations.

During the month of October, but well before the November meeting, the Editor shall see that each voting member receive a written ballot. During the November meeting, ballots shall be cast into a container furnished for that purpose. Absentee ballots may be mailed in to given to a board member to be cast.

2b. Voting of New Officers

During the regular meeting of November, prior to the Annual Meeting, the votes shall be counted and winning candidates notifies to be present at the Annual Meeting for installation.

Section 3: President

The President shall be the principal executive officer of the club, and shall in general, supervise the control all of the business and affairs of the club. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the members and shall perform all duties incident to the office of the President.

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Section 3a. Past President

The Past President will automatically be assigned to the board as an advisor, will have no voting privileges, and will remain in this position until the next retiring President joins the board.

Section 4: Vice President

The Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall perform the duties of the President. The Position is one of liaison between the chapter officers and the national officers. The VP will represent the chapter when questions and comments arise which the chapter wishes to bring to the attention of the national board. The VP will be responsible for Programs at all General Meetings. (Scheduling a video, tech Talks, demonstrations, games, etc.)

Section 5: Secretary

The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the members, see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws, keep a register of the post office address of each member and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary. The Secretary shall update the current chapter roster in March, **(including updated by-laws)** and arrange to have it given to each chapter member.

Section 6: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have charge and custody and be responsible for all funds of the club. He/she will manage the bank account, make deposits, and pay all appropriate bills. The treasurer will give a bank/cash balance at each general meeting. This amount will be recorded by the club secretary in the minutes.

Section 7: Activities Director

The Activities Coordinator duties are to arrange for and direct tours and other activities of the club. His/her duties include coordinating with other clubs for joint tours, runs, shows, monthly breakfasts, annual dinner, etc.

Section 8: Assistant Activities Director

The Assistant Activities Coordinator duties will be to assist the Activities Director, and to serve in his absence.

Section 9: Newsletter Editor

The Editor will publish the monthly newsletter, will publish an annual roster from the Secretary for distribution to the membership, and the national board, and **will coordinate with the Club MAFCA Representative, articles for publication in the Restorer as suggested by the membership.**

Section 10: Removal Clause

If any Officer misses 3 meetings in succession without cause, he/she will be removed from office, and a new officer shall be appointed by the board to fill out his term.

ARTICLE VI

ADMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

These bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the members present at any **monthly** meeting of the members, ~~providing at least five days written notice is given of intention to alter, amend or repeal or to adopt new by-laws of such meeting.~~

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e bylaws adopted by unanimous vote of the club, at a membership meeting held on:

March 13, 2003

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October 14, 2004

These changes were made and voted on at the October 14, 2004 meeting.