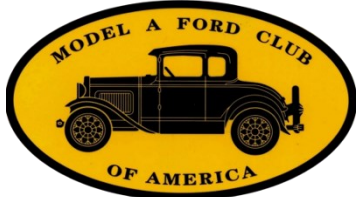


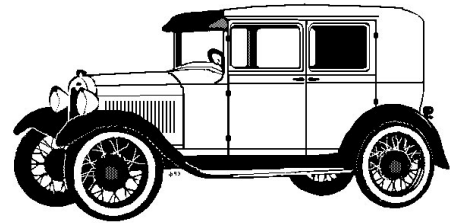


# SANTA MARIA A'S HEADLIGHT HERALD

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## November Club Activities

**14th** -General Club Meeting Social Time 6:00, Meeting 6:30 Election of Officers Dessert Laura Hanson

**16th** Club Tour to Tepusquet Canyon-See Flyer Page 10

**21st** Club Breakfast The Boy's Restaurant 8:30 All Welcome! NOTE DATE CHANGE

**21st** Board Meeting at Giovanni's Pizza, 5:30 Meal, 6:00 Meeting

**22nd** DEADLINE PAYMENT/RESERVATIONS FOR DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY

**28th** HAPPY THANKSGIVING

## December Look ahead

**December 5th** SMA's Christmas Party-& Installation of 2025 Officers

## **Editors Note:**

PLEASE BRING  
YOUR UNWRAPPED  
TOYS FOR TOTS  
GIFTS TO THE  
NOVEMBER 14TH  
GENERAL CLUB  
MEETING

**The Santa Maria A's General meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at the Elwin Mussell Senior Center, 510 E. Park Ave in Santa Maria, CA. Doors open at 6:00 and the meeting begins at 6:30 PM.**

## **Board of Directors**

President : Bill Hansen 805-757-1815

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Robert Franzen 805-929-2224

# President's Corner



President

**October 2024**

Hello Santa Maria A's

Our 13th Annual Model A Roundup was another success.. It was great to be home from our Model A Adventure with the Denny's to Minnesota. Thanks to John Humann for hosting our fun time, Also a big thanks to those who supported the Old Orcutt Trick or Treating. It was nice to see eight club cars.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our November General Meeting . Please don't forget to bring an unwrapped toy for ages 4 to 12 for this years donation for Toys for Tots. If you won't be at the meeting, you can drop off your donation at the McCord home. We will be electing our new 2025 Officers. If you can't be there, please mail your ballot to the PO Box to arrive before November 14th so it can be counted.

Please refer to the November Calendar for updated tour and meeting information.

Please note the deadline for sending in your payment and reservation for our Holiday Party. See the invitation on Page 6 of this Newsletter.

Bill Hansen



## November Celebrations



- 3-Bob Moore
- 13-Scott Schirmer
- 14-Bob McGhie
- 15 Jerry Simas
- 17-Ken Antram

- 26-Judi Moore
- 27-Elaine Bozanich



No Parties this month



**Santa Maria A's  
General Membership  
Meeting Minutes  
October 10, 2024**

Reminder: Acknowledge members' well-being.

President, Bill Hansen opened the meeting at 6 p.m. at the Elwin Mussell Senior Center in Santa Maria. Richard Alexander led the *Pledge of Allegiance*. The sign-in sheet was passed around – 29 attendees, no guests. A warm welcome to Toby Smieciuch and Denise Jansen – our new members.

**Secretary's Report** – Karen Haugse (absent). Motion for approval of the September 12, 2024 General Meeting Minutes by Kathy Pedrick. Seconded by Ed Pedrick. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Dave Richards. Review of Club finances and balances; submit bills/receipts/checks.

Motion for approval of the Treasurer's Report Curt Warner. Seconded by Jay McCord. Approved. No 50/50 drawing. Richard Alexander read the list of October birthdays. The absent October birthday people will be combined with the November birthdays and each person will receive one raffle ticket.

**Activities** – Roberta Weber. (See newsletter).

**October 10 – General Membership Meeting** – Kathy Pedrick will bring dessert.

**October 17 – Board Meeting**, 6 p.m. at Giovanni's Pizza, Santa Maria. Members are welcome.

October 19 – Roundup at John Humann's residence. Extended time tonight, \$10.00; \$15.00 at the Roundup.

October 24 – Club breakfast at 8:30, The Boy's Restaurant, Santa Maria.

October 26 – Trick or Treat, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Old Town Orcutt. There will be cones on Broadway to hold parking places.

**November 14 – General Membership Meeting/Voting for 2025 Board members** – contact Roberta Weber, the Nominating Committee Chairperson. Laura Hansen will bring dessert.

November 21 – Club breakfast at 8:30, The Boy's Restaurant, Santa Maria.

**November 21 – Board Meeting**, 6 p.m. at Giovanni's Pizza, Santa Maria. Members are welcome. Note: Thanksgiving Day is November 28.

**November 22 – deadline for payment for December Holiday Party; \$40/person; \$80/couple.**  
This invitation will be in the October newsletter and again in the November newsletter.

**Newsletter** – Kay McCord. Article deadline for the *Santa Maria A's Headlight Herald* newsletter is the first Tuesday after the Board Meeting. Do you have a story to share – 500 words or less? Do you have a car or parts for sale? Note: if your item has sold or there are ad changes, please let Kay know. Keith Struve has sold his car to a man in Nevada. Mary Denny and Laura Hansen will write an article about their Model A road trip for publication in the November newsletter.

**Old Business:**

E-mail Robert Franzen with your odometer readings to qualify for a mileage patch.

**Santa Maria A's  
General Membership  
Meeting Minutes  
October 10, 2024  
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**New Business:**

Meeting with Car Show leads is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15 at 6 p.m. at Giovanni's Pizza, Santa Maria.

Nominations for 2025 Board of Directors. Several members have signed up for various positions. The list will be presented at the October 10 General Membership Meeting. Contact Roberta Weber, Leader/Nominating Committee Chair. Each member present received their ballot in an envelope. Those who were not present received their ballots in the mail.

**CCRG Representatives Report:** Curt Warner.

Karen and David Bockman Service Award – presentation and vote will be held in January 2025. Brian Weber and Jay McCord are two candidates.

2025 CCRG Jamboree will be April 3 to 5, 2025. Hotel reservations are now being accepted at the Wyndham in Visalia, CA; telephone (559) 651-5009.

**Program** – Henry Ford bingo and white elephant gift exchange.

**Website:** See [www.SantaMariaModelAClub.com](http://www.SantaMariaModelAClub.com) Let Curt Warner know if you find any inaccuracies on the website. Note: Car Show winners are listed on our Club website per Curt Warner.

**Sunshine Report:** Lavonne Martin will be the contact person re well-being of members. Kathy Pedrick & Linda Phelps will send cards or make telephone calls as needed. Get well wishes to Roberta Weber, Ernie Phelps, and Tony Arnold.

\*Reminder: you must be a MAFCA member to participate in MAFCA events.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Karen Hauge and Lavonne Martin.

***Sunshine Committee Report***

Cards and Well Wishes were sent to these club members in the last few weeks. Hoping for all to have a speedy recovery

Bill Hansen, Roberta Weber, Keith Struve, Earnie Phelps, Tony Arnold, Floyd Keinath,

Please let Lavonne Martin know of any club member who is ill



## Tepusquet Canyon Run

1. Meet at Golden donut Bradley and Clark 8:45am
2. Leave fortour9:15am
3. Turn left onto Clark Ave and head east to Dominion Rd
4. Turn right on Dominion Rd and continue to Palmer Rd
5. Turn left on Palmer and continue to Foxen Canyon Rd
6. Turn right onto Foxen Canyon Rd and continue to 6020 Foxen Canyon Rd
7. 30 minute rest room, beverage, and snack break at Riverbench Winery 805-937-8340 (10am)
8. Right turn back onto Foxen Canyon Rd to Tepusquet Rd
9. Turn right on Tepusquet Rd and continue to 166 (Cuyama Hwy)
10. Turn left on 166 and continue towards 101
11. Optional stop by Twitchell Res for photos / short break
12. just past 101 to Rancho Nipomo BBQ– 108 Cuyama Ln.
13. Lunch
14. Head home



Santa Maria Model A Club invites you to join us for our

**Holiday Party & Installation of 2025 Officers**

Thursday, December 5, 2024

**Historic Santa Maria Inn, 801 S. Broadway Ave**

**Social Time 5:00 p.m. Dinner served 6:00 p.m.**

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2. Filet Mignon with Caramelized Onions & Scalloped Potatoes
3. Grilled Halibut with Rice pilaf & Green Beans Almandine

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# Gary and Mary's Model A Bucket trip to Minnesota with the Hansen's. Riding along in our Model A's, looking at wonders along the way, talking to people who come and say, can we take a picture of your Model A's?

By Mary Denny

On Sept. 9, 2024, Gary and Mary, Bill and Laura set out on Gary's Bucket List Model A Trip to visit relatives and friends and to reminisce in our home state of Minnesota. The first day, crossing the Mojave Desert was horribly hot. We stayed in Primm NV. The next day we crossed through Arizona and some rugged mountains. We proceeded through Utah which was quite pretty in Provo through Ogden. Then on to Wyoming through Laramie and Cheyenne. In Rock Springs we went to the Legion and had a good time with the locals. That night we went to the Boars Steakhouse for a memorable supper. Valentine NE. was not the way we remembered it. I guess you cannot go back.

We travelled through SD and ND until arriving at Gary's Aunt Lola's house in Wadena, MN. One aunt is 90. The other aunt is 96. We spent a wonderful day with them. The Wadena Pioneer Press came to take our picture. We are famous in Wadena. We met Lola's daughter and granddaughter. The next day we passed by the Deer River Indian Reservation where Gary was born. Then, on to Bialik, MN to visit Gary's brother and his wife. We had all my "Favs" for supper. Walleye, Old Dutch chips and Top the Tater Chip Dip. Awesome!! The next night we had Pizza at Vi's with all the family. The next day we visited my hometown of Eveleth, population 3,493. We went to the Hockey Hall of Fame where Hockey started. We saw places where I lived in my youth. They had burned down. We celebrated my great grandson's birthday at Boomtown Restaurant. We visited neighbors and a school friend. In Gilbert, Gary's hometown of 1,687, we talked with people in the Vet's Club who knew all the latest news about Gary's old friends.

## Lola Rentz of Wadena welcomes visitors from California in vintage Coupe Tudor Model As

WADENA — Lola Rentz of Wadena received a special visit from friends on Sunday, Sept. 15.

Gary and Mary Denny and Laura and Bill Hansen made the trip from Lompoc, California, to visit Rentz and Annabelle Olson in their 1931 Coupe and 1930 Tudor Model As. As of Sunday, Sept. 15, they had put on 2,200 miles, including across mountains and desert.



Photo submitted by Lola Rentz

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The next adventure was the trip up the North Shore along Gichigami aka: Lake Superior and up to Thunder Bay Ontario, Canada. It was a beautiful drive across southern Ontario before we crossed back to the US at International Falls, MN. We drove through ND and SD, stopping at Pierre, SD., a lovely, historic town. We saw the capitol building and stopped at the American Legion which is right on the Missouri River. We ate at the Drifters for a great meal of Walleye and chips. We spent the night there. This beautiful town was truly one of our favorite stops.

On to Sturgis SD where they host a huge motorcycle rally every year of about 500,000 people. We went to the famous Knuckles Saloon because we could. After Sturgis we went to Deadwood, where Wild Bill was killed. It is a fun town. Gary got a ticket! The next day we went to Mt. Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Monument. They are both amazing. We saw the great Salt Lake. Wow!! Salt Lake and the flats looked like a blanket of snow for miles. We went through some considerable size mountains on the way home. Carson Pass on Highway 88 is 8,573 feet. We were there!

This was a fantastic trip of 5,774 miles. So, my advice to you is "See the USA in your Model A! America is asking you to call ...and see it in your Model A!"





## SANTA MARIA A'S 13th Annual Model A Roundup

The Canopies were up, the BBQ fire was roaring, the tables were set, the food was waiting and the many games were ready to be played. It was another beautiful at the gorgeous home and collection of Club member, John Humann.

The fifteen Model A's along with other Fords brought nearly sixty friends to this years event. We were happy to have guests from the Cuesta Crankers, Bakersfield, and Paso Robles Model A Clubs, with our club members from Santa Maria, Lompoc, Arroyo Grande and Nipomo



## Old Town Orcutt Trick or Treat Festival

It was a costume filled parade through the streets of Old Town Orcutt on Saturday October 26th. Dozens of delighted children dressed as Firemen, Witches, Cartoon Characters, Animals and everything else you can imagine filled the sidewalks outside the Orcutt Barber Shop where our Club Members with Seven A's gave away more than 100 pounds of candy. Thank you to the Denny's, Weber's, Lees, McCord's, Robert Franzen, Toby Smieciuch, and Curt Warner for bringing you're A's to the party.



## Jim's Tech Tips

### Pleated Paper Fuel Filter Elements

Ford originally used a fine mesh brass screen at the top of the glass fuel strainer bowl that's mounted to the Model A firewall. The bowl gives a place for water to settle into (water is heavier than gasoline) and a place for dirt and rust particles to collect.

The screen also keeps these particles from traveling down to the carburetor (where you have another screen!). With all these screens, I think Ford knew that gasoline supplies at the time were prone to contamination (more than today).



Many people have started to install a small pleated paper filter element in the glass bowl instead of the brass screen.

I'm not so sure it's needed; I think the brass screen is enough. The Model A has no fuel pump, it relies only on gravity feed, and I'm concerned about adding another restriction to the fuel flow.



But IF you use one of these paper filters, you need to know that the rust, dirt, etc. is trapped INSIDE the paper element, not on the outside of it like you'd think. Therefore, you can be collecting a lot of junk inside the filter, plugging up the filter element on the inside, and not even know it. One day, you lose all your power and the engine really acts like it is starving for fuel. You thought you would see the rust and dirt collect on the outside of the filter... but you don't. Surprise! (I hate surprises!)

So, if you are going to use these pleated paper filters, get into the habit of replacing them regularly, maybe once a year, since you can't see how dirty they are inside. And carry a spare filter and gasket with you in the car. It's a pretty easy thing to swap out in a parking lot. Kind of messy, but it can be done without tools. Use some disposable gloves and you won't smell like gas for the rest of the day.

That's all for now. Keep driving, help each other out, and *Have a Model A Day!* Jim

Classified:

For Sale: 1929 Model A Ford Tudor Project This car was purchased in 1978 as a quick restoration. It's a stalled project. Has a complete Lebaron Bonney Upholster kit on new springs, Call for more details if interested. Asking \$6500 OBO Jay McCord 805-598-8133

For Sale: Hank Hauge has a set of 4 nearly new tires size 255/45 R20: Made by Hakkapeliita from Finland. "These tires are from an Audi Q5" These are in nearly new condition. Original cost \$250 ea asking \$200 for all four tires.

### **A FEW MORE THINGS...**

Have you seen the new MAFCA Website?  
[Www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com) Many new features.

The Model A Ford Foundation unveiled the newly Restored 1930 Union City Bus. It has been our pleasure to support this project. Here are some pictures

**See website:** [www.MAFFI.org/Index](http://www.MAFFI.org/Index)





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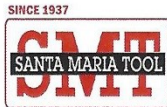
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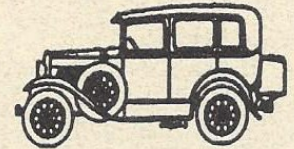
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