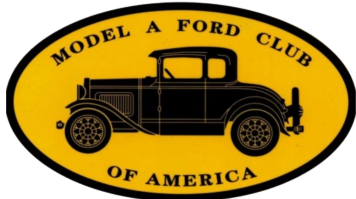


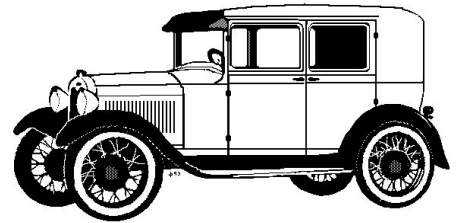


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## February Club Activities

Mullin Automotive Museum is Closing See Flyer in this issue

8th- General Club Meeting 6:00 Social, 6:30-8:00, McCord- Dessert

15th-Board Meeting at Giavanni's Pizza, 5:30 Meal, 6:00 Meeting

17th- Monthly Tour, Norgrove Railway, 2449 Bradley Land, Arroyo Grande 10:00

20th- Newsletter deadline for March Articles, Pictures, Classified

22nd- Club Breakfast, Club Breakfast at Crumbles in Santa Maria

## March

8th- and 9th CCRG Jamboree, Hosted by the Sierra Chapter.

16th-Club tour to the Melodrama in Oceano

**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.**

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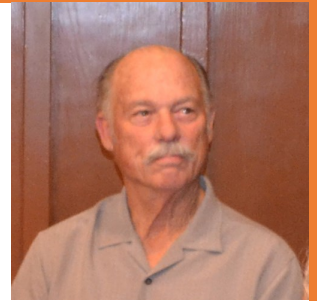
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# President's Corner



President  
Bill Hansen

## February 2024

Hello Santa Maria A's.

Most Christmas decorations have been put away and we can continue with prespring activities. Thank goodness! Last weekend we had our Model A Clinic at Richard Alexander's and Brian Weber's shops. We had a chance to look for deficiencies, issues and safety concerns we might have with our cars. My sincere thanks to Richard and Brian for opening their shops and sharing their knowledge with us.

Curt Warner tells us that the Mullin Automotive Museum in Oxnard is closing its doors. Your last chance to see some amazing cars in this collection will be Friday February 2 and Saturday February 3 from 10-3:00. The address is 1421 Emerson Ave. Oxnard. Also, Roberta Weber has arranged for us to have a tour of the Norgrove Railway Museum in A.G. on February 17. Save the date!! This will be a great tour. Details will be available at the February General Meeting.

Do you have a Model A you are trying to sell? Do you have some Model A parts in the corner you want to move out? Do you need parts for your Model A project? Contact Kay McCord with your Want Ad by Tuesday after the board meeting of every month, so it will be included in the "Santa Maria A's Headlight". Kay is making every effort to make sure this newsletter will meet the needs of our membership. It will continue to evolve over the coming months.

Al Schirmer is moving. He left us for a new life in Florida, Tuesday January 23. He is leaving his A's behind but hopes to get one in Florida. We wish him all the best in his next chapter of life. We will miss him. Good luck Al.

Happy Trails my friends. Drive those Model A's.



## February Celebrations



7 Mary Denny  
8 Myriam Davies  
10 Rich Alexander  
13 Graham Wallis  
26 Gilly Wallis  
28-Keith Struve

10 Jay & Kay McCord  
15 Ernie & Linda Phelps  
20 Jerry & Carol Simas  
24 Jack & Inge Garvin



Santa Maria A's  
General Membership  
Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2024

President, Bill Hansen, opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Edwards Community Center in Santa Maria. The sign-in sheet was passed around – 22 attendees.

**Secretary's Report** – Karen Haugse.

Motion for approval of the November 9, 2023 General Meeting Minutes by Jay McCord. Seconded by Richard Cañada. Approved. Note: no December General Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** – Dave Richards (absent). Robert Franzen gave the Treasurer's Report.

Motion for approval Richard Alexander. Seconded by Curt Warner. Approved.

**Activities** – Roberta Weber.

**January 18, 2024 – Board of Directors Meeting** at Giavanni's Pizza, 1108 E. Clark, Santa Maria.

January 20 — Garage Day Safety Checks, 10 a.m. at Donn McKnight, Brian Weber, & Richard Alexander's Garages.

January 25 — Club Breakfast at Crumbles Restaurant, 8:30 in Santa Maria.

January 27 — 57th Annual Turlock swap at Stanislaus County Fairgrounds.

February 8 — Bill Hansen shall present a formal audit report to the membership. The audit will be performed by Dave Richards, Curt Warner, Ron Domingos, & Jay McCord.

**February 8 — General Meeting** (Kay McCord will bring dessert).

**February 15 — Board of Directors Meeting** (Location TBD).

February 22 Club breakfast at Crumbles Restaurant 8:30 SM

March 8 & 9, 2024 – CCRG Jamboree in Clovis (Curt Warner, Ron Stevens).

April 11 — Potluck dinner (members to bring a main dish or salad. Gerri Lees — dessert).

June 23 to 29, 2024 – MAFCA National Model A Convention in Ruidoso, NM.

September 14 — Santa Maria All Ford Car Show in Old Orcutt.

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

**Newsletter** – Kay McCord.

Article deadline for the *Santa Maria A's Headlight Herald* newsletter is the **third Friday of the month.**

Do you have a car or parts for sale? Do you have a story to share? Would you like to write an article?

Contact Kay

**Old Business:**

- Kay McCord shared a thank-you text from Mario Gonzales for the Allan Hancock IT scholarship award.
- Discussion about how many potluck dinners to have in one year. It was decided that two are sufficient.
- Charitable donation recommendations were discussed and ratified

**New Business:** Al Schirmer will be moving to Florida early this year.

Jay McCord discussed having a medallion made to commemorate the SMA's 20th Anniversary.

Jay McCord Reported on the MAFFI Museum Expansion.

Richard Cañada won the 50/50 Drawing \$65 and donated it back to the Club.

Curt Warner will give a technical report on roadside maintenance.

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**New Business Continued:**

**CCRG Representatives Report.**

2024 CCRG Jamboree in Clovis —Curt Warner, Ron Stevens

**Website:**

Curt Warner's updated website – see [www.SantaMariaModelAClub.com](http://www.SantaMariaModelAClub.com)

**Sunshine Report** -No report.

**Scholarship**—Kay McCord

**Photographer** – (Ron Stevens).

**Alternative Photographer** – volunteer with a camera needed.

**Meeting Program** – (Roberta Weber).

**Door Prizes** – (Roberta Weber).

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Haugse

**Classified For Sale Wanted**

For Sale: 1935 4-Door Sedan Solid Touring car in beautiful condition. 1935 Trans, Stromberg 97 Carbs, Updated engine #68 dome pistons, Columbia rear end, OG Keys, Many special accessories. Call Chris Tiffany, 805-588-8913 Price is 20K

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Sunshine Report Thank you to our Sunshine Ladies, Linda Phelps and Kathy Pedrick.

Please let them know of any Sunshine needs.



## Interesting Facts

Most car people have heard of AC Spark Plugs.  
What does the AC stand for?

In 1904, Albert Champion moved to Flint, Michigan where he started the Champion Ignition Company for the manufacturing of spark plugs. He later lost control of his company and in 1908 started the AC Spark Plug Company. His initials are "AC".

Who produced the first V8 Engine:  
Ford or Chevrolet?

Chevrolet produced the first V8 in their 1916-17 models. V8s were not to reappear in a Chevrolet until 1955. Ford's first V8 appeared in 1932 and by 1934, the 4-cylinder engine was history.

Castle nuts and cotter pins

The example is a rear motor mount bolt, but this will work on any bolts where it is difficult to see the cotter pin hole with the castle nut installed. Scribe a line across the end of the bolt before assembly to help "line up" the castle nut for that darn #%\$@^&%&\* cotter pin. Dave Westenberg – Colonial Virginia

From the Action A Newsletter of Phoenix MAC

## Mafca News

Registration for 2024 Convention in New Mexico is now open. To be held during the last week in June 2024. Find Reg. i. forms [www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com)



## Member Spotlight

### A Model A trip from Seattle to Los Angeles – by Gary & Gerrie Lees

In 1961 we drove our 1928 Phaeton from Seattle to Los Angeles. Thinking it was unusual for such a long trip in an old car, the Seattle Times came out to our house to take pictures and printed an article for the newspaper.

Day 1: Left Seattle at 6:50 pm after work. The car was overheating just after entering old 99 freeway in Tacoma - I5 was not built yet. Stopped to remove the small screen over the radiator. Still running hot, so we removed the large bug screen and license plate. Refueled in Olympia (about 60 miles from home) and arrived in Portland at 10:45 pm.

Day 2: Left Portland at 8 am. The weather was cold, so we put on the rear side curtains. Stopped in Roseburg for lunch, weather warmed up so removed the side curtains and our coats. On to Weed for dinner (6 pm) and arrived in Redding at 8:45 pm. Traveled 450 miles in approx. 11 hours.

Day 3: Left Redding at 7 am, arrived in Sacramento at 11. Car running fine except for overheating. Stopped at a gas station to change the head gasket and advanced the timing. Seems to run a little cooler. Called the Capital A Club in Sacramento and met Jim Hickey and Gustafson's. – they called several other members, and we had lunch together. Left there at 3 pm and arrived in Fresno at 7:30 pm where we stayed overnight.

Day 4: Left Fresno at 6 am, trying to beat the heat. No trouble this last leg of the trip except reaching the boiling point over the Grapevine. Arrived in Glendale at noon where we stayed with an old college friend.



Through the Model A Club in Glendale we heard about a 29 Woody Station Wagon for sale. Bought the unrestored model A for \$300. After visiting with friends, including a picnic at the beach with the Model A Club, it was time to head home. Left Glendale with Gary driving the station wagon and Gerrie driving the touring car for the first time after a quick driving lesson around the block. Ran into a short rainstorm – first time using the novelty of a hand operated windshield wiper on the touring car. The wagon had no windshield wiper, and a leaky top so Gary got a little wet. Had a flat tire on the wagon (all the tires were bald), used 30 quarts of oil, but we made it home with no other trouble. It was a tiring trip with no one to talk to, no radio or cell phone,

just the drone of the Model A motor. After getting home we found out the touring car had a cracked block.

No wonder we overheated and had to keep adding water.

Expenses on the way down only: Traveled 1,147, using 56 gal of gas for a total cost of \$17.36. Lodging for 3 nights was \$23.50. Spent \$14.50 on food. The total cost of the trip was \$55.36. Unbelievable!

## MULLIN AUTO MUSEUM

### TICKETS

Advance ticket purchase is required as capacity is limited to comply with Ventura County restrictions and to promote social distancing.

Tickets are good for a one-time entrance to the museum, between 10am and 2:30pm. The Museum closes at 3:00pm. Tickets are non-refundable, cannot be exchanged and are not valid for re-entry; please plan your visit accordingly.

At this time, docent led tours will not be available.

Please print your tickets in advance and visit our 'House Rules' page so you know what to expect for your visit.

### MULLIN WELLNESS CHECK

Wellness Check must be completed 24 hours prior to your visit.

Thank you for purchasing a ticket to the Mullin Automotive Museum. The health and safety of our visitors remain our top priority. **Please perform the following self-wellness check before visiting**

**(if under 18, a legal guardian must perform the wellness check):**

Did any of the following symptoms appear within the last 10 days

Fever (at or over 100.4°F or 38°C)

Chills

Cough

Shortness of Breath

Difficulty breathing

Have you or anyone in your group had contact with a person known to be infected with or suspected to have Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) within the last 14 days?

Is your temperature above normal, i.e., at or over 100.4°F or 38°C?

**If you or anyone in your group answered YES to any of the above questions, please reschedule your visit.**

For questions or concerns, please contact us at [info@mullinautomotivemuseum.com](mailto:info@mullinautomotivemuseum.com)

### TICKET PRICES

Adults \$16.00

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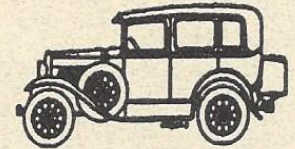
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