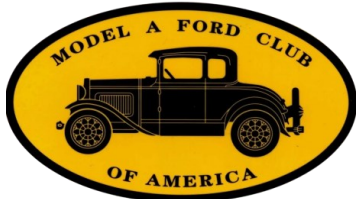


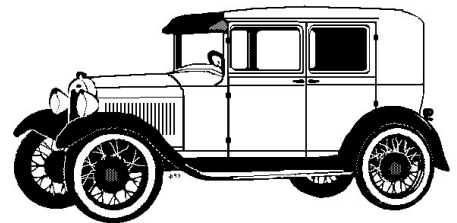


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April Club Activities

6th 3rd Annual Car Show at Central Coast Truck Center 10am 2pm Free Admission 1400 W Stowell Road
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11th- General Club Meeting Spring Pot Luck 6:00 7:30, A-L Salad, M-Z Main Dish

14th Orange County MAC Annual Pancake Breakfast-See Flyer

18th -Board Meeting at Giovanni's Pizza, 5:30 Meal, 6:00 Meeting

20th-Club Tour, Seven Sisters Perfumo Canyon, Led by Robert Franzen Meet 9:30 Rancho Nipomo Rest.

22nd Newsletter deadline for May Articles, Pictures, Classified

25th Club Breakfast, Crumbles in Santa Maria 8:30 AM

May Look ahead Swap Meet May 4th Famoso Raceway, 18th Richard Alexander's Annual BBQ

The Santa Maria A's General meetings are held on the 2nd 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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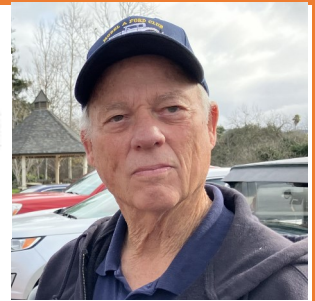
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President's Corner

April 2024



President

Hello Santa Maria A's

It's official. Spring is here at last. We are still getting showers, but we have also been able to enjoy some beautiful days between them. Last month eight Model A's, one modern car and 17 members from the Santa Maria A's drove up to the CCRG Jamboree in Clovis. We had one minor mechanical glitch on the way up (mine). The beauty of going in a group, as most of us did, is that you have some very knowledgeable people to help sort through the possible problems until you have the eureka moment. Oh, you need a part? Bringing up the rear is Richard's Model A Warehouse on wheels. In a matter of minutes, we were back on the road. Thank you, Brian, and Richard. We had a great time before, during and after the event. On our way home we made a slight detour down through Hanford. We made it to the World-Famous Superior Dairy Ice Cream Shop for a sweat treat. We got a fun, local, history lesson of Hanford from Roberta Weber. These are the times I am so grateful I am part of this Model A family. You are a great group!

At our April General Meeting we will have a Potluck Dinner. There will be plenty of time to mix with friends and shoot the breeze. Also, I want to give you as much notice as possible. The board is recommending an increase in our annual dues from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per year. We will be reviewing and possibly voting on a Bi-Law addendum concerning the annual budget. I hope you can make the general meeting on April 11. Wishing you all good health and safe travels.

Bill Hansen



April Celebrations



6 Karen Haugse
14-Inge Garvin
25-April Schirmer
26-Bill McKindley

14 Ron & Trudy Stevens



Santa Maria A's General Membership Meeting Minutes March 14, 2024

President, Bill Hansen, opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Elwin Mussell Senior Center in Santa Maria. The sign-in sheet was passed around – 35 attendees. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Richard Alexander.

Secretary's Report – Karen Hauge.

Motion for approval of the February 8, 2024 General Meeting Minutes by Richard Alexander. Seconded by Brian Weber. Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Richards. Review of Club finances and balances, received receipts & checks.

Motion for approval of proposed 2024 budget – Dave Richards. Seconded by Richard Alexander. Approved.

Motion for approval of Treasurer's report – Linda Phelps. Seconded by Curt Warner. Approved. Roberta Weber proposed creating a separate category for website expenses, such as *computer* or *office*, rather than *miscellaneous* expenses. Jay McCord proposed investing Club money in CDs. Both proposals were tabled for further discussion.

Activities – Roberta Weber. (See newsletter).

March 16 – Melodrama Theater (36/person, arrive at 1:30), Oceano.

March 21 – Board Meeting at Giovanni's Pizza restaurant, Santa Maria. Note: the membership are invited to attend Board meetings.

March 28 – Club breakfast at Crumbles restaurant, 8:30, Santa Maria.

April 11 – General Meeting, potluck dinner, bring a main dish or a salad. Gerrie Lees will bring dessert.

April 18 – Board Meeting at Giovanni's Pizza restaurant, Santa Maria.

April 25 – Club breakfast at Crumbles restaurant, 8:30, Santa Maria.

May 18 – BBQ from 10 to 3 at Richard Alexander's home. Bring dessert, everything else is provided.

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

September 14 – Santa Maria A's 22nd All Ford Car Show in Old Town 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 **first Tuesday after the Board Meeting**. Do you have a car or parts for sale? Do you have a story to share? Contact Kay by March 26.

Old Business:

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

New Business:

Lavonne Martin won the 50-50 raffle.

Dave distributed the 2024 Roster.

Jay McCord has letters for sponsors supporting the September 14 Car Show.

Ed Pedrick was injured in a fall and needs help installing a new head gasket.

CCRG Representatives Report:

Several members shared stories about the 2024 CCRG Jamboree in Clovis.

June 8 – revised By Laws will be voted on.

Website: Curt Warner's updated website – see www.SantaMariaModelAClub.com

Meeting Program – Curt brought tools from his emergency road kit, which includes: Owner's Manual; timing tool; gas gauge tool; emergency distributor; coil and zip ties.

Adjourned at 8 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Karen Hauge.



A FITTING TRIBUTE

As written by Ken Antram.

My best friend, Quenten Lawrence, and I, in New Zealand, went through the school gates on the same day. Our mothers were good friends from Women's Institute and Church functions. We grew up together at his home and mine, and both joined the Bay of Plenty and the Waikato Vintage and Veteran Car Club of New Zealand. Our first car was a 1926 model "New Beauty," which we started to restore together.

Then Quent was able to buy a 1922 Ford T in running order. We had to do some new woodwork which soon put the car in decent shape for going on many Club runs and rallies to meet other model T owners. We became known as the two "T" boys of the Bay of Plenty Club. As we grew older, we found a 1926 Bull nose Morris Oxford, a four-door salon (one of five made for the "British Motor Car Show," in 1926.) It was complete but in sad condition, as the shed over it had collapsed many years ago, so all its wood had to be replaced from the top of all four doors and around most of the aluminum body.

Quent was a carpenter and fine woodworker, which was a great help. We replaced all the wood with native New Zealand Kauri, (like maple) from an old 2 "thick shop counter, I bought for \$100. We paid \$10 for the car, and the old bee farmer we bought it from also gave us a 1919 Harley Davidson and side car, and the remains of a 1910 belt drive Triumph motorcycle as well.

We gave the Harley to the chap who towed us back home, some 150 miles on the Morris original tires. I put new tubes in them for the trip home and had no problems as I recall. We had built a small workshop, on Quent's Dad's double section, and had it lined solid from floor to ceiling with old nail and staple boxes filled with Model T parts we had collected over the years.

We had both cars restored in time to go on the New Zealand International Hast Pass Rally, with close to six hundred other enthusiasts for the 3,000-mile run, over two weeks of touring on both the North and South Islands of New Zealand, which was a wonderful experience.

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Quent and I drifted apart a bit after we both married but stayed connected over the years; even after moving to live in the USA with my second wife, Sally, an American. When we moved to the States, we were told by the shipping agent of our container of "Settlers effects," that we could not ship our Morris Oxford in the same container. (He failed to tell us that if it had been dismantled, with fenders and wheels off, etc., It could have been.) So, sadly we sold it to a good Vintage car friend in New Zealand, who sold it again back to England, where it now sits happily in a motor car museum, while I am slowly restoring a 1923 Model T Ford woody pickup for my great grandson who was born on my birthday 8 years ago.

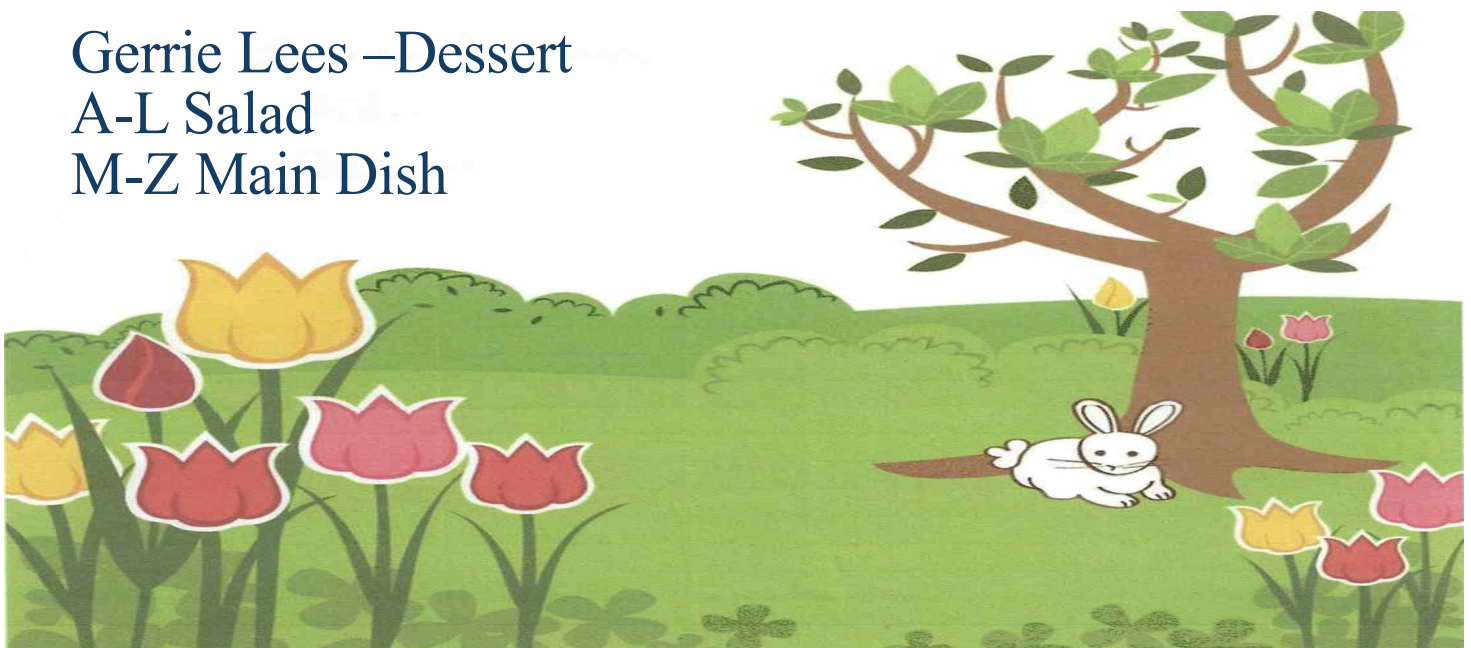
Quint had three sons, two of which have stayed connected and have restored several cars of their own, His eldest son, Chris has been very good at keeping us up to date with Quent and our old Vintage car friends from many years past. I posted several New Zealand Car Club badges back to Chris and Quent thinking they could mount them on their many restored cars or their latest restoration, a 1913 Brass radiator pick up, which was finished not long before Quent passed away. Chris sent me photos of the 1913 Ford T leading the funeral procession on his final trip. This week Chris sent me photos of Quants gravestone he had erected in the shape of a Model T Radiator, with both the car badges set in concrete on either side of the radiator stone. What a wonderful loving tribute to such a lifelong good friendship, very touching.

Spring Potluck

Model A's General Meeting April 11th

6:00pm-7:30pm

Gerrie Lees –Dessert
A-L Salad
M-Z Main Dish



“A’s & More in ’24!” by Kay McCord

It was a cool, crisp morning as seventeen club members gassed up their A’s, checked their tires, and loudly HONKED “AH-OOGA’ as they headed to Clovis for the 2024 Central California Regional Jamboree. As those 8 Model A’s and 1 modern Subaru headed east it was a beautiful ride in both sunshine and raindrops. Happily, no major breakdowns; only a small electrical hiccup that was quickly fixed by Bill, Brian, and. Richard!

After a lovely lunch at Harris Ranch, we rambled down country roads and arrived in Clovis, checked into our hotels and drove to the Clovis Rodeo Grounds to begin our “A”-adventure. The Registration tables, Hospitality area, loads of exciting Raffle items, and extraordinary Model A painted signs welcomed us and close to four hundred other “A” enthusiast driving over 150 Model A’s. The fun was on!! Later that night our chapter President Bill Hansen and Laura hosted an impromptu “Pizza & More” party in Room 304. Thankfully, it broke up before 10 p.m. so hotel security was not called. WHEW!

Activities on Friday included car games such as; Model A Maypole’, ‘Beanbag Tires’, ‘Laundry Line’ (hanging shirts on clothesline from a moving car window-it was TRICKY), ‘Cup and Saucer Stack’ (yes, WATER was involved), and finally the ‘Valve Toss’. No first place for us; but lots of laughs and giggles! After an afternoon of antiquing and exploring Old Town Clovis it was time for the traditional welcome BBQ hosted by the CCRG Board of Directors. Delicious food, great friends, and delightful entertainment by talented country singer, John Pemberton. “Almost Heaven” for sure!

On Saturday we were lined up for 4 different tour destinations by 8 am. Our hosts, the Sierra Chapter, led us all over the area visiting car collections, antique homes & buildings, a neon sign restoration shop, and a motorcycle museum. All tours ended the morning with a train ride through an amazing tree farm. The final stop was at an exquisite estate for lunch and enjoying the extensive auto memorabilia displays. We returned to the rodeo grounds to rest, admire cars, buy those last chance raffle tickets, and find our seats for the banquet. Another yummy buffet of beef, chicken, and all the fixin’s. The highlight of the evening was the rambunctious raffle with lots of loud hooting and clapping. One lucky guy even took home a Burtz engine! I am happy to report all our club members won SOMETHING (even if only the table décor) EXCEPT ONE.... Beter luck next year Curt!

We headed home Sunday morning by way of Hanford to celebrate Roberta's childhood hometown and eat the world-renowned ice cream at Superior Dairy Company. A "single" was more like a quart of ice cream each. Absolutely divine! A club tour for the future? Finally, home at last, full of memories and thankful for our safe travels. We all agreed it was an excellent jamboree, well-organized, interesting, and fun! Please plan to join the festivities next year, April 3-5, 2025, hosted by the Charter Oaks A's in Visalia. All Model A's as well as modern cars are welcome and invited! Special thanks to our club members Bill, Laura, Richard, Lavone, Gary, Mary, Curt, Brian, Roberta, Ernie, Linda (and Charlie -woof-woof), Donn with son-in-law Joe, Ron, Trudy, Jay, and Kay for an terrific trip. Truly "A"-mazing!





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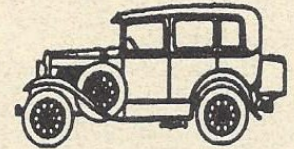
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