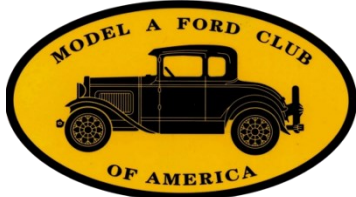


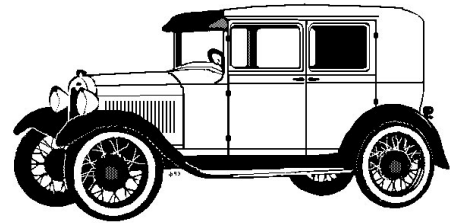


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August Club Activities

8th -General Club Meeting BBQ Pot Luck (Bring Salad or Side Dish. Honoring our Scholarship Recipients

10th Club Tour to Lavonne Martins Garage Meet at Golden Donut 10:00 RSVP top Roberta by August 5

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

23rd Newsletter deadline for September Articles, Pictures, Classified

22th Club Breakfast The Boy's Restaurant 8:30 All Welcome!

September Look ahead

September 14th. 22nd Annual All Ford Car Show. See you in Santa Maria

September 24th Los Alamos Old Days Car Show

Please Note: The August Meeting Program will feature Our Scholarship Winners and a BBQ
Deadline for Raffle Prize donations

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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President's Corner

August 2024



President

Hello Santa Maria A's

I can't believe that August is here already. Some of our school kids are starting back to school on the 5th, others begin within the following two weeks. It appears that school starting after Labor Day is but a distant memory for some. What a world we live in.

For the July tour we participated in the Solvang 4th of July Parade and the Hauge's Barbeque. We had 12 cars participating in the parade. I want to thank Hank and Karen for opening their home to us and sharing great food and fellowship with our friends.

We will have a Barbeque Burger night for our next General Meeting, Thursday August 8. The club will provide the burgers with condiments, water and a cake. You can bring a salad or dessert to share if you wish, but it's optional. Our Hancock Scholarship students have been invited. I hope they will share a bit of their story with us. General business will be on the light side. We will be long on chatter and fellowship. We will of course have the 50/50 draw and raffle.

We need your donation for the **Santa Maria All Ford Car Show**. We will be collecting donations for the raffle at the meeting. We need them no later than August 8th. If you can't make the meeting, please drop your donations off at the McCord residence. If transportation is an issue, call me. I would be happy to arrange a pickup. Thank you for your support!

Our August Tour will be a garage tour at Lavonne Martin's home in Nipomo. This should be a great time. Please read the newsletter for details. Happy Trails my friends!! How about driving your A to the August Meeting? We love to see them. See you there!

Bill Hansen

August Celebrations



1-Sally Antram
11-David Richards
14-Liz Poncetta
17 Judy Nobriga
20-Joanna Sumrall

31-Rogerta Weber



12 John & Dianne Humann
26-Sally & Ken Antram



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

President, Bill Hansen, opened the meeting at 6:37 p.m. at Elwin Mussell Senior Center in Santa Maria. The sign-in sheet was passed around – 27 attendees. The *Pledge of Allegiance* was led by Richard Alexander.

Missing: *the Club's defibrillator. Contact Bill Hansen.*

Secretary's Report – Karen Haugse. Motion for approval of the (corrected) June 13, 2024 General Meeting Minutes by Jay McCord. Seconded by Mary Denny. Approved.

Correction: Under CCRG Representatives Report, name should read, "David", not Facid.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Richards. Review of Club finances and balances, receipts & checks received. Motion for approval of Treasurer's report – Richard Alexander. Seconded by Jay McCord. Approved.

Activities – Roberta Weber. (See newsletter).

July 11 – General Meeting – Nancy Richards will bring dessert.

July 18 – Board Meeting at Giovanni's Pizza restaurant, Santa Maria. Members welcome.

July 25 – Club breakfast at 8:30, The Boy's Restaurant, Santa Maria.

August 8 – General Meeting/potluck/barbecue – a cake honoring the recent Allan Hancock College Scholarship winners will be provided. (No need for Mary Denny to bring dessert). There will be an exceptional surprise announcement by Kay McCord.

August 8 – **Deadline** for raffle items today – Kay McCord.

August 15 – Board Meeting at Giovanni's Pizza restaurant, Santa Maria. Members welcome.

August 22 – Club breakfast at 8:30, The Boy's Restaurant, Santa Maria.

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.

Old Business:

Curt Warner needs more volunteers for the Car Show. A signup sheet was passed around. Jay McCord brought car show posters for distribution.

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

New Business:

Kathy Pedrick announced the 2024 Old Days Car Show in Las Alamos on September 28.

Gary Lees won the 50-50 drawing.

Discussion re purchasing a portable loud speaker system – membership unanimously agreed.

Motion for approval of buying a portable loud speaker under \$300 – Curt Warner. Seconded by Ron Stevens. Approved.

CCRG Representatives Report: Curt Warner.

2024 Grand Tour – Monterey Peninsula, September 30 to October 4; registration forms & information are available online. Trudy Stephens talked about the David and Karen Bockman service award.

Program – Gary Lees gave a demonstration on his coil and condenser tester.

Website: See www.SantaMariaModelAClub.com

Let Curt Warner know if you find any inaccuracies on the website.

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. Richard Alexander discussed recognizing birthdays each month with singing, *Happy Birthday*, and awarding a free raffle ticket. Members must be present to receive the raffle ticket.

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

Adjourned at 8:11 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Karen Haugse.

Model A's On Parade!

The Santa Maria A's showed their Patriotic Spirit at the Solvang Fourth of July Parade. Twelve decorated cars proceeded to WOW the crowd along the streets of Solvang amid cheers, clapping, huge smiles and cries of HONK YOUR HORN! We then traveled the short distance to the COOL Home of Hank and Karen for a yummy BBQ, cold drinks, and our annual trivia test complete with prizes. We had a nice turnout of 28. Thank you to Karen, Hank.



Jim's Tech Tips

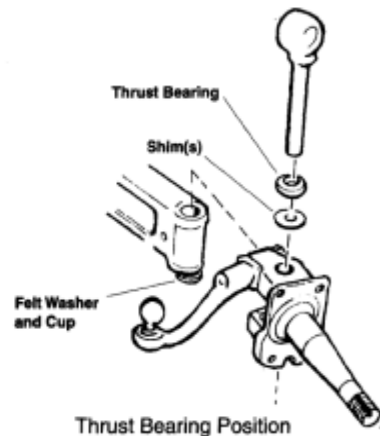
"Difficult Steering"

Many Model A owners find their car hard to steer when parking or maneuvering at low speed. After you confirm that there is oil in the steering gear box (not grease), the tires are all inflated to 35 psi, and everything on the front axle has been properly greased, you are left with the most likely cause: The spindle bolt (kingpin) "thrust bearings" are defective or they are not shimmed up properly to support the weight of the car. You can confirm this by using a floor jack to take some weight off of the front wheels, and then see if the steering effort is drastically reduced. If it is, the problem is the bearings.

To correct this, you need to remove everything from the spindles to get to the kingpins and remove them. See Les Andrews' Red Book, starting on page 1-209, for directions. The illustration below comes from later in that section.

Clean the thrust bearing and replace it if it does not turn smoothly or shows any signs of wear. Pack the bearing with grease before reinstalling.

When reassembling, you need to test fit the spindle with the kingpin fully locked in place with the locking pin. Temporarily leave the large felt seal and metal washer off of the bottom of the spindle for this. Start with the number of shims previously used, then add 1 shim at a time until very little or no vertical movement of the spindle is felt on the kingpin. It can take up to 4 shims to compensate for wear.



At some point, adding a shim may jam up the spindle, making it hard to turn on the kingpin. If it does, take that last shim out, reassemble, and confirm that the spindle again moves easily, as it should. Now reassemble the spindle on the axle with the felt seal and the cupped metal washer installed between the axle and the bottom part of the spindle (the metal cup touches the axle, the felt touches the spindle). The added thickness of the felt seal may temporarily make the spindle a bit stiff turning on the kingpin, but it will quickly flatten out and move smoothly when you drive.

Now reinstall everything that attaches to the spindle, install the brakes, maybe use this as an opportunity to clean and repack the wheel bearings, then install the drums and the wheels. Grease all of the fittings well. Go for a test drive, enjoy the easier steering, and *Have a Model A Day!*

Jim



“Betsy”, Our Model A

As told by Ron and Trudy

I first fell in love with the Model A Ford when my uncle Bernie’s parents, Roscoe & Mary Smith, had a 1930 Fordor which he bought new. He used it as a taxi in the late 1940’s. Later, Roscoe went blind, and Mary drove it everywhere! Whenever something went wrong with the A Roscoe would fix it, even when he was blind as a bat. He would ask Mary for a tool or wrench, and she would hand it to him to use. I have seen him tune his Model A to a T, and it would run like a charm. I have also seen him fix and repair his brakes. And **THAT**...In the 50’s is when I fell in love with the Model A Ford!

I had always wanted a Model A of my own, but we were raising a family and could not afford one. As soon as our children were out of the house, we bought our first Model A. We still have and enjoy our 1929 Sport Coupe. On our first trip we went to Solvang, and on the way back to Santa Maria we kept having to empty the sediment bowl because it continued filling up with rust. Trudy thought we would never make it home, But we did and then I took the gas tank off and had it repaired. Other improvements were a new engine, a Mitchell Overdrive, and a new set of tires. I also installed a new wiring harness to bring the car up to date. Since we got it up and running, we have driven well over 40,000 miles. Trudy & I love going on tours and Jamborees, and just driving around in our Model A.

Now I am too old to work on our Model A, I can get down, but I cannot get up, but thanks to our Model A friends, we have been able to keep her running.

Thank you, Richard and Brian, and the Santa Maria A’s for all your help.

Ron & Trudy



KARENS FABOLOUS BLUEBERRY PECAN CRUMBLE

INGREDIENTS

TOPPING

1 Cup Chopped Pecan Pieces
1 Cup All Purpose Flour
1¼ Cups Rolled Old Fashioned Oats
½ Cup Packed Dark Brown Sugar

spoons Flour

1 Teaspoon Ground Cinnamon
A Couple Pinches Salt
1 Stick Butter (8 Tablespoons) cut into small pieces

FILLING

4 Cups (Two Pints) Fresh Blueberries
1/2 Lemon, Juiced
3 Tablespoons Sugar
2 Table-

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

For topping, put all ingredients into a bowl and rub together with hands until mixture sticks together in small clumps.

Pour the blueberries into a greased 9 x 13-inch baking dish, squeeze the lemon juice over the berries, sprinkle the sugar and flour over them and toss to coat.

Scatter the topping over the berries in an even layer, bake until the topping is golden

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1931 Pickup, Formerly Al Schirmers Truck, 17.5K Call Richard Alexander 805-452-5205

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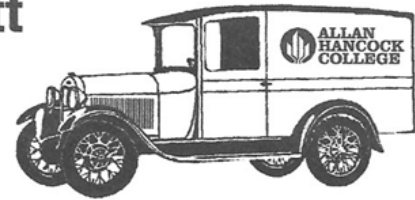
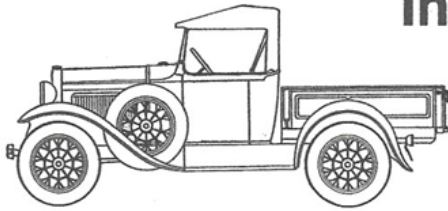
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Class will be determined by show criteria (see reverse). Ask if you have any questions.

Signature Required Here

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Class 3: Ford/Lincoln-Closed Vehicle-Original 1903-1931

Class 4: Ford/Lincoln-Closed Vehicle-*Modified 1903-1931

Class 5: Ford/Lincoln/Mercury-Original Vehicle 1932-1947

Class 6: Ford/Lincoln/Mercury-*Modified Vehicle 1932-1947

*Modified--A Vehicle in which the body and/or drivetrain have been substantially modified from original.

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Class 8: Ford & Mercury Trucks/Rancheros-1948-1973

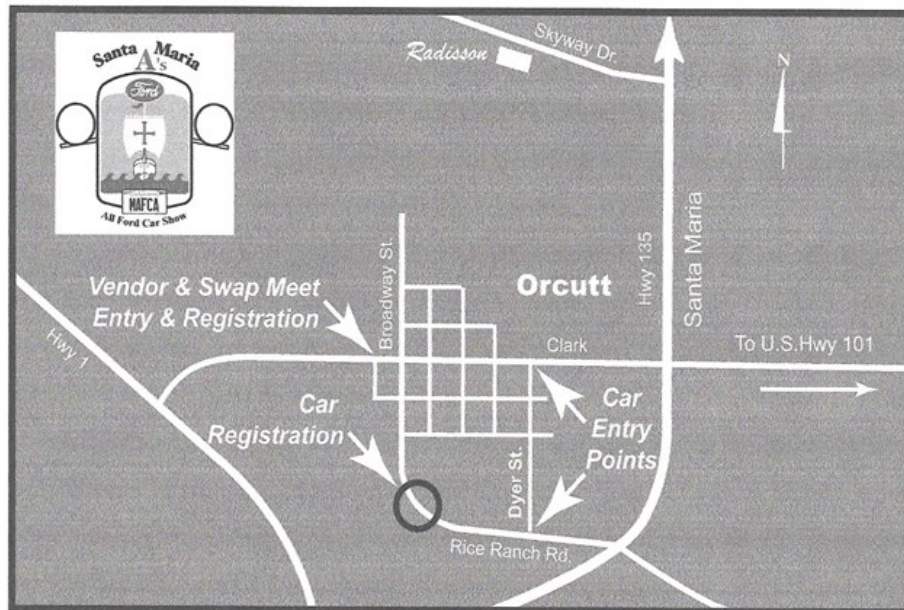
Class 9: Mustangs/Shelbys/Cobras 1963-1973

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Class 11: All Ford Vehicles- except Mustang/Shelby/Cobra/Cougar -- 1974 & newer -- includes replicars, kit cars, etc.

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- Participants Choice Award for Best of Show
- Chuck Bailey Award for Best Original Model A Ford
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September 30, 2024

Through

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Then we will depart Paso Robles on the morning of
October 1st and will caravan on some picturesque
back farming and country roads, paralleling Highway 101.

After our fun drive we will arrive for lunch in the
Monterey/ Pacific Grove area, in the afternoon, in time to check into
our Hotel where we will begin our stay for
fun-filled days and then departing on **Oct. 4th**.

Linda Jackson, Linda and Phil Kneeland are still in the process of
filling in all of the blanks for this
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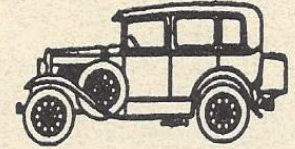
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