

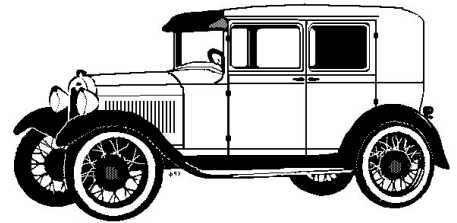


SANTA MARIA A'S HEADLIGHT HERALD

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December Club Activities

5th –Santa Maria A's Holiday Party and Installation of 2025 Officers

12th NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

14th Orcutt Christmas Parade-Line up at 10am

19th SMA's Board Meeting rescheduled to January 2nd

25th Merry Christmas

26th NO Club Breakfast

January look ahead

2nd Board meeting 2024 & 2025 Boards At the Weber Home

Editors Note:

It is with a heavy heart that we note the passing of our friend Karen Bockman . She and Dave have served the Model A Community with distinction. Prayers for her family.

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.

Board of Directors

President : Bill Hansen 805-757-1815

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Secretary: Karen Haugse See Roster

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Members at Large

Lavonne Martin: 805-844-5802

Robert Franzen 805-929-2224

President's Corner

December 2024



President
Bill Hansen

Holiday Greetings Santa Maria A's,

We are approaching the end of another year. Our November Tepusquet Canyon Tour was very successful. We had eight Model A's and one modern (a 1940 Ford Fordor). Everyone had a great time. Special thanks to John Idler for leading the tour. With Thanksgiving behind us we make ready for a busy Christmas season. Our Christmas Party is December 5th, 5-9. I hope you have planned to join us at the Santa Maria Inn for this event.

I love this time of year. It is a busy time, but it is time spent with friends and family. It gives us a chance to reflect on who and what are important to us. Since Laura and I joined the club, we have found a great group of friends, and yes an extended family within the Santa Maria A's. We get together and swap stories, go to the club breakfast, plan events, and join our friends on tours and other club events. Looking back on 2024 I can say we've had some nice activities this year. We have some exciting events planned for 2025. Are you ready? I thank each and everyone of you for your friendship and your time.

Merry Christmas to our Santa Maria A Family. Happy Trails!

Bill Hansen



December Celebrations

- | | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| 3-Curt Warner | 26-David Vallejo |
| 10-Jack Sumrall | 29-Carol Simas |
| 24-Steve Southwick | 31 Bob Douglass |
| 25 Jim Bevill | |
| 25 Sherri Bevill | |



- ! Karen & Hank Hauge
- 5 Linda & George Ceccihetti
- 9 April & Scott Schirmer
- 14 Gae & Jeff McCoy
- 27 Laurie & Barry Weaver
- Marcia & John Idler



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

Reminder: Acknowledge members' well-being.

In President, Bill Hansen's absence, Jay McCord opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Elwin Mussell Senior Center in Santa Maria. Dave Richards led the Pledge of Allegiance. The sign-in sheet was passed around 33 attendees, no guests. October, November, and December birthday people received one free raffle ticket and happy birthday wishes.

Secretary's Report – Karen Haugse (absent).

Motion for approval of the October 10, 2024 General Meeting Minutes by Curt Warner. Seconded by Mary Denny. Approved.

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

Motion for approval of the Treasurer's Report Richard Alexander. Seconded by John Idler. Approved.

Activities/Calendar – Roberta Weber. (See newsletter).

- November 14 – General Membership Meeting/Voting for 2025 Board members/2025 membership dues – Roberta Weber, Nominating Committee Chairperson. Laura Hansen will bring dessert.
- November 16 – Tepusquet Road tour.
- November 21 – Board Meeting, (dinner at 5:30, meeting at 6 p.m.) at Giovanni's Pizza, Santa Maria. Members are welcome.
- November 22 – deadline for payment for Christmas Party, \$40/person; \$80/couple).
- December 5 – Christmas Party & installation of 2025 officers at the Historic Santa Maria Inn, 4 – 9 p.m. Toys for Tots Central Coast Rescue Mission (bring a new, unwrapped gift for ages 4 – 12 to the Christmas Party).
- December 7 – Santa Maria Parade of Lights. The Club will not attend.

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Activities/Calendar – continued.

- January 2 – Board Meeting No. 1, dinner at 5:30, meeting at 6 p.m. at Giovanni's Pizza, Santa Maria. Members are welcome.
- January 9 – General Membership Meeting. (Unknown bringing dessert - special).
- January 16 – Board Meeting No. 2 – change in bylaws and 2025 budget, (dinner at 5:30, meeting at 6 p.m.) at Giovanni's Pizza, Santa Maria. Members are welcome.
- January 18 – tour to Cuyama Buckhorn restaurant.
- January 23 – 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 500 words or less story to share? 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:

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

New Business:

- The 2025 & 2026 Board of Directors are listed on page three.
 - Revision of the dessert sign-in sheet.
- CCRG Representatives Report: Curt Warner.
- The Karen and David Bockman service award: Jay McCord is a candidate. The CCRG will vote on January 11, 2025.
 - 2025 CCRG Jamboree will be on April 3 to 5, Visalia, CA. Hotel reservations are now being accepted at the Wyndham Visalia. Telephone (559) 651-5009. The Club will have a caravan leaving for Visalia on April 2.

Website:

See www.SantaMariaModelAClub.com Let Curt Warner know if you find any inaccuracies on the website.

Sunshine Report:

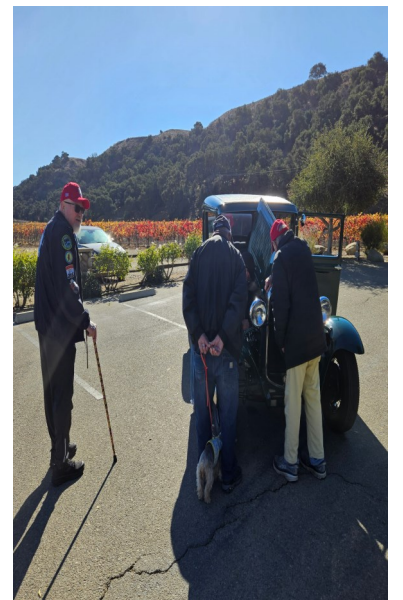
Lavonne Martin will be the contact person re well-being of members. Kathy Pedrick & Linda Phelps will send cards or make telephone calls as needed. Bill Hansen, Keith Struve, and Tony Arnold are on the mend.

50/50 drawing and raffle – Richard Alexander.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Karen Haugse and Lavonne Martin.
*Reminder: you must be a MAFCA member to participate in MAFCA events.

A trip through Tepusquet Canyon

We had a wonderful tour for November. 7 Model A's and a Ford 40 braved the chilly morning and headed for a scenic ride up the Canyon. Our first stop was the Riverbench Winery. We then headed North through beautiful trees and sunshine. We traveled west on Highway 166 arriving at Rancho Nipomo for lunch. Thanks to Joel Mark, Brad and John for the Photo's. We hope to see you out in January



The Legend of St Nicholas or how Santa Claus Came to Be...



There are many legends about Saint Nicholas. One story tells how he helped 3 poor sisters. Their father did not have enough money to pay their dowries and thought of selling them into servitude. Three times St Nicholas secretly went to their house at night and put bags of money inside. The man used the money so that his daughters could marry.

Saint Nicholas is believed to have died on December 6th 343AD. Over the years, stories of his miracles for the poor spread to other parts of the world. He became known as the protector of children and was associated with gift-giving.

The Dutch continued to celebrate the feast day of St Nicholas on December 6th. It was a common practice for children to put out their shoes the night before. In the morning, they would discover the gifts that St Nicholas had left for them. This tradition was brought to America and St Nicholas became known as Sinterklaas.

St Nicholas went through many transformations in America. Sinterklaas became known as Santa Claus, and instead of giving gifts on December 6th, he became a part of the Christmas Holiday. In the 1820 poem, "An Account of A Visit from St Nicholas" by Clement Moore, He described a jolly, heavy man who comes down the chimney to leave presents for deserving children and drives a sleigh pulled by flying reindeer.

In 1881, Thomas Nast added to the legend by drawing Santa as wearing a red suit with white fur trim. Once a kind, charitable, Bishop, Saint Nicholas had become the Santa Claus that we know today.

Merry Christmas!!



RECIPES FOR DECEMBER: PECAN PIE BARS

PERFECT FOR A HOLIDAY COOKIE TRAY



CRUST:

3 CUPS FLOUR

3/4 CUP GRANULATED SUGAR

1/2 TEASPOON SALT

2 STICKS COLD BUTTER

IN A LARGE BOWL COMBINE FLOUR, SUGAR, AND SALT. CUT IN BUTTER UNTIL CRUMBLY. PRESS INTO BOTTOM AND UP THE SIDES OF A GREASED 16 X 12 X 1 INCH BAKING SHEET. BAKE AT 350 DEGREES FOR 18-20 MINUTES OR UNTIL CRUST EDGES START TO BROWN.

FILLING:

4 EGGS

1 1/2 CUPS SUGAR

1 1/2 CUPS CORN SYRUP

1/4 CUP MELTED BUTTER

1 1/2 TEASPOONS VANILLA

2 1/2 CUPS CHOPPED PECANS

FOR THE FILLING, COMBINE EGGS, SUGAR, SYRUP, BUTTER AND VANILLA IN A LARGE BOWL; MIX WELL. STIR IN PECANS, POUR OVER THE HOT CRUST. BAKE 25 TO 20 MINUTES UNTIL THE EDGES ARE FIRM AND CENTER IS ALMOST SET. COOL THEN CUT INTO BARS

THANKS TO GERRIE FROM BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER FOR THIS DELICIOUS RECIPE

KAY'S CRAB FONDUE –GREAT FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE!

1 CAN CRAB MEAT

1-(8 OZ PACKAGE) VELVEETA CHEESE

4 CHOPPED GREEN ONIONS

2/3 CUP MAYONNAISE

MELT CHEESE IN A DOUBLE BOILER -ADD MAYONNAISE AND BLEND WELL- ADD CRAB AND ONIONS-TRANSFER TO FONDUE POT ON LOW/CHEESE SETTING, DIP CRACKERS, POTATOE CHIPS OR BREAD CUBES.

ENJOY

Route 66 – Finally! By Diane Gaughne

Missouri chief engineer Piepmeier wrote to Cyrus Avery, “I am willing to accept 62, 66 or 60, from Chicago to Los Angeles, and nothing else...That is my position, and I hope you will agree with me and that we can get something settled at once.” Avery accepted this and presented this to MacDonald, chief of the Bureau of Public Roads. The good news was that Kentucky had just agreed that Route 60 would go from Springfield, Missouri across Kentucky and Virginia to Newport News. This left Route 66 as the number from Chicago to Los Angeles. At last! The date was July 23, 1925. Although 66 had not been the first choice, it was acceptable. W. C. Markham executive secretary of the American Association of State Highway Officials, urged Avery to accept this action by Kentucky so they could get on with marking roads and making maps. On August 11, Markham sent a memorandum to the state highway departments of 11 states, notifying them of the numbering decision. When all was said and done, Cyrus Avery was pleased with his 24 months of hard work. The number was accepted by the secretary of agriculture, and in November, 1926, it became the law of the land. So where did the number 66 come from? No one knows...

Thanks to the Orange County Model A Club for this article

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

Riddle: The Wheel-Less Driver:

This object can be driven, but has no wheels, and can also be sliced and remain whole. What is it?

Email your answer to applemomkay@aol.com. A Prize for winners at the January General Meeting.

A FEW MORE THINGS...

Have you seen the new MAFCA Website?
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

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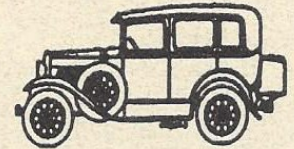
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