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*Happy
St. Patrick's Day!*

HERE'S TO THE LAND OF THE SHAMROCK SO GREEN.

HERE'S TO EACH LAD AND HIS DARLIN' COLLEEN.

MAY YOUR TROUBLES BE LESS, AND YOUR BLESSINGS BE MORE.

AND NOTHING BUT HAPPINESS COME THROUGH YOUR DOOR.

March Presidents Message As I write this, the CCRG is a short week away. I can't believe it's March already. At the last count there are 22 SCVC families driving out to Clovis. The only club with more registrations is the host club, the Sierra A's having 36 entries. I'm looking forward to a nice weekend out in the valley with my fellow members and having fun too. There should be lots of blossoms on the trees that will be beautiful to drive through.

Thank you to Rob and Christine Barnard for opening their home for the lunch stop on the February SCVC Birthday and Backroads Tour. The day turned out to be a beautiful day between days of rain storms with the cake being good too. Your club president has arranged to do the Presidents Tour for lunch in mid August. There will be more details as they get ironed out.

The SCVC Fun and Fashion leaders are really trying to inspire interest in era fashions. Past seminars have included shoes and dresses with furs, hats, jewelry and more slated for later this spring and summer. Thanks to Nora Elderton, Helen Christensen, Judy Rinaldi, Jill Barrett and Laurie Elliott for their efforts. Rich Campbell, Don Cole and John Seabury helped make sense of measuring tools in the February seminar that perform in

hundredths and thousandths of an inch. Thanks guys!

Let's talk credit cards. I jumped the gun by mentioning a survey to gauge interest in paying membership dues and such. While the board considers this a good idea, we don't think this is the right time despite how much interest there might be. We don't want to add to the jobs of the treasurer and membership directors when we have a difficult time getting volunteers to fill those and other board positions. Thanks to Larry Rosenthal, Doug Anberg and Wayne Innamorato for their time and energy in dissecting all the different options.

Let's go out and drive! Thanks, Mark



ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 2/6/2024

Minutes from the General Meeting on March 5, 2024 by Lizanne [Leezohn] Polland

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Mark Barrett. Gina Anderson led the flag salute. 57 families/101 chairs were in attendance

Rich Lange: If you are having trouble with the Zoom invitation link (new each month) in the email, try copying and pasting the link into the browser. Otherwise, contact Rich.

Greeter: Susan Colbeck no new guests.

Newcomers: Jay Day welcomed and encouraged us to participate in club seminars, tours, ice cream socials and ... most importantly to get our A's on the road.

President: Mark Barrett identified a destination for the President's tour of Aug 17th - at John McAlpine's residence in Aptos.

Secretary: [Leezohn] Polland. No corrections to the February minutes as printed. A motion was made by Jay Day, seconded by Mary Beaman. Correspondence: Five annual membership renewal checks and a bank statement from Washington Federal Bank (WaFd Bank). Luther Bank was acquired by WaFd Bank.

Vice President: Mike Stevens has more important news than voting; of significance, Prince Edward met with a 192 year old tortoise this past month. His mother, Queen Elizabeth, met with the same tortoise in 1947. He had other anecdotes for us.

Treasurer: Doug Anberg reported our income and expenses.

Editors: Bob and Patti Meneely thank those who submitted articles this month. The Mar Script is ready and awaiting just the minutes. Please keep sending in articles for next month.

Membership: John Seabury reported we had 115 member families in 2023. Today 100 member families have

renewed - 15 families have not renewed. John will send out a 30 day grace period around Mar 8th. A \$10 penalty will occur for those who let their membership expire. John is planning on updating the roster in late Mar/early Apr so please check to make sure info is up-to-date.

Activities: Dave and Susan Jones.

Past and Upcoming Activities. Feb 10: SCVC's 64th birthday celebration - the tour to San Martin at Christina and Rob Barnard's home was a short and muddy tour according to some members. There were 30 families and one guest and no sheet cake was leftover. Thank you Christina and Rob!

Mar 8-10: CCRG meet - travel to Clovis. Twenty-three families will be on tour. Don Cole to travel Thursday with nine families. The Friday group will stop in Los Banos, then on to 99. Plan to arrive by noon at Clovis.

Mar 17: St. Patrick's Day: Alternate local tour to Cobra Experience museum. Roger Griffin organized this tour (\$12 for 62+ yrs). Meet in Milpitas, in front of the Safeway Center by Peet's Coffee. Meet at 8:30, lv at 9am. Plan on a picnic lunch by the river after the museum (or visit a restaurant in Martinez).

Apr 13: Joint tour with Grampa Chapter of Salinas/Monterey. The club will travel by way of San Juan Bautista via mostly back roads. Will visit a train museum and then have lunch at a park. SCVC members are invited to bring potluck items such as snacks, salads and dessert. Grandpa Chapter will provide BBQ.

Apr 14: All Ford's Swap Meet

May 3-4: Lake County A's 26th Annual Spring Opener. Host hotel is Konocti Harbor Resort

May 18: Tour to Niles with vintage bus and silent movie museums

May 19: Friendship Day tour. Bill Bratt is hoping to obtain a lower price for pre-war cars

May 24-26: NCRG Sagebrush Classic Round Up in Carson City, NV

Jun 8-9: SCVMTC Annual Speedster Endurance Run and Lowland Tour. Registration open now at www.SCVMTC.com

Jun 24: Tour to celebrate 50th Anniversary of family ownership of the Enderby's Model A. Drive to the Alpine Inn. Reach out to Kevin Enderby if you are interested

Seminars:

Fun/Fashion Seminar: Liz Marshall/Liz Ng - Mar 23 Making lace era pins (and clips) at Barretts. Apr joint seminar on hubleys at Eldertons. May 11 fashion seminar and/or craft activity at Barretts. Please contact either Liz's if you can host a fun & fashion in Jun, Jul or Aug. The Cross family volunteered to host in the near future. They live in Milpitas.

Tech Seminar: Rich Campbell - Mar 23 Radiator prep for summertime (will also cover best antifreeze, thermostats, 2,4,6 blade fans, engine cooling in general; see an old radiator taken apart). Typically, tech seminars are on 4th Saturday but they are moving around in the next couple of months. Apr hubley seminar: alignment tool for front wheels; tips on how to make them faster.

Librarian: Karen Larsen and Rob Keefe. Will bring some books to the next fun fashion seminar as well as for the tech seminars

Webmaster: Wayne Innamorato. Website has been updated for future tours. Click on links and info will be available

Facebook Coordinator: Shauna McGuiness (not present). Some non members are trying to post to Facebook

Sunshine Program Coordinator: Gina Anderson is happy to report many Feb recipients are doing well - Jeannie Day is home, Jay Day is better, Dave Jones is doing well. Sandy Casalino has been in and out of the hospital in the past month. A card was sent to her again. This month Will Lancaster has been sick. Gina will be sending Don Cole a card for his back.

Vest Material: Vicky Wildman has had no request for vest material. Keep vests in mind for the wonderful upcoming events occurring.

Participation: Chuck Elderton. The Feb mtg had 56 member families and a guest in attendance. There were 55 individuals at the birthday party with 19 Model As present. The seminars drew good attendance with 21 families at the fun/fashion and 35 attending the technical seminar.

MAFCA & MAFFI: Chuck Christensen. National meet in New Mexico in June. MAFCA is working with MARC

(Model A Restorers Club) to publish the next update to the Model A Ford Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards.

NCRG: Jill Barrett (no report).

Unfinished Business: Mark Barrett asks for advertising and historian volunteers to please reach out if interested. Credit card/electronic payment use was researched. Thanks to Larry Rosenthal, Doug Anberg and Wayne Innamorato, however the Board voted not to make changes at this time. The sentiment was that currently volunteer positions are not easy to fill and more responsibilities may hinder recruitment.

New Business: none.

New Cars: none.

Trophies:

Hard luck trophy: "How did your car let you down?" None. Edsel trophy: "How did you let your car down?" Kenny Cross forgot to cover his Roadster before the rain. His seat was ruined.

Good Samaritan trophy: Richard Campbell thanks Kelly Bybee for installing an engine. Kelly Bybee thanks Ted Kafer for electric wiring. Richard Campbell thanks Don Pedrazzi and Hans Peters for their advice and tools for display in the seminar and also thanks Don Cole and John Seabury for giving the seminar. Jeannie Day thanks members for sending her cards for her knee surgery. Kenny Cross thanks Brian McGuiness for helping him with his car. John Seabury thanks Gene Mandere, Glen Wildman and Ray Fontaine for helping him find a straight axle. Ray Fontaine thanks Ted Kafer for helping him tune up his Model A. Laurie Elliott thanks ladies who brought dresses to the seminar and Judy for the dress rack. Mike Stevens thanks Ted Kafer and finally Jon Kaefer thanks Rich Campbell for getting his motor started and bringing tools.

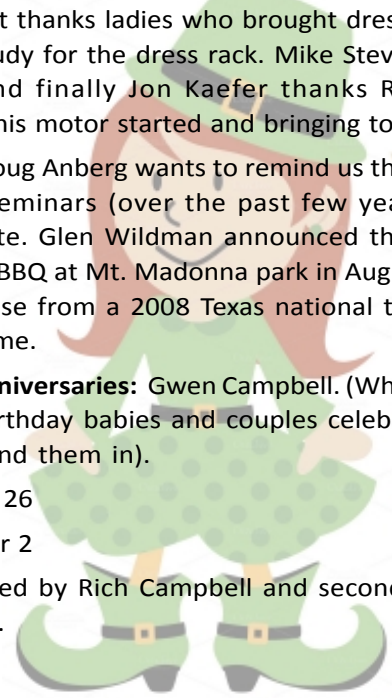
Good of the order: Doug Anberg wants to remind us there are videos of tech seminars (over the past few years) posted on our website. Glen Wildman announced there is to be a 2nd annual BBQ at Mt. Madonna park in August. The Cilkers have a vase from a 2008 Texas national tour that needs a new home.

Mar birthdays and anniversaries: Gwen Campbell. (Where are the other Mar birthday babies and couples celebrating anniversaries? Send them in).

Next board mtg: Mar 26

Next general mtg: Apr 2

Adjournment motioned by Rich Campbell and seconded by Jay Day at 8:26pm.



2024 SCVC Club Activities are shown in Bold.

Mar 5, Tue, SCVC General Meeting on ZOOM, 7:00pm.

Mar 8-9, CCRG Jamboree, "A's & More in 24" sponsored by the Sierra Club of Fresno/Clovis area. www.sierramodelafordclub.com. Dave Jones will be leading our group to the meet. Meet at McDonalds, 5508 Monterey Hwy, San Jose, at 7:30am, leave at 8:00am.

Mar 17, Sun, Freeway Tour to The Cobra Experience Museum in Martinez. After we tour the museum, we have identified a local park if you wish to bring your own brown-bag lunch (weather permitting). Also lunch available at various local eating places. Meet in front of Peet's Coffee & Safeway, 627 E. Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas, at 8:30am leave at 9:00.

Mar 23, Sat, Tech Seminar, "Prep Your Radiator for Summer". 10:00am at Rich Campbell's, 1310 Olympia Ave, Campbell.

Mar 23, Sat, Fun/Fashion, Making Lace Pins led by Liz Ng. 9:30am at Barretts, 2860 Rustic Drive, San Jose.

Mar 26, Tue, SCVC Board Meeting on ZOOM, 7:00pm.

Apr 1-15, Solar Eclipse Tour to Texas, if interested, RSVP to Janet Lange, jlpl43@sbcglobal.net, stay tuned.

Apr 2, Tue, SCVC General Meeting on ZOOM, 7:00pm.

Apr 14, Sun, All Ford Swap Meet, 1600 Dell Ave, Campbell, CA

May 3-5, Lake County A's Spring opener. Hosted at Konocti Harbor Resort in Kelseyville.

May 4, Sat, Famoso Swap-o-rama (new home of Bakersfield Prewar Swap), Famoso Drag Strip, McFarland, CA

May 19, Friendship Day hosted by Mid-Peninsula Old Time Auto Club, 441 Seaport Ct., Redwood City.

May 24-26, NCRG "Sagebrush Classic" in Carson City, NV, more later.

June 2, Sun, Auburn Swap Meet at Gold Country Fairgrounds, Auburn, more info when available.

June 8-9, Santa Clara Valley Model T Club Endurance Run and Lowland Tour.

June 23-29, MAFCA National Convention, "Southwest "A" Ventures" sponsored by the Southwest Model A's, Event being held in Ruidoso, New Mexico. www.southwestaventures.com



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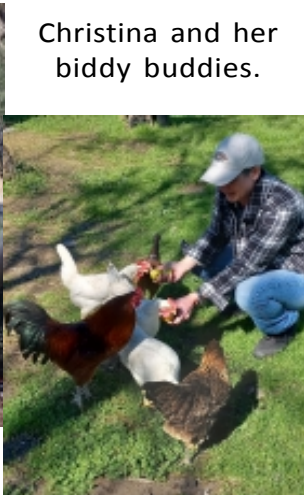
SCVC BIRTHDAY TOUR TO THE BARNARD ESTATE IN SAN MARTIN

February 10, 2024: We were blessed with a beautiful day of blue sky and sunshine for a nice tour of the southern portion of Santa Clara County. A long line of Model A's headed out through the Almaden Valley and made our way past Calero Reservoir and Uvas Reservoir winding through the hills and back roads. One of our newest member couples, Rob & Christina Barnard, offered to have the club gather at their spacious home and property in San Martin. There was plenty of space to park 19 Model A's and several modern cars. We enjoyed our brown bag lunches around the pool and on the deck followed by cake celebrating SCVC's 64th anniversary (thanks to Dave & Susan Jones, our wonderful tour planners). Our hosts supplied much appreciated coffee and tea. A few of us were lucky enough to meet the resident roosters and hens who were kept penned up so that we wouldn't have a chicken friend in our laps while we ate. The club members enjoyed the time spent together and there was lots of conversation and camaraderie. Many thanks to Rob & Christina!

Jane Grometer



Bit of a country convoy.



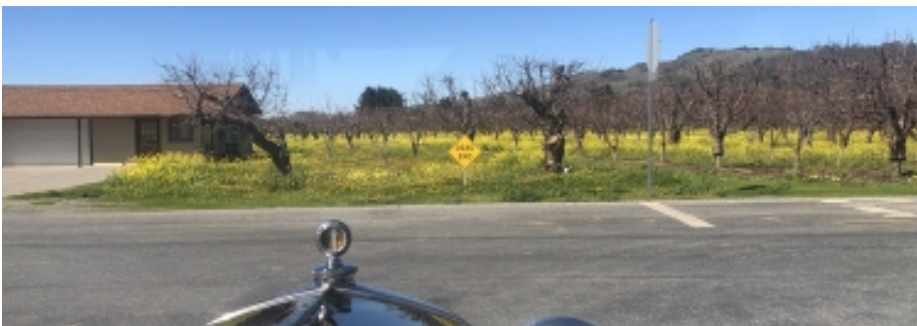
Christina and her biddy buddies.



What's a country tour without a little mud.



Poolside party, very orderly, no one pushed or fell in.



On the way home, stumbled on this scene from days gone by. page 7



64th Anniversary Cake!!!



OUR FLAT-HEAD FORD A FAMILY VISION FULFILLED

by Kevin Enderby

I think I've been to every Palo Alto Concours. But I don't really remember the early ones since I likely came on my dad's shoulders as a toddler.

The Enderby family moved to Palo Alto in 1961 and first lived on Oregon Avenue, before it became Oregon Expressway. One day back in the 10s, while the family was driving home though Los Altos, my dad spotted a 1929 Ford Model A roadster for sale. It was in okay shape, so he bought it. After towing it home, dad got it running. A few years later I took my driver's test in it just for fun when I got my first driver's license.

I think when dad first bought the Model A he hoped his boys would eventually restore the car and bring it to the Palo Alto Concours. But while we were growing up, Dad bought a variety of nice, used sports cars. Although we had "regular" cars, the Model A always had a spot in the garage. After all the boys had moved out, it looked like the Ford was going to get the boot when dad got mom a new Caddy, and she wanted the space in the garage next to dad's Porsche. So I bought the Model A from my dad, as I could not bear to see it leave the family.

Our Model A was in just average shape the first 26 years we owned it. Finally in 2000 I started restoring the Ford. It was a ground-up restoration, but being a true car guy and very much wanting to keep the sense of history, I was very careful not to over-restore the car. My hope was that when it was finished, the car would remain authentic and not some piece of art.

No aspect of the car hobby upsets me more than to go to a car show and see a grossly over-restored Model A get an award. Such car events are a disgrace to the history of cars, and that history is lost to the generations that follow. But it takes self control. It's tough to resist the temptation to make the car "better" -- like explaining to a painter or plater/polisher that you really don't want their very best work for every piece of the car. I found this out when my plater incorrectly polished the back sides of my original bumpers. After two attempts to recreate the original finish, I finally had to put those overdone parts aside and get another set.

Finally, 3.1/2 years later, Dad drove our newly restored Model A to the 2004 Palo Alto Concours. It was a very satisfying day for us, the culmination of a long-delayed project that left me feeling like I'd fulfilled a family obligation.

While the Ford is a very nice car now, it still gets driven regularly. In fact, it's my favorite car to run errands and take my volleyball nets to play at the Stanford Oval on weekends. Dad raised us to believe that toys were meant to be played with, and cars were meant to be enjoyed.

I've tried to carry that lesson over to the other cars I own. Today on the Concours field you'll find me organizing the judging for the Ferrari classes. *Kevin Enderby*

MICROMETERS AND MEASURING TOOLS

February 24, 2024: Lots of folks interested in this one, big crowd in Rich Campbell's carport. The subject for the day was how to make all those measurements on a model A engine in particular. Don Cole gave a good demo on what tools it takes to measure flatness on a Model A block or head. He also had a great tool for measuring wear on brake drums. Then John Seabury addressed micrometers and how to read them to one thousandth and beyond. John had an assortment of tools and demonstrated how to measure crankshaft journals, cam

lift and cylinder bores. Outside mics, inside mics, dial gages, calipers, depth gages all were discussed. Now we all know what to look for at the swap meets.. *Bob M*

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to Don Pedrazzi and Hans Peters for loan of their tools (and the education they gave me)..Also thanks to Don Cole and John Seabury for stepping up with great show and tell. (We learn best from our members). Big Thanks, *Rich C*



Big crowd, all listening intently.



John talking micrometers, notice the fancy on-screen image while he talks.



Don Cole talking brake drum measurements.

FEBRUARY WOMEN'S SEMINAR

February 24, 2024: Have you wondered what Era dresses look like, how to find them, and how to get the right fit?

If you missed the latest Women's Fashion Seminar, many of your questions would have been answered. 20+ of our fellow SCVC ladies met at Judy Rinaldi's to answer just these questions, and more. A movable clothes rod was set up in Judy's living room. Many members brought dresses which were appropriate to our era, to hang. Laurie Elliott and Jill Barrett selected one at a time and elaborated on why they were our era. Laurie & Jill discussed styles, sleeves, collar styles, sashes and what occasion a lady might wear them. They even tried to pinpoint the year(s). Most of these dresses were era image found on-line, some, with the labels attached. Jill provided a list of fashion terms you can use to search EBAY or ETSY. We learned you can match clothing colors to MAFCA auto paint chips. I learned what era terms to use when I do an on-line search on EBAY and ETSY. Great job Laurie & Jill.

Susan Colbeck



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By Laurie Elliott

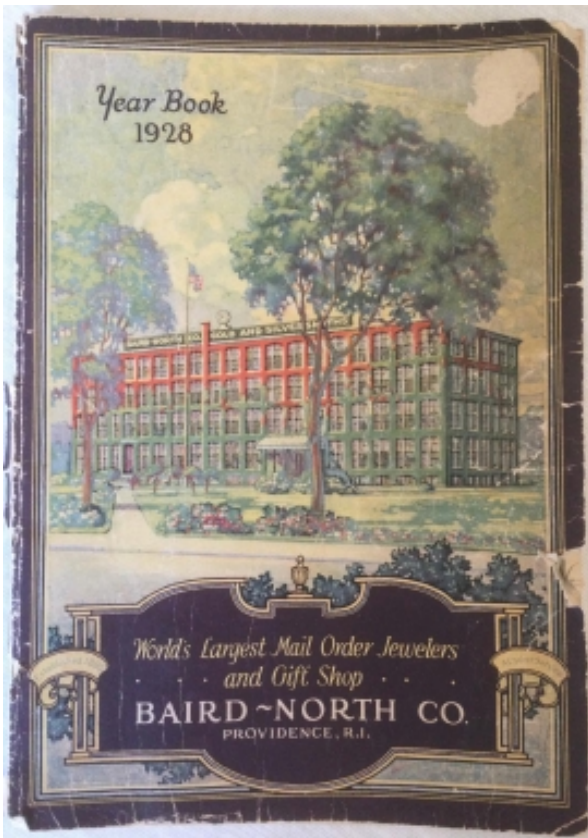
When I was a teenager, one of my grandmothers died and, by request, I inherited her sewing basket. Along with the spools of thread and cardboard books of needles, there was a funky little tape measure in a metal half shoe case which reads, "Three Feet in One Shoe". Even then it looked very old.

Fast forward a few decades, when I'm trying to put together a housedress/ sewing Fashion entry for judging. In case you don't know, if something isn't in the Fashion Guidelines, the entrant must provide their own primary-sourced documentation.

Is my funky tape measure in the Fashion Guidelines or any other Era magazines or catalogs I own? No.

After the February seminar, Judy Rinaldi handed me a stack of era fashion paper resources - some to copy and return, and some to keep. And if you're guessing that Judy unknowingly provided me the needed documentation, you'd be right. In the booklet of Baird-North Co. World's Largest Mail Order Jewelers and Gift Shop, 1928, my tape measure is right there along with thimbles and scissors. I'm so happy!

Thank you, Judy, for not only hosting the February seminar, but for giving me your wonderful little jewelry and gift items catalog. You are a gem.



MAFFI MINUTE (MODEL A FORD FOUNDATION, INC.)

The Trustees are already planning Model A Days 2024! So far it looks like a candidate for the First Start Event (barn find which hasn't been run in a few decades) has been located. And, the report from the Gilmore Auto Museum is that one of the Event Centers will be finished in time for Model A Days, which will be nice for our Model A visitors.

Other news is that Model A's donated to the museum to be sold for the Model A Museum Expansion are getting checked over and repaired so they are roadworthy to sell. Our hardworking team of volunteers devotes Thursday evening to getting the Model A's in "sale ready" shape.

- 1. One Model A Tudor (1929) is on the sales floor already.
- 2. Another 1928 Tudor has had Trustees and friends repairing brakes, gas gauge, and a gas tank, to name a few, so it should be ready shortly
- 3. A 1929 Fordor Blindback is also in the queue for roadworthiness work.
- 4. And there are two 1928 Phaetons that we anticipate will be available to sell in the coming months.

Please contact Jerry Dennany, jerrydennany@gmail.com or John Begg, jwbegg@gmail.com for information about these cars or if you have a vehicle you would like to donate to be sold for our expansion fundraising program.

Many of you have been following our Save the Bus project (school bus) and although the bus has taken longer than we anticipated, things are coming along nicely now. The sides are up and all 4 fenders have been installed as well as the bumpers. There's lots of sandblasting, and just plain sanding and priming going on now. Things are getting exciting at Save the Bus Headquarters!

As always, we appreciate your support as we move forward with fundraising. It's all of you that make the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. Museum so awesome.

Cindy Ellenbecker, Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. Trustee/Secretary



I don't know about you but time sure seems to slip by faster as I get older. I remember how time seemed to drag by when I was younger. Day to day activities seemed to move along at a snail's pace. I've finally reached the age where I have trouble keeping up with the world around me. Either I have too many things going on or I'm just not as efficient as I once was. Since I've spent 50 years of marriage trying to convince my wife that I'm perfect it must be that I have too many "things" happening in my life. I guess having too many activities is better than having none but sometimes it sure gets hectic.

I do have a couple of items to mention that are time sensitive. If any of the following item's appeal to you now is the time to be acting on them. If you are like me, they will be in our rear-view mirror before we know it.



1. Now is the time for you to decide if you are interested in participating in MAFCA's leadership as a National Director. Information is available on the MAFCA website at: <https://www.mafca.com/elections.html>. Additionally, each Director is available to answer your questions and help steer you in the right direction to run for office. Having a sufficient number of volunteers to run our club is essential to MAFCA's future. There is no better time to get involved than now.

2. Our 2024 MAFCA national convention, Southwest "A"ventures, is scheduled for June 23 – 29 and is being hosted by the Southwest Model A's. They have planned a great list of activities and are working diligently to put together a great outing. Check their webpage: <https://www.southwestaventures.com/> for information on registration, including the registration forms, convention clothing items, raffle items and access to purchasing raffle tickets. The registrations are steadily coming in and we're sure to have a great convention. Sounds too good to miss so start your planning now!

3. In prior years MAFCA has clearly supported the concept that youth are essential to the Model A hobby's future and chapters are the means to introduce youth to the hobby. Two great organizations: The Model A Youth Restoration Award, MAYRA, provides financial support to youth whose interest in the hobby is demonstrated by their efforts in restoring a Model A and the Model A Youth Scholarship Fund provides financial support to assist children and/or grandchildren of any MAFCA/MARC member in pursuing their undergraduate education, whether it be a state university, college or technical school. Both organizations have website links on the MAFCA website under Youth, Grants and Scholarships. Establishing club activities that invite youth participation is a fundamental key to turning our youth into lifelong hobbyists. May of each year has been designated as Model A Youth Month. Now is the time for chapters to complete their planning and begin to publicize their event. I look forward to reading about the many different ways our chapters are involving our youth in the hobby.

It's shaping up to be a great year in the Model A hobby. On a national level we have a MAFCA presence at the annual MAFFI Model A Days, MAFCA's national convention in Ruidoso, NM, MAFCA's annual award banquet in Salt Lake City, UT and a MAFCA tent and seminars at Hershey. Throw in a few local state tours along with some local club tours and everyone call fill out their calendar with Model A touring events. Looks like I'm going to have a big mileage year, I hope you do as well.

"See you down the road."

Robert Bullard, 2024 MAFCA President



SHADE TREE MECHANICS



OVERFLOW BOTTLE

Here is the scenario, it's hot, it's high altitude, you are climbing a mountain. The wife is very nervously watching the temperature gauge. Finally happens, you boil over, and pull over amidst a cloud of steam to let everything cool off.

So, how do folks prevent this scenario, and how do they deal with it if it does occur? First, my own personal experience. I have a 3 quart overflow bottle. My radiator cap is sealed, but the overflow tube is vented to the atmosphere, regular Model A radiator with 10 fins to the inch. I run 50/50 antifreeze which has a boiling point of 223 degrees F at sea level. Even with that high boiling point, I have on occasion boiled the car, again mostly in high altitude, high temperature situations. What I have found is that 3 quarts is about the maximum amount of coolant that can be expelled when a steam bubble forms. When the first 3 quarts is forced out, the path is clear for the steam to exit without taking anymore coolant with it. Now, I do carry a spray bottle of water, and I do not turn the engine off. Shoot the radiator with a few shots from the spray bottle and it is amazing how quickly the boiling ceases. And, when the steam bubble collapses, you can watch the level in the coolant recovery bottle go down very quickly as the coolant flows back into the engine. And, it is not immediately necessary to add coolant, some has been lost, but enough has been saved to keep on going. So, away we go, maybe a little less aggressive on the throttle

I guess if I wanted to move a little farther into the modern world, I would change to a pressurized radiator. Lots of folks have done that, and installed one of the vertical tube recovery tanks which are too small for my liking. Using a 4psi radiator cap on a Brassworks radiator raises the boiling point by 12 degrees.

So the moral of this story is: as many fins per inch as you can get, 50/50 antifreeze (also prevents corrosion), sealed system, nice big overflow bottle, and a good temperature gauge so that you know when to back off on the throttle.

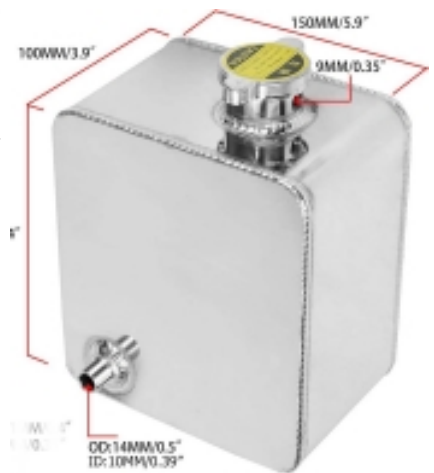
See you on the road, watch out for those hot hills. (and vapor lock, that is another story.)

Bob Meneely



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Ford did have a design for an air cleaner as shown by the patent below. I think that the most interesting statements in his description of what this air cleaner is all about are these.

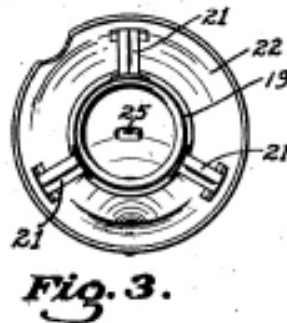
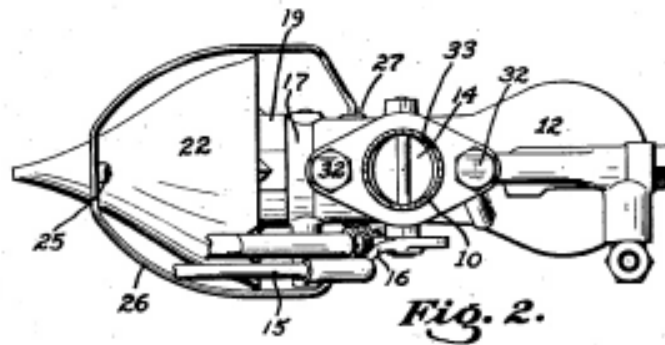
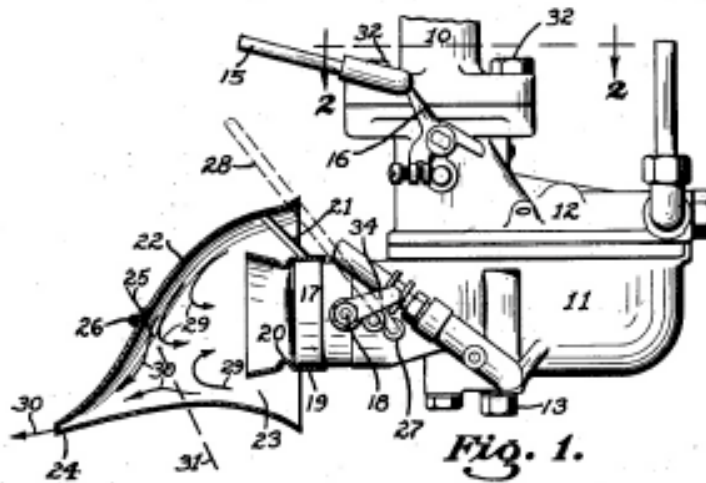
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May 5, 1931.

H. FORD
AIR CLEANER

1,803,751

Filed Aug. 28, 1929



INVENTOR:
Henry Ford.
BY
Chas. Davis
ATTORNEY.

20 years ago. March was a combined Seminar and Crab Feed at Bill Rose's shop in Livermore. Also, an overnight tour to Chowchilla was planned. It was 224 miles thru the beautiful Altamont and San Joaquin Valleys.

40 years ago. Roger Griffin was president of SCVC in 1984. The fourth biennial Santa Clara Valley All Ford Picnic was held at Fanborn Park. The activities included a fun rally and field event. There were Model A's, Model T's, early V8's, Mustangs and many more Fords. It was a great Ford day.

60 years ago. Well, 1964 started off with a great deal of club activities. First, the club lost its meeting place. Second, the club lost its newly elected vice president. Third, the club newspaper lost its editor. But good news, everyone pulled together and all was fixed.

FROM WAY BACK WHEN



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Everyone remembers the picture, but do you remember the name of the movie?

**A WHISKERY KISS
FOR THE ONE
YOU ADORE
MAY NOT MAKE HER MAD
BUT HER FACE WILL BE SORE**



**MUSINGS
OF
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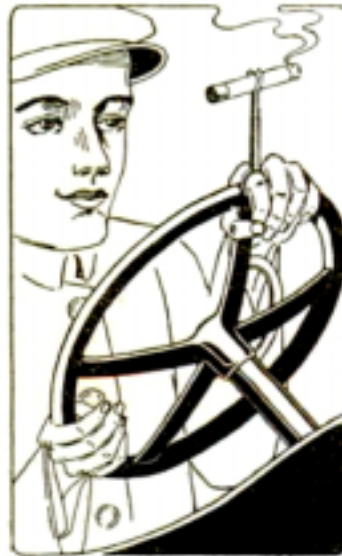


I find I have inventory problems. Maybe this is just an old guy thing, see if this rings a bell. The other day, I needed a little part for the A, so I looked through my stash to see if I had one. I made a cursory search in all the logical places, couldn't find one, so I decided I need to order the item. So now, what is the correct name? You must have either the name that the vendor uses or the exact part number. This takes 5 minutes, but finally, there it is. Holy Cow! Is that the current price? Okay, gotta have it, put it in the shopping cart. Hit the order button, whoa, the shipping cost is more than the part. What the heck ever happened to first class mail or parcel post. Have you noticed that now the preferred mode of shipping at the US Post Office is now called Ground Advantage? Whose advantage, not mine. Okay, I try to hold off until I have more items to order, to defray the shipping cost a little bit. Finally I even add a couple items that I don't really need right now but might need in the future, grit my teeth and place the order. Now I find that the shipping time seems to be longer than it used to be. What the heck? But, eventually, the part arrives and gets installed, problem solved. Of course, the other day, my toe caught the corner of a little box under the workbench, and when I pulled it out, there was the part that I needed. I gotta get organized one of these days!

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A CHUCKLE A DAY.....

Blonde at the Super bowl

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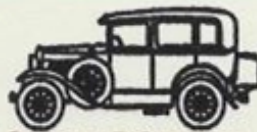
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