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This is my last newsletter for the Temecula Model A's. It has been a real treat serving you all. The experience has been educational and rewarding, made possible with President Bob Saxman's help and support! I want to Thank Bob for all his help in teaching me the in's and out's of newsletter editing! Thanks to all the other members who have contributed their input with

articles and pictures. You have all made me look good; I couldn't have done it without everyone's support along the way, including my husband, Bob. Perhaps I can have the experience again in the future! I am looking forward to another great year in our great "Model A" organization. Thanks again to everyone! You are a great group!!!

Joyce Grieb

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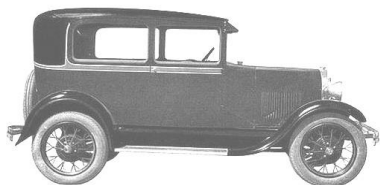
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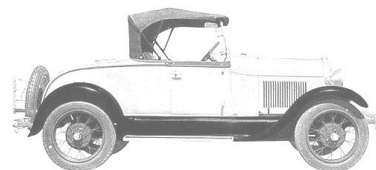
2013 Tours – More to come in 2014





TOURS & EVENTS

December 2013



Sat	12/07/13	Christmas Party
		No General Meeting in December
Wed	01/01/14	New Years Day Tour

RAFFLE WINNERS

From the November Meeting:

50/50 cash

Larry Whipple, Judy Spurlin,
Ben Iverson

Donated Prize Winners:

Sheila Saxman, Clyde Dupree, Judy
Patrick, Lou Schweizer, and Joe
Baltikauski

Drive Your Model A - \$20.00

Randy Wessels



WHERE'S THE CHICKEN?
With Kim & Valorie Sparks!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS



12/12 - Judy Patrick
12/15 - Patricia Butterfield
12/23 - Ken Thomas
12/29 - Sherri Thomas



12/20 Dennis & Emily D'Antin
12/26 Larry & Karen Beel



Early Thanksgiving morning, ten happy Model A'ers started out on their trip to Arizona. Al & Phyllis Bennett, Larry & Bobbie Whipple, Joe & Judy Patrick, and Larry & Dottie Schwieger all followed leaders Larry & Karen Beel. We arrived in Yuma AZ and enjoyed our Thanksgiving dinner at Cracker Barrel.

On Friday we arriving at for snacks near the Mexican



Saturday the boys visit and buy car brought Sammy a Phyllis & Judy walked a 6 mile all went to Organ music were great, should stay another day so we could return for more music the next evening!

journeyed on to Chandler, AZ Hawthorne Inn & Suites in time pool and dinner later at a restaurant.

and Bobbie went to Sammy's to parts. Also Larry & Bobbie fresh supply of cookies! Karen, went shopping, and Dottie Volksmarch. That evening we Stop Pizza. The pizza and and Phyllis & Al thought we

On Sunday we traveled back to Yuma arriving with time for more visiting by the pool and for Dottie to do another walk.

Monday brought us back to California with no breakdowns and no one getting lost. Our final gathering was in Julian to enjoy apple pie and ice cream compliments of Larry Beel. He sure knows how to put on a great tour!

Dottie & Larry Schwieger



Temecula Valley A's – General Meeting – November 21, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Robert Saxman

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Dawna Davis

President: Robert Saxman: The nominees for the 2014 Board of Officer was read. Bob mentioned that the positions for newsletter, historian, and local tour leader, are still available. Dawna Davis suggested that a committee be formed, or a grab bag of tours be drawn monthly for tours. A motion was made by Dawna Davis to accept the new board, a second was made by Tom Spurlin, and it was unanimously voted to accept the board as read. Bob said he would do the newsletter next year. Lori Perez talked about a Christmas play being performed at Cornerstone Church. Members interested in going will meet at 8:00 am at Jack in the Box on Bundy Canyon, on December 8th, for the 9 am show. Bob brought in "The Valley News" with the article about the Veterans Day Parade with a picture of our cars on the front page. He also passed around a "wanted" poster of Alice Vose, with her black eye. Bob thanked Lou Schweizer for arranging the Fallbrook tour, which led to the story of Rudy getting lost while leading several people home from the tour, and many jokes ensued.

Vice President: Rudy Perez: Rudy introduced a guest, Garrett Coryell, but it was noted that Garrett and his wife, are now members.

Secretary: Sheila Saxman: Bob Grieb made a motion to accept the October minutes as printed, Lori Perez made a second and it was voted to accept the October minutes.

Treasurer: Ted Iverson: The balance, as of November 21, 2013 was read. Ted also mentioned that the balance is available to members logging in on the website.

Membership: Laura Iverson: 36 members were present. Laura reminded everyone that dues of \$15 are due.

Tour Report: Robert Saxman said that he had the information for the Thanksgiving Tour, if anyone wants to sign up or a map/itinerary, please let him know. Lori Perez spoke about the New Year's Day Tour. The group will be leaving the Temecula Pkwy/Wienerschnitzel/Shell Station at 9 am to go to Escondido for a garage tour, then to Pauma Valley Casino for lunch.

Recap of Tours: Robert Saxman reported on the Veterans Day Parade. 11 cars participated. He mentioned that our group was approached by a representative for the VFW group, and would it be possible that some of these veterans could ride in our cars at next years parade. Rudy Perez and Robert Saxman spoke about the So Cal Hill Climb that they had attended in Murrieta. Bob said he had posted a video of Kim Sparks losing his engine during the climb, on You Tube. Rudy mentioned what a success the Murrieta Car Show (put on by The Drifters Car Club) was. Robert Grieb reported how much money was made for the local Boys and Girls Club.

Activities: Karolina and Allan Porch: Randy Wessels won the \$20.00 prize for driving his Model A. 50/50 winners were: \$15- Larry Whipple, \$12- Judy Spurlin, \$9- Ben Iverson. Donated items were won by: Sheila Saxman, Clyde Dupree, Judy Patrick, Lou Schweizer, and Joe Baltikauski.

Newsletter: Joyce Grieb: Joyce asked if anyone is going on the Thanksgiving Tour, please send her some pictures or information about the tour.

Historian: Robert Saxman: Bob thanked Anna Lewis, Lori Perez, and Quincy Walters (Clyde Dupree's granddaughter), taking and sending pictures of the Veterans Day Parade. He mentioned that anyone who would like to visit his street and see the Christmas Lights, come early, lights start on Thanksgiving, at 5:30.

Sunshine: Judy Patrick: November birthdays and anniversaries were read. Happy Birthday was sung for Anna Lewis.

Open Items: I said that as Karen Beel was not at the meeting tonight, I have all of the information for the Christmas party, if anyone still needed to sign up or pay, see me after the meeting. Rudy Perez gave a technical talk on "Dynamic Timing".

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Sheila Saxman



ABOUT US

The Temecula Valley Model A Club was established in the year 2000 and with an emphasis on touring, has steadily grown into a remarkable group of Model A enthusiasts who never miss an opportunity to get out and drive these wonderful old cars. Whether just going for ice cream, or across the country, you're invited to join us in celebrating the fun and friendship Model A's always seem to invoke.

Membership is \$15.00 annually and is open to anyone with or without a Ford Model A. We are a chapter club of MAFCA (Model A Ford Club of America) therefore a MAFCA membership is encouraged.

ADVENTURES ON FOUR WHEELS

The Hilltop Service Station in Mahopac, N.Y. was the source of many adventures for me. In the 1940's people took care of their cars to last through the war years. During the 1950's the economy was good and people were buying new. The old cars had no trade-in value, so they were left to rust away. Here a few stories of my association with the Model A Ford and my Father's gas station.

I came across this picture in the family collection. This was a customer's tractor in for repairs. The wheels appear to be a 1929 Ford. As you can see I had an active role in the daily operation of the garage.



When the station was purchased it came equipped with a 1930 Ford AA wrecker. My earliest recollection, at the age of 8 was of an incident between my father and Emil, a local contractor whose 1946 Studebaker dump truck broke down at the bottom of our steep hill. Emil's truck was loaded with soil and the drive shaft had broken. Emil, noted for his girth, wasn't about to climb the hill. He crossed the street to the local tavern and called my father for a tow while he had a beer. Dad hooked up the Model AA to the soil filled truck and almost burned out the clutch. Abandoning the dump truck, he returned to the station to ponder the problem. A short while later we heard a large vehicle climbing the hill in low low gear. A 1946 Dodge flatbed lumber truck crested the hill and behind it was the Studebaker. Dad was so impressed by this truck that he later convinced the owner to part with it.

Submitted by Louis Schweizer (Thanks Lou for the article & pictures)





The 2013 Christmas Party was held at RJ's Sizzlin' Steer on December 17th. Karen & Larry Beel did a wonderful job planning and carrying out the Christmas theme. The room was decorated with holiday cheer. Karen and her helpers did a marvelous job with the table decorations, which were handed out so everyone went home with Christmas cheer.

We started out visiting with each other, then sat down for a delicious meal prepared and served by

the able staff of RJ's. RJ himself came in and asked us how it was going. We overwhelmingly told him the food and service were great!

The outgoing Board Members were honored for their contributions in 2013. Our outgoing President, Bob Saxman, was given an award and Big Thanks for a great year as our President. Thank you again Bob!!! And we all gave a big Welcome for our incoming President, Karen Beel! The gift exchange was a smashing success, with many gifts being "stolen" the maximum number of times! We ended with some delicious Christmas cake! This was a very successful Christmas Party – Thank You Karen & Larry, Sheila & Debbie and everyone who helped make it a success.



Contributions or photos?

Please help us in providing you with an up to date news source of our wonderful car club! Send photos or articles to Bob Saxman,, Editor at:

rsaxman@verison.net



Note: We're very happy Susan Hull was able to attend the party, looking good! Judy Patrick attended & is feeling back to her perky self. Also Dorothy Allen attended, it was great to see her at the party!

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