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SPRING HAS SPRUNG!



from: *Robert Saxman, President*

I hope a Happy Easter was had by all, and then, of course, there was April Fools Day...Did anyone get fooled?....Rudy? The Vegas tour seemed to be a hit and CCRG Visalia was very much enjoyed, with side tours to Sequoia National Park to see the largest tree in the world, and to the quaint town of Exeter and its wonderful array of hand painted murals. The banquet brought a bevy of raffle wins to our table with Karen Beel winning a ton of items to Lindon Lewis capturing his much admired decorative "Balls". Then, as usual, the Murrieta Fireman's BBQ delivered a relaxing day of food, drinks, music, and fun! If you missed any of these activities, I encourage you to join us on the next outing. There's really no better way to get to know your fellow club members...or have fun.

MODEL A of the MONTH



- Bob & Sheila Saxman's '29 Tudor -

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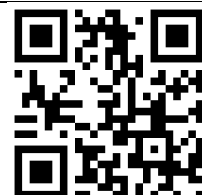
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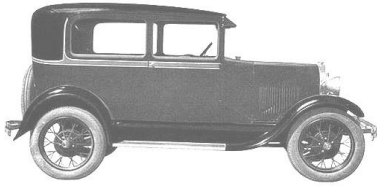
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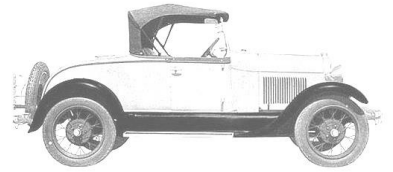
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UPCOMING TOURS & EVENTS - APRIL , MAY, JUNE



- April 28 -Sunday
- May 4 -Saturday
- May 7 -Tuesday
- May 16 -Thursday
- May 25 -Saturday
- June 4 -Tuesday
- June 14 -Friday
- June 20 -Thursday

- Orange County Pancake Breakfast at Hart Park**
- Babcock Ranch BBQ & Tour**
- Board Meeting**
- General Meeting** - Richie's Real American Diner, Murrieta at 7:00 p.m.
- Tech Day at the Iverson's**
- Board Meeting**
- Cruisin' Grand in Escondido**
- General Meeting**



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES - April -



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 4/5 Annette Jennings
- 4/5 John Riley
- 4/11 Bill Quiroz
- 4/14 Darell Farnbach
- 4/16 Alice Voss
- 4/16 Larry Beel
- 4/18 Jan Baltikauski
- 4/28 Jessica Baltikauski

- March Raffle Winners -

Bob Grieb won the special raffle for driving his Model A to the general meeting!
50/50 winners were: George Esades & Bob Grieb.
Several donated items were won by Darell Farnbach, Steve Currie, Jim McComas, Ben Iverson & Robert Hutchins

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 4/14 Larry & Bobbie Whipple



*Wishing John & Dana Happiness in Indiana!
We'll miss you!!*

Bill & Joy Lieber will lose the Chicken to Joe and Judy Patrick at the General Meeting!

A short History of the Model-A Ford

From Ahooga.com

The year was 1926. Henry Ford's "Tin Lizzie" was getting old. It had been produced since Oct. 1, 1908. There had been very few major changes to the car even though it did look quite different. With his son, Edsel, pushing to move past the Model T and design and build a "new ford" the order was finally given on July 20, 1926 to start work on a new ford, the "Model A", although that name had not been picked yet!

Henry made the last of the Model T's on May 26, 1927. It was car No. 15,000,000. It is said Henry spent \$100,000,000 (Yes, 100 Million Dollars!) on the new car design and for retooling of the Rouge plant to build the new Model A. Quite a sum in the 1920's! The car contained over 6800 parts whereas the Model T only contained about 5000.

Model A # 1 rolled off the production line on Oct. 20, 1927 but the public didn't see the car until Dec. 2, 1927. Unlike the Model T, the new ford came in seven body styles and an amazing four colors!

The Engine was an L-head 4-cylinder, 'cast en bloc' type. It had a 3-7/8" X 4-1/4" bore and stroke with a displacement of 200.5 cubic inches. SAE horsepower of 24.03 with brake horsepower rated at 40 at 2200 rpm. Typical gas mileage was between 20 and 30 mpg using a Zenith one barrel carburetor. It's 103.5" wheelbase rode on 4.50 x 21" tires with a gear ratio of 3.77:1. The transmission was a 3 speed sliding gear unit with 1 speed reverse. The Model A had 4 wheel mechanical brakes and Houdaille, double action hydraulic shock absorbers with semi-elliptic front and rear transverse springs. Top Speed was around 65 mph. Standard equipment on all Models included a Starter, Five Steel Spoke Wheels, Dash light, Mirror, Windshield Wiper, Gasoline Gauge, Rear and Stop Light, Speedometer, Tools and Pressure Grease Gun Lubrication.

The "Model A" Tool kit included with each car had the following items: Adjustable wrench, 2 open end wrenches, 2 tire irons, jack, pliers, screwdriver, tire pump, grease gun, combination spark plug wrench and head bolt wrench and Instruction book which all fit into Snap Pouch.

As for price, the new Model A Tudor Sedan sold for \$495.00 with the Fordor bringing \$570.00 F.O.B. Detroit. For \$385.00 you could get a Roadster and \$395.00 would get you a beautiful Phaeton. At \$495.00, the new Ford Coupe was nice but for \$550.00 the Sport Coupe with a standard Rumble Seat was a hot seller.



Celebrating Larry & Bobbie's Anniversary at the Firemen's BBQ. Also the ladies shopped for lots of plants!!! Fun!

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Temecula Valley A's - General Meeting - March 21, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by President Robert Saxman

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Clyde Dupree

President: Robert Saxman: Bob thanked Lori Perez for organizing the President's Tour and mentioned highlights of the day. Bob announced that a Harbor Freight store would be opening in Murrieta on May 28th. He asked if all paid members have their name tags. He introduced guests George Eradas and Mike McComas.

Vice President: Rudy Perez: Rudy offered thanks from Alice Vose and Lori Perez for the condolence cards and letters that everyone sent.

Secretary: Sheila Saxman: Larry Whipple made a motion to accept the minutes from the February meeting as printed, Ted Iverson made a second, a vote was taken, and passed to accept the minutes.

Treasurer: Ted Iverson: The balance and expenses, as of March 21, 2013 were read.

Membership: Ted Iverson (for Laura Iverson): 30 members were present. Two guests and Jay Smith also attended.

Tour Report: Sheila Saxman: I announced upcoming tours and dates: CCRG led by Larry Beel: April 4th to April 7th. Palomar A's Wine Tour, April 6th, see me for contact information. Murrieta Fireman's Barbeque, April 14th, 10:00, parking in front of Fire Department for Model A's. Orange County Pancake Breakfast April 28th, no club tour as of now.

Palomar A's Babcock Ranch Barbeque, led by Lori Perez, May 4th. \$5.00 per person, registration and payment due by April 18th. Passed around sign up sheet. Leaving from Shell Gas/Wienerschnitzel/Temecula Pkwy. Check website for time.

Ted Iverson: The Iversons will have a tech day at their house on Saturday, May 25th at 9:00. Rudy will be on hand for advice.

Recap of Tours: Sheila Saxman: I talked about the Glass Ranch Tour, 7 Model A's and a '38 Ford met the Palomar A's for a glass blowing demonstration. Rudy Perez mentioned that after glass blowing tour, a new engine was ordered for Bill Lieber's car.

Rudy Perez: Rudy talked about the Motte Museum, where we had visited, after our picnic lunch at the OERM. Rudy mentioned that the Motte Museum was having a car show on April 27th, contact him for information.

Activities: Sheila Saxman (for John Riley): Bob Grieb won the special raffle for driving his Model A (yes, again). 50/50 winners were: Bob Grieb, Judy Patrick and George Eradas. There were several donated items that were won by Steven Currie, Darell Farnbach, Ben Iverson, Bob Hutchins.

Newsletter: Joyce Grieb: Newsletter is out, should be on website soon. Send stories, pictures.

Historian: Robert Saxman: Ted Iverson said DVD is still for sale.

Sunshine: Judy Patrick: March birthdays and anniversaries were read.

Open Items: I mentioned that the cookbooks were finished and available. Rudy Perez suggested a manifold cooking tour, and members discussed the success or failure of their manifold cooking. Rudy Perez gave a talk on Model A horns and reproduction horns. Ted Iverson asked for some members to stay after the meeting so their membership pictures could be updated.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Sheila Saxman

Contributions or photos?

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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.

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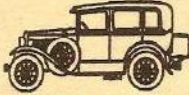
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