



The Grapevine



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Temecula Valley Ford Model A Club

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from: **Robert Saxman, President**

At a past event, I was looking at a '30 Coupe when the owner proudly announced that it was also equipped with air conditioning. Not seeing any such unit installed I immediately asked... where? It's got 3-55 air, he said. What? Yep he said, I open all three windows and drive 55 mph! These past (hot) weeks I've wondered just how that 3-55 air was working out for him? Any driving I've done lately has been early in the morning before the heat. But now, with September drawing to a close I can't help but look forward to cooler times and with it, the return of Model A outings. In the next few months we can look forward to our annual Yard Sale Tour and postponed (from June) will be a running board lunch at Lou Schweizer's with a side trip to the Fallbrook Ford Museum. International Model A Ford Day is approaching (September 28th) and MAFCA has declared that this day is simply a DRIVE YOUR MODEL "A" day with friends, clubs, or whomever. Sounds like a good enough reason to me!



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Ron & Susan Hull's 1931 Model A Tudor "Special Treat Also" *

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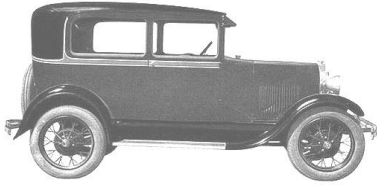
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Monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday
except December at:
7:00p

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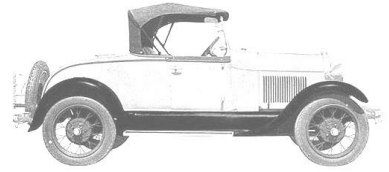
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UPCOMING TOURS & EVENTS

-September -



Thu	9/19/13	General Meeting	- Richie's Real American Diner, Murrieta at 7:00 pm
Sun	9/29/13	52 nd Annual Antique Car Swap Meet	- Sponsored by Paradise Valley Model A Club
Tue	10/01/13	Board Meeting	- Check website for time and location
Thu	10/17/13	General Meeting	- Richie's Real American Diner, Murrieta at 7:00 pm
Tues	11/05/13	Board Meeting	- Check website for time and location



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9/01 - Joe Patrick
 9/07 - Larry Whipple
 9/07 - Rudy Perez
 9/08 - Clyde DuPree
 9/13 - Jim McComas
 9/20 - Ted Iverson
 9/23 - Mike Lamas
 9/26 - Hendrika Monteleone



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

-September -



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

9/10 - Clyde & Carrol DuPree

- Pizza in the Park -
Winners will be announced
at the September meeting!



Our Prayers and Get Well
Wishes go out to: Susan Hull,
Judy Patrick, Dorothy Allen &
Bob Grieb.



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Oh No! WHERE'S THE CHICKEN?
Well... just ask Kim & Valorie Sparks!

As of the writing of this newsletter, Judy Patrick has had surgery on her hip. Our prayers go out to both Judy and Joe for a speedy recovery! We're all here if you need anything! Please keep us updated!

Dear Dana & John: Our wishes for many happy memories and adventures in your new home!! We'll be waiting for your return! Stay in touch, we miss you!

Dear TVA's:

Joyce asked me to write a little about my life in Indiana...so here it is!

There are 10 family members there. Two sons, their wives, one grandson, three granddaughters (plus one husband to be, in April) and a great granddaughter! I bought a home large enough to accommodate all of them, for family get-togethers.

My boys are only 4.8 and 6 miles away from me! We love having them stop by, but that means I must also have something good to feed them! Needless to say, when I am in Murrieta, I am on vacation! I want to make good memories for all of us to share, and this Christmas and Thanksgiving will be special.

We love the pace of living there, the fresh air, and no fences! But we will miss all of you, so don't forget us! Like General MacArthur once said "I shall return! And that includes the Elves!!!!

Blessings to all of you till we return,

Dana Jones and John Riley

Our Sincere *Get Well Wishes* go out to Susan Hull while she recovers from her surgery!! (Since this letter Susan has returned home) Here's a letter from Ron:



**To members of the TVMA,*

Susan's 8-19 liver transplant surgery took 6 hrs. She spent 6 days in ICU. Her new liver is doing perfect according to her doctors but she is experiencing nausea and can't go home till that is under control. She has a great attitude and is anxious to get home where her newly remodeled kitchen is waiting for her inspection. The remodel was started before she went into the hospital and is now finished. (All new appliances, new cabinets, granite counter tops and new paint) The anti-rejection medicine causes her immune system to be greatly weakened and she will need to avoid exposure to any viruses or germs for about 3 months. We'll be staying at home and being very careful during that period. After that she will be able resume normal activities a little at a time. Our 1931 Tudor is named "Special Treat Also". Thanks for asking.

Love,
Ron and Susan

EDSEL'S BABY LINCOLN



There's hardly a Model A owner anywhere that doesn't know Henry's nickname for his beloved Model T - "Tin Lizzie". But after a long bout with his business associates over keeping the T design in production, Henry finally wavered, and in May 1927, after having produced more than 15,000,000 Model Ts since 1908, Ford stopped all work on the assembly lines and began the process of retooling for his next success: the Model A.

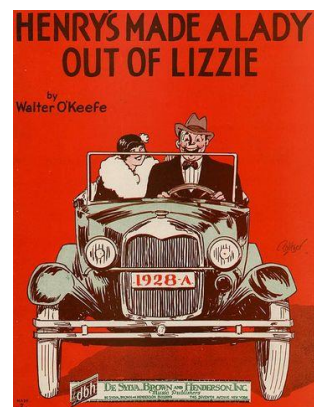
This "New Ford" would be equally attributable to both Henry and his son, Edsel. While Henry continues to oversee the mechanical design, it will be Edsel Ford who brings the new look to the production line and with it, a new nickname - "Baby Lincoln". Not such a surprise when you consider the fact that the younger Ford always showed more interest than his father in flashier styling for automobiles. He indulged this proclivity in part with the purchase of the Lincoln Motor Company in 1922. With the new job at hand, Edsel, along with the help of designer Jozsef Galamb set out on the quest for a sleeker more stylish Ford body, but he didn't stop there. Edsel also prevailed upon his father to allow the

inclusion of four-wheel mechanical brakes and a sliding-gear transmission on this new model. The resulting design (The Model A) was a huge commercial success.

As president, Edsel Ford often disagreed with his father on major decisions and was occasionally humiliated by the older man for it. Despite this, Edsel managed to introduce many lasting changes to the Ford empire. He founded and named the Mercury division and was responsible for the Lincoln Zephyr and Lincoln Continental. He significantly strengthened Ford Motors' overseas production, and modernized the company's cars, such as introducing hydraulic brakes.

So just perhaps, our Temecula Valley Model A Club should consider spreading a little of the appreciation we often feel for our cars in the direction of Henry's son, Edsel Ford! I'm sure that in some small way our "Baby Lincolns" already do!

by Robert 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.



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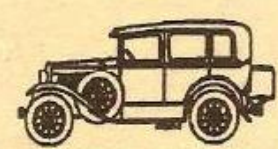
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