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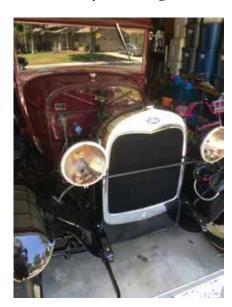
Socal Summer is Hot?

The Dan Report - Dan R.Cheatham II

This is our **Summer Issue**! June 1st immediately meant hot summer temperatures, as if someone had flipped a switch after looking at the calendar. It also meant that school is out ... need I say more: My available time hit the floor. I am now officially behind, but my kids are enjoying swim lessons and summertime camping. For that reason you are now going to be able to indulge in four months of news instead of a paltry two!

Given my deficit of time I chose to use it as wisely as possible. Thus, "Betty" my '28 Tudor Sedan, is back on her four feet and road-worthy again: Thanks to help from Larry and Rudy, my Tudor has a new head gasket and is finally running smoothly. With Larry and John we also tore apart the front two wheel assemblies, drive link and connecting rod, cleaned out 85 years of caked and baked grease, replaced the kingpins and worn out parts, readjusted the brake assemblies, painted and put it all back together. Drums and brake pads were good. Somehow I feel safer now knowing that I can actually stop the car. Hmm, fathom that. With help from my father I managed to invest in a Brassworks radiator and got that installed in a marathon Saturday. Yep! No more blowing steam after a short run around the block! That's a new experience for me. I got the kid's seatbelts installed and I am ready for some longer distance family driving. One part at a time Remember: It's not the destination, it's the journey! Where was I? ah yes, headlights ...

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"CCRG 2016"

Larry Beel reporting 2016 Central California Regional Group Gathering

April 15- 17 - The tour went to Clovis CA making a few stops on the way. First stop was at the 'Forestiere Underground Gardens' in Fresno. These had been dug for 40 years by Baldsare Forestiere from 1906 to 1946 rendering a cool underground facility. The owner started with 80 acres which has since been reduced to about 10 and now serves as his public resort. Second and third stops were at

private museums on the way consisting of a collection of '32's, most of which were hot rods, followed by Guy's Garage which was a collection of various vintage vehicles. The CCRG took place at Wolf Lakes Park, CA. Around 400 people attended including around 100 cars. The schedule kept everyone busy enough with lots of short

tours involved during the event. The creshendo was the large banquet including a country western singer who was actually very good. The highlight was aimed at the women. The ladies got the thrill of a lifetime with an Elvis impersonator. Two ladies of our group got scarves



from him. Steve won \$300 in the prize contest. On the way home we made a stop in Mojave out in the middle of nowhere. All in all a very entertaining tour, well worth the drive.

Joe got the 'hard luck' award on the trip with a sum total of 8 short pitstops.

"Murrieta Fireman's Barbeque"

Lori Perez reporting



Saturday, May 28 - It was a short drive for

most of the members who came. We were parked seperate from the actual barbeque. They had music, good foods and a good afternoon. Obviously many people came to inspect the cars and to ask questions. Some of our crew stayed for the opening of the barbeque and to enjoy the music.





Upcoming Group Tours & Events

Tour / Event	Leader RSVP	Start or Goal Location / Notes
Sept 10th (Sat) 'International Model A Day'	Ron Hull	Leaving Pat & Oscar's at 9:30am
Oct 1st (Sat) Hospice of the Valley's Wine & Chocolate	Rudy Perez	Fundraiser at Avensole Winery
Oct 1st (Sat) Yard Sale Tour (Preliminary Planning)	Laura Iverson	TBA

Upcoming Swap Meets and Gatherings

Meet	Location
Sept. 25 (Sun) Paradise Valley Model A Ford Club	Western Little League Regional HQ
55th Annual Swap Meet www.pvmafc.org 909-875-4545	6707 N. Little Legue Dr., San Bernardino, 92407

Picnic at Lawrence Welk''



Lori Perez reporting

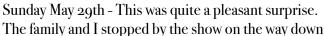
Saturday, May 28 - Picnic at Lawrence Welk was hosted by Bill & Joy Lieber and Family. Our tour met at the south end of Temecula at the Shell gas station under the huge U.S. flag, our usual starting line. Once assembled, we all then took off on the 15 headed south. We then diverted onto old 395. We took a little back road stopping at the 'Park and Ride' to pick up Bob Payne. Soon, we arrived at Lawrence Welk Drive with a sum total of 10 Model A's. The annual Picnic was hosted by Bill & Joy Lieber and family. The grills

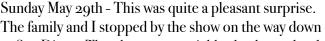
were on and the smell of onions and hamburgers quickly permeated the air. Everyone broke out their hot dogs, steak, beans, salads and chips. Larry Beel thoughtfully provided us with his homemade salsa. As if that wasn't enough, then came the desserts! Oh,my ... Everyone sure enjoyed a good portion of each one. Bill Lieber had a car parts game for all who wanted join in (even the women) involving spark plugs and fan belt... Bob Grieb won first place in the Men's category. I (Lori Perez) won first place for the women's group. Yea! All in all we were 27 people and we all had a great day. Thank you very much to Bill and Joy!

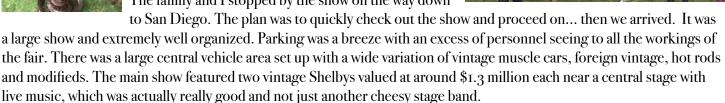


Fallbrook Vintage **Car Show 2016**

Dan Cheatham II reporting







There was a small number of stock cars here, mainly from the 50's and 60's including one of the oddest International Harvester Trucks I have yet seen. We found about four or five Model A's and Chevrolets in various states of modifications as well as a 1929 Graham Page Model 837 in stock condition designed and used as a tour car for Paramount Pictures. The front hood had been built as a locomotive. They had original photographs documenting the vehicle. There were



many booths surrounding the main show and there was a large albeit too expensive area for children games. At least they were considering the children, and therefore the parents! The pleasant surprise came though on the second and separate field of cars south of the main field, featuring pre-1915 vehicles of various makers: Ford Model

T's (at least 10 of these up from San Diego), an original 1909 REO, Overland, EMF, and several makers that I did not even recognize. I wish that we could have spent more time there but the time slipped though our fingers and our 'short' drop by had already amounted to three and a half hours. We will go back again next year! The organization and show design was flawless and very pleasant.





"Vista Knoll Care Center BBQ & Car Show"

Larry Beel reporting

Friday Saturday June 18 - Quaint is the word for this tour. We were the entertainment on this tour. The Vista Knoll Specialized Care Center invited our club to come out and bring our cars with us. With the gratious help from Jeanette MacAuley - Events Coordinator of the center, we arrived with about 10 cars and were able to confortably park. Seniors from the center were wheeled out and were able to see the cars and ask questions. We were provided with plenty to drink and good conversation. The event lasted about three hours before many started out on their treck home. I am sure that it was a good experience for the center and made a pleasant afternoon for the club members. For members of the center I am sure it brought back fond memories of times when these Fords were more prevailent on the roads.





"Cruzin' Grand - Escondido"

Dan Cheatham II reporting

Friday July 15 - Well this one is mine. My first 'group tour' even though I drove down by myself. I met up with our group down in Escondido. Cruzin' Grand takes place every Friday during the summer months and has 'featured car make' days. This Friday was Ford day: Model T's, Model A's and Early V8's. Rudy

joined us with his V8 and the rest of the club was present with their A's. My car performed flawlessly, running down Old Highway 395 at an outside



temperature of 100 F and got us home at night along the same stretch! Trial by fire without a sign of overheating! The kids really enjoyed the long drive for the first time in 'Betty'. My daughter insisted during the drive that our car needs to be named 'Betty Boop'. The Palomar A's were also there with quite a few cars as well as several Ts up from San Diego. Our sidestreet Broadway had around 60 vehicles of which only three were hot-rodded. I counted also two Model A Delivery Trucks, a 1930 restored California A-Fordor police car and a Chicago Fire Dept A-Pickup. Jim Gates, President of the Palomar A's let my kids hop in the rumble of his Roadster which they really liked!

The rest of Grand Avenue had its usual weekly festival with live music, throngs of people and a parade of diverse Vintage cruzing the main stretch. If you haven't been yet, it is well worth a Friday evening trip.







Dan Cheatham II reporting
July 30th - A lazy day afternoon at temperatures that resembled 'cozy', with a slight warm breeze. A perfect setting for a slow sundown, good music with large buffet, pizza shade tents and a backdrop of 10 Model A's. The air resonated

with the sounds of children kicking soccer balls and throwing frisbees, as well as the tunes of a decent live cover band playing classic rock, folk and country western. On arrival everyone was



confronted with the yearly annual irritant of how to actually get their cars through the tightly locked gates, but as usual ingenuity prevailed and the local sidewalk was requisitioned and served an enhanced purpose letting us onto the circle and offering us park our planned parking spots. Our group first set up the tents, chairs and tables then the foods. Once Sheila had opened the last bag of chips the buffet was besieged. Soon after it was Bingo in the sundown light. No one got lost, no one got the chicken, and no one went home hungry. All in all it was a very relaxed tour. Success is comfortable.

New Members

We welcome our newcomers and returnees to our club:

Ted Carli ('31 Tudor), Chuck Elert ('30 Pickup), Chuck & Nedra Grabowski ('30 Pickup), Wendy Harp ('30 Coupe), Mary & Kenneth Lavezzari ('29 Roadster), Rudy Lerma, Dwayne & Sharon McBride ('29 Tudor), Bill Quiroz (AA 1/2 ton Pickup & '30 Pickup), Linda & Doug Schmidt ('28 Coupe), Richard Shook ('29 Tudor), Henry & Norma Schrewsbury, and Ted Weist.

Member Birthdays & Anniversaries Upcoming

*Editor: I have changed Birthdays and anniversaries to reflect upcoming events and no longer past events so that everyone can use this to look up upcoming celebrations. I should help us stay ahead of the curve on congratulating members.

Birthdays		Anniversaries
8/4 Linda Misoni	9/7 Rudy Perez	8/2 Lindon & Anna Lewis
8/11 Bob Saxman	9/8 Clyde DuPree	8/19 Dwayne & Sharon McBride
8/21 Pat Jennings	9/13 Dwayne McBride	8/28 Chuck & Nedra Grabowski
8/22 Rudy Lerma	9/17 Ann Giacalone	8/31 Richard & Dorothy Allen
8/28 Laura Iverson	9/20 Ted Iverson	9/1 Dale & Eleanor Stanfield
8/29 Eleanor Stanfield	10/15 Bill Lieber	9/3 Robert & Dana Sammon
8/30 Joe Baltikauski	10/29 Dana Jones	9/10 Clyde & Carrol DuPree
9/1 Joe Patrick	10/31 Robert Sammon	10/3 Tom & Judy Spurlin
9/7 Larry Whipple		10/10 Doug & Linda Schmidt
		10/16 John & Linda Misoni

Ted and Laura Iverson - Featured Member

by Laura Iverson



In late 1928, in Canada, the 'FAYATON' was created. It was sent to Uruguay where it was first registered in 1929 – that is why it is listed as a 1929 on its registration. Around 1981, someone brought the phaeton to the

United States where Bob Maricle from Sunland purchased and did some restoration on it. Bob and his wife, Carla, loved this car. It was really more her car than his. They often used it in the Hollywood Christmas parade carrying celebrities such as Elvira, the Raiderettes and Gerald McRaney. Since the car is right-hand drive, Carla thought it was a riot to pull a prank on people







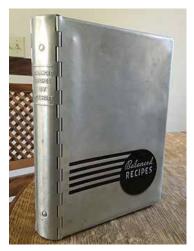
driving behind them; she would suddenly turn around from the 'driver's seat' to reach in the back to the ice chest and she could see the driver's behind them swiftly back-off thinking she was the one steering. After Carla passed away, it broke Bob's heart to look and hang-on to the car. So having heard that he wanted to sell it, Rudy hooked us up with Bob and we bought the car in April 2005. The car needed a bit of attention...the roof need replacing, the doors need adjusting so they would not pop open as you turned corners, the radiator needed attention and some other minor things. It came with some



cool original items such as its Montevideo license plate and the original registration book from Uruguay. The car also had AR parts such as a multi-disc clutch and a sided mounted handbrake. It had not yet been converted to 12v, which was a problem at night because as you stepped on the brakes the headlamps would dim.

On our first day long tour, to Oceanside, we blew a hardened valve seat and bent a valve. We limped home and soon had engine work done. We have since replaced the whole engine, the roof, added more leaf springs, converted to 12v, updating to halogen lights and adding turn signals and converted to a single disc clutch – which involved rebuilding the transmission. Eventually, we will finish getting the parts for the side curtains and that will help with the windiness in the rear seat.

Since many Model A owners name their cars, we briefly considered calling this on the 'Phaeton Menace' due to the condition it came to us in – but no. We love this car, even if it is not an 'all weather' car. Laura is most happy about the roof replacement! We have fun with it being right-hand drive too. It totally throws off the servers in a fast food drive through.



1<u>920's and 1930's Culinaries Colum</u>n

Peanut Butter Balls - The Dilsbury Way!

written in honor of Larry and Bobbie's Cookies!

Again in honor of the Whipples I am sticking with their wonderful cookies. The Peanut Butter Cookie AS WE KNOW IT came about in 1931-32 and Pilsbury gave it it's form. The actual batter recipe is apparently older but it was a simple ball cookie prior to 1931. The 'Peanut Butter Ball' cookie dough is thicker than other cookie dough because of the thick peanut butter and commonly would not bake completely through as a ball or end up too hard on the outside when baked longer. Pillsbury was promoting the use of the pronged fork as a tool in cooking and baking in the late 1920's. In 1933 Pillsbury Flour Mills Company produced the "Balanced Recipes" cookbook under the direction of Mary Ellis Ames, Head

of Staff at Pillsbury' Cooking Service. This cookbook is a unique aluminum cased ring binder containing individual removable indexed recipe cards. One could subscribe to the service and get additional cards sent to you through the mail. It also contained extra cards for your own recipes. One could have the cook book mailed to

friends or family for \$1.25 or for \$1.00 if you included a recipe slip from a sack of Pillsbury's Best Flour.

The historical baking milestone is on card 76: "Peanut Butter Balls". It recommends to form the dough into a ball THEN to "press each cookie once with the tines of a fork to flatten". This technique not only cured the problem of the unbaked middles, it made the cookies more attractive. The new form made the cookie popular in the cooking magazines and literature of the time and the technique made it into American households across the nation. I learned it as a technique from my own grandmother, except that we pressed down twice creating a criss-cross pattern. This variation is the most well known.



On a last note: the recipe book is

also interesting for the section called "Menus" because of the helpful menus for contemporary women to prepare for their guests at home. This was an important societal function still in the 1920's and 30's. Cards in this section include: "After the Football Game Menu" (consider that there was no television at the time); "Bridge Luncheon Plate Combinations"; "Pink and White Party Luncheon"; "Sunday Night Fireside Suppers" (listening to the radio); and the all important "Motor Picnic Meals" (what to pack in your Model A! Camping and Picnicking was a trendy craze in the 1920s). I guarantee you my grandmother would have used this section a lot.

MYSTERIES

PEANUT DROP COOKIES

REFRIGERATOR COOKIES

SCOTCH SHORTBREAD SOUR CREAM DOUGHNUTS

SOUR CREAM MOLASSES COOKIES
SPICED CHOCOLATE COOKIES

TROPICAL TEA CAKES

"It is all one to me if a man comes from Sing Sing Prison or Harvard. We hire a man, not his history" -Henry Ford

The 1920's Decade of Decadence!

The 1928 - 1931 Model A Era - From Prosperity to The Great Depression - (A short history for our members)

In the last issue I wrote generally about the four years of change from 1928 to 1931, the Stock Market crash and beginning of the 'Great Depression' which caused it. In this second part lets take a quick look back at the 1920's decade.

The roaring 20's were a change in societal affluence in the U.S. which resulted in a higher availability of currency and credit. The 1920's were wild with change but the stage was set for the decade right at the end of the previous. The ending of the 'Great War' and its international fallout, the passing of the 18th amendment and the beginning of Prohibition, the 'Suffragette Movement' together with the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote, the ever increasing advances in industry, the introduction of electricity and with this the large numbers of radios in the home, all this was changing the wealth and consciousness of the average citizen. The new bicycle craze and ever more affordable cars led the expansion in roads and the general transportation infrastructure. Henry Ford was central to these development with his Model T. Unemployment became lower, with only the farming communities in the southwest stagnating.

With this new wealth people were able to afford personal and business vehicles, non-work related clothing, better homes and tools. They also became much more mobile and people began to get out to 'see the world'. A camping craze broke out. This newfound mobility led to a greater understanding of the world surrounding them. Local travel became more accessible and the 'world' encompassed greater distances for average people.

There came a change in personal style: For younger women bobbed hair (bobbies) and 'short flapper' dresses (flappers). This was a much criticized break with the more conservative era preceding the Great War. Plush fur coats were all the craze for the affluent. Extravagant cloth and jewelry was the name of the game. Under the heightened influence of the now voting female population, women had a large boost in their self-confidence and began emancipating themselves from the previously conservative and more restrictive ways, both publicly and within the family unit. With the help of radio, jazz and band music became popular and accessible to many who previously only heard music at church and local town gatherings. One must also remember that on average a woman still changed clothes 4-5 times during the day. Women's patterns from catalogs such as Butterick and Simplicity, and the ever increasing availability of higher quality materials from industry allowed women to sew much more at home and stay up with the fashions popular at that time.

Men generally had work clothes, city clothes and evening attire. Those who could now afford it also began wearing more of the popular male 'formal attire' on weekends. The cravat and scarf became the bow tie and then the short neck tie for men. The tall 'cylinder' top hat of the 1900's changed slowly, first to a felt or fur 'bowler' and the straw 'boater' with he first signs of the 'fedora' beginning to become popular. The floppy work cap remained very popular for the craftsman.

During this decade the cracks also began to develop. 'Decadence', so decried by those opposed to the changes became more the norm in industrialized and city regions with gains in personal wealth. Prohibition was also enacted which led to the growth of the Speakeasy and illicit alcohol. With this 'bootlegging and crime began to show its ugly face. Businesses were also beginning to be looser with its use of credit and Wall Street began to develop what is now called a "bubble".



Trivia Question:

Although this is obviously a "Ford" airplane, the only Ford airplane built by Ford in the 1930's and 1940's was a tri-motor airship. **Name this aircraft - Manufacturer and Model.**There is a Ford prize to be awarded at our next meeting for the winner. We will draw straws if more than one anwswers correctly. Answers please to dan@dancheatham.net

Classifieds

Late 1931 Ford Model A Tudor Sedan / Rebuilt Radiator and Transmission, 12V, Luggage Rack, 6- powder-coated Wheels, Wood dash and window trim, Win-wings, good interior and many new fittings \$ 12000 OBO Contact: Lloyd "Pappy" Bicking (909) 816-9373





1929 Ford Model A Fordor / B-motor & transmission with overdrive / 12 volt electrical, CB Radio \ \$ 11500 OBO Contact: Ken & Mary Lavazari at (951) 302-1980







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The Arcane Secrets to Buying, Searching and Selling on eBay

This is the second article on eBay. This time I am concentrating on how to search for things and still have some fun by more efficiently finding what you were actually looking for.

II. The Search - Efficient Searching is more fun!

1. Firstly!

When searching one must differ between your home computer or laptop, with its internet browser of choice (Safari, Firefox, Internet Explorer or Google Chrome), AND searches conducted through 'Ebay Apps' on IPads, tablets, IPhones and various smartphones. Mobile apps are now much more efficient to search with, especially on the Ebay Apps for iPads and Tablets, whereas the full website on computer and laptops have faster bid speeds for that last second bid done at home. When one 'watches' an item in EBay (explained below) and has an IPhone, Smart Phone, IPad or digital Tablet, EBay will send you an on-screen warning (notification) that the item is up for bid 15 minutes to end, and again at 5 minutes before the bidding time runs out. This 'reminder' function is one of the best things about these mobile devices. Getting that reminder is worth gold.

2. Watch List: Use this! The button is usually just under the 'Place bid' button in the apps. On your computer in your browser it is not a button, rather a link just under the bid buttons on the item's page. Put interesting parts into your watch list to follow them until the bid is ending. This gives you time to do some research on them and ask key questions. If the part does not sell the buyer may re-list the part. Some parts will simply loop after not selling and stay in your watch list until eventually sold. You can always find your items again if you have to take a break. When you come back to it, the item is in your 'Watch List'.

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- 3. Cleverer and smarter searches: I like the sellers with no idea as to what they are selling!
 - A good working example of how to find them: Think it through. Search "Model A Ford Tire Pump" and you will find the expensive original 1928-1931 tire pump for between \$60 \$250 depending on whether or not it is a remake or really an original, and depending on the condition of the pump. The listings that are correct are from "professionals" or well informed Model A fanatics. There are also many Model T pumps in this search list because the pre-'28 pumps had "Ford" in script on their bases and many sellers falsely believe they are for a Model A. I found mine for \$25 and restored it myself and now it has a value of \$150-\$175 retail, but how? My search term was "Old Tire Pump", "Vintage Tire Pump" and "Antique Tire Pump". I did not put "Ford" or "Model A" in my search term at all. The Model A Ford tire pump does not have "Ford" anywhere on it and it also carries no serial numbers. The clueless sellers don't know this and list it based on what they see, not on their knowledge to the piece!!! It works again and again. Think it through. Use "Old", "Vintage" and "Antique" with your search term but without "Ford". See what you find, but KNOW YOUR PART! The seller apparently doesn't. Prices are thus lower and the sellers are much more flexible.
- 4. Efficient Searches and Item "Following": The hunt is on! But you enter a short item description and get between 200-28,000 item hits that you have to sift through. Ugh! Refine your search term. "Model A Ford" gives you 28,000 because it includes everything from all cars, restored and junked, to all Model A parts and all Model A accessories dealing because "Model A" and "Ford" was somewhere in their part description. "Model A Ford Carburetor" gives you 200 hits running from \$20 to \$450. Many of those are not even for a Model A (clueless sellers who are guessing). "Model A Ford Zenith Carburetor" drops all of the "Tillotson' and 'Marvel-Scholar' carburetors and other unnecessary stuff from the list. Now it's a useful list.
 - So now you work through the remaining list. If nothing reasonable is there at the moment, find the red "Follow this Search" link and click it! From now on you only need to look at the "Followed Searches" item in your "My Ebay" menu top right of your screen. Now ONLY the new and re-listed items will show up when you click the "followed" search title, and Ebay will automatically notify you when something new has been listed which matches your search.
- 5. **Check the "Sellers other items"**: When you find your item, look at the "Seller information" in the item's post on the right of your screen. There is a link called "See other Items" and/or "Seller's other Items". This is great! Find out who your seller really is here! Here you can quickly figure out if you are dealing with: a Professional, Amateur, or hopefully someone without a clue! He/she who is better informed wins! Sellers with abbreviated names and large numbers are professionals (fictitious example: $d^{***}c$ (3456)- this pro has 3456 bought and sold items clocked up).
- 6. "Follow the Seller" if items in their items list are the type of items you are usually looking for. This is where the "professionals" and the "Ebay stores" can actually be of use if you cannot seem to find what you are looking for. They might run across it and list it at a later point in time because it is something they normally deal in. Write and ask!

Happy Fishing!

COME JOIN US:

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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 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 invoke. Membership is \$15 annually ans is open to anyone with or without a Ford Model A.

We are a chapter club of the MAFCA (Model A Ford Club of America) therefore a MAFCA membership is encouraged.

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