



# The Grapevine



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Temecula Valley Ford Model A Club

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## MEMBER'S in MOTION!



On Saturday September 24th the club had a tour with 8 Model A's, one Model T and a modern car hosted by the Hidden Valley Model T Club. We went to the California Surf Museum in Oceanside.

The museum has been open for 38 years and has an incredible collection of surfboards and memorabilia showcasing the rich history that is very strong in Southern California, Hawaii and other parts of the world.

After seeing the museum, the group drove and had lunch at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse in Carlsbad before heading home for the day.



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### October Tour learning the history of Murrieta

On Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>, the club had a local tour to learn about the amazing history of the City of Murrieta.

We had a small group of 4 Model A's make the drive.

We started at the Murrieta Valley Historical Society & Museum, who's curators are Lori Perez' sister and brother-in-law. Lori's family settled in Murrieta over 100 years ago. Many items used by her family have been generously donated to the museum for all to see and enjoy.

After the museum, we drove to the KEA Mill. This was the first grain elevator in Riverside County, was used to store grain and utilized the adjacent railroad that went through at the time.



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We then went to the old abandoned Murrieta Equestrian Center that is now owned by the City. It once housed world class stallion and mare race horses. Sadly, the buildings on the property are set to be demolished in the future. The last stop was the Laurel Cemetery, where we learned how it came to be. Lori showed us where her parents, both sets of grandparents and other relatives are buried. We concluded the tour with a nice lunch at The Mill Restaurant before calling it a day.

## UPCOMING TOURS & EVENTS

OCT 27	Thur	Camp Pendelton Tour – Leaving Temecula Flag 8 a.m.
OCT 29	Sat	Cahuilla Casino Car Show – Anza, CA 10 a.m.-5p.m.
NOV 5	Sat	Orange Blossom A’s Car Show – Riverside, CA 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
NOV 17	Thur	General Meeting – Richie’s Real American Diner – Murrieta, CA 6 p.m.
NOV 24-28	Thur-Mon	Thanksgiving Tour – Las Vegas, NV South Pointe Casino
DEC 3	Sat	Christmas Party – Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium 12 p.m.-3p.m.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10/7 Jayne Schneider  
 10/15 Barbara Von Nordheim  
 10/18 Les Von Nordheim  
 10/29 Dana Jones

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

10/1 Vern & Diane Walden  
 10/1 Phil & Shirley Messenger  
 10/16 John & Linda Misoni  
 10/22 Bob & Sandy Danko

## COMMON COURTESIES & RULES WHEN TOURING WITH A GROUP

- \* CARS & PASSENGERS SHOULD BE READY TO LEAVE AT THE DESIGNATED TIME (GASSED UP) \*
- \* FOLLOW THE LEADER AND THE DESIGNATED ROUTE, MAINTAIN THE SPEED OF THE TOUR AS SET BY THE LEADER \*
- \* KEEP THE CAR BEHIND YOU IN VIEW, ESPECIALLY AT CORNERS OR IN TOWN. DON'T LOSE THEM \*
- \* THE TAIL CAR (TAIL ENDER) IS APPOINTED TO RUN LAST WITH A CB RADIO. DON'T TRY TO GET BEHIND HIM UNLESS YOU'RE IN A MODERN CAR \*
- \* COMMUNICATE WITH THE LEADER OR TAIL ENDER VIA CB RADIO OR CELL PHONE IF NECESSARY \*
- \* KEEP ENOUGH DISTANCE BETWEEN CARS TO ALLOW OTHER TRAFFIC TO PASS SAFELY \*
- \* NO CAR SHOULD LEAVE THE TOUR (PULL OVER AND STOP) WITHOUT FIRST NOTIFYING THE LEADER AND (OR) TAIL ENDER \*
- \* YOU SHOULD NOT PASS ANOTHER MODEL A ON TOUR UNLESS THEY HAVE STOPPED BECAUSE OF TROUBLE \*
- \* WHEN SOMEONE BREAKS DOWN, YOU SHOULD PULL OVER AND STOP ONLY IF IT IS SAFE TO DO SO AND YOU'RE EQUIPPED TO ACTUALLY HELP \*
- \* INSTRUCT ANY GUESTS YOU MAY BRING ABOUT RESPECTING OTHER CARS, THEY ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY \*
- \* ABIDE BY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS \*
- \* ON TOURS, THE MODERN CARS SHALL ALWAYS FOLLOW THE MODEL A's \*

### 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 Josh Ferguson,  
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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.

## Temecula Valley A's General Meeting September 15, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm, Pledge of Allegiance led by Valorie Sparks

**President: Stu McLaughlin:** Attendance is down as a number of our members are not here this evening due to illness or travel. Rudy and Lori Perez are traveling with Josh, Wendy and Justin Ferguson visiting Ford Motor sights in Detroit. Stu asked if there are any special-mention items or free parts available. There were no responses. Stu mentioned that the white board has been updated with club related activities for September and October with double events listed most weekends. Dwayne McBride mentioned the Vista Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum dates of October 15-16 and October 22-23, 2022. If members wish to attend, he will provide wagon rides. Sharon McBride mentioned the Bates Nut Farm event for Farm Days on September 24 and 25, 2022 in Valley Center. The McBride's will participate with their tractor club and invited Model A members to "parade Model A's with the tractors" if they come. Stu and Kryn mentioned going to Bates Nut Farm and gift shops with their Model A in a previous year.

**Secretary: Sharon McBride (acting for Sheila Saxman):** I asked for corrections or additions to the July Meeting Minutes, there were none, so I asked for a vote to approve the minutes, approved, no additions. **Treasurer and Membership: Ben Iverson (for Ted and Laura Iverson):** He explained his parents are currently in PA. Ben reported the beginning balance, income and expenses and ending balance of \$4232.82. Members have access to the checkbook details on the club website. Ben reminded members that Membership Dues of \$15 per family for 2023 are due in October. Ben gave the membership attendance this evening as 19 (plus Teddy).

**Tour Recaps:** Stu noted tours and events are listed in the Club Newsletter. Sharon McBride mentioned the July 23rd events at the DeJong Dairy (including famous chocolate milk from the "Chocolate Cows.") and farm menagerie animals to view and feed. Also mentioned was the sky diving we watched and comments from participants before and after the sky dive. Also mentioned, Jack's Man Cave visit to his personal museum in Temecula. Stu mentioned, he almost got rid of the Chicken Award at the August 6 Museum of Making Music event, but it was a Model T that had problems, not a Model A, so Stu still has the Chicken Award.

**Upcoming Tours and Events:** Larry Beel mentioned September 24 tour to California Surf Museum in Oceanside; October 15 - Murrieta Historical Society Tour – sign-up sheets were passed. Larry also mentioned he is working on a Thanksgiving Tour (originally intended for Death Valley, cancelled due to recent road floods). The new Thanksgiving tour will be to Las Vegas with events to be determined after he and Karen do a preview run in the next week or so.

**Activities: Karen Beel and Kryn McLaughlin:** The raffle collected \$65.00; \$32 for the club and \$33 to be divided by 3 winners. The 3 winners were: \$13 – Dwayne McBride, \$10 – Karen Beel, \$10 – Ben Iverson. Kryn donated custom made earrings and Glen Wior donated model A parts, plus other donations.

**Newsletter:** Stu requested members make contributions to the newsletter, suggesting rust buckets, etc. **Historian:** Stu revealed trivia about Henry Leland, a machinist born in Vermont and founder of Cadillac in 1902. He was the first to see the importance of interchangeable car parts. After he sold Cadillac in 1917, he founded the successful Lincoln Motor Car Co. This caught the eye of Edsel Ford and Lincoln was eventually bought out by Ford. Lincoln and Ford are the longest surviving car manufacturers.

**Sunshine: Sharon McBride (for Joyce Grieb):** Joyce was looking forward to being at the meeting, but a last minute illness kept her away. August and September Birthdays and Anniversaries were read. Sharon then read the article for the latest "The Restorer" magazine.

**Tech Time:** Chuck Grabowsky distributed hand outs and gave a tech talk on "shorts" and Ignition Timing for the Model A. (Kryn and Sharon make apologies for giggling during the tech talk). Chuck mentioned "if you're a guy like me, you only touch (something?) once when you get zapped, followed by smoke and fire, as I burned up a couple of (them) before Larry got me squared away." Next Meeting is October 20, 2022. Meeting Adjourned 7:12 p.m.



# MODEL A PARTS & RESTORATION RESOURCES

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**- Parts -**

Arizona Model A – 15838 S. Gilbert Rd., Chandler, AZ 85225  
480.782.0266

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**- Wood Kits -**

Brothers A Wood – 2250 N. 64<sup>th</sup> St., Mesa, AZ 85215  
480.620.3263

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**- Polishing & Chrome -**

Pacific Polishing – 860 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Pomona, CA 91766  
909.620.9557

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**- Powder Coating -**

Precision Powder Coating- 27610 Commerce Center Dr., Suite 102, Temecula, CA92590  
951.693.5600

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**- Speedometer Rebuilds -**

Bill Horswood – 4058 Rountree Rd., Ayden, NC 28513  
252.714.8751

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**- Upholstery Kits -**

Classtique Upholstery – 30350 Akerson St., Lindstrom, MN 55045  
651.484.9022

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**- License Plates & Frames YOM -**

California Old License Plates  
707.344.3408

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714.614.5584

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**- Mitchell Overdrive & Transmission Installs -**

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