

THE RUMBLE SHEET

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Welcome

The Rumble Sheet is your go-to source for all things Model A. From the President's message to club announcements, activities calendars, and a classifieds section – it's your insider's guide to the Model A world.



Henry Ford's Timberland Triumph

In the saga of Henry Ford's grand plans, even the forests of Michigan's Upper Peninsula couldn't escape his vision. Picture it: Henry Ford, striding through the dense woodlands, envisioning not just trees, but the very framework of his automobiles. It was a tale of business, pleasure, and a touch of lumberjack flair!

Ford wasn't content with just cranking out cars; he wanted to control every step of the process. So, in a move that left Mother Nature both impressed and bewildered, he bought up a whopping 313,000 acres of timberland. It wasn't just about chopping down trees; it was about crafting an empire of automotive self-sufficiency.

With the precision of a surgeon and the gusto of a frontier explorer, Ford set to work. Sawmills sprang up like mushrooms after a rainstorm, churning out lumber faster than you could say "Model A." From floorboards to wheels, every part of a Ford seemed destined to have a touch of Michigan's forests in its DNA.

But behind every great mogul is a trusty sidekick, and for Ford, that was Edward G. Kingsford. This man didn't just sell Fords; he practically bled Ford blue. When Henry needed timberland, Kingsford made it happen. And thus, a legend was born – not just of cars, but of a man who saw the forest for the trees, and turned them into wheels that changed the world.

Letter to The Editor

Dear Editor,

I enjoyed the feature article about Henry Ford in the last issue but the "dark side" of this very talented person was overlooked. He was genius in his ideas of assembly lines, economies of scale in productions, marketing, etc. However, his loyalty was split to support oppressive regimes in Europe. He was openly antisemitic and even published a subversive newspaper that expressed his views. He did support our government's war efforts in producing airplanes, engines, and other valuable assets for the US and its allies. His son, Edsel, was openly appalled at his father's views and publicly spoke out as a means of smoothing things over. Personally, I know my father never would purchase a Ford product until about 15 years after his demise! If anyone is interested in learning more about Henry Ford I urge you to "google" his name. Amazon has multiple books that tell the story.

I loved my 3 Model A's and now enjoy my classic Mustang but I have mixed feelings (as a Jew) about his legacy.

I truly miss my San Fernando Valley car friends since I have moved to Northern California. If in the Sacramento area, please give me a call (my number is in the roster).

Harry Hirschensohn



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I had finished the April president's message a few weeks ago. While driving home from the Mosher sale on March 23 rd., I was reflecting on the interaction and influences of Ron Mosher on my life. Time to rewrite this month's message. As a side note, it was fitting we had perfect Turlock weather for his swap meet. I just missed the January mud.

It was a little over a year ago I got a call from Ron. He asked me to be Member at Large. I asked him what that entailed and he said whatever I ask you to do. I could not refuse his request. Was he setting me up to take over as President? We will never know.

Ron made a lot of friends in the Model A world. Always answering questions and sharing his knowledge. Two things that stick out in my mind about my interaction with Ron at Turlock or other swap meets, he was always kind of too busy to talk to me. Then he would say to me, "come over to the shop, we will have all the time in the world to talk". And we did. The other thing is, if I picked up an item to buy, I would ask him the price. He would say maybe \$10.00 - and then he would tell me this is a swap meet. You never pay the asking price but, at the shop, there was no bargaining because his prices were always fair.

Ron sold me my Sport Coupe and took my other car in on trade. He gave me a Lifetime Warranty. I guess I should have read the fine print. Who's lifetime? On this gloomy day in March, Ron is smiling down on us knowing his legacy will go on for another 100 years in many Ford Model A's.

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3rd Thursday of the Month 7:30PM
January - November
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Who We Are

The San Fernando Valley Model A Club (SFVMAC), a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA), is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for enthusiasts of the Model A Ford car, to aid members and other enthusiasts in their efforts to restore and preserve the car in its original likeness. The Rumble Sheet is the newsletter of the SFVMAC, published monthly, January through November. The organization disclaims any liability for the technical information provided herein. The material published are the opinions of the authors and not those of the organization.

We invite all those interested in the Model A Ford to join us. Ownership of a Model A Ford is not required. All members must join MAFCA. Membership includes a subscription to the newsletter. Material in the Rumble Sheet may be used in other publications provided that credit is given for the source.



GENERAL CLUB MEETING

Greetings, fellow aficionados of all things Model A! It's that time again – time to rev up those engines and cruise on down to our beloved San Fernando Valley Model A Club's general meeting at Galpin Ford. Get ready for an agenda that'll have you revving your engines and laughing 'til your pistons pop and maybe even win some cash to splurge on car parts or, in Brendan's case, potentially a lifetime supply of sparkly tinsel decor from Hobby Lobby.

First things first, we kicked off the meeting with the good ol' pledge of allegiance – because nothing says "classic car enthusiasts" like a good dose of patriotism, am I right?

Next up, we showed off our charitable side by presenting a hefty donation check to The Boeckmann Charitable Foundation. Hey, it's not all about horsepower and chrome – sometimes we like to flex our philanthropic muscles too.

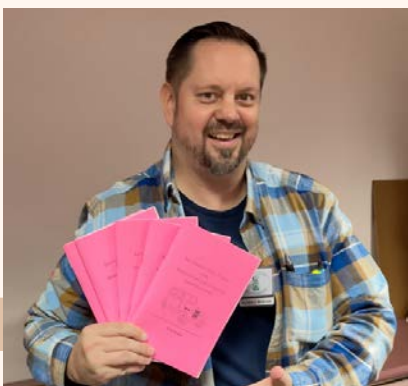
Now, onto the good stuff. Mark your calendars, folks, because we've got some exciting events lined up! From devouring pancakes at the Orange County Model A Club Pancake Breakfast to strutting our stuff in the Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade. And let's not forget to practice those parade waves, ladies – Catherine Levin, you're our parade queen in training! And don't forget to spread the word about our swap meet and car show – because who doesn't love a good old-fashioned automotive extravaganza?

In other news, we're on the hunt for a venue to host our holiday club banquet. Got any suggestions? Feel free to shout 'em out – just make sure they've got enough parking space for a fleet of antique beauties.

Oh, and speaking of beauties, Stewart Levin just scored himself 20 bucks in the members-only drawing. Congrats, Stewart! Meanwhile, Brendan Beatty walked away with 40 big ones in the 50/50 drawing. Just try not to blow it all on car decorations, Brendan – we know how tempting those arts and crafts stores can be.

And hey, if you're in need of a snazzy name badge or a handy-dandy club roster, Russell's got you covered. So grab yours today and hit the road with your fellow Model A enthusiasts. Who knows, maybe you'll even convince some unsuspecting souls to join us on our next driving tour!

So, there you have it, folks – another rip-roaring meeting in the books for the San Fernando Valley Model A Club. Keep those engines purring and those spirits high – because with a crew like ours, the road ahead is always paved with laughter, camaraderie, and maybe just a hint of motor oil. Until next time, keep on tootin' down the road of Model A glory!



ERA FASHION

Rayon: From Wood to Wearables

Ah, rayon, the fabric that's like the middle child of the textile world. Not quite natural, not entirely synthetic, but somehow managing to be the favorite of both camps. It's the chameleon of the fashion industry, mimicking the luxurious feel of silk, the cozy embrace of wool, and the breathability of cotton, all while being as versatile as your favorite pair of jeans. But how did this wonder fabric come to be? Let's take a stroll down memory lane, shall we?

Back in the Model A years of 1928-1931, when flapper dresses were all the rage, rayon was making its debut in the fashion scene. They called it "artificial silk," and boy, did it have everyone fooled. Little did they know, rayon was the original man-made fiber, born from the depths of a chemist's mind and a tree's bark.

Picture this: a Swiss chemist named Georges Audemars, armed with nothing but a needle and some mulberry bark pulp, decides to play mad scientist and create threads that could be woven into cloth. Spoiler alert: it was a slow, sticky mess. But hey, we've all got to start somewhere, right?

Fast forward a few decades to France, where another chemist, Hilaire de Charbonnet, takes Audemars' idea and runs with it. He patents an artificial silk made from cellulose, but there's a slight hiccup—it's as flammable as a gas station on the Fourth of July. Oops! Don't worry, though, Charbonnet, you're still the father of the rayon industry in our hearts.

Enter three British inventors—Charles Cross, Edward Bevan, and Clayton Beadle—stage right. These lads crack the code and come up with a safe and practical method of producing what they dub "viscose rayon." It's cheaper, easier, and thankfully, not a fire hazard. Phew! Suddenly, rayon is the belle of the ball, stealing the spotlight from its natural fiber siblings and synthetic cousins alike.

But wait, there's more! Rayon isn't just one-trick pony. Oh no, it's got layers, like an onion or a really fancy parfait. Over the years, variations like viscose, modal, and lyocell have popped up, each with its own special twist on the classic rayon recipe. It's like a choose-your-own-adventure book, but with fabric.

And here we are, in the present day, still rocking rayon like it's 1928. So the next time you slip into your favorite rayon blouse or twirl in a flowy rayon dress, take a moment to thank those pioneering chemists and maybe even give a nod to the trees whose wood pulp made it all possible. After all, fashion may change with the times, but rayon? Rayon is forever.



Source: mafca.com

The approximate amount of wood needed to make this dress.



Source: heddels.com

CLUB TOUR

VASQUEZ ROCKS & LA CABANA



Gather 'round, folks! Picture this: a quirky bunch of petrolheads from The San Fernando Valley Model A Club gearing up for an epic road trip. Fueling up on caffeine and sugar at Chris & Amy McCabe's joint, we revved our engines and hit the road, a convoy of 5 Model As. At Vasquez Rocks, we struck our best "antique car club" poses for the mandatory group photo. Then, like a synchronized parade, we cruised over to La Cabana Restaurant in Acton, where our taste buds were treated to a fiesta of flavors. Model As, Mexican cuisine, and merry memories—another day in the life of our wacky club!



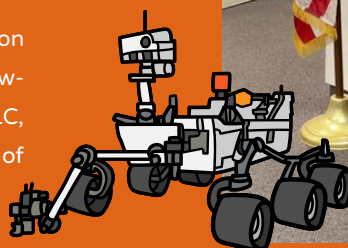
NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Step right up and give a warm, engine-revving welcome to the newest addition to the San Fernando Valley Model A club: Scott Doudrick!

Scott comes to us with a pedigree that's as classic as his yellow 1931 Sport Coupe Model A – a gem that's been in the family since the 1980s, originally purchased by his grandfather. With a history like that, you know he's got some stories to tell!

But Scott's not just here to admire his antique beauty; oh no, he's ready to roll up his sleeves and get his hands dirty. With basic maintenance experience on Model As and a knack for tinkering, he's offering his expertise to fellow Model A owners. And hey, who wouldn't want a former NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory veteran on their side?

Yep, you heard that right – Scott spent a whopping 25 years working on multiple Mars missions, and he's got the interplanetary hardware know-how to prove it. So if you find yourself in need of some Model A TLC, Scott's your man. Just be sure to bring your wrench and a sense of humor – and maybe a few Mars rocks for good measure!



The San Fernando Valley Model A Club is abuzz as they welcome Caleb Conner, their newest member, into the fold. Caleb's journey into the Model A world is as adventurous as a cross-country road trip in one of these classic beauties.

It all began with a call from his friend Joe in Washington, who had impulsively bought a 1929 Model A Roadster Pick-Up. Intrigued, Caleb plunged into researching Model A's, wrestling with the question of whether he, being tall, would fit comfortably behind the wheel.

Facing options from a trailer-towing escapade to flying out for an in-person inspection, Caleb discovered the San Fernando Valley Model A Club, a haven of antique auto expertise. A call to President Larry Margules led him to Vice President Mike Petrella, owner of a 1929 Roadster pick-up.

After a comically awkward entry into Mike's truck, Caleb emerged victorious, prepared to tackle owning his own Model A. Armed with Les Andrews' "Red Book" and a shopping list, Caleb ventured to Seattle to claim his new ride.

Despite a long, uneventful trip, Caleb's determination remained unshaken. With the truck now snug in his buddy's garage, Caleb eagerly dove into restoring his antique acquisition. Plans were set to load up and head back to Cali, where Caleb would proudly join his fellow Model A enthusiasts on the open road.

As Caleb delves deeper into the Model A world, his adventurous spirit and eagerness to learn promise an exciting journey ahead. With his trusty Roadster pick-up by his side, the San Fernando Valley Model A Club braces for the ride of a lifetime with Caleb Conner in the driver's seat!



MODEL A WOOD RESTORATION

Gather 'round, fellow Model A aficionados! Prepare to embark on a journey through the wild world of wood restoration, led by none other than the illustrious President of the San Fernando Valley Model A Club, Larry Margules! With a passion for woodworking and a knack for bringing antique beauties back to life, Larry's presentations are as educational as they are entertaining. Get ready to laugh, learn, and maybe even find a newfound appreciation for the humble art of Model A restoration!



WOOD WOES & WHIMSIES

Question: Why did the Model A wood blocks and boards cross the road?

Answer: To escape the squeaks and creaks of conformity! But seriously, let's talk wood and wonder: Did you know that back in the day, Model A wood parts weren't just for support; they were the unsung heroes of alignment, preventing car parts from playing hide and squeak? So, if you're puzzling over your Model A's body blocks like it's a game of Tetris gone wrong, fear not! Rubber pads were the secret sauce, ensuring that doors aligned with the grace of a prima ballerina and keeping squeaks at bay. And hey, don't forget the black wood preservative – because even Model A wood knows the importance of a little black dress!

Question: Knock, knock! Who's there? A 1929 Murray Town Sedan! But where's its body number plate hiding?

Answer: Inside the right door, under the floor carpet, nailed to the wood sub frame! But hey, if you're in Canada, eh, you might be in for a treasure hunt. Oh, and don't fret if it's missing – those nail holes might just be its calling card!

Question: Got wood? No, seriously, got wood for a '29 Tudor turned woody wagon? Because I'm a woodworker with dreams!

Answer: Well, hot dog! The Woody Wagon club's got your back with detailed drawings for your woody masterpiece. And if you're not in the mood to DIY, Pleasantville Mfg Co. might just have the perfect kit. But hey, who says you can't channel your inner carpenter and make that Model A shine like the star it is?

Question: What's the deal with the rubber gasket-like material above the windshield on a '29 Closed Cab Pickup?

Answer: Ah, the mysteries of the cab – but fear not, silicone rubber is here to save the day! Originally, it was friction tape and dumb dumb caulking, but hey, times change. Just slap on some silicone and bid adieu to squeaks – because even Model A wood deserves a little TLC!

Question: Seeking wood patterns for a '29 Cabriolet? Look no further!

Answer: Sadly, templates for Model A wood are rarer than a hen's teeth. But fear not, intrepid restorer! Your San Fernando Valley Model A Club President and wood worker Larry Margules might just have the magic wand you need.

SAVE THE DATE



Get ready to rev those engines and fill your bellies with laughter at the Ford Model A Club's March shenanigans! We're ditching the car manuals for menus at LuLu's Restaurant for a hearty lunch every Wednesday. Don't miss our general meeting at Galpin Ford – where even the Model A's need a good pep talk. With 12 birthdays to celebrate and 2 brave souls marking a wedding anniversary, it's a party on wheels! Tell a buddy, buckle up, and join the joyride!

Activities & Tours

April 3 | 11:00AM Lunch with the fellas at LuLu's Restaurant

April 10 | 11:00AM Meet at Valley Radio Control Flyers 6201 Woodley Ave. & Lunch at La Corona 16623 Sherman Way.

April 14 | 7:30AM - 11:00AM Orange County Model A Ford Club 61st Annual Pancake Breakfast

April 17 | 11:00AM Lunch with the fellas at LuLu's Restaurant

April 18 | 7:30PM General Club Meeting at Galpin Ford

April 24 | 11:00AM Lunch with the fellas at LuLu's Restaurant

Happy Birthday

6th Richard Favela

6th Lorraine McDonald

8th Gail Fitzpatrick

9th Russell Buelna

9th Russell Evans

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Happy Anniversary

15th Bob & Valerie Sarnelle

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LUNCH WITH THE FELLAS

Join us every Wednesday at 11:00 AM for the San Fernando Valley Model A Club lunch at Lulu's Restaurant. Indulge in delicious food while surrounded by fellow enthusiasts. Engage in lively discussions about all things Model A, creating the perfect midweek escape filled with camaraderie, laughter, and a shared passion for classic automobiles. LuLu's 16900 Roscoe Blvd. Van Nuys



GET INVOLVED

THE RUMBLE SHEET

Membership Application

Welcome to the San Fernando Valley Model A Club, where the spirit of Model A camaraderie comes alive! We're not your typical car club; we're a community of enthusiasts bound by our love for the iconic Model A Ford. Established in 1960 as a proud chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA), we've been cruising together for over six decades, and the adventure continues!



Why join? Because Model A's are meant to be shared! Our club provides a laid-back space for Model A aficionados in the San Fernando Valley and surrounding areas to unwind, swap stories, and revel in the charm of these timeless classics. Whether you own a Model A or simply admire their beauty, we invite you to join us in celebrating the essence of these legendary automobiles.

As a member, dive into a world of Model A fun with driving tours, lively Wednesday member luncheons at Lulu's Restaurant, engaging general membership meetings, thrilling Swap Meets and Car Shows, and our informative monthly newsletter, The Rumble Sheet.

We're more than a club; we're a Model A family ready to welcome fellow enthusiasts. Ownership of a Model A Ford is not a prerequisite – if you're passionate about these classics, you're already one of us! Ready to enhance your Model A experience? Join the San Fernando Valley Model A Club today! Hit that join button, and let's create lasting Model A memories together. We can't wait to welcome you into our Model A family!



Model A Youth Restoration Awards

Rev up your engines, folks! Welcome to our car restoration program, where we turn rust buckets into roaring classics! We get it - convincing the younger crowd that a '31 Ford Model A is cooler than the latest electric wonder can be a tough sell. But fear not, our [Model A Youth Restoration Awards](#) are here to bridge the generation gap!

Forget the ancient tales of uphill both ways in the snow – today's youth can choose from 50s, 60s, and 70s gems! We're not just restoring cars; we're restoring coolness. Help a young grease monkey bring a Model A back to life, and we'll reward them with gift certificates to car parts heaven. Because nothing says "future classic" like a teenager covered in grease with a wrench in hand!

Model A Museum

Show your support for the Model A Museum with a snazzy blue bumper sticker! For just \$3, proclaim to the world, "My other car is a Model A Ford." Stick it proudly and cruise down memory lane. Order now and revitalize your ride while supporting a classic cause. Visit the [Model A Museum website](#) for more revved-up goodies!





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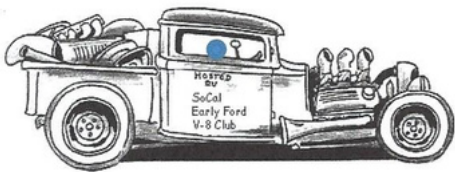
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