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The Model A Ford Club of America - Bakersfield Chapter

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*Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Rasmussen Center, 115 E. Roberts Lane.*



**Former Club President Ken Quarnberg and wife Susan.**

## President's Message

Well who is ready for summer to move on and bring back the cool weather of fall?? It was all of 104 in my shop this weekend. As I write this our sturdy troop of Bakersfield members have arrived in Reno for the National Convention. The Model A Ford Club of America hold its national convention every two year at different sites around the country. This year it is Reno's turn to put on the show for MAFCA members. I am hearing rumors that the RV Turkey Award is making the rounds with not-so-happy campers. I am looking forward to hearing all about their adventures.

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### Upcoming Events:

\* = Club Sanctioned Event

- July 2, 2018 - No General meeting in July.
- July 4, 2018 - Pancake Breakfast at the Martin's
- \*July 21, 2018 - Drive an A to Brunch in Glennville - (See info Page 3)
- July 25, 2018 - Board Meeting at the Rasmussen Center - 7:00 PM.
- July 28, 2018 - 2020 CCRG Planning Meeting (See info Page 3)
- Aug. 6, 2018 - General Meeting at the Rasmussen Center - 7:00 PM.
- Aug 16, 2018 - Drive an A to Dinner - TBD
- Aug 22, 2018 - Board Meeting at the Rasmussen Center - 7:00 PM.
- \*Sept. 7-9, 2018 - Santa Maria All Ford Car Show (See Flyer Page 9)
- Sept. 10, 2018 - General Meeting at the Rasmussen Center - 7:00 PM.
- Nov. 27-Dec.1, 2018 - MAFCA National Awards Banquet in Tucson, Arizona(See Flyer Page 9)
- October 7-11, 2019 - MAFCA Canyonlands National Tour starting in Kanab, Utah
- April 16-18, 2020 - CCRG Jamboree. "Bakersfield 'A' plenty in 2020"

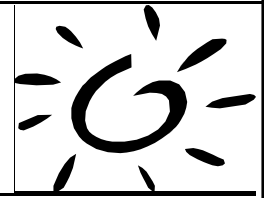
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# Sunshine



Sudy Pruett, is our Sunshine Representative, she needs to know when members are ill, have surgery, or are in the hospital. Also let her know about new Model A's (babies), marriages, and other important events.

Our group seems to be doing OK this month. Candie's mom is showing improvement. Our editor Dan Foulk, is still receiving treatment for his hearing loss. A large group of us are in Reno attending the MAFCA National Convention. Earie and Joanne Johnson have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June. Way to go!



## July Birthdays

- 1 - Rick Rogers
- 5 - Curtis Nicks
- Mike Davis
- 6 - Don Carothers
- 7 - Beth Husted
- 10 - Stu Slattery
- 12 - Elia Wisheart
- 15 - Eddy Besenfelder
- 29 - Sharon Davis

## July Anniversaries

- 3 - John & Kay Alexander
- 12 - John & Beth Husted
- 30 - Chuck & Vickie Parker

### Please Read!

*"Our Raffle is a voluntary and entertaining way of having the members pay for the Rasmussen Room rental, as well as to fund other cash award activities in the club such as member present, driving your Model A to the meeting, etc."*

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**Presidents Message (Continued from Page 1)**

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So, what happens next year in 2019? The MAFCA National Tour! And it will be close by in Utah as we will visit Canyon Lands. So, start saving those nickels and dimes and plan for some time off to join this tour to some of the most scenic National Parks in the country.

Many thanks for Kirk Ritter, Fred Twisselmann, and Don Carothers for attending the Father’s Day gathering at Pioneer Village and showing their cars. I appreciate you guys answering the call and showing up!

And remember there is no club meeting in July. We will have a gathering at our house for a pancake breakfast on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM. We like to get this done before it gets too hot. Bring your Model A, we have lots of parking. You can find us at 5342 Adolphus Ave – just go east on China Grade Loop, past Gordon Ferry on to Round Mountain Road. Look for the Little Red Barn and you have found us. Just come and enjoy. The only thing you need to bring is a smile (and your Model A!)

We are looking forward to a Model A drive to Glenville for a Saturday brunch on Saturday July 21. Let’s Leave Vons on North Chester and China Grade Loop at 8:30 AM.

We also have a board meeting on July 25 at 7:00 PM and a 2020 CCRG Planning Meeting – Rocket Shop Café at the airpark Saturday, July 28 at 8:00 AM.

Enjoy your summer and to all our club members on the road, drive safe, have fun and we will see you when you get back!

See you down the road!

Mike

**INFORMATION**

- Wednesday July 4, 2018 - Pancake Breakfast at the Martin’s at 7:30 AM. 5342 Adolphus Ave. 93308
- Saturday July 21, 2018 - Drive an ‘A’ to Breakfast in Glenville. Meet at the old Von’s parking lot 2401 North Chester at 8:30 AM - RSVP Please 747-4911
- Saturday July 28, 2018 - 2020 CCRG Planning Meeting at the Rocket Shop Café 2000 South Union Ave. at 8:00 AM

**Fathers Day at the Museum**



**Our Club’s Bylaws state that you must be a member of MAFCA, to Join:**

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Model A Ford Club of America  
Bakersfield Chapter  
General Membership Meeting  
June 04, 2018

The meeting was called to order by our President, Mike Martin, at 7:00pm. All present stood for the flag salute.

GUEST: Doug Caruthers, brother of Don Caruthers.

SECRETARY: Motion to approve the Minutes of the May meeting as published was made by Linda Jackson, 2nd Kirk Ritter. Motion carried.

TREASURER: Sharon Davis read her report and was then placed on file. Motion to accept the report was made by Debbie Launer, 2nd Dennis Patrick. Motion carried.

SUNSHINE: Candy Martin's mother is improving!

2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Debbie Launer reports that the Dinner and Drive is on June 14th at Mossmans. For those attending the MAFCA convention in Reno some are leaving on Sunday June 17, others are leaving Friday June 22. July 04 Breakfast at the Martin's house 7:30 am.

MEMBER AT LARGE: Ali Dyess drew for VEST: Stan Nicks. MEMBER PRESENT: Arlene Wade. DRIVE YOUR CAR: Don Caruthers.

OLD BUSINESS: Central Coast Spring Mega Sway Meet in Pasa Robles was great. Ken Quarnberg reported. Presidents tour was awesome! A motion was made to make a donation of \$150 to the Mojave Transportation Museum by Linda Jackson 2nd by Eddie Pruett, motion carried. Navy League Council dinner meeting at Rocket Shop Cafe on May 30 was well attended. 8 cars and 16 people from the club attended. Eddie Pruett reported on the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: 60th anniversary Patches are for sale for \$10 each. CHICKEN: Rick presented the Chicken to Don Caruthers for a broken fan. WEBPAGE: Mary Nicks reports we are getting close! July 21st Drive and Brunch in Glenville. There will be no Club meeting in July. Pancake breakfast at the Martin's on July 04 at 7:30 am. Next meeting is August 06, 2018. CCRG 2020 meeting July 25 at Rocket Shop.

PROGRAM: Kirk Ritter played a 3 stooges classic "Punch Drunks"

RAFFLE: Another great raffle! Thanks Curt Nicks and the crack raffle team.

Refreshments were fantastic (as usual). Thanks to all who brought such great treats.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Quarnberg, Recording Secretary.

## Events, Swap Meets, Car Shows, etc. of Interest

- Saturday July 21, 2018 - 64th Annual Long Beach Model T Swap Meet.  
Additional Information:  
[www.lbmtc.com](http://www.lbmtc.com) or (562) 597-5936
- Sunday August 19, 2018 - SFV Model A Club - 53rd Annual Classic Car Swap Meet & Show  
Additional Information:  
Call Jim Lank (818) 367-4757, or email Jim at [jimlank@gmail.com](mailto:jimlank@gmail.com)
- Saturday, Sunday September 29-30, 2018 - Paradise Valley Model A Ford Club - Antique Car Swap Meet.  
Additional Information:  
[www.pvmafc.org](http://www.pvmafc.org) or (909) 262-9623
- Wednesday - Friday October 10-13, 2018 - Hershey, Pa. - AACA Eastern Regional Fall Meet.  
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## Chicken Stuff



Don gets the Chicken, thus becoming the first person in Bakersfield Model A Ford Club history, to get the Chicken before actually joining the Club!



Don't forget our planning session. July 28, 2018 at The Rocket Shop Café - 8:00 AM

## Drive an A to Mossman's



### Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon, MAFCA Technical Director

#### Keep an Eye on Your Ammeter

Thrifty Henry Ford would only spend the money to put an ammeter in the Model A if he knew it would help you while driving, so get in the habit of keeping an eye on it.

Here's what to look for and what it can tell you:

Watch for the ammeter needle to "twitch" as you pop out the ignition switch or turn the ignition switch to the "on" position. This confirms that the coil is getting power. Now start the car.

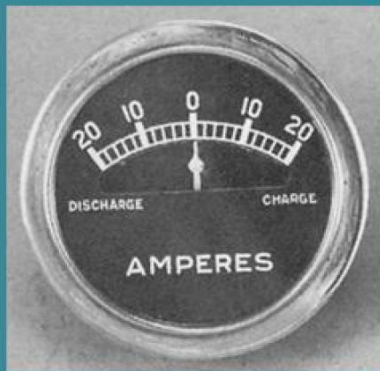
After the engine starts and you have it on a fast idle to warm up, check that the ammeter is showing a Charge to the battery. If not, find out why.

Look at the ammeter needle when you step on the brakes. It should jump a bit toward discharge (unless you have LED brake lights installed, which draw very little power). It's always good, before you hit today's crazy, busy roads, to know that your brake lights are working.

If you have a voltage regulator in your generator, or if you have an alternator (which has a voltage regulator built in) then you should see the initial battery charge rate on the ammeter steadily drop until it is back to zero in 5 minutes or less. A stock Model A generator will not do this, it has a constant amps output above idle RPM, so you can watch for that while you drive.

Check the ammeter as you turn your headlights on. The charge rate to the battery should drop with a generator; the needle should jump around a bit but go back to where it was if you are driving with a good alternator.

As you see, the ammeter can help keep you out of trouble every Model A Day!



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Many of you know Carson, I found this about him in the Happy Honkers Newsletter, thought you would enjoy it. Shelby and I went to a Dutch Oven cook off at Carson's place in May, it's very beautiful.

### Carson Blaydes

Carson was born in Fresno, CA at Fresno County Hospital in 1933. He lived in Sanger before joining the US Navy in 1955. He married Marian in 1956 and while in the Navy they had their first of four sons.

Carson bought his first Model A, a 30' Coupe in 1951 and then a roadster which he had for many years. He had a total of about ten Model A's, ranging from a AA Stake Truck to a Delivery to a Tudor leatherback.

After mustering out of the Navy they moved to L.A. where he worked for B.F. Goodrich until 1962 and then applied and took a position as a Montebello, CA, PD, police officer. He retired in 1989 and moved to their home in Springville atop the hill where Carson now resides.

Carson restored several Model A's to a Fine Point and received several trophies for all his efforts. He rebuilt a AA Stakebed and in 2001 restored a "Delivery". He also restored his present 1929 Tudor Leatherback also, and has two more A's waiting in the wings, a 1929 Special Coupe and a 1929 Town Sedan. Whew!!!

Carson joined his first Model A Club in 1959 and has belonged to our Club since 1991. He and Marian made several long Tours, one to the 4 Corners (Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Nevada??) The longest trip was 5000 miles. They went to Calgary, Canada and their worst trip was to a Navy reunion in Pascagoula, MS. They were on they're way and in the Panhandle of Florida they had a severe auto accident in they're Model A Sport Coupe. They were rear-ended by another car and they were taken to a hospital where they received minimal treatment and then released. Marian ended up having severe injuries and had to be flown home. Luckily Carson had installed seat belts in this car just before they departed.

Carson and Marian have depended partly on a Model A of one kind or another for their transportation for most of their married lives. One year alone they received an award for driving 14,000 miles in their Model A.

Carson lost Marian in September of 2008.

Carson is what anyone would call a dyed -in-the-wool Model A'er. He is a great person and now a good friend of ours.

*Linda and Phil Kneeland*

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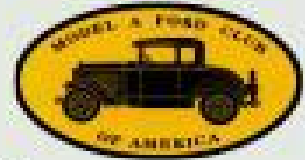
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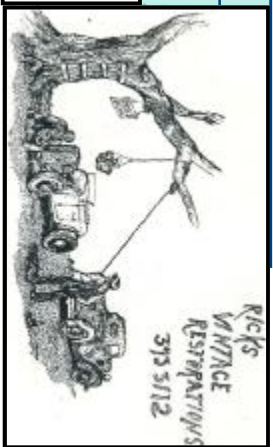
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Rick Rogers	2	3 John & Kay Alexander	4 Independence Day No Club Meeting in July Parade Breakfast at the Members	5 Curt Nicks Mike Davis	6 Don Carothers	7 Beth Husband
8	9	10 Siu Slattery	11	12 Ella Wiseman John & Beth Husband	13	14
15 Eddy Besenfelder	16	17	18	19	20	21 8:30 AM Drive an "A" to Breakfast in Glenville
22	23	24	25 7:00 PM Board Meeting	26	27	28 8:00 AM CCRG Planning Meeting
29 Sharon Davis	30 Chuck & Vickie Parker	31				

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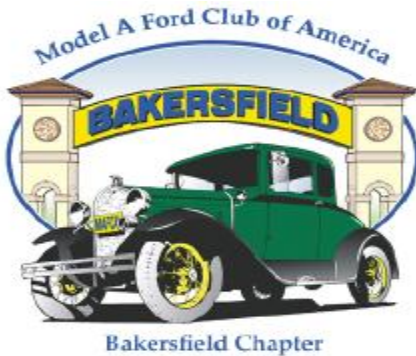
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