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The Model A Ford Club of America - Bakersfield Chapter

*The Model A Ford Club of America, Bakersfield Chapter, the first chapter, is dedicated to the preservation of the Model A Ford and its era. All are welcome. Information in the newsletter may be borrowed from other publications. Credit will be given when known.*

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



Last month, this picture was of President Ron - this month, it's of Maddie!

### Upcoming Events:

\* = Club Sanctioned Event

- \*May 6, 2019 - General Meeting at the Rasmussen Center - 7:00 PM.
- \*May 16, 2019 - Drive an A to Salty's BBQ - White Lane - 6:30 PM (See info on Page 3)
- \*May 18, 2019 - CCRG Planning Meeting (See Note Page 3)
- \*May 25, 2019 - Downtown Veterans Center & Murals - 10:00 AM (See info on Page 3)
- \*June 20, 2019 - Drive an A to Bill Lee's - 6:30 PM
- June 24, 2019 - Board Meeting at the Black's Home - 7:00 PM
- October 6-10, 2019 - MAFCA Canyon lands National Tour - Kanab, Utah
- December 2-5, 2019 - MAFCA National Awards Banquet - Claremont, Ca
- \*December 3, 2019 - Club Christmas Party - Stockdale Country Club
- \*April 16-18, 2020 - CCRG Jamboree. "Bakersfield 'A' plenty in 2020"
- June 22-26, 2020 - MAFCA National Convention - Kerrville, Texas

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### President's Message – Newsletter

**W**e want the entire Model A Club to attend our Christmas Party this year, so please "Save the Date" **Tuesday** December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at the Stockdale Country Club.

On April 6<sup>th</sup> nineteen of us headed north out of Oil-dale around 10am led by newbie's Sean and Anna Clason to a scenic drive up to Glennville where we were met by Erie & Joanne Johnson who came over the hill from Kernville to join us. We were greeted with a crowd of around 50 plus motorcycles there for the same thing.....LUNCH.... but much to our surprise the "Saddle Sore Saloon" was ready for us with outdoor seating, a clear sunny day, and plenty of good hot food. Then we headed for out for more excitement at the Glennville Cemetery for a somber jaunt through some old time gravesites.

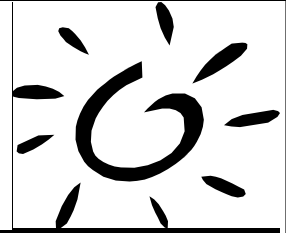
For our "Drive an A to Dinner", 30 of us dined on the

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# Sunshine

Sudy Pruet, 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.



## Jim's Tech Tip

### Water In The Battery???

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Yes, if your Model A battery has caps that you can remove to see inside, you need to add water to the cells on a regular basis. Charging the battery boils the water off while you drive. If the plates inside the battery are exposed to air, it ruins them and reduces your battery's storage capacity. So you need to check the water level about once a month.

Unfortunately the battery access plate in the front floorboard provides a small opening to work through. Not very easy to add water to each cell. I've tried pouring water in from above and just made a mess!

Here's my tip: Get a plastic syringe (100 to 150 cc) from a pharmacy or feed store and put a 6-8" piece of vacuum hose on the end of it. Pour some distilled water into a clean cup. Now draw water up into the syringe and use the hose end to squirt water into each battery cell, to bring the liquid level back up to the bottom of the vent well (see figure).

Remember that this is sulfuric acid in the battery. Don't splash it up by spraying the water into the cell too fast. Don't let the end of the hose go into the acid. Please wear safety glasses while working around a battery.

Have a Model A Day!  
Jim Cannon

## May Birthdays

- 8 - Ella Clason
- 13 - Erie Johnson
- 17 - Candy Martin
- 18 - Cliff Connelly
- 19 - Sean Clason
- 20 - Scott Davis
- 29 - Ken Quarnberg

## May Anniversaries

- 15 - Jerry & Shirley Osborn

## NEW MEMBERS

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

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Mexican faire at La Costa Restaurant (at the old Elephant Bar). Again, good food... and good company....

Our May outing to participate in the car show on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Kernville was cancelled so we have rescheduled for a May 25<sup>th</sup> visit to the new Veterans Collection downtown followed by a tour of murals. Look for more details in this newsletter or at the May meeting.

We will be dining at Salty's BBQ on White Lane on May 16<sup>th</sup>. You will get a discount if you drive your Model A. Come join the fun !!

**We really need your help on May 18<sup>th</sup>** we are in the middle of planning for our 2020 CCRG Jamboree. Please join us at Tony's Firehouse Grill for breakfast followed by a planning session. See newsletter for more details.

Our Board Meeting for the 27<sup>th</sup> of May was cancelled due to Memorial Day Weekend

We are always looking for ways to enjoy our Model A's. (Hey, that rhymes) If you have ideas, suggestions, and or recommendations for places to go and things to do and see, please email me your ideas and thoughts to [RonBlack30A@yahoo.com](mailto:RonBlack30A@yahoo.com). I am looking forward to hearing from you !!

**INFORMATION**

- May 16, 2019 - Drive an A to Salty's BBQ - 6801 White Lane at 6:30 PM
- May 25, 2019 - Downtown Veterans Center & Murals - Meet at the Old Montgomery Ward parking lot at 10:00 AM

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**2020 Jamboree Planning Meeting  
Note - Different Location**

- **Date = Saturday, May 18, 2019**
- **Location = Tony's Firehouse Grill  
10701 CA-178, Bakersfield, Ca**
- **Time 8:00 to Approximately 11:00 AM,  
breakfast first, then work!**
- **Additional Planning Documentation will be forthcoming.**
- **Please plan on attending, our Jamboree is only 11 months from this meeting, much remains to be done**



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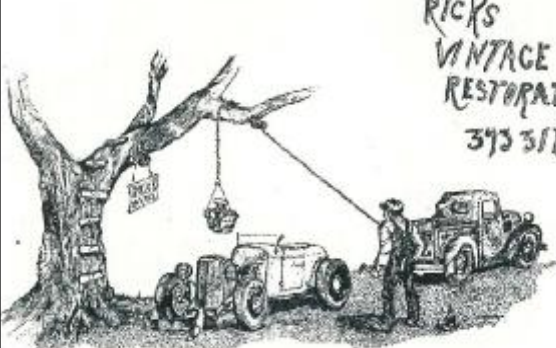
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Bakerstfield Chapter

General Membership Meeting

April 1, 2019

1. MEETING was called to order by our President, Ron Black at 7:10 PM. Ron welcomed everyone and all stood for the flag salute. Miley River was a guest of Rick Frelinger. BIRTHDAYS: Danny Ritter, Rick Davis, Ali Dyess, Susan Quarnberg, Chuck Parker, Helen Rose, Shelby Foulk, Gail Malouf Harger, Shirley Osborn. ANNIVERSARIES: Stan and Mary Nicks, Lou and Terry Marraccino, Ken and Susan Quarnberg. A reminder of the SAVE THE DATE, Christmas Party, Tuesday 12-3-2019 at the Stockdale Country Club. A beautiful picture of the Tri Motor and cars will be presented to the Experimental Aircraft Association.
2. COMMITTEE REPORTS:  
Secretary: Motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2019 meeting as published was made by Dennis Patrick, and seconded by Jim Berry. Motion carried.  
Treasurer: Sharon Davis read her financial report. Motion to accept the report was made by Jim Berry and seconded by Erie Johnson. Motion carried.  
Sunshine Report: Sudy Pruett informed us that Ann and Andy thanks everyone for their good wishes and Vickie Parker will be having surgery.  
Second Vice President: Debbie Lauer reported on the events for the month: April 6, Lunch and Drive to Glenville, 10:00AM., April 18, Drive an A to La Costa Mariscos at Riverwalk, Stockdale, 6:30PM. May 4, Kernville Car Show, meet at the Chevron on 178 at 7:00AM., April 13, a Community event, Friends of Seniors Car Show, May 25, Ridge Route Car show, at Tejon School, Nov. 2 Wings and Wheels, Minter Air Field.  
Member at Large: Eddie Moran gave out awards to: car- Curt Nicks, attendance- Joanne Berry, vest- Curt Nicks.  
MAFCA Representative, Jim Berry reported that an early A1276 Model A delivery truck, all wood, was gifted by Ron Rudd of Qunicy, CA to the National Model A Museum.
3. OLD BUSINESS  
Debbie Lauer told everyone that if you liked the new denim shirts, they are \$30.00 and if you would like your name on the shirt, \$35.00. They do come in long and short. It was reported that the 2020 Jamboree Planning Meeting would be on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at Tony's Firehouse Grill on CA 178. At 8:00AM. Breakfast first, then work. Jim Berry reported on the Drive an A to Dinner at the Pyrenee's Basque Café, He said "that a good time was had by all" and "Nothing like going with Model A friends". It was reported that at the Super Cruze Car Show everyone had a great time, there was lots of competition, and \$25,000 dollars was raised for disabled children. It was a great day for the club, Debbie Lauer, and Kirk Ritter received a plaque, and two plaques to Ron Black. The raffle was won by Kirk, which was a 2018 Pedal Car and Fred Twisselman won a \$750.00 gift certificate. Wow! There was an impromptu wildflower tour. Linda Jackson reported that were 9 cars on a great trip to Wind Wolves Reserve to the Carrazo Plains. The CCRG was reported on by Dennis Patrick. Everyone had a great time going to Mariposa for lunch and then on Saturday to the Clarks Historic Farm for a personal collection of 60 cars, and horses including riding a ferris wheel. Hubley races winners were 2<sup>nd</sup> Rick Davis and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tyler Weeks. And a Turkey presentation was made to Jim Berry for having trouble before even starting out on the trip to Merced.
4. NEW BUSINESS  
Ron told the club that we received an Honor Flight thank you for a club donation. And that the Pasadena High School created an interest in our Hobby by having a Model A Day. They are an Official Model A Club and are auctioning a 1929 Model A Roadster. The club received other fliers for the Antique National, on May 11, Model A Drag Races, and The Bobby Sox and Blue Jeans on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Discussion centered around Frazier Park Meet. Choices were between, Hart Park-Newhall and Frazier Park. Linda Jackson and Lou Marraccino will do an old-fashioned picnic. The other clubs will be contacted to see if they are really interested. This event will probably happen next year.
5. PROGRAM: Kirk Ritter showed Part 3 of the Tour Prep Video.
6. Thank you to everyone for the refreshments.
7. Curt Nicks put out some great goodies for the Raffle.
8. And Ron Black thanked everyone for attending.

Respectfully Submitted,  
JoAnne Johnson, Recording Secretary





**Pictures from Drive  
an "A" to LaCosta -  
Stockdale Hwy.-  
4/18/2019**

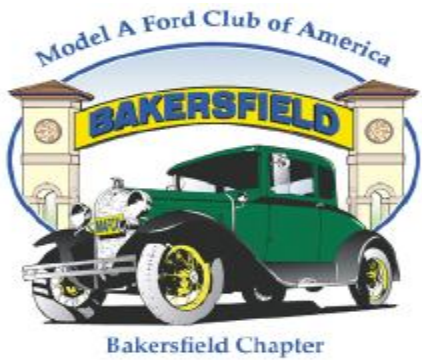


**Dawn was a  
winner at the  
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ern Street  
Rod Nationals  
Good for her!**





At The Merced CCRG Jamboree, Bakersfield prevailed, at least as far as RV's All Bakersfield here!



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