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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.*



President Ron checking out the McKittrick Hotel and Penny Bar

## President's Message – Newsletter July 2019

**H**ello Model A guys and gals. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, a group of about 22 of us, gathered at the Home Depot on Rosedale Hwy. With everyone briefed on the route and details we headed west on 58. At our planned fueling stop, Valero gas station at I-5 and Hwy 58, Al & Judy's 29 station wagon came to a "popping" stop. It was "all hands on deck". We soon discovered there was not enough room for all the heads under the hood. It was left to Dennis and Mark to do the work while we shouted our diagnosis. Was it fuel ? electric ? timing ? after checking the fuel pump, yes, Al installed a fuel pump. It was determined the fuel pump was OK. Rick said it was the condenser, a modern style, not a model A. Dennis had one, installed it, it started and ran with some timing issues but was drivable. Back on the road.

We arrived in McKittrick, parked, and we all piled into the McKittrick Café and Hotel. There is a café in front, a bar

### Upcoming Events:

\* = Club Sanctioned Event

- July 1, 2019 - No General meeting in July.
- \*July 4, 2019 - Tour of the Murals (See info on Page 3)
- \*July 18, 2019 - Drive an A to Rosemary's - 6:30 PM (See info on Page 3)
- July 22, 2019 - Board Meeting at the Black's Home - 7:00 PM
- \*August 5, 2019 - General Meeting at the Rasmussen Center - 7:00 PM.
- \*August 15, 2019 - Drive an A to Hodel's - 6:30 PM
- \*August 17, 2019 - CCRG Planning Session at Eddie & Sudy Pruett's.
- 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

No Tear-out Calendar this month - Sorry!

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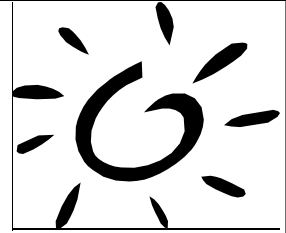
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# Sunshine

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.



Summer is finally here. We have had a lot of children and grandchildren graduating from various institutions this past month. Also birthdays and anniversaries have come and gone.

Many of our members are off on vacations. Those of us left in Bako are trying to enjoy our cars and our air conditioners. Our editor, Dan Foulk finally has his drivers license returned to him. Brancato's are still undergoing cancer treatment and Annie Duckworth is recovering from shoulder surgery. Eddie Pruet has put shoulder surgery and physical therapy behind him and is playing golf again. Linda Jackson is also recovering from an injured shoulder. Sheesh!! Be careful out there!

## July Birthdays

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

## July Anniversaries

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

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

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in the back with 8 stools and one pool table, and a small group dining area with "Reserved" signs on the tables (for us). The service friendly and attentive, the prices reasonable and the food was good.

The Penny Bar Saloon is a unique place. The entire bar, face and top, back wall of the bar and one wall are covered with pennies, the doorway and walls leading into the rest-rooms were covered in pennies, also the Ladies and Men's room doors. The wall outside the bar on the south wall is a mural of pennies with an Oil Derrick, Wolf baying at the moon, American flag and other unique penny memorabilia. It is listed in the Trip Advisor and Roadside America websites as a neat place to visit in the area and has good reviews on Yelp.

On the way home, more trouble struck Al & Judy. This time more serious and required a tow home. Looks like Al will soon be tending the Chicken !!!!!!!

I missed the Drive an A to Dinner at Bill Lees Bamboo Chopsticks but heard it was filled with good fun and good food.

We 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.

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 [Ron-Black30A@yahoo.com](mailto:Ron-Black30A@yahoo.com). I am looking forward to hearing from you !!

**INFORMATION**

- July 4, 2019 - Tour of the Murals - See below!
- July 18, 2019 - Drive an A to Rosemary's - 2733 F St., time 6:30 PM



**Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> with us**



and show you Patriotism by decorating your car.

**8:00 AM - Meet at the old Ward's on F Street and play the tour game.**

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**10am - Breakfast/Lunch at Lorraine's on 22<sup>nd</sup> & Eye St.**

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

- Date = Saturday, August 17, 2019
- Location = Eddie & Sudy Pruett's Home 7317 Norris Road, Bakersfield, Ca 93308
- Time 8:00 to Approximately 11:00 AM, Coffee & Donuts first, then work!
- BYOC - Bring Your Own Chairs!
- Please plan on attending, our Jamboree is only 8 months from this meeting, much remains to be done

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## Model A Ford Club of America General Membership Meeting, June 3, 2019


1. MEETING was called to order by President Ron Black at 7:10 PM and all stood for the flag salute. Guests: Owen Pruitt, Riley Schadler, and Mary McGrass. All guests were welcome by Ron. BIRTHDAYS: Anna Clason, Nancy Moran, Jean Gleim, Sharon Connelly, Fred Twissleman, Suzie Slatter, Jordyn Navarro and Milton Moravich. ANNIVERSARIES: Eddie and Nancy Moran, Andy and Anna Brancato, Terry and Anne Scott, Erie and JoAnne Johnson, George (Blackie) and Judith Blackledge, and Bob and Jean Gleim. Save The Date, Tuesday, 12/3/19, Stockdale Country Club, Christmas Party.
2. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
  - Secretary: Motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2019 meeting as published was made by Mark Sheffield and seconded by Linda Jackson. Motion accepted.
  - Treasurer: Sharon Davis read her financial report and the motion to accept the report was made by Mark Sheffield and seconded by Dawn Collins. Motion accepted.
  - Sunshine Report: Sudy reported Annie Duckworth, with her arm in a sling, Dan Foulk is doing fine, Anna and Andy are at the meeting, well wishes all around, Graduation congratulations all around, and we are very happy to have Paula Poole back in the club.
  - Second Vice President: Debbie Laurer reported the events for the month of June into July. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, Drive the A to the Penny Bar Saloon in McKittrick. Meet at 10:00AM at Home Depot on Rosedale. Drive the A to dinner, at Bill Lee's, on June 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM. On June 27, there is a return to Salty's BBQ on White Lane at 6:00 PM, this time we will be the Featured Car Club. And we park in front! July 4<sup>th</sup>, meet at 8:00 AM, at the old Montgomery Wards, and caravan around with a stop for lunch. More information coming. Do not forget the MAFCA Canyon Lands National Tour on October 6-10, in Kanab, Utah.
  - Member at Large: Eddie Moran handed out awards to: Car-Eddie, Vest- Melody Creel, Attendance-Terry Marraccino, not in attendance. Attendance money keeps going up.
  - Chicken Presentation: Rick Davis awarded *The Chicken* to Dan Foulk for a flat tire on the flower tour.
3. OLD BUSINESS: Shirts can still be ordered. See Debbie Laurer. Dan Foulk gave an update of the CCRG planning meeting. He announced the next planning session will be on August 17, at Eddie and Sudy Pruett's home. Coffee and donuts, bring a chair. It starts at 8:00AM. The Drive an A to Salty's was fun. The tour of the Veterans Memorial and Portrait Gallery of a Warrior was very impressive. Great lunch at the Five and Dime. Changes to the Standing Rules are now revised and everyone should receive a Participation Awards handout.
4. NEW BUSINESS: Ron reminded everyone of all the great activities taking place in June and to join in on the fun. He announced that there is NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY. Be thinking about the Bees Knees Gatsby Gala, on October 12th, to participate with Model A's. Ron told about the mail from the All Ford Car Show and Swap Meet, in Orcutt, on September 14<sup>th</sup>. An announcement by Dan Foulk was made. He is running for MAFCA President. Congratulations!
5. PROGRAM: Kirk Ritter went over "The Rules of the Road". Helpful reminders. Suggestions of cars being properly prepared, serviced and filled with gasoline, with a water supply, radio for communication, and remember the Golden Rule, be helpful to others.
6. Refreshments were great as always and Curt Nicks gave out raffle prizes.
7. Ron Black thanked all for coming, and guests, and enjoy driving your Model A.

Respectfully Submitted,  
JoAnne Johnson, Recording Secretary.

### Narrative and pictures complements of Gail Malouf Harger

On June 8th, The Bakersfield Model A Club went for a drive to the McKittrick Hotel and Penny Bar for a great lunch. The guys had to work on one of the cars, but they got it going, and we were on our way. Fun outing before it gets too hot. If you haven't been to the Penny Bar, it is quite the experience. There are over 1,000,000 penny's on the walls, floor, ceiling and bar. The oldest found was 1883 and then 1905. Great hamburgers and fries!





### THE MCKITTRICK HOTEL AND PENNY BAR

The McKittrick Hotel and Penny Bar is the direct successor to the old Headquarters Hotel and Saloon built by Armando Bandattini in 1898. After the business was destroyed by fire in 1903, Bandattini rebuilt it here in its original location at the center of town. Jean Iribarne later bought the hotel and operated it into the 1920's. The hotel was rebuilt once again in 1929 by Hugh Gene Devine who operated it until his death in 1937. He personalized it by putting a "D" above the front door. The McKittrick offered rooms, equipment, livery supplies, dry goods, food and drink to the oilmen and ranchers of West Kern County and became the social center for the area. Through boom times and depression, The McKittrick Hotel and cafe managed to stay in business through a series of successive owners.

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(The **Member at Large** - is responsible for compiling the list of members who qualify for the above awards and arrange for handing out the awards at the Annual Christmas dinner.)

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Class 5: Ford/Lincoln/Mercury-Original Vehicle 1932-1947

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Class 8: Ford & Mercury Trucks/Rancheros-1948-1973

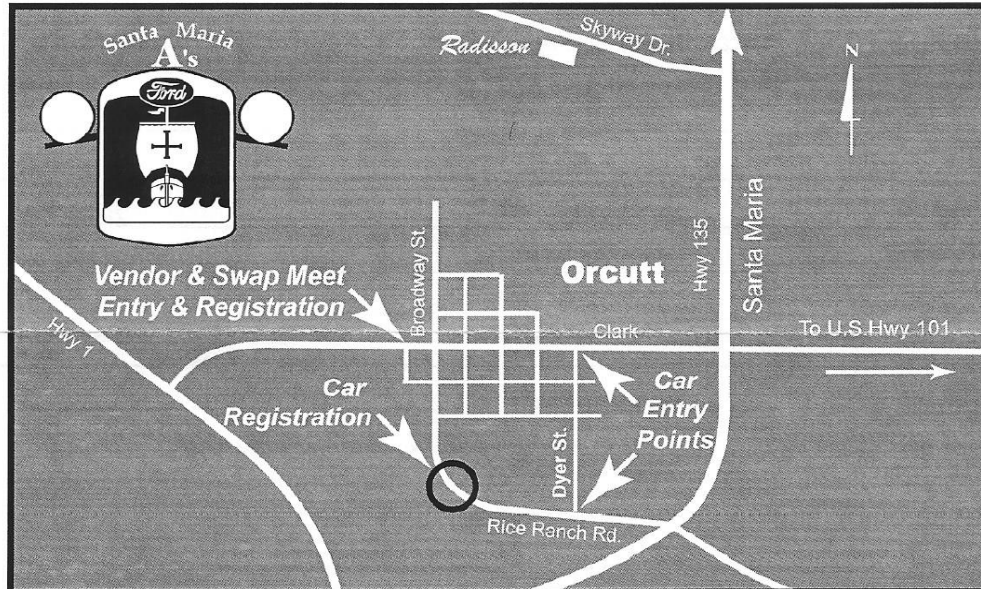
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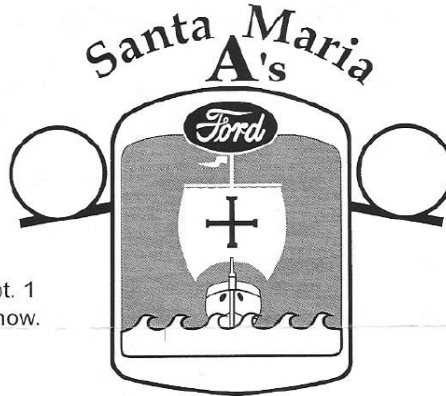
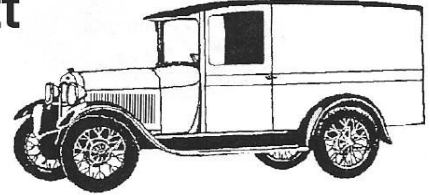
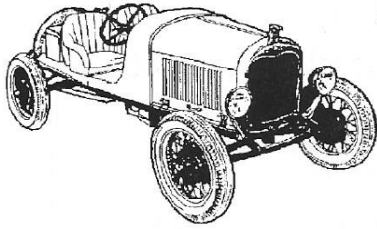
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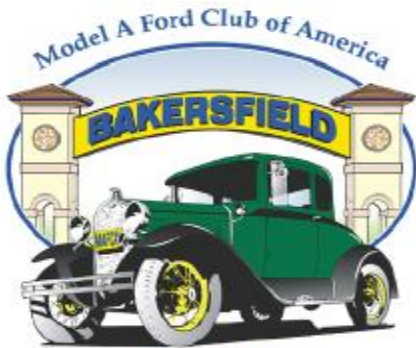
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