Model A Ford Club of America- Bakersfield Chapter

General Membership Meeting

January 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order by club president, Kirk Ritter. Flag salute was led by Kirk Ritter. Happy anniversary to Cliff and Sharon Connely and Scott and Heidi Davis. Happy Birthday to Kirk Ritter, Denise Throne, and Joanne Johnson.

**Board Reports- Secretary:** Minutes from our November 6, 2023, meeting was approved. Motion to approve was made by Dennis Patrick and seconded by Eddie Moran. All members voted to accept minutes as read.

**Treasurer:** Sharon Davis reported on funds and expenditures for November and December 2023. Dawn Collins made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report as read. This was seconded by Paula Poole. Club voted to accept the treasurer’s report.

**2nd Vice President:** Linda Jackson was not at the meeting, but Dennis Patrick filled in for her. Drive your Model A to Dinner will be held Thursday, January 18 at Rosa’s Italian Restaurant. If you did not sign up at the meeting and wish to attend, please let Linda know. Turlock Swap Meet will be held the last weekend of January. If you are interested in attending and have not signed up, please let Linda or Dennis know. Rick, Dennis, and others will be leaving Friday, January 26. A calendar of events for 2024 was available at this meeting but Dennis noted dates may change. February 17 will be Whiskey Flats Days in Kernville. Joanne Johnson will be making lunch reservations and more to come on when and where at our next meeting. A reminder that the annual CCRG is being held in Clovis this year and the dates are March 7-10.
**Member at Large:** Teresa Gadbury did the drawings for the meeting. Kirk Ritter won the prize for driving his Model A to the meeting, Vest drawing was won by Sharn Davis and the attendance drawing was won by Dennis Patrick. No one had won for a while, so he got a $40 jackpot.

**Sunshine Report:** Dawn Collins let us all know that aul Jone’s cancer is in remission. This brought a rousing cheer from our club. Linda was not feeling well so Dennis was her fill in. Get well soon, Linda.

**Vests, Jackets and Shirts:** Debbie Launer is selling short and long-sleeved shirts. They are denim shirts with the Model A logo and are available in small=extra large for $35 and larger sizes are $50. See Debbie if interested.

**1st Vice President:** Sam Huff presented information on the expansion of the Model A Museum for MAAFCA. They are looking for donations and if you donate enough, you will have a plaque of acknowledgement. Go to MAAFCA.org for more information. In addition, Sam, who is new to the club told the tale of his first out of town trip to Tehachapi for July 4th festivities. He broke down returning to Bakersfield but was able to cruise into the Murray Farms offramp to wait for the tow truck. It was very hot that day and he was so grateful to the club members who stayed to attend. He also let us know that his car is finally back in top notch form. A generous and anonymous club member put some funds toward the repair bill so Sam could back on the road. What a wonderful gesture. We have such great club members who truly look out for one another.

**Old Business:** The Christmas party was well attended, and a nice time was had by all. We had a very nice raffle drawing so thanks to all club members for their donations to the cause.

Many club members attended the Wreaths Across America event at the National Cemetery in Arvin. It was a beautiful day and there were many people there to help with the laying of the wreaths. There were enough wreaths purchased this year to lay a wreath at every headstone. We were a little late arriving and by the time we got parked and made our way to the front all the work was done. Some of the club members took the remaining wreaths and volunteered to drive them to Union Cemetery to place on soldier’s graves there. This took a while so lunch did not happen at JoJo’s but rather at the new Old River Grill location in the prior Milt’s local. Those who attended said the food was good.

A reminder that if you have not yet paid your 2024 dues, please see Sharon Davis.

Shelby Foulk let us know that there will be an estate sale at her home starting Friday, January 19. Information and details are going to be available on our local website. Thanks to Dennis.

The meeting was short and adjourned at 8:00pm. See you next month.