Model A Ford Club of America- Bakersfield Chapter

General Membership Meeting April 1, 2024

The meeting was called to order by club president, Kirk Ritter at 7:04pm. Kirk led us in the flag salute. April Birthdays are Rebecca King, Mona Vipham, Rick Davis, Ali Dyess, Paul Jones, Susan Quarnberg, Chuck Parker, Simon Huff, Shelby Foulk and Gail Harger. Happy anniversary to Stan and Mary Nicks, Lou and Terry Marraccino, Ken and Susan Quarnberg and Gary and Amy Dieckman.

**Board Reports- Secretary-** Linda Jackson made a motion to accept the minutes as posted to our website. Paula Poole seconded the motion. All agree to accept the minutes as posted.

**Treasurer-** Sharon Davis gave an accounting of our records. Sharon also provided a copy of changed to the 2024 roster and members can take a picture of same and add to their rosters. A motion was made by Debbie Launer to accept the treasurer’s report and it was seconded by Linda Jackson. All membership approved.

**2nd Vice President’s Report-** Linda Jackson let us know that due to rainy weather that our trip to Rocky Hall had to be cancelled. April 14 will be the annual pancake breakfast in Orange County. Nobody is planning on taking their old cars to the event so will just be driving in modern cars. Sign up sheet was at the meeting so if you did not show up and wish to attend text or call Linda. April 18 will be our Drive a Model A to Dinner event. We will be going to Bill Lee’s Bamboo Chopsticks. This will be a buffet event and the charge per person is $35. Please bring cash to cover your charges. There will be parking set aside out front for us to park our Model A’s. If you have not signed up and wish to attend, please let Kinda Jackson know. The staff must plan accordingly since it is a buffet so if you sign up, please make sure to be there. April 20 we may take a drive to see the poppies with lunch at Rock House. Linda will be in touch with everyone if we are going. May 4 will be the Kern River Car Show and Mile Long Swap Meet. The car show starts at 8:00am so will be leaving early. More to come at our May meeting. May 16 will be our Drive a Model A to Dinner event held at Salty’s on White Lane. More to come and sign up sheets at May meeting. On May 18 Paula Poole is heading a tour to Wind Wolves. Paula will go over the details at our May meeting but something to keep in mind for coming events. June 2 we will tentatively be driving to Woody for their monthly breakfast,

**Member at Large-** Theresa held the drawings for bringing your car to the meeting, this was won by Rick Davis, Vest was won by Ron Black and membership was Gerry Goodrich. Congratulations to all.

**MAFCA- Ron Black-** Annual Tour will be held in New Mexico. Five or six couples from Bakersfield are planning on attending. Ron got an email from Michigan that they are planning on laying our brick as first club charter of the Model A Club of America.

**Sunshine Report-** Dawn Collins let us know that Annie Duckworth has been ill in the hospital for about a week and a half. Hope she will be back home soon. Jim and Joanne Berry have a brand new great grand baby. Congratulations! Brandon and Denise Throne are expecting a baby boy! Congratulations to you both.

**Chicken Moment-** Rick Davis and Dennis Patrick presented the chicken to Ron Black this month. Ron had some issues with his water pump on the way to Clovis and they were able to get it working and arrive safely at the CCRG. Unfortunately, on the way home he had another issue and needed to tighten a nut but did not have the right tool to be able to reach and he needed to solve this to stop his car from overheating. As luck would have it Richard Harger had won a special wrench at the CCRG raffle just the night before. He had put just ne ticket in the drawing hoping to win for Ron. As it turned out, he did, and that wrench saved the day.

**1st Vice President-** Sam Huff had special guests at our meeting this evening. Jamie Crawford and Cindy Grossman from the Ridge Route Preservation Organization joined us. They gave a slide show presentation of the original ridge route and its history to our state. We all learned so much and were able to see many different maps of the area since the 1915 Ridge Route was first built. They had pictures to show of various garages and buildings that were built along this original route. Some of the pictures even included cars such as ours back so long ago. The organization has continued to work on things to preserve the route and to involve others in its restoration. Some local boy scouts will be going up there soon to help clear rocks from the road. Go to Ridgeroute.org for more information. This was really a great presentation. Thanks to Sam, Jamie, and Cindy.

While we were at the 2024 CCRG in Clovis we were lucky enough to see our own Dennis Patrick win the Jack Connely award. Ron Black shared the nomination with our club. Dennis is always helping others and assisting the club whenever it is needed. I am sure we can all agree that this is a well-deserved honor. Congratulations, Dennis!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35. See you next month.