**Model A Ford Club OF America- Bakersfield Chapter**

**General Membership Meeting, February 3, 2025**

Club president, Kirk Ritter, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the club in the flag salute.

Happy February birthdays to Dawn Collins, Terry Scott, John Bakich, Eddie Pruettt, Tim McDowell, Lou Marracino! Happy Anniversary to Stephanie and Gary Smith and Richard and Mona Vipham.

Welcome to the guests Dan and Meghan who we hope will be joining the club.

**Board Reports- Secretary-** Amotion was made by Linda Jackson and seconded by Ron Black to accept the online minutes as read. The club agreed to accept the minutes.

**Treasurer-** Sharon Davis reviewed expenses from the club in January and current balance. Debbie Launer made a motion to accept the report, and it was seconded by Sam Huff. The club agreed to accept the report as delivered.

**2nd Vice President-** Linda Jackson reported that we will be meeting at the Chevron station at 178 and Mesa Marin at 7:30am on February 15. The club will drive first to Rick and Sharon’s place for doughnuts and then onto the parade. Afterward there will be a bar-b-que at Rick and Sharon’s place. There will be hamburgers with all the fixings. The cost will be $10 for each. Drive your Model A to dinner this month will be at BJs on Stockdale Highway on February 20 at 6:30. The cost is $25 each and will be a buffet style meal with pizza, salad and a main entrée so hope to see everyone there. If you did not sign up and wish to attend, please let Linda know ahead of time. February 22 there will be a celebration of life for Karen Bachman. This event will be held at Lane Motor Sports in Visalia. There will be a lamb and chicken kabob meal. If you are going, they must know ahead to plan for food. The club will meet at McDonald’s on Merle Haggard at 9:30 so we can depart together. March 23 will be the Orange County pancake breakfast. The event starts at 7:30 and runs till 11:00am. This will be discussed again at our March meeting. If any club members have an idea of trips, we could embark on we would love to hear from you. Also, ideas for driving our cars to dinner would be great so let us know. May 10 there will be Pioneer Day in Taft. They would like cars at the event. More information will be provided with the details in the coming months. Linda mentioned that she is still working on trying to move our meetings to our new location off Hageman behind Centennial. Keep an eye on your emails and use the website for updates because we are hoping to be there for our March meeting.

**Member At Large-** Sam Huff did the drawings for attendance, which was won by Mark Sheffield, Vest was won by Sam Huff and driving your car was won by Ron Goodrich.

**CCRG-** Linda gave an update to the club on our planning meeting for the CCRG Jamboree which the Bakersfield club will be hosting in 2026. This was early on, but we wanted to get the location and dates locked down. We will be holding the event starting April 30, May 1 and 2nd, 2026. We are holding it a little later as we will be outside and there is no contingency plan for inclement weather. Our host hotel will be the Double Tree on Rosedale Highway. This will be the check-in location. There is plenty of room for parking and we will have our hospitality room and banquet at this location. We will hold the festivities such as car games, people games and the bar-b-que at Stramler Park on Chester Avenue next to Pioneer Village. Guests will be able to visit Pioneer Village, and we will have a photo op for pictures at the gas station. We are looking for ideas for tours for our guests for Saturday. We would like the tours to be around 4-5 hours at most to allow guests to refuel and rest for the banquet that night. Please think of places you might think would be of interest. We will not be meeting for a few months, and we will let everyone know. We had a great first meeting with good attendance and good ideas. We all will need to be involved to be successful.

There was no MAFCA update this month.

See Linda Jackson or Debbie Launer for all Model A attire.

Rick Davis, founding member of the Bakersfield Grease Monkeys, received an award for his support of antique cars and their restoration. We all agreed this is a well-deserved prize. Congratulations to Rick!

No chicken moments this month but there was a turkey moment. Dennis shared that Rick has some issues with his motor home heating when the club went to the Turlock swap in January. It was a little cold sleeping at night, and they had to bundle up, but they survived.

**1st VP-** Denise Throne had a great program tonight. It was the history of Henry, the club mascot and favorite bear. Denise shared plenty of pictures of Henry’s very busy life and the many club trips he has been on with various members over the years. We also learned that Henry had a wife, Clara and baby Edsel! It was such a fun and uplifting presentation. Henry has travelled to Pike’s Peak, Grand Canyon, New Zealand, Australia and the Continental Divide. Quite the life our Henry has had. He is a real Model A enthusiast.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20. See you next month.