



# UTAH VALLEY

## *Model A Club*

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- 2013 Most Improved Newsletter

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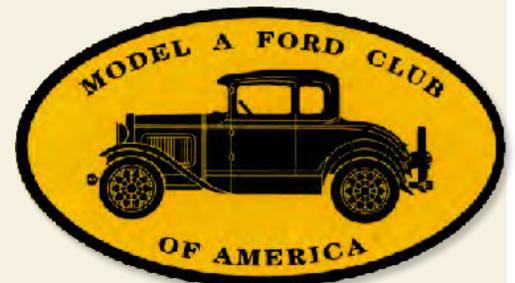
Be sure to track your 2025 car mileage.

Join MAFCA and enjoy the benefits including the Restorer Magazine.

Enjoy new Feature Article on page 27 – “Gwen’s Thistle Memories”

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## UVMAC MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the club is two-fold:

1. To serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information, and parts for admirers of Model A Ford cars and trucks and to aid them in their efforts to restore and preserve these vehicles in their original likeness.
2. To unite in a central organization, all individuals who are interested in restoring the automobile in a manner to attract prestige and respect within the community. It shall further be the purpose of this club to help these individuals become better acquainted and encourage and maintain among its members the spirit of good fellowship, sociality, and fair play through sponsored activities including the use of the Model A Ford and family participation

The Utah Valley Model A Club is a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). Membership with MAFCA is highly encouraged. See MAFCA News at the end of this newsletter for more information.

Club meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month — 7:00 p.m. in the Clyde Companies building at 730 N. 1500 W. Orem, Utah. Use the north side entrance. The meeting room is on the immediate right.

## 2025 Club Officers

### CLUB OFFICERS

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Board Chair    | Brian Lindenlaub |
| President      | Roger Davis      |
| Vice President | Buster Hansen    |
| Secretary      | Robert Mack      |
| Treasurer      | Diane Brimley    |
| Activities     | Howard Eckstein  |
| Membership     | Amber Morrell    |

### APPOINTED POSITIONS

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Awards                | Theon Laney     |
| Facebook              | Clyde Munson    |
| Librarian             | TBD             |
| Merchandise           | Paul Jerome     |
| Photographers         | Howard Eckstein |
|                       | Amber Morrell   |
|                       | Buster Hansen   |
|                       | Greg Mack       |
|                       | Nicholas Mack   |
|                       | Robert Mack     |
| Tech Talks            | Reid Carlson    |
| Meeting Refreshments  | TBD             |
| Web Page              | Greg Mack       |
| Newsletter            | Jeff Niven      |
| Restorer Chapter News | Clyde Munson    |

### Past and Current Club Presidents

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 2013 Robert Mack     | 2020 Greg Mack           |
| 2014 Clyde Munson    | 2021 Greg Mack           |
| 2015 Howard Eckstein | 2022 Brad Christofferson |
| 2016 Nicholas Mack   | 2023 Brian Lindenlaub    |
| 2017 Reid Carlson    | 2024 Roger Davis         |
| 2018 Clyde Munson    | 2025 Roger Davis         |
| 2019 Clyde Munson    |                          |

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# President's Message

From Roger Davis



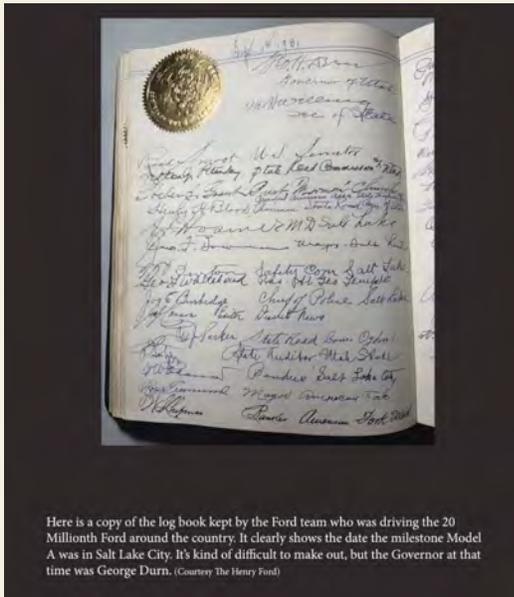
In a recent issue of the Beehive As newsletter, the Editor and prominent Ford historian, Henry Dominguez posted this photo of Henry and Edsel Ford with the 20,000,00 Ford and Henry's Quadracycle.



He included this explanation: "You have probably seen quite a few photographs over the years of the 20 Millionth Ford,

a 1931 Model A Ford Fordor sedan. But you probably haven't seen the famous car in this scene. Edsel Ford (left) and Henry Ford are posing with the milestone Model A, along with Henry's first car, the Quadracycle, at Henry's estate, Fairlane. The

Model A came off the assembly line in April 1931, and that is why the trees are barren. Shortly after this photograph was taken, the Model A was driven to every state capital in the country as a publicity tour. It visited Salt Lake City on September 1, 1931. He also posted this photo (left) of the log book kept by Ford showing their visit to Salt Lake City.



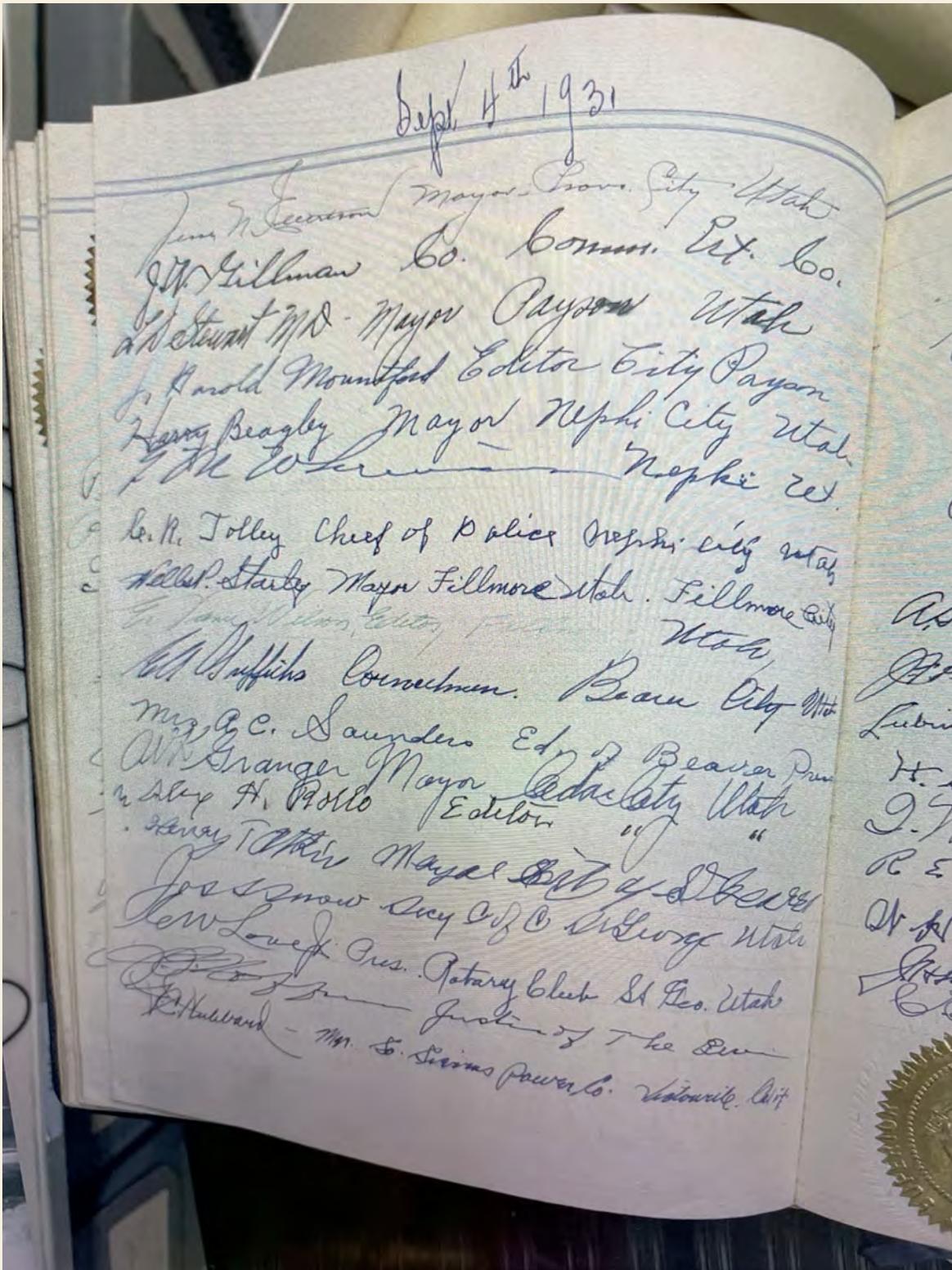
Here is a copy of the log book kept by the Ford team who was driving the 20 Millionth Ford around the country. It clearly shows the date the milestone Model A was in Salt Lake City. It's kind of difficult to make out, but the Governor at that time was George Durn. (Courtesy The Henry Ford)

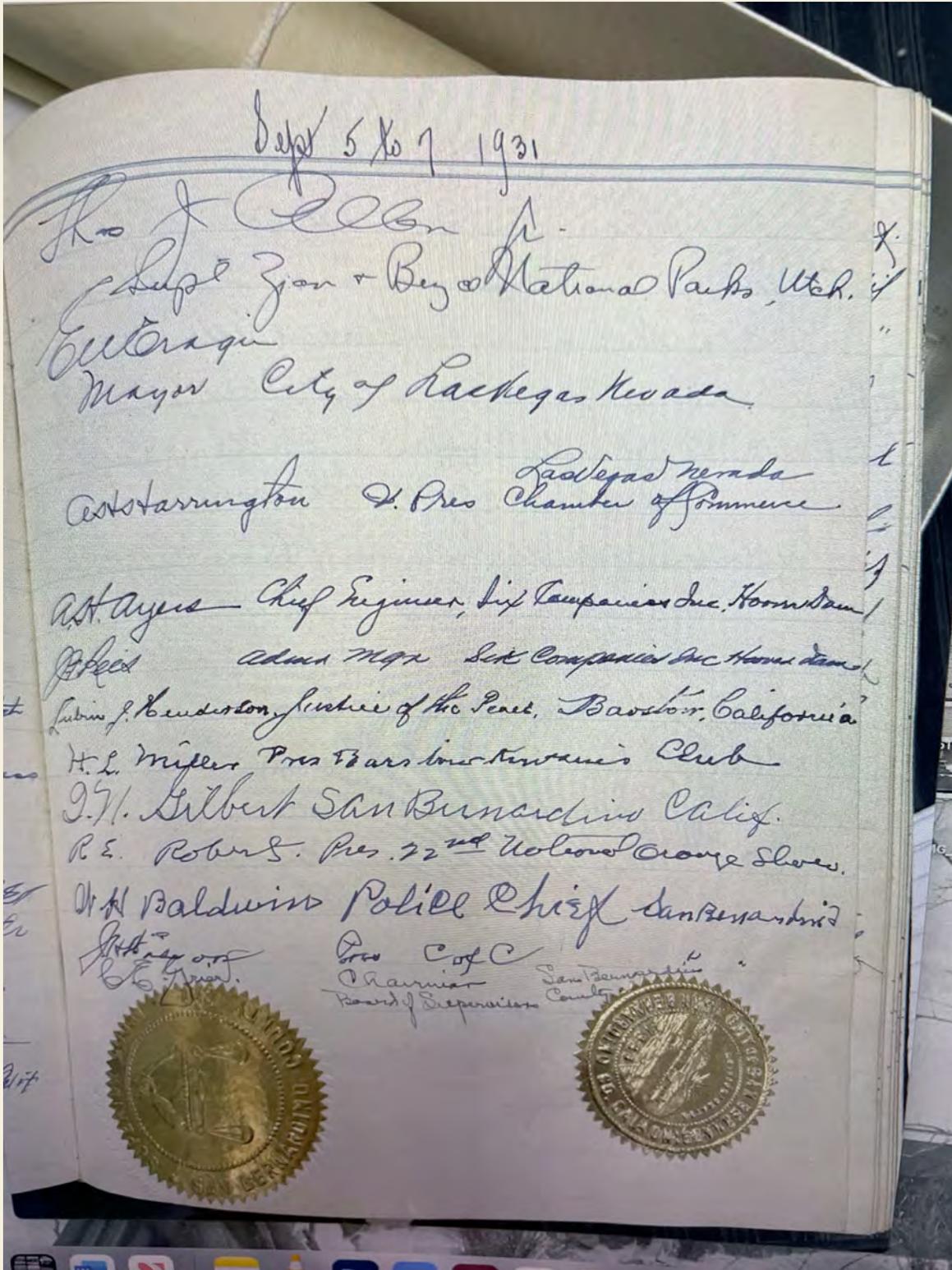
I noted with interest the last two lines on that page show they visited American Fork. I wondered if they visited other Utah Valley cities and then on to St George, or if they followed the Lincoln Highway on to California. Henry provided me with these additional pages (included below) from the log book showing they visited American Fork, Provo, Payson, Nephi, Filmore, Beaver, Cedar City, St George, and Zion and Bryce National Parks through Central and Southern Utah from 2 Sep 1931 to 7 Sep 1931 and then on to the West. I used that information to map their route

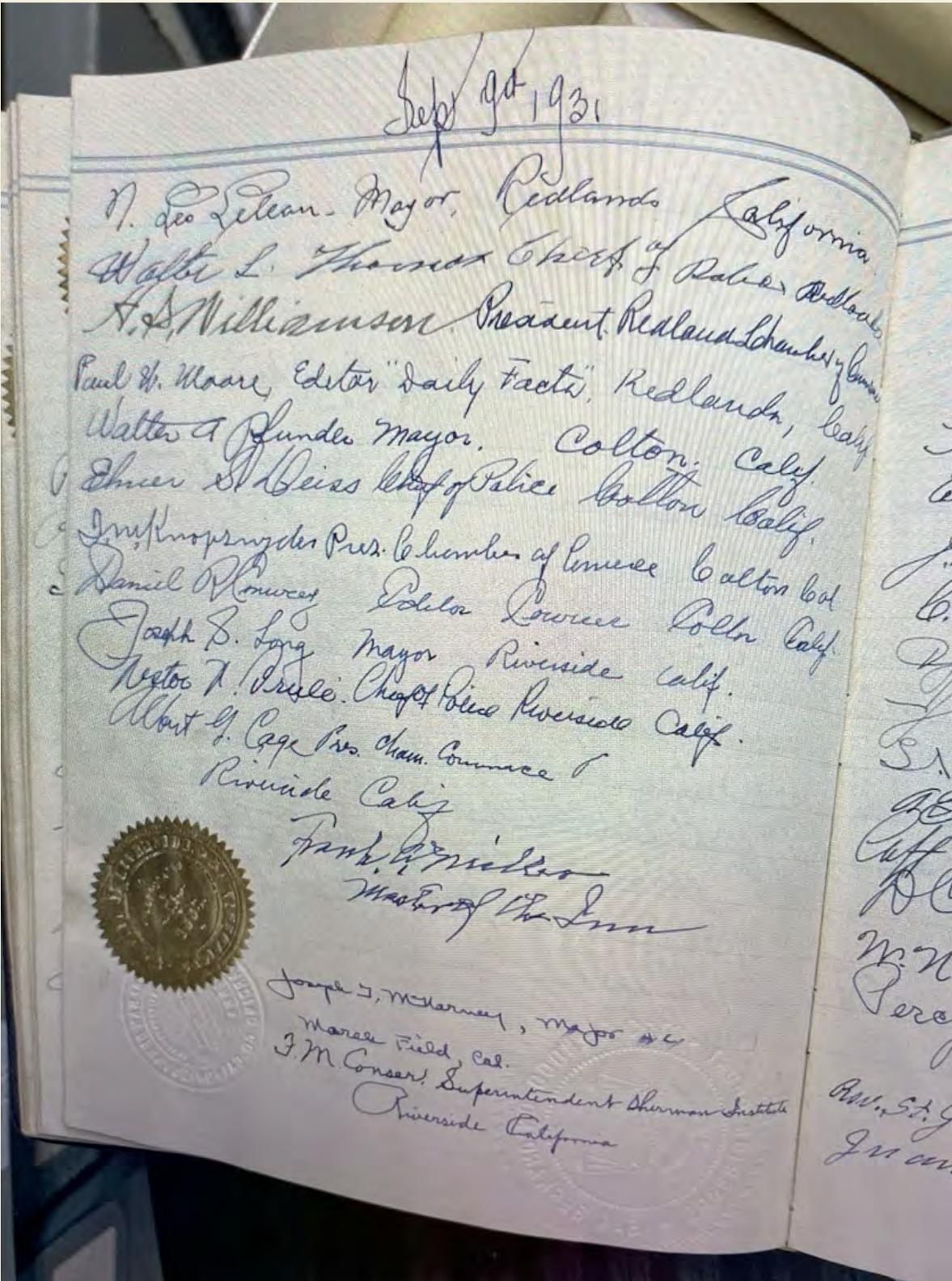


in Google Maps (right) which roughly follows today's I-15. I can only imagine the fun, exhilaration, adrenaline, and even fear as they passed through these sparsely populated areas. What a blast it would have been. We may not be able to have the same experience but we can have experiences just as exhilarating when traveling with our Model As. Happy Driving!









Sept 30 1931

N. Geo. Lelan. Mayor, Redlands California  
 Walter L. Thomas Chief of Police Redlands  
 A.A. Williamson President Redlands Chamber of Commerce  
 Paul W. Moore, Editor "Daily Facts", Redlands, Calif.  
 Walter A. Punder Mayor, Colton, Calif.  
 Elmer A. Weiss Chief of Police Colton Calif.  
 J. Knoppy Pres. Chamber of Commerce Colton Cal.  
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 Riverside Calif.



Frank Miller  
 Master of the Inn

Joseph J. McNamee, Mayor  
 Marcel Field, Cal.  
 J.M. Conser, Superintendent Sherman Institute  
 Riverside California



Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1931

J. Wells Councilman 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Arlington Calif.  
 W. James M.D. Health Board Arlington Calif.  
 W. S. Elderly Park Board Councilman "Arlington"  
 Herbert M. Key Mayor Corona Calif.  
 Eli Ganner Chief Police Corona Cal  
 J. C. Copley Councilman Corona, Cal  
 C. A. Dooney Mayor Elsinore Calif  
 J. B. Lehman Judge Elsinore, Calif  
 J. B. Lehman Bandel Elsinore Calif  
 E. W. Danton Mayor Escondido Calif  
 O. G. Casar Chief of Police Escondido  
 C. H. Younger San Diego Calif N. Patrol San Diego  
 D. Collier San Diego 1934 Escondido  
 W. N. Bradbury Post Safe Day  
 Percy Evans Post Chamber of Commerce

Rev. St. John & Catherine - Father, Mission San Juan Capistrano, California.

# Utah Valley Model A Club Meeting

## 19 June 2025

The June 2025 meeting of the Utah Valley Model A Club was called to order by club president Roger Davis at 7:04pm on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2025 in the Clyde Company Building in Orem, Utah. Par and Patsy Palmer brought a large number of delicious hot pizzas for refreshments for the meeting, and rather than let them get cold, it was decided to begin the meeting with a Pizza Feast. Thank you, Par and Patsy for the tasty refreshments!



After the refreshments, Roger began with some general announcements including:

- Club members Paul Peterson and Elaine Carlson recently passed away. Club members were invited to drive their Model A's in Elaine's funeral procession and stay for the luncheon. There were 29 members and 14 cars that participated. We'll miss these two club members.
- Diane Brimley underwent surgery yesterday, and is expected to make a quick recovery.
- Tyler Lewallen received a Youth Restoration Award of \$2500 from MAFCA. Congratulations Tyler!
- The club participated in the OremFest Car Show and Parade, (the Car Show satisfied one of



the club's 2025 goals for a Club Service Project). There were 5 members and 4 cars at the car show and 10 members and 5 cars at the parade. Jeff Niven received an award at the car show and Rodney and Jeff got their pictures in the local



newspaper. Thank you, Rodney for organizing this event.

- Members of the club attended the Rat Fink Reunion this month. Bill Thompson organized the three-day event where there were 33 members and 15 cars. (This event satisfied the club goal to have 25% of the members attend an overnight activity.) Thank you, Bill Thompson for organizing this event. Note: Bill Thompson received an award for his car at the event and even got his photo on KSL.com.



- Club members participated in the Legacy House Car Show in Spanish Fork. There were 13 members there, with 9 cars and a tractor. Thanks to John Warby for organizing this wonderful event,



which also helped qualify the club for their service project goal for 2025. Nick Mack and Reid Carlson received awards from Legacy House; Reid for his car and Nick for giving all the residents at Legacy House a ride in his Tudor.

- The club participated in the Springville Art City Days and Car Show. The club event was organized by Theon and Laurel Laney who wrote:

*14 June saw a beautiful clear, sunny day for the 2025 annual Art City Days Parade. Club members gathered at Ream's for a bit of comradery and discussion before heading over to the parade assembly area. We had 8 Model A's and 18 members and family ride in the parade. Parade goes completely lined the route enthusiastically cheering us on and we had a good time waving and honking our Ahooga horns. After the parade members gathered at the Laney's for sloppy joes and fixings and more comradery. There were 18 members who participated with 8+1 cars. Thanks*



- Chelsea Jerome and Tyler Lewallen both applied for MAFCA Youth Scholarships, and hope to hear back from them soon. Update: Both Chelsea and Tyler received 4-year scholarships of \$1000 each, per year. Congratulations Chelsea and Tyler! (See copy of letters here.)
- Our club mileage goal for 2025 is to drive 25,025 miles (about 500 miles per car, as we have about 50 drivable cars in the club.)



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- Buster Hansen announced that he is meeting with Par and Patsy Palmer to work out details for the purchase of club T-Shirts.
- Magnet Signs for the sides of Model A’s are available for purchase. (Roger recommended getting the white background, as the black background causes problems in the hot sun.

There was no financial report as Diane Brimley was not present at the meeting due to surgery. However, the following balances were reported at the recent UVMAC Board Meeting on June 16:

- o Checking - \$224.12
- o Savings - \$2301.92
- o CD – \$3032.41

The next item on the meeting agenda was the presentation of club awards, by Theon Laney. Stacy Fairbanks was not present at the meeting to receive her Golden Wrench Award for the article she submitted in last month’s Motometer. We hope to see her at our next meeting.

Mileage Awards were presented to three club members as follows;

- o Tyler Lewallen – 1000 miles
- o Clyde Munson – 1000 miles
- o Paul Jerome – 5000 miles



Next came Bent Rod Nominations as follows:

- Theon Laney – For getting a flat tire and losing his hat out the window of his car.
- Dave Morrell – For getting stopped by the police on the recent San Pete Tour.
- Steve Dutton – For multiple gushing radiators, a and loose fan belt
- Buster Hansen – Leaking repair on cracked block that he thought was fixed previously.
- Clyde Munson – Overheated engine caused water to flow out of overflow tube.
- Tyler Lewallen – Ran out of gas twice.

Par Palmer – Misread his watch and mixed up AM and PM for an activity.  
 John Wilson – Blew a tire that probably should have been replaced due to age.  
 Bill Thomson – Drew intense anger from a resident for driving on her property.

After the club members voted on the most deserving nominee, the two Bent Rod Awards were presented to Steve Dutton and Buster Hansen.

Two new club members were introduced at this time. Nick and Ronia Lewman who live in Ephraim, Utah, attended our club meeting for the first time.

Another new member, who lives in the state of Colorado, wants to join our club in the Provo 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. His name is Blake Clifton and he owns a Model AA. Welcome to all of our new members!



Roger next announced that the club has new small printed Club Rosters available to all the members. They look wonderful. Contact Roger to get yours.



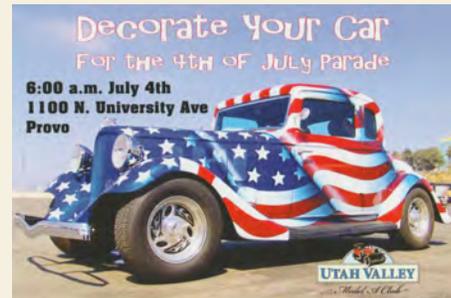
Next, Roger presented club member Mike Carlson with a metal Ford sign for submitting our club's activity report to the MAFCA Restorer Chapter News during the year 2024. Thanks, Mike.



Roger next brought up the possibility of holding Hubley Car races in 2026. There seemed to be some interest in doing this as a club. Buster agreed to look for a race track that could be used to race Hubley metal cars.



The next item on the agenda was upcoming club activities. Howard Eckstein mentioned that the club had a busy June, but that was “what the club was all about.” He said there were a number of new activities coming up but perhaps the biggest of the year was the Provo Freedom Festival 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Provo, which will be held the morning of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He encouraged everyone to wash and wax their cars and decorate them if desired. We should meet at 6:00am the morning of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, to be in place before the annual marathon traffic blocks most of the roads leading to the starting point for the parade. Howard said that much of the fun is meeting other participants for the parade and decorating our cars. He



indicated that our club usually has about 18 to 20 cars which stretch an entire city block during the parade. The Provo parade will be the official club activity for our club in July.

The Beehive A’s announced a car show on June 21, in Orem, and the Salty A’s announced a car show on the same day from 11am - 2pm. In addition to those two events, the city of Lehi is holding their Strawberry Days Parade on the same day. A lot to choose from.

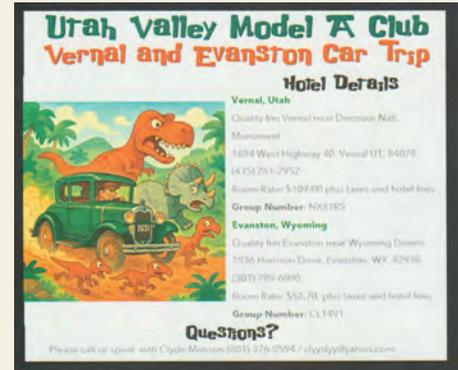
Robert Mack got up, next, and discussed how we will be handling parade and car shows this year. In addition to the Provo parade, on the 4<sup>th</sup>, there are a number of other parades and car shows this summer that club members may wish to participate in if they wish. Each of those events will have an organizer from the club to provide details and take care of the necessary paperwork. He passed around sign-up sheets for the various events for members for these organizers to use in contacting the interested club members.

One parade that was mentioned in particular was the Mona City Parade to be held in Mona, Utah, on July 26 at 9am. Club members Wes and Karla Lynn have asked the club members to support this parade as they indicated it would be a big hit for the residents of Mona, who usually only have a couple of entries in their small-town parade along with a bunch of tractors.

The Salty A’s also mentioned the Draper Parade on July 19<sup>th</sup>, where they asked our club to help give under-privileged kids rides in our cars during the parade.

And finally, Clyde Munson got up and announced additional hotel information for the Vernal and Evanston Club Activity, which will be the club's official activity on the 12, 13, and 14<sup>th</sup> of September.

After a short break, club member Jeff Niven gave a technical presentation about the Model A Ford Transmission.



**Utah Valley Model A Club**  
**Vernal and Evanston Car Trip**

**Hotel Details**

**Vernal, Utah**  
Quality Inn Vernal near Dinosaur Natl. Monument  
1604 West Highway 40, Vernal UT, 84078  
1435 763-2952  
Room Rate: \$109.00 plus taxes and hotel fees  
Group Number: 703185

**Evanston, Wyoming**  
Quality Inn Evanston near Wyoming Downs  
1030 Harrison Drive, Evanston, WY, 82930  
(307) 789-6880  
Room Rate: \$59.75 plus taxes and hotel fees  
Group Number: C13871

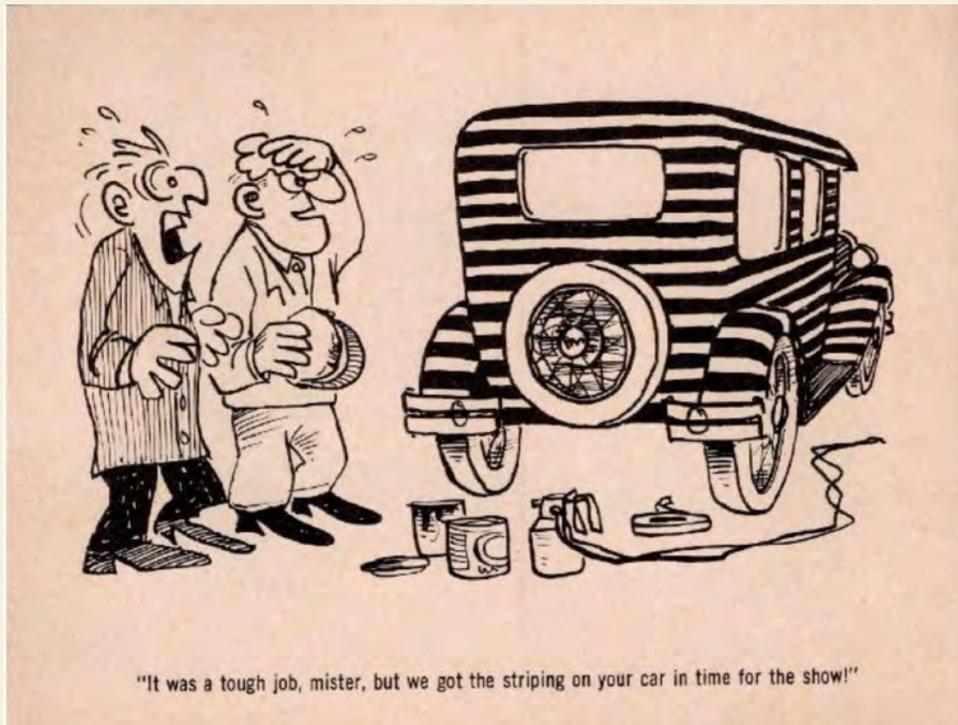
**Questions?**  
Please call or email with Clyde Munson (801) 375-0994 / clyde@utahvalleyclub.com

**Agenda**

- Why do we need a transmission?
- Review of basics (Torque, Power, RPM)
- Characteristics of the Model A Transmission
- Gear Ratios
- Shift Patterns
- Let's look inside and see how it works
- Why Double Clutch?
- Loads (Aerodynamic, Climbing Hills, Friction) – (Acceleration for future discussion)
- Over-Drives



After the presentation, the meeting was adjourned at around 9:20pm.



# Ed “Big Daddy” Roth’s 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rat Fink Reunion & UVMAC San Pete County Tour June 5/6/7 2025 By Roger Davis

Bill and Collette Thompson put on an absolutely amazing tour of San Pete County and the Rat Fink Reunion for us 5-7 Jun. All I can say is Wow! What a wonderful trip.

We left Spanish Fork on Thursday with the weather in the mid-70s and the sky was clear blue. We followed U.S.



89 through Salem, Payson, Santaquin, and Mona, Nephi, and through Levan to Gunnison. The fields were a beautiful green and lush. A short drive from Gunnison and we arrived at our home for the next 3 days, Cedar Crest Inn in Sterling, Utah, near Palisade State Park. Cedar Crest is a



private resort owned by one of Bill’s relatives so we had the whole place to ourselves.

After a tasty lunch of barbecued turkey (this area is the producer of the Norbest turkeys we all eat), Bill took us on a tour of the beautiful Palisade State Park, several historic buildings, and then to the eclectic Rat Fink Reunion hosted by the wife of Big Daddy, Ed Roth, creator of the famous Rat Fink characters.



We also visited John Clark's amazing license plate collection and his myriad posters and art work depicting both Utah and National History.

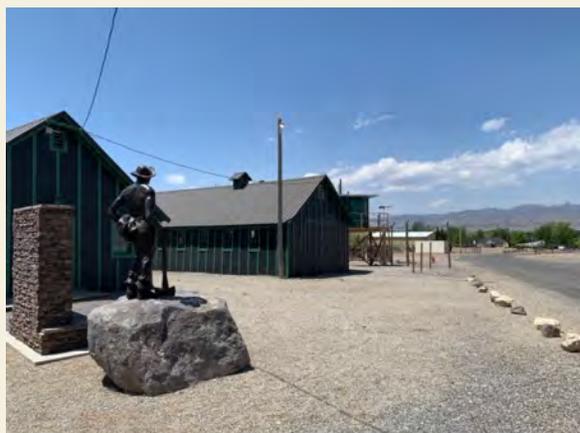
After a well-deserved night's rest, we were off with Bill and Collette once again taking us through many historic sites, lunch at Mom's Café in Salina, the POW Museum there, beautiful vistas near Bill's boyhood home, more beautiful edifices in Manti, and then on to Spring City. Note that all of Spring City is on the National Historic Register, so these homes all have a history.



Saturday started with us getting our cars to the Manti Park before 7:00 to make sure we got a spot and then with a hearty pancake and egg strata breakfast hosted by the Macks. We had a huge presence at the Rat Fink Car Show. We enjoyed plenty of time to chat



with each other, talk about our Model As, and admire some beautiful cars.



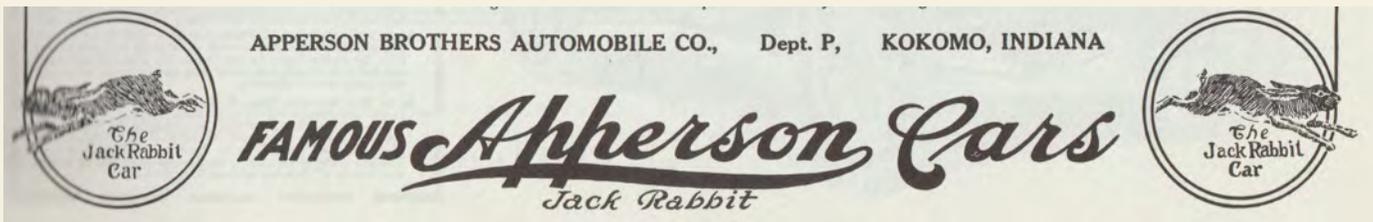
To cap off the day and the tour, Bill won a beautiful engraved medallion award created by one of his previous students as his choice of the best car. Congratulations Bill!



The tour was wonderful, fun, and exciting. All told, we had 33 members join us and 15 vintage cars. As a teeny-tiny postscript, we had virtually no problems with our cars—well, except for a bit of overheating in Stephen Dutton's Woody.



What a great tour! As always, Bill and Collette produced a marvelous adventure.



# Recipe of the Month

## Cream Puffs w/ Custard Filling

From Better Homes & Gardens (1941-1950)

### Ingredients (Cream Puffs):

½ cup butter  
1 cup boiling water  
1 cup flour  
¼ teaspoon salt  
4 eggs



### Directions (Cream Puffs):

1. Melt butter in water. Add flour and salt all at once and stir vigorously; cook, stirring constantly, until mixture forms a ball that does not separate. Remove from heat and cool slightly.
2. Add eggs one at a time, beating vigorously after each addition until mixture is smooth.
3. Drop from tablespoon 2 inches apart onto greased baking sheet. Bake in hot oven (450°) 15 minutes, then moderate oven (325°) 25 minutes.
4. Remove with spatula and cool on rack. When thoroughly cool, cut side of each puff and fill with Cornstarch Custard (recipe below), pudding, or whipped cream. Makes 1 dozen Cream Puffs.

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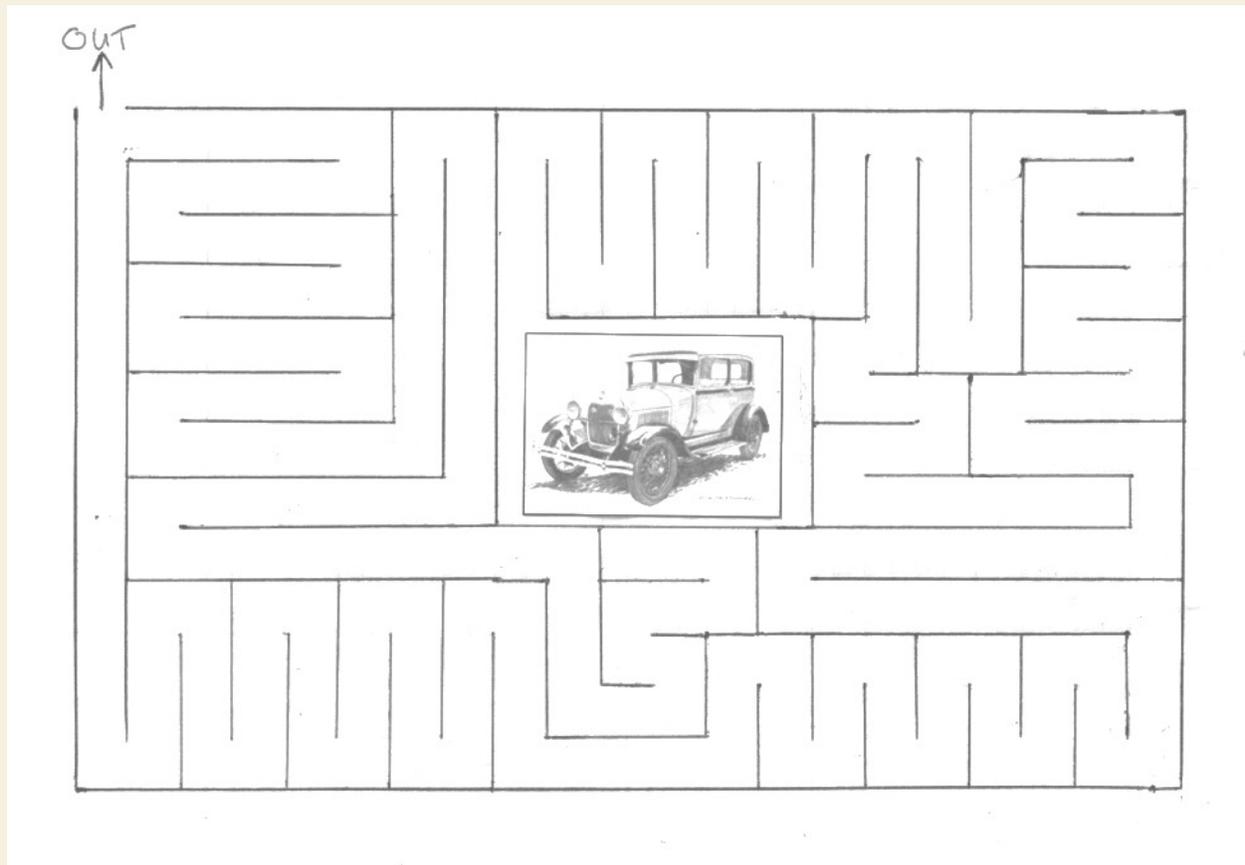
3 tablespoons cornstarch  
1/3 cup sugar  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
½ cup of cold milk  
2½ cups of scalded milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla

### Directions (Custard):

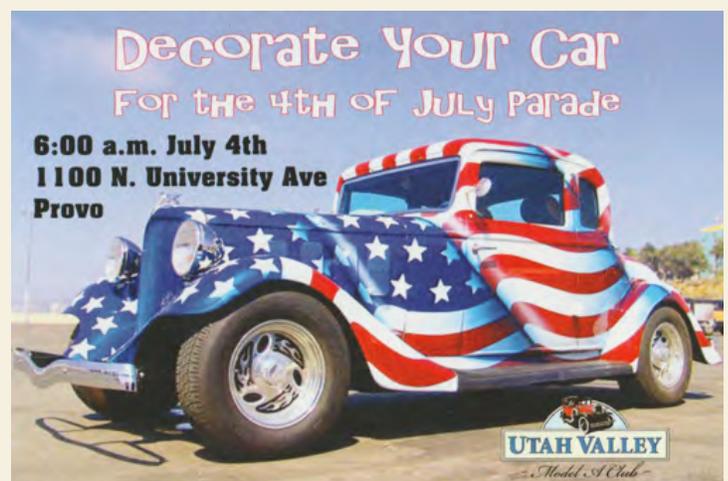
1. Mix cornstarch, sugar and salt; combine with cold milk
2. Gradually add hot milk.
3. Cook in double boiler, stirring until thick; cover and cook 15 to 20 minutes.
4. Add vanilla. Pour into molds, rinsed with cold water; chill until firm.

# Have Some Fun

Help the Model A Find the Way Out



- Don't forget the Provo Freedom Festival Grand Parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Decorate your car
- Make sure your horn is working and well adjusted (it will get a workout)



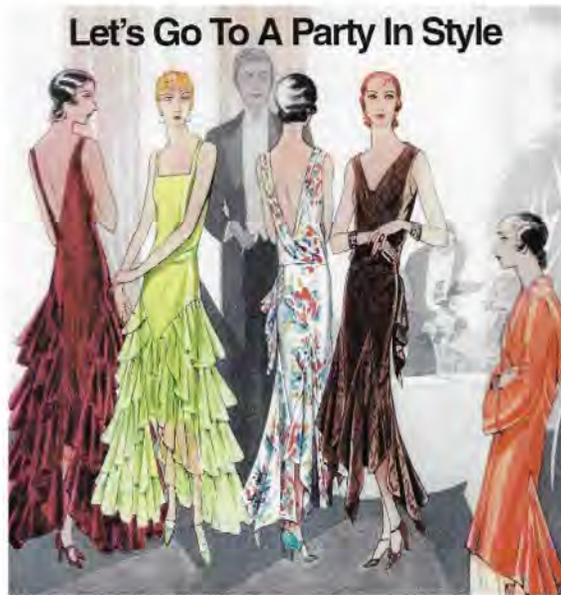
# Period Fashion

From MAFCA Restorer Magazine – May 2023

## A Backward Interest in Design

By Lynda Davis, Dallas and Fort Worth Model A Clubs

In their 1928 winter magazine, the Fifth Avenue luxury department store B. Altman and Company describes evolving fashion trends as the “playful imagination of fashion [that] is constantly conceiving delightfully fanciful things, some of which live while others wither and die. How frivolous one can feel in billows of tulle and chiffon—in a youthful bouffant frock, . . . or, when dining and dancing in crowded spaces, how smart the sophisticate appears in an evening gown of more restraint—one that falls in straighter, softer lines and follows the body rather [definitively].” Altman’s observation aptly reflects the evolution of style during the 1920-30 decade.



McCalls, October 1929. Illustration taken from *The Fashion Files*, p 70.



“Artificial silk bias-cut evening gown by Donguy of Paris, ca. 1930s”

The decade dawned with women’s voting rights and freedoms (leading to shorter dress hems) and ended with the cataclysmic crash of a booming economy (in which hem length dropped along with stocks). B. Altman’s statement marks the fashion-pendulum swing from the frilly garden party and elaborate and beaded flapper dresses (with hem lines reaching their height in 1927 to just below the knee), to the advancing trend towards more conservatively-styled, longer and sleeker gowns “of more restraint,” what Altman called the “straightening out’ feeling.” These dresses were typically made from velvet, heavy silk, silk crepe de Chine, silk pongee, lace, and the new Rayon, and they hug the body in ways that Jean Harlow would later make famous.



The most interesting notation in Altman's magazine describes a "decided back-ward interest in formal gowns." These gowns frequently have a front that appears "quite plain"; however, when "backs are turned ethically, bodices and waistlines are found to be attractively elaborated" with "stress—and often *strass* [rhinestone adornments]—on many a low decollete" (*sic*). Just a few years earlier, shorter hemlines exposed women's legs, increasing hosiery sales and making ladies' legs an area of interest. As fashion approached the 1930s, hemlines dropped to the mid-calf and longer, shifting emphasis from the legs to the back, and often those backs were bared to the waist.

Above: Backless gowns featured in *McCall's Magazine*, January 1930, and found in *The Fashion Files*. Notice the backdrop necklace on the model left of center.  
Right: A dancing couple. Picture from 1930, *Modern Ballroom Dancing*, 1930, by Lillian Ray

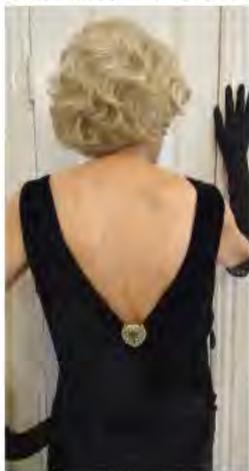


The likely reason for displacing the focus to the dress-back may have something to do with dancing. With shorter dress hems, women had free range of movement, enabling them to enjoy dances such as the Charleston. But with longer dress lengths, inhibited movement likely encouraged slower dancing, "cheek to cheek." Altman's magazine speculates that it is from behind that the "sophisticate" is better able to show off her formal evening dress when "dancing in crowded spaces."



Of course, bobbed hair and bared backs do provide nice landscapes for ladies to show off their jewelry. How often have we heard tales of our grandmothers or great grandmothers wearing their long necklaces backwards down their lovely backs. To illustrate a bit of *strass*, as Altman puts it, look to the 1931 illustration above left and to MAFCA member Tammie Jones below. Here the fashionable models wear rhinestone clips at their back décolleté. Then, too, capitalizing on the desire to accentuate the feminine back, manufacturers produced and sold “backdrop” necklaces especially for that purpose. Backdrop (sometimes spelled “back-drop”)

Photo on left shows a model from the 1928 *La Gazette du Bon Ton* which also appears in MAFCA’s Fashion Files, p 68. The backdrop necklaces above appear in the annual illustrated catalog of Leonard Krower & Son’s 1931.



necklaces, like traditional necklaces, decorate the neck-front and fasten in the back; however, the “backdrop feature,” as seen in the figures above and the photo of Myrna Loy at the right, typically sport two or three strands that “drop” down below the coiffed hair-bun at the neck’s nape and dangle between the shoulder blades. Model A Era fashions prove to be beautiful when women are both coming and going. The women of our era really knew how to make an exit!

Left: MAFCA Member Tammie Jones  
 Right: Myrna Loy. Photograph taken by Max M. Autrey.



# Meet Ed Tolman, MAFCA President

By Roger Davis

How often do you have the chance to have dinner with the MAFCA President? Current MAFCA President, Ed Tolman, drove his Model A from his California home to the 2025 MAFCA National Tour in the Gettysburg area. Coming home, he pretty much had to come through Utah to get home. As he was coming through, he offered to get together with our club for dinner.

Nine Model As and twenty-three members of the Utah Valley Model A Club met Ed at the local Golden Corral for a tasty buffet dinner. Ed congratulated Tyler for his Model A Youth Scholarship and his Model A Youth Restoration



Award. All had the chance to get to know Ed better in the couple of hours we were together.

As always with our Model As there's a chance to fix something wrong on one of our cars. We were able to replace one of Ed's older tires with his new spare in preparation for his passing through the deserts of Utah/Nevada



/California in the heat of July.

We also got to repair one of Steve's front wheels to make sure he got home safely.

What a great club that can muster so many cars and so many members on short notice to rub shoulders with the leaders of our hobby!



# Calendar of Birthdays, Activities and Events

## JULY 2025

| SUN                            | MON                          | TUE                            | WED                  | THU  | FRI   | SAT   |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--|---|---|
| 29                             | 30                           | 1<br>Geena Davis<br>Par Palmer | 2                    | 3  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Of July<br>Provo Freedom<br>Festival Parade | 5<br>Gemma Eckstein   |
| 6<br>Bob Todd                  | 7                            | 8                              | 9                    | 10   | 11<br>Lorraine Houser<br>Glen Johns                         | 12<br>Tia Korologos<br>American Fork<br>Car Show                                      |
| 13                             | 14<br>UVMAC<br>Board Meeting | 15                             | 16<br>Judy Isaksen   | 17<br>Utah County Mtg<br>UVMAC Club<br>Meeting | 18  | 19<br>Draper Parade<br>AF Parade<br>Mapleton Parade<br>SF Car Show<br>Utah County Mtg |
| 20<br>Theon Laney<br>Pam Warby | 21                           | 22                             | 23                   | 24<br>Pioneer Day                              | 25  | 26<br>Lynne<br>Christofferson<br>Mona Parade  |
| 27                             | 28<br>Lindon Car<br>Show     | 29                             | 30<br>Colleen Laxman | 31<br>Hollie Carlton                           | 1<br>Lindon Parade  | 2   |

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### Upcoming 2025/2026 MAFCA Events:

National Awards Banquet – Alabama – December 3-6

National Convention – Oregon – May 31 – June 7 , 2026

# Gwen's Thistle Memories

From the Scrapbook of the late Gwen Gerber Dockstader

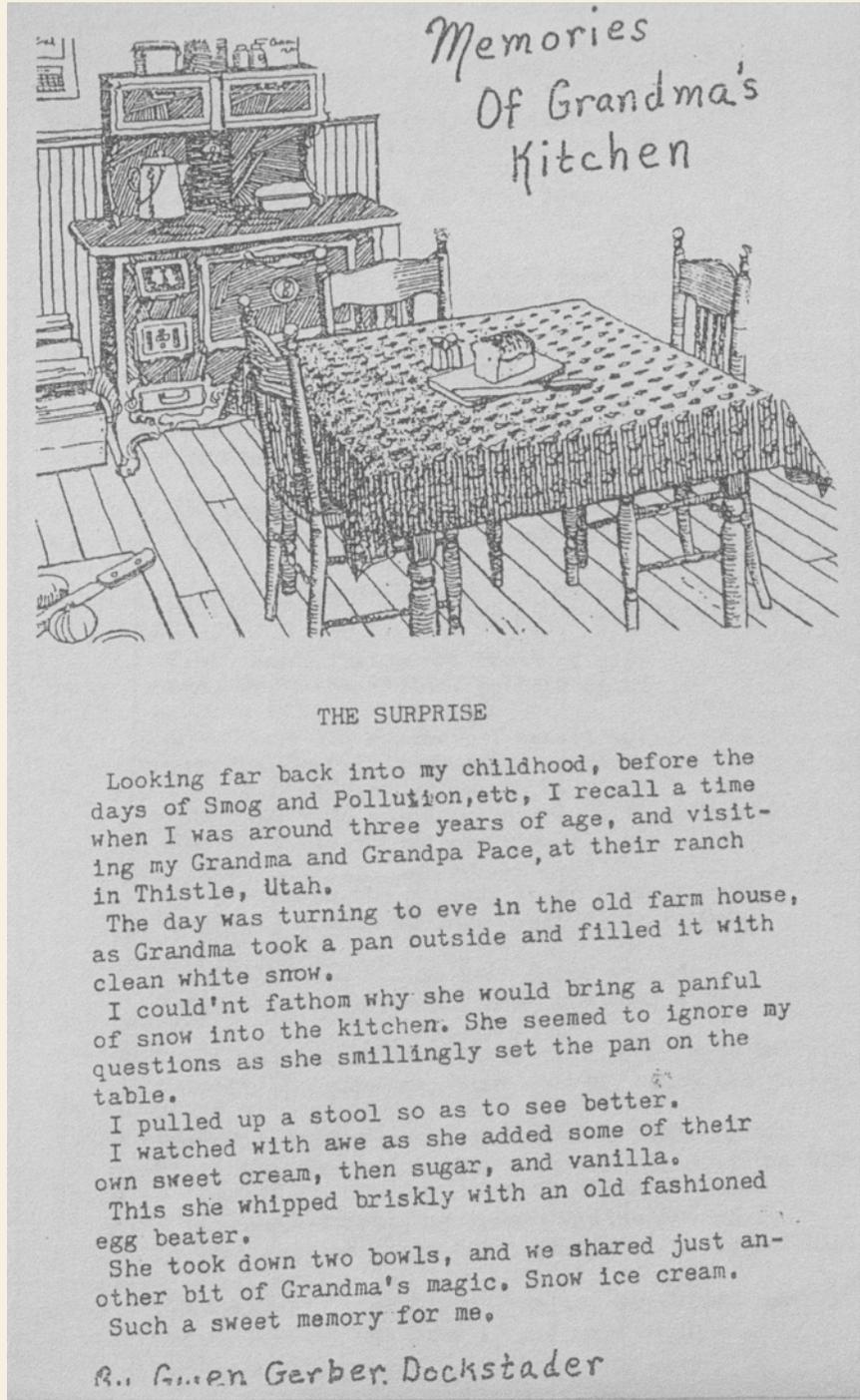


Gwen Dockstader

## New Feature

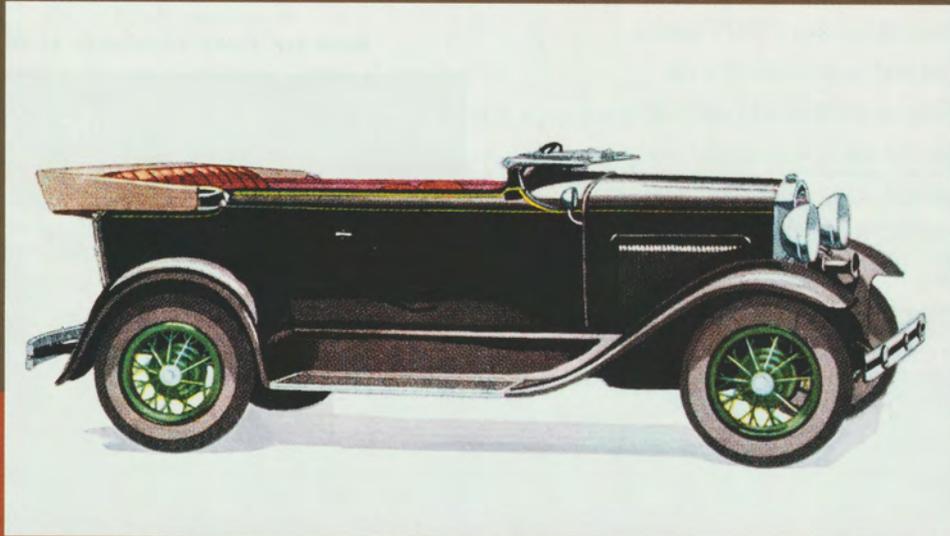
This is a new feature of the Motometer. Each of the entries comes from the scrapbook kept by Evelyn "Gwen" Gerber Dockstader as she documented her life growing up in Thistle, Utah. Gwen was born in 1932 and passed away in 2022. Gwen allowed me to make a copy of her scrapbook when I visited her in November 2019. Gwen made her own drawings and often wrote poems about her life.

Editor



# Model A Ford – Model of the Month

## DE LUXE PHAETON



|                           | TOTAL | 1930  | 1931  |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Ford Body Style           |       | 180-A | 180-A |
| Weight (pounds)           |       | 2,285 | 2,285 |
| Price (FOB Detroit)       |       | \$625 | \$580 |
| Units Produced (U.S.)     | 6,175 | 3,946 | 2,229 |
| <b>Number of U.S. Ads</b> |       |       |       |
| Primary Formats           | 2     | 1     | 1     |
| Ad Variations             | 4     | 1     | 3     |
| Magazine Insertions       | 9     | 1     | 8     |

The distinctive Model A Ford De Luxe Phaeton was introduced in June 1930. Unlike the (standard) Phaeton, the De Luxe Phaeton was a two-door model with a single wide door providing access to both the front and rear seats. This low-production automobile was a very desirable Model A body style. It featured high sides, low seats and a very sporty appearance – while easily accommodating four passengers. While only one interior trim scheme was used, the De Luxe Phaeton was available in a wide variety of exterior color combinations.

# A Note on Authenticity

By Roger Davis



Last year, I visited long-time club member Karl Pope to do a lube job on his beautiful 28 Roadster. While there I noticed his distributor body had a Ford script logo on it. I thought wow, this must be quite a find. I've never seen one of these before.

I mustered the courage to ask if I could change another club member's car—that was probably not a smart thing to do, eh? I asked Karl if he might be willing to swap one of my newer reproduction distributor bodies so I could put that original body with the Ford script on my 29 Fordor—certainly an unwise thing to ask. He was so kind and said he would be willing to trade. I was ready to run home to get that body off my car to bring it back and swap it.



Having learned the hard way to not acquire original parts unless I had done my homework, I decided I should check out the Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards. Page 2-11 says, "In July 1931 a Ford script was added to the distributor body between the number 1 and 2 contact points. In August 1931 "U.S.A." was added below the Ford script." I interpret that to mean that there was no script on cars before July 1931.

Thus, I realized that the distributor body with the Ford script was not used on my 29 Fordor—I'm sure glad I didn't inconvenience Karl and possibly disrupt his well-running car!



Somewhere along the line, I did come upon another distributor body with the Ford script and the "U.S.A." This distributor body is correct for my April 1932 Mail Truck. I install it for special events.

Be authentic!

# Youth Spotlight

Two of our great youth club members were recently recognized by the MAFCA Board of Directors. Chelsea Jerome and Tyler Lewallen were each awarded with a Model A Ford Youth Scholarship, for \$1000 per year for four years. We congratulate Chelsea and Tyler for this wonderful award, which recognizes their years of hard work, sacrifice and dedication during their time in High School.

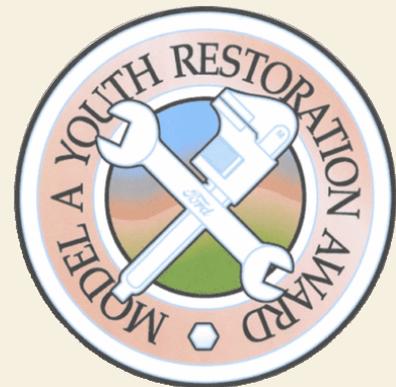
We are happy to have such wonderful and active youth members in our club, and we wish them the best as they continue their education.



In addition to receiving a Model A Ford Youth Scholarship, club member Tyler Lewallen was also awarded another Model A



Youth Restoration Award for \$2500. We appreciate Tyler's hard work and effort to restore his growing collection of Model A Fords. It seems



that not a day goes by that club members don't receive enthusiastic Text Messages from Tyler with

questions and photos as he works to restore his Model A's. Here is a photo (above) I received this past week after Tyler stained his new floor board. Great work, Tyler!

We really appreciate all of our younger Utah Valley Model A Club members and are happy to help and encourage them as they participate with the other club members in this great association and hobby.



# OremFest Car Show & Parade

Club Organizer - Rodney Gardner

On Monday, June 2nd, the city of Orem held their annual OremFest Car Show as a fundraiser in support of American Legion Post 72. The turnout was tremendous and dozens of cars were packed into the grass area at Scera Park in Orem. Two members of the Utah Valley Model A Club were interviewed by the Provo Daily Herald and Editor Jeff Niven received an award from the Mountain America Credit Union. At last count, the club had 4 Model A's and 4 members in attendance at that event. Here are car show photos that appeared in the Daily Herald.



Then, on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, ten members of our club along with their five Model A's participated in the OremFest Parade.

(Photo below from the City of Orem)



# Murray July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

From Andrew Hudspeth

Andy Hudspeth reported that he joined the Salty A's at the Murray City 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and ended up carrying the mayor of Murray, Brett Hales, and his wife in the rumble seat of his beautiful 1929 roadster. Great job Andy!



## Back in Time

Do you recognize this UVMAC club member when he was a young boy? He is standing next to his dad's Model A Sedan during the restoration Process.



# Elaine Carlson Passing

July 18, 1948 to May 31, 2025

Elaine Carlson passed away peacefully at home with family on Saturday, May 31, 2025. She was vibrant, talented, patient, compassionate, kind, artistic, cheery, positive, etc. She was the 'center of the world' for her adoring husband of 55 years, Reid Carlson. She was born in Spanish Fork, Utah on July 18, 1948 to James E. and Darlene J. Hathaway. She was educated in Spanish Fork schools and attended BYU in Elementary Education with an art minor.



She was blessed with many talents and seemed to excel at anything she was involved with. She was best known for her



beautiful quilting and needlework skills. She loved volunteering and helping others. Elaine started the literacy center in Mapleton and organized tutors to help children improve their reading skills; she did this for many years. She maintained a strong testimony of the restored gospel and the atonement of Jesus Christ. Reid and Elaine served a mission in New York at the Seneca Lake Youth Camp.

She lived a graceful, uncomplaining life with a hidden medical condition, but she never let it slow her down. Reid finally realized Elaine's reaction to life's challenges was a consistent action, 'Rise Up'. Her example is something we all can learn from. Regardless of what life throws at you, 'Rise Up', you can do it.

Reid and Elaine loved to travel together. When traveling, Elaine would make sure that art galleries were stopped at. She visited all 50 states and 37 different countries, many of them multiple times. Elaine made friends easily everywhere she went. They lived in Oklahoma and North Carolina before building their home in Mapleton.

Reid and Elaine have two children, Andrea Boswell (Ephraim) in Springville, Patrick



Carlson in Mapleton and a granddaughter Riya Roberts (Brant) of Springville. Elaine also was involved in the lives with other children where she filled in as the Grandmother figure. Elaine was preceded in death by both her parents, a granddaughter Willow Boswell, and a brother Wendell. She is survived by her sisters Millie Cannon (Brent) of Salem and Emily Clark (Paul) of Orem, along with brothers Larry Hathaway of Spanish Fork, Lanny Hathaway of Spanish Fork, Michael Hathaway (Valerie) of Oak City, and Gordon Hathaway of Salt Lake City.

# Out and About

From Roger Davis

Geena and I had a great opportunity to enjoy a beautiful drive to Lava Hot Springs, ID on one of the last pleasant, cool days of June. Walt Burfitt, a member of our club passed away a few months ago. The family had decided they needed to sell Walt's 31 Coupe. They felt having it in the Salt Lake area would improve their chance of a good sale. They asked us to transport it for them.

We arrived about 10:00 am at the Burfitt cabin in Lava Hot Springs. The family said they could drive a standard transmission but didn't do the "double clutch" thing. I took them out for a drive and soon had Walt's son and grandson skillfully driving Walt's Coupe, without the double clutch.

After a pleasant drive on a beautiful day, we delivered the car to Walt's son's home in Taylorsville.



# Legacy House Father's Day Car Show

## Thursday – 12 June

The residents of The Legacy House in Spanish Fork, Utah, were happy to see the collection of vehicles, including 6 Model A's, a John Deere Tractor, and two later model cars, in their parking lot on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Nicholas was the life of the party as he offered rides to any of the residents who were able to climb into his 1930 Tudor. Nicholas received the Memory Lane Marvel Award and Reid Carlson received the Golden Oldie Award





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# Springville - Art City Parade

Saturday – 14 June

By Theon Laney

The 14<sup>th</sup> of June saw a beautiful clear, sunny day for the 2025 annual Art City Days Parade. Cub members gathered at Ream's for a bit of comradery and discussion before heading over to the parade assembly area. We had 8 Model A's and 18 members and family ride in the parade. Parade goers completely lined the route enthusiastically cheering us on and we had a good time waving and honking our Ahooga horns. After the parade members gathered at the Laney's for sloppy joes and fixings and more comradery.

Editor's Note: Thanks to the Laney's for organizing this event and for the delicious meal!



# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am submitting this anonymously for fear of reprisal.

We have a lot of fun with our Club. Here are a few memorable moments. I encourage others to submit their bloopers next month.

First, Steve Dutson made it all the way to Salina, UT, only to boil over while waiting for cross traffic to enter the lodge. (Right)



Another one of Robert's tires lost its 1930 air somewhere in Escalante Grand Staircase Monument. (Left)

Nicholas learned to always carry a gas can after the only thing he could find was a drink can. I wonder if he knows about the 10-gallon gas tank in the cowl of his car. (Right)

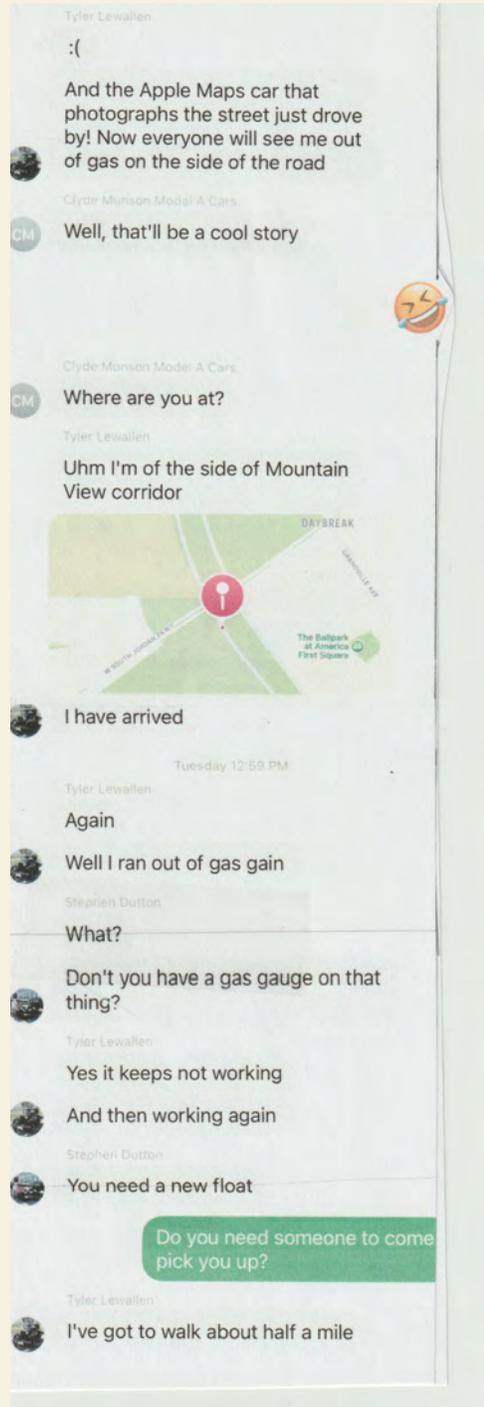


Tyler didn't give us any photos but text messages live on forever in the Ether about the TWO times he ran out of gas. (Right)

Roger learned the hard way to tighten the lug nuts routinely. (Below)



And no one could forget Brian's car on the Helper Tour. A classic Model A photo. (Left)



Dear Anonymous,

Thank You for these “Memorable Moment” photos. I hope to receive many more of them to include in future editions of the Motometer. Thanks again,  
Editor

# Impromptu Lunch – June 17

## In-N-Out Burgers – Spanish Fork

By Roger Davis

We had 8 Club Members and 5 Model As join us for an impromptu luncheon at the Spanish Fork In-N-Out Burgers--always a good choice for a burger and fries--especially if you get them "Animal Style!" That's a "secret" menu item where they add cheese, caramelized onions, and fry sauce to your burger or fries. Try it sometime.

The Legacy House in Spanish Fork gave John Warby a gift card for our participation in their car show in mid-June. Amber, Tyler, Stephen, Darren, and Roger drove their cars. Dave/Karen and Howard joined in their modern cars. John got hung up with the inspectors at his new man cave garage--bummer. We still have money on the gift card so we'll have a repeat luncheon.





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 13+ Award -  (Driving car 13 consecutive months including to club mtg)  
 Golden Wrench -  (writing newsletter article re. your Model A car work)

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