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Tour to Kitt Peak

Sunday October 22



Twenty-six Model A and Model T Club members and 2 guests trekked up Kitt Peak for hobo stew in a variety of vehicles on Sunday, October 22. Ten Model A's, 1 Model T and 8 modern cars made the trip to enjoy Joe's and Kelly's stew in absolutely perfect weather. After the delicious lunch, several members made the trip up to the telescope area to the Visitor's Center and the gift shop. Thanks to Joe and Kelly and to all who



contributed a large variety canned vegetables, fresh salads and some particularly good "Halloween" themed deserts. No one went away hungry.

David Ramsower



2017 MAFCA National Tour Pacific Coast Highway September 24 — 29



“The Rest of the Story”

Last month Mike Liebert wrote a short article about the “12 adventurous souls” who attended the 2018 National Tour up the Pacific Coast Highway from Paso Robles to San Rafael and back. Well, to paraphrase the late Paul Harvey, “Here is the rest of the story”. The Bakersfield Club did a great job organizing and providing outstanding support during the tour. The Tucson “Dedicated Dozen” as Mike named us, utilized the Bakersfield support team to the fullest.

But I must digress to say adventures for Mike started on the journey to Paso Robles. It seems that the “tire demons” had it out for him in spades with a truck tire blowout on I-10 near Quartzite, and then again with his Model A along the tour route. Luckily, the truck tire blow out did not damage any vital truck systems but clearly caused significant damage to the left rear quarter panel of the truck.



Everyone arrived at the Estrella Warbirds Museum about mid-day on the 24th within 30 minutes of each other, although we all took different routes. We registered for the event and many took advantage of the time that afternoon to visit the museum. It included an outside display of military airplanes and an impressive inside display of military hardware, uniforms and other military



vehicles. There was a separate and very eclectic car collection that included race cars from midgets to sprint cars to Indy cars and a room full of antique autos and rare foreign cars.

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As Mike was leaving the Museum, driving “Miss Clara” to travel to the hotel, Mike’s right rear wheel appeared to have a significant “wobble” as the lug bolts had come loose from the drum and “wallowed out” the wheel lug bolt holes. The Bakersfield support team was able to weld the lugs back into place that afternoon before the welcoming dinner that evening. That wheel quickly became the spare. Also, Joe bought the last 6 volt battery at a local parts store to replace a dead battery at the hotel. This was probably the last new 6v battery in Paso Robles.



At the opening dinner, the Arizona group consisting of the 6 Tucson cars and 2 cars from the Patagonia T’s & A’s were recognized as having the largest group in attendance. Among the 120 or so attendees, a couple from Argentina who were with two couples from New City received recognition as the group who had travelled the furthest.



The first full day of touring took us on a beautiful drive over the Coast Range to Hearst Castle near San Simeon and an Elephant Seal viewing area.



After lunch at the Ragged Point restaurant and for some, a piece of pie at Linn’s Pie Shop in Cambria we returned to Paso Robles. As you may suspect, the day was not without mechanical issues on several cars.

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MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2017



- Meeting called to order by President Findysz at 7:31 PM.
- General meeting minutes from October 3, 2017 were approved.
- Treasurer's Report reviewed and approved (M. Liebert).

New Members and Guests: New member Charles Curtis drives a 1928 Sport Coupe, previously active.

Correspondence: Desert A Newsletters, Turlock Swap Meet announcement, Kunz car in Arizona Star (J. Findysz).

Refreshments: Ron & Nancy Allen, Bob Karn & Christina Laukaitis. Need volunteers for 2018 - See Rey Brown.

Old Business:

- Kitt Peak Tour: 26 Model A/Model T members & 2 guests attended, driving 10 A's, 1 T's, 8 modern cars; hobo stew was great, but a Chevy truck and one A had to be towed home (D. Ramsower).
- Cops & Rodders: C. Thim, J. Findysz, D. Ramsower & S. Osterman attended; one former member renewed; lots of cards were distributed with some interest in membership (D. Ramsower).
- 2018 MAFCA National Awards Banquet: Promo video to be shown at the MAFCA Oklahoma City National Awards Banquet on December 1st. (D. Ramsower).

New Business:

- Empty Bowls: Interest sheet passed around for people interested in learning to make bowls for this charity event to support the Southern Arizona Food Bank (C. Laukaitis).
- Board Members: Current officers and board members are willing to serve again, but new volunteers are also welcome (S. Allison).
- Dues: Dues are due — \$15/household or \$10/individual (M. Liebert).
- Holiday Banquet awards and printing expenses: \$350 approved (S. Allison).

Other Announcements:

- Tom McWilliams' birthday is today—singing was done (poorly).
- Al Cyr, Barbara Jo & Bonnie have been MAFCA members more than 35 years, Carey Kent more than 40 years.
- Membership cards will be distributed at the Banquet to give to people who express interest in the club.
- Jerry Pilcher's original 15,000 mile Model A won an award at the Nationals with 443/500 possible points.

Outings:

- November 19 Boneyard Tour cancelled; instead, we will join the Model T club on an outing to the Sunny Side Up Café in Catalina; Meet at Ken Petrick's (1080 W. River Rd) at 8:30 AM for 9 AM departure.
- Holiday Banquet: December 10, 11 AM at Tanque Verde Ranch, \$25/member and \$37.14/guest, sign up now—need 80 to get the room for free. (S. Allison).
- January 20: Dillinger Days: Hotel Congress, arrive before 9 AM, depart after 4 PM; hoping for 50+ cars. (R Feierstein).

Adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Next meeting: December 10 at the Holiday Banquet.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Tuesday November 7 — Regular meeting. See minutes on page 6.

Sunday November 19 — Tour to the Sunny Side Up Café in Catalina with the Tucson Model T Club. See page 8.

Sunday December 10 — Annual Holiday Banquet and club meeting, Tanque Verde Ranch, 11 AM.
Contact: Shorty Allison 982-8965. See page 8.

Tuesday January 2 — Regular meeting.

Saturday January 20 — Dillinger Days Car Show, Hotel Congress. Contact: Ray Feierstein 531-9724.
See page 7 (below)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dillinger Days Car Show Saturday January 20

Hello Model A'ers and T'ers,

Dillinger Day is coming Saturday January 20, 2018 from 9 AM - 4 PM, so get your vehicles ready. We are going to need 50-plus vehicles. Please let me know if you are planning to come with an antique vehicle 1900 - 1935 (even though they caught Dillinger in 1934). More details to follow. This is our best fundraiser and a lot of fun. If you have not signed up, plenty of room, not to worry. As long as it rolls, we can get a head count. Also looking for 3 vehicles for getaway reenactment. Also we need two cars the night before to display for The Speakeasy.

Thank you,
Ray Feierstein 531-9724 😊



P.S. If you must leave early, park on Congress Street, up to 6th. This also helps the event look like it did in the 30's. 😊

Tour to Catalina with Model T Club

Sunday November 19

Our November outing will be an enchanting drive to Catalina, Arizona, where we will enjoy breakfast at the Sunny Side Up Café, 15800 N Oracle Road.

We will meet at Ken Petrick's Ranch, 1080 W. River Road, at 8:30 AM on Sunday November 19 to join up with the Model T club. We will leave promptly at 9 AM and begin the tour up to Catalina. We will arrive shortly after 9:30 AM at the Sunny Side Up Café to enjoy breakfast and fellowship. After breakfast, you can enjoy the sites and sounds of Catalina.

Let's enjoy the ride!

Contact: Joe Findysz 954-0372
Submitted by Rey Brown



Holiday Banquet

Date: Sunday December 10, 2017
Time: 11 AM
Location: Tanque Verde Ranch
14301 E. Speedway Blvd.
Tucson, AZ 85748
Cost: \$25.00 per member, \$37.14 per guest
Pay to: Tucson Model A Club
Mail to: Shorty Allison
6061 East 26th Street
Tucson, AZ 85711
Reserve by: December 1

QUESTIONS? Call Shorty Allison at 982-8965

November



- Nov 2 – Catherine Dittmar
- Nov 2 – Jim Boehm
- Nov 4 – Judson Elliott
- Nov 5 – Virginia Doty
- Nov 6 – Dale Platt
- Nov 7 – Tom McWilliams
- Nov 7 – Corky Rose
- Nov 9 – Teta Vagasky
- Nov 12 – Tom Carr
- Nov 15 – Carey Kent, Sr.
- Nov 17 – Alex Valencia
- Nov 17 – Dave Tucker
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NEXT MEETING:

Holiday Banquet

Sunday December 10, 2017



**Charles & Joanne Curtis
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- Nov 1 – Bob Karn & Christina Laukaitis
- Nov 5 – Andy & Kim Duvall
- Nov 16 – T.K. & Laura Mohr
- Nov 17 – Allen & Marianne Elvick



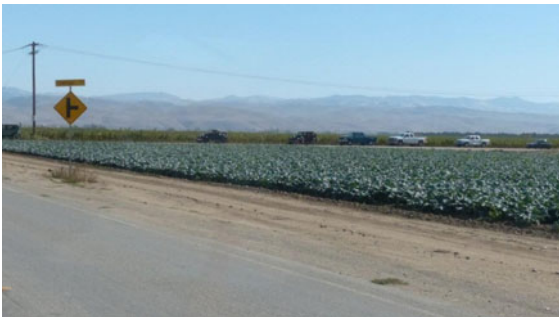
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Ernie had distributor issues, an alleged loose fuse as well as a clogged gas line. Joe's car overheated as we returned to Paso Robles and after adding some water and a push from several us traveling together, he made it back to the hotel. He later found a loose battery connection at the starter which prevented the car from starting normally after overheating.

Because the Coast above Ragged Point all the way to Bug Sur has had landslides and several bridges are out, our journey to Monterey on the second full day was through the rich agricultural area between Paso Robles and Monterey on several county roads rather than up the coast. We passed field after field of berries, vegetables and grapes, most being harvested by hand.



We even encountered a one lane bridge on the drive. Believe it or not, no car trouble this day! That evening some of us visited Fisherman's Wharf to sample the seafood of the area.



The next morning we drove the famed 17 mile drive around the Pebble Beach area passing by many famous golf courses, many beautiful beaches, more seals and stopped to view the Lone Cypress. The afternoon was spent at the fabulous Monterey Bay Aquarium. Thursday found us back on the road driving up Highway 1 to San Francisco and Highway 101 to San Rafael. The "tire demon" again struck Mike with a flat on his Model A near Davenport. Luckily the Bakersfield support team was following and was able to loan him a spare tire and put him quickly back on the road.

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Many of us had lunch at a quaint but very popular roadside cafe in Davenport. Some made a stop at the Pigeon Point Lighthouse on the way to San Francisco; some made the stop on the way back to Paso Robles.



We made the drive through San Francisco by various routes, crossed the Golden Gate Bridge and arrived safely in San Rafael via Highway 101. That afternoon the Bakersfield "Fix It" team repaired Mike's flat and swapped out the loaned spare.



Later, we all enjoyed the ending banquet on Thursday evening. Friday featured a cruise from Sausalito under the Golden Gate Bridge and around Alcatraz on our way to the San Francisco pier area. We all took a walking tour of the pier area including a visit to the Buena Vista Café, the Ghirardelli Chocolate Factory and some toured the San Francisco National Maritime Museum.

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All in all, it was a beautiful day, until we got back to the hotel late that afternoon. The tire that had been repaired on Mike's car had gone flat. The Bakersfield support group graciously repaired the flat and discovered that the stem from the original tube had broken off and was lodged in the tire causing a leak in the new tube. Again, the Bakersfield support group came to the rescue. Saturday, as we were preparing to leave — you guessed it — Gary's car had a dead battery. It was quickly jumped, and off we went. After that, the trip back across the Golden Gate to Paso Robles and Tucson was uneventful for the most part.

The "Dedicated Dozen" travelled approximately 640 miles in our Model A's on this busy tour of "adventures", both planned and unplanned. The Bakersfield Club did a really great job on short notice. We were all supportive of each other and none of us would trade the great experiences we had.

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David & Molly Ramsower
Mike & Ann Liebert

**The Holiday Season brings joy, fellowship and the giving spirit.
It is also the beginning of 2018 DUES Season.**

It's that time again! Our Tucson Chapter dues for 2018 are due by January 1st. The good news is that our chapter dues are still \$10/individual or \$15/family. You can pay your 2018 dues at any time. Dues can be paid at our regular meetings and at outings through the end of the year. You can also mail your check, payable to "Tucson Model-A Club", to our new official address on E. 21st Street (see page 2 of this newsletter), or you can mail your check directly to our Club Treasurer:

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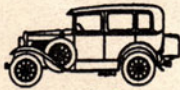
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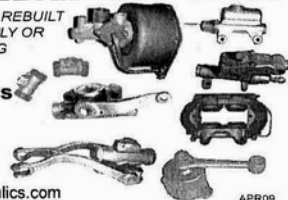
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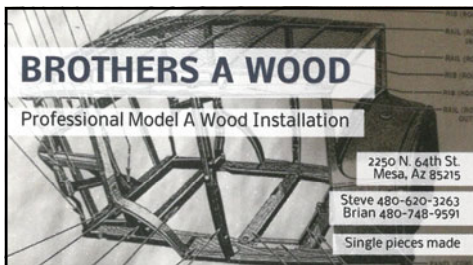


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