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# Breakfast at Millie's Sunday August 25

A beautiful Sunday morning on Aug. 25 brought 50 hungry folks from our Club to Millie's Pancake Haus. We gathered at 8:00 at Millie's new location in Traildust Town with 12 Model A's, a few T's, and eagerness for food and friendly talk.



No one was disappointed, as there were plenty of both. The staff was kept hopping, delivering plates of yummy pancakes and trimmings, and lots of hot coffee. Passersby stopped to gawk, admire,

and take photos of our cars (and trucks). It's always fun to see the reaction and delight when they accidentally run across a parking lot of our awesome vehicles.

- Sindy Osterman



# Breakfast at Millie's Photos



## *Re-engineering the Model A Engine*

Long time MAFCA member Terry Burtz of Campbell California has long been working on a project to have a new Model A engine block, crankshaft and connecting rods manufactured. The engine will be identical to the original Model A engine on the outside but will have 5 main bearings, a balanced crankshaft, and full pressurized oil system.



He began this project in 2007 and has worked with California foundries for several years trying to get an end product that would cost about the same as rebuilding an original Model A engine. The project stalled in 2015, and for the last 4 years there has been no news.

However, this year Terry got in touch with a man with businesses in China and USA that manufactures engines. They have met and discussed Terry's project and it looks like the project is back on track.

The team is hopeful that they will have the first machined samples available by late fall 2019 and will send updates including pictures as the project matures.

The articles that Terry has been emailing interested parties over the years can be found on his website [www.ModelAEngine.com](http://www.ModelAEngine.com) under the menu item UPDATES.



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### September 3, 2019



**Meeting called to order:** David Ramsower at 7:30 PM.

**Minutes:** Previous minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reviewed balance, expenses, and income. Mike Liebert.

**Correspondence:** Desert A (via e-mail). Mike pointed out the excellent article by the late Alex Janke on driving at high altitude, e.g., the Utah Tour.

**New Members and Guests:** Mike & Silvia LeClair (New Members), Ray S (Guest).

**Door Prizes:** Thanks to those who donated prizes.

**Refreshments:** Dan & Sindy Osterman and Tom & Kathy McWilliams. Taking names of volunteers for next year - Rey Brown.

#### **Old Business:**

- Aug 25th Breakfast at Millie's Pancake Haus - 40 signed up and 50 showed up. Sindy reported.

#### **New business:**

- Board has been set for next year. Thanks to everyone for volunteering for another year.

#### **Upcoming Outings:**

- Sep 14, Car show at Fellowship Square 9 AM – 11:30 AM, Pantano & Broadway, any vintage car. Ray Feierstein.
  - ⇒ Combine with a "Safety Check" or a "Safety and Tour Check" of our Model A's using the two Tucson Model A Club checklists developed by David Ramsower. Everyone who attends will be given a checklist as appropriate and can start there, or do it at home. David Ramsower.
- Oct 6-10, MAFCA National Tour, registration is closed. Mike Liebert.
- Oct 26, Lunch in Sahuarita and visit the Asarco Discovery Center with mine tour. More details to come. David Ramsower.
- Nov 24, Harvey & Betty Ross residence with Hobo Stew.
- Dec 8, Holiday Banquet, start about 11:30 AM. \$30.00 per member, with Club subsidy of \$14.46 Approved. Shorty Allison.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Next General Meeting October 1, 2019

Next Board Meeting September 30, 2019

# EVENTS CALENDAR

**Tuesday September 3** — General meeting. See minutes on page 6.

**Saturday September 14** — International Model A Day Car Show and Safety Check. Fellowship Square, 9 AM to 11:30 AM.

Contacts: Ray Feierstein 531-9724 (car show),  
David Ramsower 661-4493 (safety check). See page 8.

**Tuesday October 1** — General meeting.

**October 6-10** — MAFCA 2019 Canyonlands National Tour, Kanab, UT.  
See page 11.

**Saturday October 26** — Lunch in Sahuarita and a visit to the Asarco Mineral Discovery Center with mine tour. More details to come.

Contact: David Ramsower 661-4493. See page 8.

**Tuesday November 5** — General meeting.

**Sunday November 24** — Harvey & Betty Ross residence with Hobo Stew.

**December 2-5** — MAFCA 2019 National Awards Banquet, Claremont, CA. See page 12.

**Sunday December 8** — Annual Holiday Banquet. Start around 11:30 AM. Contact: Shorty Allison 982-8965.



The Ford River Rouge Complex at Dearborn, Michigan took over a decade to build. It was started in 1917 and finished in 1928. At its height, it consisted of around 2,000 acres with 100,000 employees that put out around 4,000 cars per day.

# *International Model A Day Fellowship Square Saturday September 14*

We have been invited to spend the day with our vintage vehicles at Fellowship Square on Saturday September 14, 9 AM to 11:30 AM, for National Assisted Living Week. Please let me know if you are interested so I can lock in the date.

Thank you, Ray Feierstein 531-9724



As part of our September outing at Fellowship Square, we will also hold a Model A Inspection and Safety Check for anyone who wants one. Included will be a handy checklist you can use for future reference.

Contact: David Ramsower 661-4493

# *Asarco Mineral Discovery Center and Mine Tour Saturday October 26*

Join us for lunch in Sahuarita, followed by a visit to the Asarco Mineral Discovery Center and Mine Tour on Saturday October 26. More details next month.



Contact: David Ramsower 661-4493



# September



## Fall is Here!



- Sep 7 – Garrett Roberts
- Sep 9 – David Ferrara
- Sep 10 – Bill Kapferer
- Sep 13 – Molly Ramsower
- Sep 20 – Cathy Parsons
- Sep 21 – Sally Beebe
- Sep 23 – Shirley Montgomery
- Sep 26 – Paul Federico
- Sep 26 – Keith Freeman
- Sep 27 – Karen Pilcher

### NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday October 1, 2019

*Meeting Refreshments  
will be provided by:*

Nolan & Nancy Steele  
Gary & Laura Roberts



Mike & Sylvia LeClair  
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1928 Fordor  
1931 Cabriolet

## Happy Anniversary



- Sep 15 – Anita & Andy Neal, Sr.
- Sep 17 – Mike & Suzanne Fehniger
- Sep 20 – Tina & Andy Neal, Jr.
- Sep 21 – Mike & Soraya Bellon
- Sep 23 – Charles & Nancy Molander
- Sep 29 – Joe & Kelly Findysz



# Jim's Tech Tip

by Jim Cannon

## Starter Ground



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I've had several people ask me why their starter seems to crank the engine over rather slowly. For the most part, this is because that's what our starters do, they did not spin as fast as on a modern car. So there is nothing wrong.

However, I will mention that you need to make sure that the starter has a really good ground when you mount it to the flywheel housing. Fresh paint on the engine combined with fresh paint on a newly rebuilt starter can result in you not having a very good ground connection between starter and engine. Over time you can also get a buildup of rust on the

mounting surfaces, or a film of oil and dirt accumulation that interferes with the ground.

So if you think your starter is cranking a bit slowly, it would not hurt to pull it off, clean up the mounting surfaces with a degreaser followed by some fine sandpaper, and reinstall it. See if that gets it turning at a better speed again.

Have a Model A Day!

Jim

1928 Special Coupe owned by Jim and Christine Morris, Newfield, NY



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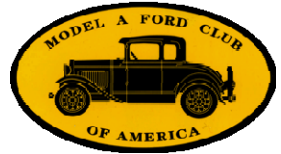
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# MAFCA 2019 National Tour Canyonlands

Registration is now closed, with a total count of more than 350 registrations.

The tour is scheduled for Oct 6–10 in Kanab, UT. A quick run-down of Tour fees: 1st Person \$125, 2nd Person \$60, Total (couple) \$185. This includes the Welcome & Information Dinner Party, as well as lunch and local entertainment midweek. Farewell Dinner: \$25/person. Trailer Parking: \$10.



This is a spoke & hub event where we spend each night in Kanab (hub) and visit area National Parks during the day. The Parks are: Zion (80 miles roundtrip), Bryce Canyon (150 miles roundtrip), and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon (200 miles roundtrip). The trip from Tucson to Kanab is 462 miles one way.

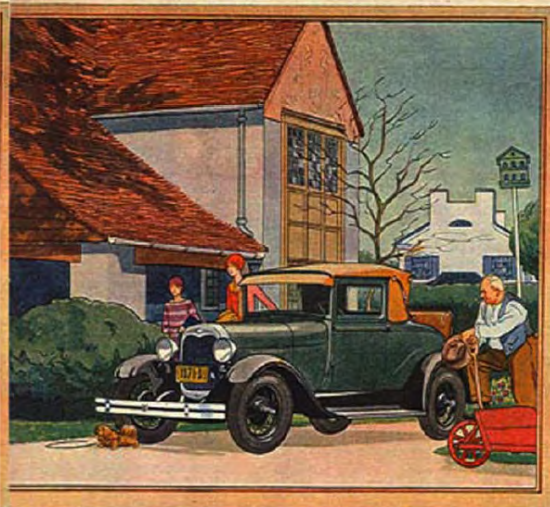
Lots of information on the event's website:

<https://modelafordclub.wixsite.com/2019canyonlandstour>

and in the January/February *Restorer* magazine.

Mike Liebert [hikingmike@aol.com](mailto:hikingmike@aol.com) 520-444-5535 cell

*The Literary Digest for June 30, 1928*



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## TINY TIPS

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*Submitted by Robert Scoon - Arcadia, California*

### HOOD ROD REPAIR

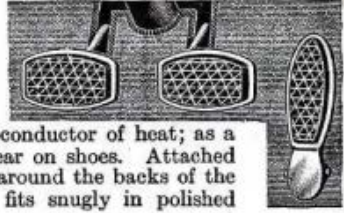
Some A's have a hollow hood hinge rod. The front end sometimes wears off before the female bracket attached to the radiator shell does - usually from lack of oil. Result: when the hood is raised, it falls off. One method of repair consists of driving out enough of the rod so that it can be put in the chuck of an electric drill (once an insert has been made to keep the hollow rod from collapsing in the chuck). Provided the hinge has been well oiled, the drill will turn out the rod.

Another repair can be made by obtaining a hex head sheet metal screw of the type used in radio work - one inch or longer. The head should just fit into the radiator bracket. The threaded portion can then be screwed into the hollow rod. There is just enough "give" in the radiator shell to allow the screw head to be pried into place with a fine screwdriver (or else, release the radiator support rods). Future grief will be avoided by keeping the hood hinges well oiled, along with the hold-down clamps, particularly the internal springs.



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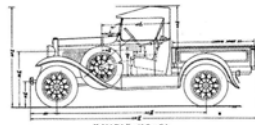
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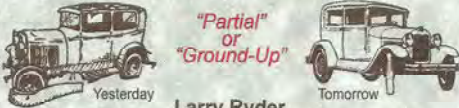
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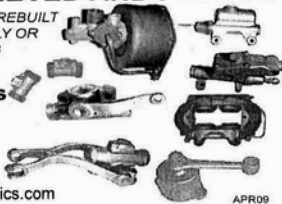
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