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Fourth Sunday of the month or as voted by the club membership

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White Elephant Auction

Saturday February 22

On February 22th, a patchy cloud day, we gathered to enjoy fellowship and great food, which forty-one members brought to the outing. After a relaxing time sharing stories, we began the White Elephant Auction.



Two Model A's and a few somewhat modern cars were driven to the event. The auction was preceded by a Brats & chicken entrée rounded up by Fritz , Bob S., and Joe & Kelly Findysz. Thanks to all club members for bringing a variety of salads, vegetables and desserts to complement the meal.

Thanks to Shorty Allison, auctioneer, and to Ray Feierstein and Rey Brown for conducting a profitable auction. Thanks also to Nancy Allen for being the cashier. Thanks to Ron and Nancy Allen, the Elvicks, and Bev Brown for helping set up.

Thanks to all for their donations and spirited bidding, which resulted in a fun and successful auction.

Respectfully submitted by Rey Brown



White Elephant Photos



The Super Bowl and a Model A

Bet you didn't know that there was a connection between the 2020 Super Bowl and a Model A. Well, there is. The connection is Andy Reid, head coach of the Kansas City Chiefs, who won this year's Super Bowl on February 2. Andy owns a 1928 Model A that



his father purchased after the war for \$25. Andy made a short video talking about the history of the Model A and how he had the car restored as a family possession to pass down to future generations.

You can see his video on the web at <https://www.chiefs.com/video/andy-reid-talks-about-how-he-restored-his-father-s-ford-model-a>.





GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2020



Call to Order: David Ramsower at 7:30 PM.

Minutes: Approved Previous Minutes

Treasurer's Report: Bank account and dues update – Mike Liebert

Correspondence: The Desert A, Model A Ford Foundation's Thank You letter for our Club's \$50.00 donation, Sammy Guthrie calendars.

New Members and Guests: Ray Schmitt, Bourke Runton, Don Uthe, and Jerry Ashcraft

Door Prizes: Thanks to all that provided prizes.

Refreshments: Ernie & Anne Williams and Bob and Rose Saxwold. Need volunteers for June and October 2020 Rey B.

Old Business:

- Model A Club hats for sale \$10. Ray F.
- White Elephant Sale at Tucson Estates was a great success - Rey B.
- March 27-29 -Overnighter trip to Globe -Update from Ernie W. Motion to give \$20 per car to defer expenses was approved. Meet at 0930 next to Sunny Side Up Cafe.
- April 18th – (Saturday) Pima County Fair be there before 0900 at the Brekke Road Entry and stay to 3:00 pm– Ray F.

New Business:

- William "Bill" Steadman obituary notice.
- Memorial Day Parade interest was polled; an application will be completed - Allen Elvick
- Model A Trouble shooting Summary- Al Montgomery

Upcoming Shows and Other Events

- March 7th – KOA Car Show, 5 – 10 pm – Allen Elvick
- March 8th - Fords on Fourth. Meet at 0730 (5th & Helen) to drive in as a group - Joe F.
- March 18th (Wednesday) – Watermark at Continental Ranch Car Show (Marana) 12-3PM – Ray F. **(***Note: This event was subsequently canceled***)**
- March 21st - Silver Spike Jubilee; 3 to 4 cars at train station 9:00 - 1:00
- April 4th - License Plate Show; North of Ace Hardware on 22nd St. 8:00-2:00 - Joe F.
- April 4th – Swap Meet Tucson Speedway 6:30 – 2:00.
- April 18th - Car Show at Veterans Hospital 8 - 1PM, Free Event – Johnny Thompson
- April 18th – (Saturday) Pima County Fair– Ray F.
- April 25th –Rodders Car Show and at Pima Community College 9AM – 3PM – Gary Scheer

Next General Meeting on April 7, 2020 at Jim Click Ford

Next Board Meeting on March 30, 2020 at Jim Click Ford

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Tuesday March 3 — General meeting. See minutes on page 6.

Friday March 27 — Sunday March 29 — Overnight trip to Globe. Contact: Ernie Williams 574-4462. See page 8.

Saturday April 4 — License Plate Show behind Ace Hardware on 22nd St. 8 AM to 2 PM.
Contact: Joe Findysz 749-0767.

Saturday April 18 — Pima County Fair, 9 AM to 3 PM.
Contact: Ray Feierstein 531-9724. See below.

Saturday April 25 — 46th Rodders Days, PCC Downtown, 9 AM to 3 PM.
Contact: Ray Feierstein 531-9724. See page 9.

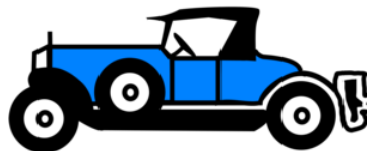
Pima County Fair Saturday April 18

Hello A'ers and T'ers,

We have been invited to go to the Pima County Fair on Saturday April 18, from 9 AM to 3 PM. If you're interested, let me know so I can lock in the date. We will be parking in Central Park, and it will be a fun day. I will get extra tickets to give family members at the East gate after 10 AM. We will meet before 9 AM at the vendor's entrance on Brekke at Houghton.

Thank you,

Ray Feierstein 😊
531-9724



Overnight Trip to Globe

Friday March 27 — Sunday March 29

The tour will leave the paved parking lot just north of the Sunnyside Cafe in Catalina at about 9:30 AM. We will follow Arizona 77 past Oracle and Mammoth, 36 miles to our first stop at the Aravaipa Creek bridge. This is about where Aravaipa Creek joins the San Pedro river and is the site of several historical events. There are no facilities. Note: our speed will be limited to 45 miles per hour.

Then we will proceed to Winkelman for fuel, break, checkup, and bathrooms. Following this, we will drive through the mostly abandoned mill and smelter towns of Hayden and San Pedro.

Returning to Arizona 77, we will continue north, stopping at the rest area at the top of Pinal pass (5000 ft) for a break and picnic lunch. We will then drive to Globe and the motel check-in. We recommend the Best Western at \$110.77 total per night. Denny's is right next door for late night snacks, and there is free wine tasting right across the street. Alternatively, the Days Inn is across the road, and the rate is \$89.27 per night. Dinner will be on our own at one of several excellent Mexican, Italian, and American restaurants close by. Apache Gold Casino has an excellent seafood buffet starting at 4 pm as well. Miles driven for the day should be 110.

Saturday morning we will take the walking tour of the Old Dominion Mine, mill, and smelter site (1880 to 1931). Walk as much or as little as you like, as it is a self guided tour. Following this we will visit the Besh-Ba-Gowah Archaeological Park and Museum. Lunch will be at La Casita Mexican restaurant. The rest of the afternoon we can visit the many antique shops and historical downtown, including the Gila County courthouse and jail. The Pickle Barrel is the best-known antique shop, and is famous for its Turquoise. Dinner is on your own with choices like Copper Bistro, Bloom (Asian), Judy's Cookhouse, La Casita, De Marco's (Italian) and more. Apache Gold Seafood Buffet is available as well.

Sunday morning we can visit Apache Gold Casino, drive to Coolidge Dam (30 miles), or whatever we decide. Or we can just head home as a group.

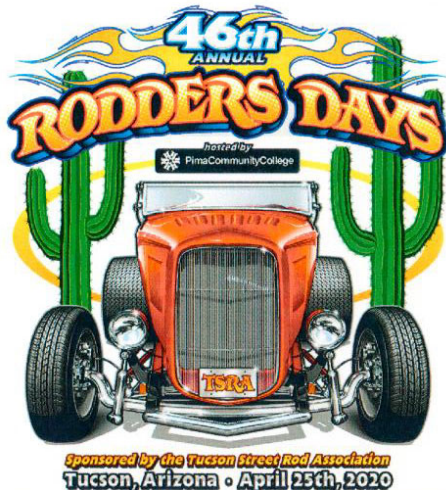
Please just call me if you wish to come along. We would love to have you.

Contact: Ernie Williams 574-4462.

46th Rodders Days Car Show Saturday April 25

We have been invited to participate in the 46th Rodders Day Car show at The Pima Community College, Speedway and Stone, on Saturday April 25, 2020 from 9 AM to 3 PM. Normally it is \$30 per vehicle, however, thanks to Gary Scheer (Alvernon Optical) we can all get in for \$15 per vehicle. We did this last year and it was fun. Let me know if you are interested. You do not need register with them, I just need your name if you're interested.

Thank you,
Ray Feierstein
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- Mar 4 – Candi Eppley
- Mar 7 – Linda Borg
- Mar 9 – Gay Thompson
- Mar 12 – Bob Karn
- Mar 13 – Nancy Riechers
- Mar 14 – Karen Kapferer
- Mar 15 – Joe Findysz
- Mar 17 – Soraya Bellon
- Mar 19 – Jeanne Mietzner
- Mar 21 – Kathie McWilliams
- Mar 23 – David Rivard
- Mar 24 – Marie Cling
- Mar 25 – Bill Ellis
- Mar 26 – Andy Neal, Jr.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday April 7, 2020

*Meeting Refreshments
will be provided by:*

Jerry & Karen Pilcher
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- Mar 5 – Jerry & Audrey Ashcraft
- Mar 14 – Norm & Christy Strong
- Mar 15 – Chuck & Lynn Thim
- Mar 16 – Mike & Ann Liebert
- Mar 21 – David & Molly Ramsower
- Mar 22 – Tom & Kathie McWilliams
- Mar 26 – Richard & Jane Held



New Model A Engine Update

This is an update to the article in the September 2019 issue of our newsletter, describing the efforts of MAFCA member Terry Burtz to manufacture new Model A engines. Below are excerpts from his January email update. The full email and other details are available on the project website listed below.

Jan 2020 New Model A Engine Update

Hello to All,

Updates

In case someone gets this email without seeing the article on the new Model A engine, the article can be found at <http://www.modelaengine.com>.

New Engine

This project started in 2007 and stalled in 2015 because of sky-rocketing cost and the lack of quality control at foundries in California. Previous updates, pictures, and videos can be found at www.modelaengine.com. I use the term "new engine" loosely because the only new parts are the cylinder block, crankshaft, and connecting rods. All interfaces for mating parts are identical to original and have been documented from original Ford drawings. In the 2 July 2019 update, I was happy to state that the project was resurrected and I would be working with others (John, Leonard, and Bill) to have the "new engine" manufactured in China.

A lot has happened since the last update on 26 Nov 2019. As mentioned before, the cylinder block and main caps will be manufactured in one factory and the crankshaft and connecting rods will be manufactured in another factory. Both factories will be working together so that there are no conflicts.

Cylinder Block and Main Caps

SolidWorks models of all internal cores, main bearing caps, machined surfaces, an original cylinder block, and the one good cylinder block from Lodi Iron Works were provided to the factory in China and the instructions were to follow the machined model exactly, revise the internal cores if needed and to use a laser scan of the original cylinder block for the exterior. The machined surfaces drawing made from my SolidWorks file is close to being acceptable. One more iteration is needed because their fore and aft tooling holes need to be moved inward.

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New Model A Engine Update

During December, I asked to review and markup the 3-D model of the exterior cylinder block created by the engineers in the factory we are using. Unfortunately, many small details did not look right, and it became obvious that the factory was attempting to model the cylinder block exterior using 3-D drawing instead of laser scanning.

To get the exterior of the new cylinder block correct, John has contracted with CAM Logic Inc., located in Oxford, MI to clean up the laser-scanned file of the original cylinder block. This cleaned up file will then be used to create the exterior pattern for the new block. The first 2 figures show the laser-scanned cylinder block. The next 2 figures are of a model from CAM Logic that will be used to create the pattern. CAM Logic will also combine the core assembly with the laser-scanned model to verify exterior wall thickness.

Unfortunately, the timing of these design changes along with the Chinese New Year is going to delay us at least 2 months. John will have a better idea of schedule after his return from China in late February.

Crankshaft and Connecting Rods

SolidWorks models of the crankshaft and connecting rods have been provided and the instructions to the factory in China are to follow the SolidWorks models. The drawing looks good. Rolled fillets, balancing, hardening, bearing inserts, and the rear main seal was discussed in the previous update (26 Nov 2019). The crankshaft factory asked and was granted permission to have the connecting rods forged from steel instead of cast from malleable iron. We agreed as long as there would not be any increase in price. Preliminary drawings of the connecting rod have been marked up and returned to China.

Next Update and Other Comments

There have been no changes that will have an effect on pricing. The pricing goal is to provide these parts at a price that is competitive with the cost of machine work for the rebuild of a stock Model A engine. Regarding the schedule delay, please be patient and understand that hiccups can happen in any project. We have high standards and insist on quality even if it means a schedule delay. Our goal is to provide the parts that will allow an engine builder to provide a much better product that looks identical to stock on the exterior.

The next update will be in about 2 months.

Terry Burtz, Campbell, Calif.

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1931 Tudor

Rebuilt Model A engine; newer radiator; alternator (6 volt), rebuilt Zenith carb, new manifolds, steering stabilizer, turn signal harness, Logo Lites A plate, halogen headlight bulbs, mounted toolbox, new horn, muffler heat shield, manifold heater. Less than 1000 miles on American Classic tires. Good driver. \$13,900.

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Phillip von Micka-Reichenberg
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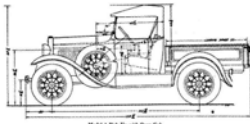
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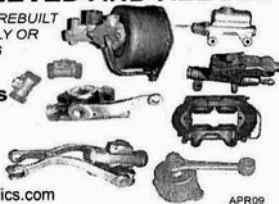
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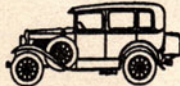
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