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BARRIO GLASSWORKS

It was yet another great tour Thursday the 20th but it started out hot, so the first place the members toured was a shady place; a good place to munch one of the delicious donuts provided by President Mark, and to share Model A stories. Like:

The FAA has approved Alef Aeronautics testing flights of their flying car, the Model A. The California company calls its invention a vehicle takeoff and landing aircraft, or VTOL, which can drive and park like a normal car.

While it is not certified (yet) for public road travel, the company says that the FAA's OK will place it closer to "bringing people an environmentally friendly and faster commute. This is one small step for planes, one giant step for cars." said CEO Jim Dukhovny.

(Which is what we ought to do if they fly in our neighborhood: "Duck over our knees.")

Eventually, ten members arrived to tour, three Model A's and four moderns and all headed down Rancho Santa Fe towards La Costa Boulevard to the coast. We were early enough that it wasn't too crowded so it was a very pleasant drive. Tour leader, Jim Ball, wanted to make our appointment between 10:15 and 10:30 with one of the owners of Barrio Glassworks, Gary Raskin.

Gary started Barrio Glassworks after he retired. His original company *Colors by Design* produced some greeting cards, but also produced a wide variety of printable stationery, paper with fancy colorful borders you could slip into even dot matrix printers and still it would look cool.

We arrived at Barrio Glassworks, a business I have driven by over the years in Carlsbad and wondered about. Ed Simpson and Lisa Frazee joined us at the studio.

Gary, met us as we arrived and he enjoyed seeing and checking out the Model A's. We went into the studio and gallery, a beautiful showroom of so many different types of glasswork showing the versatility of the many artists who come to work



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, here we go again. Another month and David, our faithful editor, needs a few words of wisdom from me for the newsletter. To tell you the truth I don't remember what I wrote about in the last newsletter or the one before that. I do remember I had a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for lunch yesterday. That is a surprise actually but I have a lot of PB&J sandwiches. If you all hear me repeating myself telling the same story more than twice just say "uncle". Ya, I did say twice cuz you need to cut me a little slack. I am busy but it's not too exciting a life I lead, and that is just the way I like it. I know I'm a long way off topic here, but we can all relate to this situation.

If I didn't tell you before, if you need help with getting your car on the road, ask for help. We have great resources at our disposal. The collective knowledge of our group is AMAZING! Most of it is accurate, I think 😊. Call me and I will direct you to someone or maybe I can help. Drive your Model A's. They will be more reliable and remind you how much fun they are.

Am I repeating myself here? UNCLE.

Da Prez



WEBMASTER WANTED

MAFCA IS SEEKING a volunteer to take over the position of Webmaster.

This person must have general knowledge of web infrastructure as well as a background in HTML editing using applications such as Dreamweaver.

Experience with PHP, CSS, and SQL, as well as other scripting languages, along with SFTP, will be helpful as well. Training with our current platform will be provided by interim webmaster Rick Black.

If your love of the Model A extends into the digital world, we could use your help. Here is an opportunity to contribute to the hobby you enjoy.

If you have an interest in volunteering for this position, please contact me at chaptercoordinator@mafca.com or directly at 405-812-8131 — or any current Board member.

— Will Langford, 2023 Chapter Coordinator/Web Liaison



MINUTES FROM JULY

Meeting of the Palomar A's was called to order by President, Mark Greenlee at 6:59 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Linda Thamer.

A motion was made by Keith Thamer to approve the minutes of the June meeting, and seconded by David Frazee. Motion carried.

Bruce Furbush read balance in Treasury. A bill was presented by David Frazee from Print Pros in the amount of \$20.15 for printing of *The Reflector*.

Bruce reported that all previous checks voted on were written and mailed. A motion was made by Bruce Parker and seconded by John Burrell to pay the bill. Motion carried.

Mark reported that Howard Kruegel will be having knee surgery on his other knee on August 2. No other sorrow, but on the Sunshine side, Bill Adams's daughter was recently married. There were no visitors recognized at the meeting.

MINUTES CONTINUED

Jim Ball talked about the upcoming tour to the Barrio Glass Works in Carlsbad on July 20, which is a Thursday. Tour will meet at the Palomar Club House parking lot at 9:00 AM and leave at 10:00 AM. There will be a stop for lunch for Pizza. Mark announced he will have donuts for those going on the tour.

July 21, Friday night, will be Ford night in Escondido at Cruising Grand. David Frazee will be in charge of leading the tour from Barnes and Noble to Broadway and Grand. Need to be parked by 4:15 PM or 4:30 PM at the latest, so will leave Barnes and Noble by 4:00 PM.

Mark then talked about the tour to the Living Coast Discovery Center in Chula Vista. This tour will be August 5, 2023, not June as previously reported. Again, the Club will meet at the Palomar Estates at 8:30 AM, leaving at 9:00 AM. Joe Williams to lead tour, and arriving by 10:00 AM. Again, Barbara Kruegel has secured 20 passes for group. A shuttle bus will bring people in from a designated area off from the E Street exit. After the tour, there will be a patio picnic at Barbara and Howard Kruegel's house, with pizza and salad furnished by the Kruegels. Approximately 20 people will attend.

Mark stated Barbara Kruegel called him and said Camino Hills would like a group of Model A people attend their retirement village on either August 19 or 26, and Camino Hills will furnish ice cream to those attending. Date to be decided at the August meeting.

Bruce Howe was not present as they are leaving to attend the National Tour in Michigan. He is trailering his car for this event, and no one else from Palomar has signed up to go.

David Frazee reported on the Southern California meeting. There were 5 officers originally, however, 2 of these are unable to continue as officers. Still trying to get it off the ground. David made a suggestion that there be a Publicity Chairman. There should be surveys up by next meeting of the SCRG.

David also reported that he has acquired a new computer as his crashed, and he had to retrieve all the information. Quite a job. However, *the Reflector* made it out on time. Also, everyone is responsible for adding new members names into their own directory in blank pages at back of book. New members Susan Dewey and Ed

Lopez joined last meeting. There were 29 people in attendance at the meeting.

There were two fliers presented by Bruce Furbush. One was regarding the All Ford Car Show on September 9 in Orcutt, and one was on the 16th Annual Model T Ford Club Swap Meet on October 7. Spaces are \$20 if you want to sell. Judy Burrell also stated there would be a swap meet on the 15th of July at the Long Beach Veterans Stadium, starting at 7:00 AM. Cost is \$5.00, and there should be many vendors.

Ed Simpson reported he just got back from Mexico about an hour ago, so doesn't have any merchandise with him tonight, but still has some Blue T-Shirts for \$10, hats for \$22, as well as other items for sale. See him after meeting if you are interested. He also had an interesting Model A story.

Anthony Lugo thanked Bill Adams, Larry and Karen Beel, Karla Maxwell, Bruce Furbush and Roseanne Meyerhoff and Chuck Grabowsky for bringing refreshments. Mark Greenlee, Greg Wilson, Susan Dewey and Chuck Grabowsky volunteered to bring refreshments next month.

Chuck Grabowsky had an interesting report on ground cables. Could check with Les Andrews books for information. He had a few handouts from these books.

David Frazee is taking automotive classes, however, not much in common with Model A's so far. Is looking forward to taking class on brakes this fall.

Bruce Howe is looking for some 16" tires for a project. Do not have to be in great shape. Please get in touch with Bruce after he returns if you have some.

Jon Velasco, patent attorney, gave an interesting presentation of Selden v/s Ford on Seldens patent and how Ford contested it.

Anna Velasco is sending around a sheet as to items desired for raffle. She then made a motion that any member bring a raffle gift would receive two tickets for the raffle. Motion seconded by Karla Maxwell. Motion carried. July birthday raffle winner was David Frazee. 50/50 winner was Ed Lopez and Susan Dewey once again.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Submitted by Karen Beel, Secretary

PERFUMES, FOR THAT ADDED ERA TOUCH

After you've bought your dress, your hat and your shoes, what's next to improve your period fashion performance? Using the proper perfume. Remember when buying a bottle, that so many fragrances sold today post date the Model A Era.

In the August 2022 issue of *Harper's Bazaar*, there was an article titled "In Defense of 'Old Lady Perfumes.'" which said that "if someone, after embracing you and catching a whiff of your scent, says, "Wow, you smell like Old Lady," that's probably not a compliment." But, I'm hoping for authenticity more than trendy odors.

In looking up Helena Rubenstein's offerings on Parfumo.com, all of the ones with dates debuted after 1934. A possible reason for this is that in 1928, she sold the cosmetics business to Lehman Brothers for \$7.3 million. In a 1928 advertisement for a drugstore selling Helena Rubenstein beauty products, it lists "Bath Perfume (assorted odors)" and both "Lilac" and "Violet Toilet Water." However, there is no indication that these were Helena Rubenstein. Every product identified as Helena Rubenstein in the Model A era is a soap or a cream. After the onset of the Great Depression, Rubenstein bought back the by then nearly worthless stock for less than \$1 million and in order to revive the business, established salons and outlets in almost a dozen US cities. I believe she also branched out at this time to include her own brand of perfumes to stock in these outlets.

New fragrances in the 1920s include Coco Chanel's Chanel No. 5 which was available for \$13.50 in 1928, D'Orsay's La Dandy was \$8.50, and Guerlain's Shalimar sold for \$25 at the time. Yardley's English Lavender debuted way back in 1873, but sold for just \$1 in 1928 and is still around today, so would work.

As for out of business, but popular, Darnée was a drug store cosmetics brand out of San Francisco, founded in 1924 by the Owl Drugstore chain—dozens of California outlets, later taken over by Rexalls. Oceanside's *Modern Pharmacy* owned by Carleton B. Sturdivant which later became *Mission Drug Store* owned by Dr. Von Sternberg was a longtime Owl drugstore outlet at Second and Hill. In 1928 Darnée hired silent star, Colleen Moore, to promote a perfume brand,



which folded in 1930, a green bottle of that would be very time specific item you could carry in an era fashion show.. If you could find one.

PALOMAR TECH UPDATE



I was excited to have 8 weeks between classes because I was going to use that time to review my previous class and begin the reading for the future classes. I even bought the book for AT 105—Auto Electrical Systems—because it will be taught by the same instructor as my previous class, so he told me what the textbook would be.

That hasn't happened to the extent I feel I can write about. I'd planned to make flashcards so I could really learn the vocabulary—instead I've learned how to repair a printer and set up a new computer—things I needed to do before printing up flashcards.

A few times, I've looked into the Palomar College Book Store to see what the texts will be or to see the syllabus at "Canvas" - the program Palomar uses to organize classes and provide communication between professors and students and study groups. There's not been a word though.

I've worked a bit on my cars and will on my niece's woodie in a few days, but again, I haven't had enough accomplished to write an article about it. Only, the note that in watching Paul Shinn's video on rebuilding the distributor—based on a Sonora A's seminar taught by Bob Guimarin—in which Bob used a lot of pronouns instead of car terms because when he said it was time to turn *this* he knew what *this* was, and he was pointing right at it I am almost positive.

But the main take away, if you watch it, you'll notice that he only mentions one or two things that wear out or might short and, I could be wrong, but I don't remember if Bob said what would be the symptom if that part wore out or the other part shorted. No doubt, it wouldn't work, and you'd want to rebuild the distributor, but personally, I wouldn't want to rebuild a distributor if the problem was with the coil, the spark plugs, or the

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Debra Kruegel	6 August
Carla Hibbard	21 August
Pete Peterson	23 August
Jim Kruegel	25 August
Serieta Harrell	29 August
Bonnie Fiebke	31 August

ANNIVERSARIES

Henry & Gerrie Rivera	10 August
Chuck & Nedra Grabowski	28 August

ignition. So knowing what each bad part would produce would be most helpful and I want to be good enough to tell you once I learn.

I noticed that a part of the distributor's shaft sleeve (also seen it referred to as a shaft collar) on my bad distributor looks worn, which I assume is bad, for if no other reason than it's a sign that it wasn't installed correctly at one time. Still, don't ask me what happens with a worn sleeve—I can't find anything on Ford-Barn, unless it's the *thing* on *this side* of the distributor, that makes a sound it shouldn't.

GLASSWORKS, CONTINUED

there. The pieces went from small kitchen magnets, to candlesticks, to goblets and drinking glasses, to vases, to beautiful large deco platters and so many other items.

We then were invited to sit to watch Taryn, a local artist, create a vase. Gary told us what she was doing as she went through her creation. Glassworking is a creative stream that you must finish in one step; you can't stop and go have lunch and come back. We got to see two pieces being created in the very large studio. How very interesting it was!

After our time there, lunch was in order, and some walked across the street to go to Pizza Port, a very popular restaurant in Carlsbad. It was a sunny nice day, and what a wonderful way to spend it!

Linda Thamer



CRUISIN' GRAND

Friday, July 21st was *Early Ford Night* at Escondido's Cruisin' Grand and several members made the most out of our recognition. It's hard to imagine that this is their 24th year of summer Fridays.

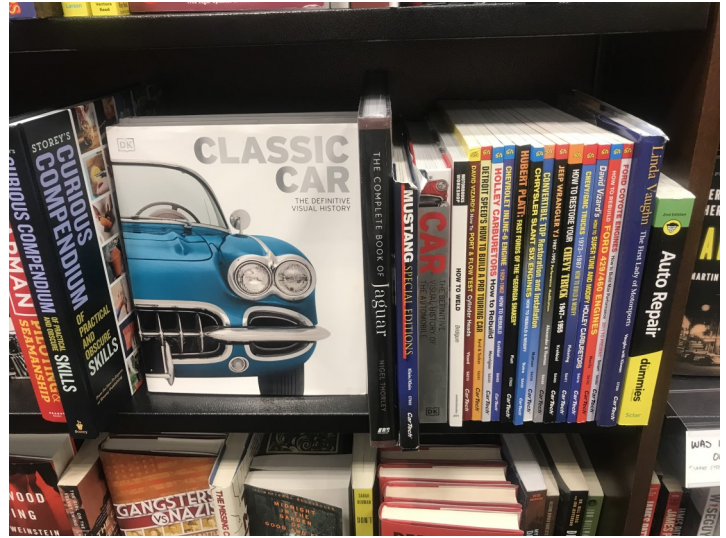
The meetup location was Barnes and Noble, so, with extra time, I perused the automobile section for all of the books on car restoration. They did have a book on restoring 1947 to 1955 Chevrolet Trucks, and I have a '58, so they almost had a sale.

All told, there were five Model As from present or former members and eleven human members. At one point, the announcer told everyone that the parking was for "hot-rods only." Looking up the entomology of the term, no one knows why *hot* and why *rods*, but early definitions included old cars with modified engines for increased speed, so we could have challenged him.

As with most times that we've attended Cruisin' Grand, there were lots of folks out for a good time

who really got a kick out of the cars. Twentysomethings chuckled at them and children's eyes grew as large as Marty Feldman's.

Next year's event will be a big one for all for sure.



ALL FORD CAR SHOW



The 21st Annual All Ford Car Show
September 9, 2023
Old Town Orcutt adjacent to the
Orcutt Union Plaza.

Call or email Bruce Howe or Janette Smith if you are interested in attending this year. (See Board contacts on the back page.)

ANTIQUE CAR SWAP MEET



Paradise Valley Model A Ford Club 62nd
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ANCESTORS IN ACTION



Walter S. Ball's first exposure with weeds was when he was a very young boy. He was born in Aspen, Colorado on March 17, 1898, but soon after the family moved to a home-stead in the South-east part of Colorado, several miles north of the town of Manzanola. While growing up on this 160-acre farm, he

became very familiar with hoeing and cultivating. He attended Colorado A & M (now Colorado State University) where he participated in football, baseball, and basketball.

He left school for five years after his freshman year, to run the farm. He said that during this period managing it with his brother "Buster" (Willis E. Ball), was its only profitable time. Walt returned to Colorado A & M and obtained his B.S. degree in forestry in 1927 and an M.S. in 1929 in Botany under Dr. W.W. Robbins. This is where his real beginning in weed control began. Walt and "Doc" Robbins became close friends and following Robbins' move to UC Davis, Walt received a job offer from the California Department of Agriculture to begin a weed control program for the state.

In August of 1929, Walt alerted farmers as to the dangers of the weed Camel's thorn, *Alhagi Camelorum*, which is considered the worst weed known to agriculture. The infestation was several years old by then and was thought to have been carried in alfalfa seed. It was a native of Asia Minor and a very noxious weed found in grain fields



which a header could not cut. The roots may extend ten feet into the ground and 2 to 4 times this distance horizontally. It sends up new shoots every few inches from its roots.

In 1941, Walt co-authored with Robbins and Margaret K. Bellue, *Weeds of California*. UCSD has a copy and you can buy a used copy on Amazon for \$40. Walter was promoted to the Chief of the former Bureau of Rodent and Weed Control and Seed Inspection. He was instrumental in organizing the California Weed Conference and served as its first and second president (1949 & 1950). Following his retirement in 1962, he served as its Business Manager-Treasurer for seven more years, his commitment was so strong.

Walt passed away on June 7, 1975. He will be remembered as a person who liked people, a leader, an organizer, and someone who liked to get the job done without a lot of "red tape." by Robert R. Ball His son, Bob Ball was a professor of seed certification in the Department of Agronomy at UC, Davis.

I've followed both Walter and Jim Ball's ancestries back ten or more generations and have yet to find an overlap, but ask Jim his feelings towards weeds; it might run in the family.



Fig. 7.—Power rig equipped with two lines—one air, one liquid—which produces atomization, thus giving a very even and thin coverage. This machine shows lines attached to multiple nozzle.

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The Palomar A's were founded in 1960 and became a MAFCA chapter in 1963. Local club members are encouraged to join the national organization. Membership information is available on www.MAFCA.com.

Palomar dues are \$20 per year and club information, including a membership application, is available on www.palomarmodelaclub.org

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, except December, at the Palomar Estates East Clubhouse: 650 S Rancho Santa Fe Rd, in San Marcos at 7:00pm. All Model A hobbyists are welcome to attend.

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