

# Jerky Journey in a Roadster Pickup

By Ed Simpson—Conclusion

Despite what my helper and I did, we couldn't get the truck to do more than barely idle. I was getting anxious. Driving back and forth to Escondido after work was becoming a task. The project was going nowhere. I gave up on the notion of driving the truck home along with a big grand entry. I caught up on plenty of lagging domestic projects, got a buddy with a big Ram truck, and rented a tow dolly.

We slowly took the back roads home to Oceanside. I generated modest enthusiasm upon arrival, and managed to crack the patio pavers when we unloaded it. Nothing mattered much now that my new truck was home and I could work on it any time I wanted to. That I did. I think I rebuilt the carburetor twice, timed it over and over, and replaced the points and plugs again. All I could manage to do was to get it to start instantly and putter.

Living on the end of a cul-de-sac made it easy to test drive. Cranking the wheels hard to the right, I could putt around in a



tight circle at full speed, safely, in kind of a merry-go-round fashion. Soon I became a popular kiddy-ride specialist.

Up in Temecula at my new found parts store, Lori, the proprietor, kept telling me, "You ought to look up this guy in Oceanside that knows a lot about Model A's. I'm sure he could be helpful." The next day, the same name came up again, this time from an old client that owned a nice '29 roadster.

My response was for him to give me his phone number and I would contact him. The guy said, "I don't have it, but hop in and let's go see him."

We did. It turned out that he lived not far from me. Sitting in his workshop was a beautiful roadster under restoration. Out back of his garage bare engine blocks were neatly stacked up like Lego bricks. I figured this guy knew something and I asked him if he wouldn't mind coming over and giving me some advise.

A few days later, Art Stradley showed up for a look-see. It took probably less than five minutes and the problem was identified. There is a pigtail connection between the upper and lower plates in the engine's distributor. This wire was almost severed completely with the exception of two filaments. Some jury-rigged repairs followed, and instantly the engine ran with scary vigor! Art said, "This thing feels strong... Now, what you need to do is to come to a meeting. There is a Model A group that

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We had our last lunch tour November 14. We wanted to celebrate Veterans' Day, but one old veteran wasn't quite able to make the whole trip.

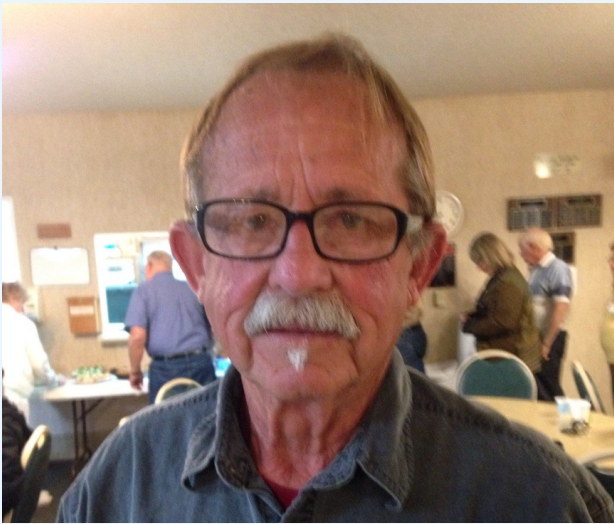


We ended up taking the 78 to make up time, and eventually Chuck got a tow truck ride home. It was quite the roadside seminar while it lasted though.

You should purchase your ticket for our lone December event, the Hunters Steak House Xmas Party, and wrap a present for the exchange, Saturday, December 10.

Palomar Model A Ford Club Reflector

# The Message from President Ed



**G**reetings,

November's meeting started on time thanks to the new clock back in its old place on the wall. Anthony introduced his guest for the night, Karla Maxwell. Evidently, Karla has visited our group before and gave a presentation (I missed it) before. She specializes in "high end" enameling (think that rich blue glass-like background around the Ford radiator insignia). Her credits include many fancy old cars, even owned by British royalty. Perhaps we can arrange for another presentation, or a field trip to her studio.

No super important line-item business issues were voted upon. See Linda's excellent minutes for any clarification. Greg Wilson as our treasurer did a slick job multi-tasking taking money for dues as well as accepting money for our upcoming lunch. Linda Thamer faithfully transcribed our activities for the night. This was Linda's last time serving as out secretary. She has been at this posi-

tion more years than she can almost remember and will be happy to accept and train a volunteer for her position. As of this moment we have volunteers for president, treasurer, newsletter editor, web director, and tech director. We still need volunteers for vice president, short and long tours, secretary, membership, raffle chairman, and hospitality. All these positions remain vital to keeping our club chugging along. Sheila Saxman is good as our website director. I haven't heard from Barbara Krugel, our publicity chairman, as of yet, but continue to see her efforts published in hard copy. Donna and Anthony Lugo have been making coffee, serving treats, and cleaning up for a long time, now, and I'm sure that they are ready to accept a replacement. Another abundant raffle was offered up by the Velascos. Lots of car goodies and cool stuff went home with their lucky bidders. This will be the last raffle activity for the club unless someone steps up to volunteer for this position. Again, I extend my sincere appreciation to all those folks both volunteer and supporters that have made my job a pleasure.

Last word received indicated nine people showed up for our monthly lunch meetup, thirty-eight people are on the 2023 membership roster, and 38 people have signed up for the Xmas banquet at Hunters Steak House....

The story starts of the cover of this issue.

**D**ues are due for 2023. They are still just \$20. You will not receive a bill, a membership card, instructions for the club's secret handshake, or a receipt afterwards. Sorry.

Whether we have a 2023 roster or not depends on whether we have a volunteer for Membership. The newsletter editor will see that it's edited and printed. The treasurer receives the dues and applications. Membership will get new member photos and addresses, and carry the copies to meetings and mail them to folks who don't pick them up.

Please arrange to pay Greg Wilson in cash or check to Palomar Model A Ford Club at the November 2nd meeting or by mail to 373 Lado de Loma Drive, Vista, CA 92083.



## NEW MEMBER

Karla Maxwell  
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Birthday: Oct 22

**NAME CHANGE** Alyssa Morgosh is now Alyssa McKay

# Minutes of the November Meeting

**Call To Order:** The November 2, 2022 meeting of the Palomar Model A Ford Club was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by President Ed Simpson. David Frazee led the flag salute. We had 27 Club members in attendance.

**Minutes:** We had a motion from Karen Beel to approve the minutes, and after a second motion from Jim Kruegel, the Club voted to approve the minutes as published.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Greg Wilson reported the bank balance as of October 31, 2022. David Frazee brought in the RB PrintPros bill for *Reflector* printing, and Anthony Lugo brought in two receipts for items purchased at Costco for various refreshment replenishments. After a motion to both approve the report and to pay the bills, we received a second motion, and the Club voted to approve.

**Visitors, Sunshine and Sorrow:** Visitors Karla Maxwell and Hugh Stone were in attendance at the meeting. Carla has written an article published in the *Restorer*, and makes cloisonné items. She joined the Club after the meeting. Hugh Stone was a member in the past, and came to the meeting to see if anyone could help him work on his 1929 Coupe.

**Short Tour Report:** David gave us a report of the October 10<sup>th</sup> tour to Mama and Papa's Pizza Grotto. The short lunch tours are becoming quite popular. For November, the tour will be to J&M's Family Restaurant in Escondido. The address is 1215 East Valley Parkway in Escondido. The plan is to meet at 10:30 in the Club-

house parking lot. Ed told the members about the Chateau Lake San Marcos tour last month. It turned out to be a very nice popup event.

**Long Tour Report:** No long tour report.

**Vice President's Report:** Mark Greenlee was not in attendance.

**Reflector Director's Report:** David Frazee reminded the Club that dues are due for our club annual membership, as well as for MAFCA membership. Both MAFCA and MARC membership dues each are \$50/year. Both organizations publish a great bi-monthly magazine that has all sorts of Model A information and restoring techniques.

**Membership:** This position is vacant.

**Tech Director:** Ed passed around a small metal part and asked for any ideas on what it was. Howard Kruegel knew it to be a bendix pin, used on a Model A starter.

**Public Relations:** Barbara Kruegel was not at the meeting, but Ed said he had seen our announcement in the Saturday paper.

**Correspondence:** We received a mailing from the San Diego Air and Space Museum for a Hall of Fame Class of 2022 reception and dinner, scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:** Greg told us the current status of the Christmas Party. He is hoping more members sign up to attend this evening in order to pass the 30-person attendance needed. Once again, Ed asked members to step up to participate as Board Members. A discussion fol-

lowed as to whether we needed a secretary or treasurer to keep our tax status.

**New Business:** No new business.

**Monkey Business:** Bill Adams told the members of a jazz festival he is helping to organize that will have 27 bands Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>—27<sup>th</sup>. There will be jazz and swing music to enjoy over five days. It will be held in Mission Valley. See the ad on page 6. David Frazee told us that anyone could take the old *Restorers* at the back table, which are duplicates from John Frazee.

**Hospitality:** Anthony Lugo thanked Club members who brought goodies for tonight's meeting. There was quite an array as Karen Beel had also made a birthday cake to celebrate her birthday – delicious! For next meeting, Bill Adams, David Frazee and Jim Kruegel have volunteered to bring refreshments.

**Raffle:** Jon and Anna Velasco conducted the raffle. We had puzzles, a backpack, note cards, Model A tail lights, and radiator hose clamps among other things. Bill Adams won the Attendance Prize, Karen Beel won the Birthday Prize, and Chuck Grabowsky was the 50/50 winner. The Velasco's asked for a volunteer to manage to raffle at the Christmas Party, as they cannot attend.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Linda Thamer,  
Secretary



## Jerkey Journey continued

meets down the street at the junior high school, and they are having a meeting coming up on us soon.”

My response was that I'm not the meeting or club type, but I would give it a thought. He says, “Ah, come on. They are the nicest people on Earth.”

Ding Ding Ding!... my crap detector went off. Give me a break! What was he talking about?

Worried that I was dressed OK, I reluctantly attended the next meeting as a guest of Art. I met a whole bunch of people that night, more than one with a car like mine. I was handed a spanking new T-shirt (gratis) inscribed with the name of a recently passed member. That t-shirt remains one of the best in my drawer. Eighteen years later, here I still am. And, do you know what? I think Art was right.

Thanks for letting me do my part. Ed.



## Gold Filling(s) in Clues

I'm sure Chuck will tell you that gold has been used in dental work for thousands of years, but it was also a very rare practice because of the cost. In 1855 American dentist Robert Arthur, described the cohesiveness of gold, allowing it to be welded under pressure of the dentist's instruments. He also studied the strengths and weaknesses of gold, silver, and tin foil fillings, and taught what he learned at the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery.

Then, with the rapid improvements to dental drills in the 1860s to 1880s, gold fillings became less expensive, and far more common by the turn of the century.

The earliest case I could find for using dental records to try to identify an unknown murder victim was in 1904, when Colorado Springs Police Coroner David F. Law, and local dentist Dr. Isaac Burton used dental evidence to identify the mutilated body of the deceased. After distributing detailed information about the unknown woman's complicated and expensive dental work to 10,000 police departments, local officials received a telegram from Syracuse, NY identifying the victim as Bessie Bouton.

Before her death, Bessie traveled with a gambler she met in Syracuse. The man, identified as Milton Franklin Andrews, left Colorado Springs abruptly the night of October 4th. Workers at the hotel and the C.S. Transfer Company remember him leaving on the last train to Denver and giving conflicting excuses about his female companion's whereabouts.



Bessie Bouton's jaw and x-rays.

Andrews was located in October 1905 when he and his lover, Eva Howard, alias Nulda Petrie attempted to rob and murder a W. C. Ellis in Berkeley, California. Ellis survived the assault and the two went on the run until November 6, 1905, when Andrews shot Nulda and then himself after the police surrounded them.

The next notable case of clues hoped for with gold fillings was the American serial killer, Belle Gunness, or *Hells Belle*, who advertised for husbands in Chicago newspapers. The men would visit, would be coerced to withdraw large sums of cash, and then disappear.

Her criminal activities came to light in April 1908, when the Gunness farmhouse in La Porte, Indiana burned to the ground. In the ruins, authorities found the bodies of a headless adult woman, initially identified as Belle Gunness, and her three children. Further investigation unearthed the partial

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# Golden Teeth in Evidence

remains, cut to pieces, of at least 11 additional people, although police estimate she could have killed more than 40 people. Less than a half dozen were formally identified.

The ashes and cinders from the farmhouse were carefully lifted and then sluiced by a miner in an effort to discover the gold fillings which were said to have been in Mrs. Guinness\* teeth, but none were found.

When the news hit local papers, over 5000 people traveled to the farm in a party atmosphere forcing the investigators to perform crowd control. Hawkers served ice cream and lemonade and sold souvenir post cards. A baseball game was organized in one of the fields to entertain people while they waited for spokesmen to provide more details of the grisly murders.

Belle Guinness was pronounced dead in the fire, even though the doctor who performed the postmortem testified that the headless body was five inches shorter and about fifty pounds lighter than Guinness.

The final crime I will relate, takes us to the Model A Era, and may have been completely fictitious. In the August 1, 1931 newspaper, *Organized Labor* out of San Francisco, there is a story of an unnamed, unemployed worker, so desperate to feed his family that he entered *the* county morgue and took the dental work containing gold bridgework from the mouth of the corpse of William Ironton.

He was apprehended by an unnamed *morgue attendant* and arraigned before Chicago Judge Francis Borrelli. Upon the recommendation of Coroner Herman Bundesen, who



Coroner Herman Niehls Bundesen

investigated the worker's tale and recommended compassion, the man was placed on one year's probation.

I was able to find a William Ironton who died April 16, 1931 in Wood County, Ohio—not Chicago—but can find no other record of the man. I think his name might have been the more common Thornton.

Borrelli and Bundesen were both nationally famous and could easily have been used to give the story credence. The lack of detail, duplication of this story in other newspapers, and similar crimes committed during the Depression, makes me suspect its veracity.



Judge Francis Borrelli

# Replacing Your Windshield



Seeing the above picture of glue failing inside an original Model A windshield got me looking through Youtube for videos on replacing windshield glass. There were quite a few tips for DIY. What I condensed from it for you is illustrated in these four little photos.



The producer, Brentwood Bob, tells about the damage people do out of impatience, frustration, and not having the right tools for the job. Rather than repairing the frame afterwards from using a heavy steel hammer, he tries to protect the frame with a wooden block, and when that doesn't work, he screws in a wooden block in place of the header as something strong to hammer against. He builds a frame to support the glass rather than just leaning it against the corner of a metal toolbox, and he taps the clips in with a rubber mallet. This is great advice for more repair than just windshields.

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Several parts such as coupe windows, hood panels, gasket sets and many other parts for a 30 31 Model A. If anyone is interested contact me 760-913-5184 or e-mail davarb55@gmail.com Could show the stuff at The Craftsmanship Museum also. Dave Belt

**Parts Wanted**

I need of a spare Tire for my 29 Tudor, mine is rotten. Either a Firestone or Goodyear 440/450 x 21 Blackwall In decent condition no cracks mine already has them. Or, if someone has 4 of the same brand, I would consider that option. Please contact me by cell or email. I'm in the directory. Thanks Greg Wilson

**W**anted—volunteer club directors—if interested, please contact President Ed at your soonest opportunity.

# DECEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>On Dec 31, 1927 the first crowd sourced book, <i>The Oxford English Dictionary</i> (OED) was finished. It was published Apr 19, 1928</p>	<p>The OED was started in 1857 by the London Philological Society. 20 years later, the editor advertised for volunteers, some from the USA</p>	<p>The OED contains 616,500 entries and over 59 million words. It was considered obsolete almost immediately and the first supplement came in 1933.</p>		<p>1 Craig French Wayne Wiedle</p>	<p>2 Cindy Wilson Clyde ♥ Kathy Marion</p>	<p>3 First Laurel &amp; Hardy film <i>Putting Pants on Phillip</i> appears in theaters in 1927</p>
4	5	6 Lucy Wheeler	7	8	9	10
11	12	<p>13 Dianne Frazee</p> <p>On this day in 1928, the clip-on tie was invented.</p>	14 Jim King	<p>15 Jon Velasco</p> <p>On this day in 1927 Buck Rogers is trapped in a cave. Kept alive by radioactive gas, he would be revived in 2419.</p>	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Betty Foster	23	24 Ed Simpson
25	<p>26 Larry ♥ Karen Beel</p> <p>On this day in 1928, Dubble Bubble Chew-ing Gum was first sold—the first gum to blow bubbles with.</p>	27	28 Donna Lugo	29 Irene DeAmbrogio	30	31 Fred ♥ Donna Slikker

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The Palomar A's Club was founded in 1960 as a MARC affiliate, and elected Henry Jenkins as its first president for 1961. In 1963 it became a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America, 250 South Cypress, La Habra CA 90631. Members of the club are encouraged to also join the national organization. Member registration and dues payment for MAFCA is available on [www.MAFCA.dfm](http://www.MAFCA.dfm) Palomar dues are \$20 per year



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