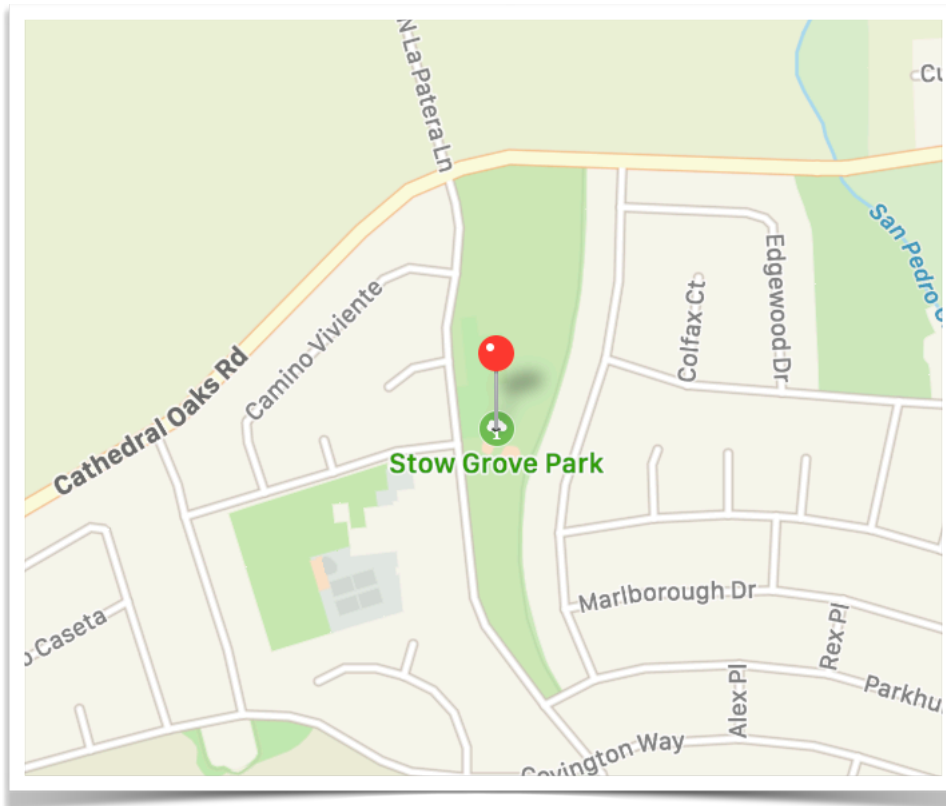


# Mohair Flyer

Model A Ford Club of Santa Barbara



## Club Meeting at Stow May 5

We will have a regular club meeting at Stow Grove Park on Wednesday, May 5th, at 5:00 pm. The park is located at 555 N La Patera Lane across from La Patera School in Goleta. Please bring your mask and chairs.



**Mother's Day**  
May 9



**Income Taxes**  
Due May 17



See Membership  
and Dues form on  
page 6



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- 26 - Gary & Pam Viale

## Safety Clinic at Tierra May 15

We will have our annual Safety Clinic on May 15th at Tierra Contracting — 5484 Overpass Rd. Meet at 9 am & bring your lunch, drinks & chairs.

Ladies will have a gab session while the guys check brakes & work on other parts of their A's. This is also a good time to change your oil.

Page #3 provides a list of many possible things to check on your Model A.

Coffee will be provided.

### Choosing Safer Activities

	Unvaccinated People	Your Activity	Fully Vaccinated People
		<b>Outdoor</b>	
Safest		Walk, run, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
Less Safe		Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	
		<b>Indoor</b>	
Less Safe		Visit a barber or hair salon	
		Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum	
		Ride public transport with limited occupancy	
		Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	
Least Safe		Go to an indoor movie theater	
		Attend a full-capacity worship service	
		Sing in an indoor chorus	
		Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar	
		Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	

New CDC mask guidelines

## MODEL A SAFETY CHECK LIST

		Yes	No			Yes	No
<b>Body</b>				<b>STEERING</b>			
1. Doors close and latch securely.				1. Tie-Rod correctly installed and tightened. No excessive wear and properly lubricated.			
2. Safety glass installed in all windows.				2. Drag link correctly installed and tightened. No excessive wear and properly lubricated.			
3. Rear view mirror state approved.				3. No excessive play in steering wheel (2" maximum).			
<b>Engine</b>				<b>BRAKES</b>			
1. Carburetor free of leaks.				1. Properly adjusted on all four wheels.			
2. All gas lines free of leaks.				2. Emergency brake properly adjusted (Locks at 3rd notch).			
3. Gas gauge free of leaks.				3. Brake pedal travel properly adjusted (See Service Adjustments)			
4. Approved type gas lines installed.				4. Brake rods and clevis pins correct with cotter pins.			
5. Wiring free of bare areas and properly routed.				<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
6. Fuse installed between starter connection and terminal box connection.				1. Registration and insurance papers in vehicle.			
7. Fan hub and blades free of defects.				2. Safety flares and first aid kit in vehicle.			
8. General condition of engine compartment neat and orderly.				3. Horn and windshield wiper operational.			
9. Air filter / spark arrestor installed on carburetor.				4. Tool kit and flashlight in vehicle.			
10. Throttle linkage - no bends and returns freely.				5. Seat belts installed and functional.			
11. Exhaust system - no leaks.				_____			
<b>WHEELS</b>				CAR OWNER			
1. All lug nuts properly tightened - 64 ft. lbs.				_____			
2. Tire pressure - 34 lbs.				CHIEF INSPECTOR			
3. Tire condition - acceptable tread, no breaks.				_____			
4. All four (4) shocks installed and working.				Date Inspected _____			
5. No front wheel shimmy							
<b>LIGHTS</b>							
1. High beam and low beam operational							
2. Taillights and stoplights operational (no burned out bulbs)							
3. Directional indicators operational (if installed)							

Credit: Les Andrews Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook, Vol. 1



## The Book Column

by Susan Carty

### The Murmur of Bees

by Sofia Segovia

This book was a book club choice that kind of worried me when I first picked it up. It was fat (having to read a lot of pages before the next meeting always annoys me, and makes me think of being in class decades ago and not having read the assignment. Oh, wait, that’s my recurring bad dream ...). It was also written in Spanish, and translated into English by a British writer. (Did you know that there are actually degrees in “Literary Translation” at various universities in Britain? I didn’t.) I don’t know as much as I should about Mexican history, and that was a worry, too.

OK, so I read it, and I was amazed. The story is based on a family in northeastern Mexico at the turn of the last century. Right away there are two main themes that resonate today: the Spanish flu epidemic of 1918, and the struggle between the “haves” and the “have nots.” The extended Morales family includes ancient Nana Reja who discovers a baby abandoned in the forest. Adopted by the family in spite of his facial disfigurement, the baby is named Simonopia (pronounce like Pinochio) and he has a mystical relationship with bees. His ability to commune with the bees, without words, gives him the ability to see into the future. He protects his family from the dangers of the flu epidemic (some of the descriptions here sound eerily like the news today) and from unhappy workers who dispute the family’s claim to land and wealth.

The book has a mix of historical facts, mystical realism, and marvelous scenes of the countryside and the people who live there. I would give it a high recommendation.

Next month: **The Hard Crowd: Essays 2000-2020** by Rachel Kushner

I found this book in a New York Times review, and promptly ordered it. Here are several of the chapter titles: *Girl on a Motorcycle*; *In the Company of Truckers*; *Flying Cars*; and *Popular Mechanics* (about Italian automakers) and many others (not necessarily car related). I’m looking forward to reading it!



**Model A Ford Club of Santa Barbara — Membership Application and Dues Payment**

**Annual dues are \$15.00.** Please make your check payable to **SBMAFC**. You can mail your check to our club at the address below or deliver to Margaret Salter, Treasurer. The \$15.00 provides membership for you and your spouse/S.O. for the year. Dues must be current to participate in club tours and activities and to receive the Club newsletter.

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## **APRIL TOUR**

The April 17th Tour started, as usual, in the parking lot that was once known as the Sears lot at 10:00 am. There were seven Model A's driven by René and Alan, Randy and Sue, Aaron and Robin, Truett and Jill, Lorne and Christine, John and Janet, and Don Lauer. Two Moderns came: Bill Mochnick, Floyd and Annie, and Bob and Susan (in their new Tesla.)

Janet Fox organized the tour, and took us through Valle Verde retirement village, where people lined up along the route, some in chairs, and waved as we paraded through. The next stop was Pilgrim Terrace, and its extraordinary gardens. The “towers” were amazing and a really good idea for a small garden. Bob and Susan were the last in line and they got buttonholed by a resident who wanted to know about her favorite radio show, and her not-so-favorite radio show host! So, the electric “sag wagon” got left behind and had to scurry to catch the end of the Model A's as they exited the Samarkand community. A friend of Susan's told her afterwards that people were given little flags to wave, and they hope that the next time the cars will stop and park (as they had done a few years ago) so the residents could walk around the cars and talk to the owners.

Following that last bit, the cars all headed for the Car Show and Tool Drive at the Southcoast Church on Cathedral Oaks in Goleta. Whether it was the beautiful weather, or the lessening of pandemic fears, the street and the church were thoroughly crowded with cars and people.

It was a fun tour, and definitely better than last month's (smiley face). Thanks, Janet!



*Members and cars poised to begin our tour around town*



*Janet giving instructions for the tour*



*Lorne's car will need a driver*



*Gentlemen and Ladies, start your engines!*



*Fordors appear to be the model of choice*



*Fans waving at our drive-by at Valle Verde*



*Growing towers at Pilgrim Terrace*



*Car show at Southcoast Church*



*A nice Austin-Healey*



*Is it a Ford? (A Shelby Cobra)*



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