



June 2017

Spoken Wheels

THE NEXT MEETING

General Meeting

Friday, June 30 - Arcadia Red Cross Building,
376 Huntington Dr. Arcadia

Program -

The speaker at our June meeting is Mr. Stewart Reed, who is the Chair for the Transportation Design Dept. at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena.

Mr. Reed has designed and fabricated over 20 concept vehicles throughout his career. He consults for Lockheed Martin, Michelin, Bugatti, and several Asian manufacturers. He serves frequently as an automobile judge at a variety of major car shows including Pebble Beach.



Santa Anita A's were invited by the MonteCedro Retirement Community to exhibit 10 of their cars at their facility on April 23.

NEWS BITS

Tech Seminars now offered at the Men's Breakfast

In response to interest expressed by some members (the men) for more technical information, short seminars are now being held after the monthly men's breakfast. Three seminars have so far been presented. The first seminar was on Model A coils, presented by Chris Wickersham. The second was presented by Bob Travis on Wheel nuts. The third seminar was presented by Bob Travis at the last men's breakfast; the subject was "Timing the Model A engine".

These seminars have proven to be popular; there were 28 men attending the last seminar. These "Breakfast

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JOHN MCDANNEL

Prez's Report

Well, isn't it nice to have our editor back? Thanks Joe Wilson for all your great work you do for us!

Our Ladies Day Tour at the zoo was well attended on June 2nd. It was thoroughly enjoyed by the feminine side of our Santa Anita A's. Some said they went "Ape" over the tour! Special, special thanks is extended to Barbara Dawson for her generosity in making this event even more memorable for the special women of our lives.

The lyrics from the 2015 Cinderella Movie are: "Lavender Blue - Dilly, Dilly". This describes our tour of mostly modern cars headed East to the Lavender Festival in Cherry Valley. Mostly modern cars were driven except for the purist of the pure, that gang of three - Travis, Mc Bride, Art & Olive Moore who were just puttering along.

Speaking of the Moore's, we gathered at Art & Olives "spread". This was my first introduction to their very nice home and hobby center. As some of you know they have a large African turtle that has full run of the place. I guess I should try to be more correct, the turtle is in low gear all over the place.

Olive was our tour leader. After she explained the directions and details of our tour, I politely asked if the facility offered any turtle soup for lunch? She gasped! After recovering, she asked why I would ask such a thing? I responded that my doctor said I should avoid eating fast foods. I guess you could say I was "sticking my neck out" when I asked that "silly-Dilly" question.

The old Highland Springs Ranch has quite a rich western history dating back to 1860's when Isaac Smith first purchased the 1,000 acre property for \$1,000.00 from an old Spanish Land Grant owner. Now, that was when a buck was more than a buck! In 1884, the property was later purchased by an LA Company who planted cherry trees, thus the name Cherry Valley. Our turn out was good for this very nice day at the Old Highland Springs Ranch. Today, the ranch has twenty acres of lavender plants that they harvest to produce a variety of organic products ranging from candles, bouquets, ice cream, sachets, soups etc. I have also learned

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

25 - Henry Ford Picnic, sponsored by Diamond Tread

30- General Meeting

July

4 - S. Pasadena Independence Day Parade & Lunch, see page 4

10 - Ladies' Brunch, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM

12 - Board meeting,

20 - Men's Breakfast, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM

22 - Swap Meet - Long Beach Model T Club Vet's Stadium

Contact Jeff Hood for Info 562-597-5936

29 - Gamble House Tour, see page 4

August

5 - Mom and Pop's Night Out, see page 4

12 - SAA's Pancake Breakfast, Wilderness Park, see page 4

26 - Running Horse Tour. Details TBA

September

16 - International Model A Ford Day - Details TBA

BIRTHDAYS & ANIVERESARIES

July Birthdays

6 - Gloria Henderson
6 - Carole Weideman
7 - Mel Foye
15 - Vicky Evans
16 - Kim Harryman
17 - Ronald Martinez
20 - Walt Wiley
22- Jon DePew
23 - Gina Falabrino

July Birthdays (continued)

26 - Amy Siro
26 - A.C.Byrd
27 - Gloria Metz
30 - Richard Rhode

July Anniversaries

1- Stewart & Catherine Levin
7- Scott & Lori Bonner
16 - Bill & Nancy Stoner
20 - Bob & Judi Moore

Editor's Comments

I want to thank everyone who is involved in making the newsletter happen every month: Those that submit information, those that write articles, write reports on tours and events and those who write regular columns for the newsletter. And thanks to those that edit it, print it and distribute it. I am seriously thankful for your support and recognize that this takes considerable time and effort. Without your contributions there would be no newsletter. I thank you and am sorry about the May issue.

You will notice in this issue of the newsletter that there are fewer photographs and longer articles. This is due to the verbosity of the contributing writers. This condition may be incurable for some. I reluctantly may find it necessary to begin utilizing the editor's prerogative of "constructive" editing. This may involve both rewording and reducing the word count of the document.

Unfortunately this verbosity caused a shortage of space this month requiring that I eliminate the JPL tour report from the newsletter. Hopefully it will fit next month.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Sunshine Lady - Judi Moore, Miss Sunbeam

A sympathy note was sent to Sue Chandler - Passing of her husband John

Get Well cards were sent to:

Bob Harbicht - Knee surgery, Carolyn Phillips - knee surgery

Joe Wilson - On vacation at Verdugo Hills Hospital w/stuff

Cookie Bringers - Gerry McKinney, Head Cookie

Joyce Travis, Diana Kincart, Joyce McCullah

Photo Donors -

Bob Moore, Tracy Butkus, Olive Moore, Joe Wilson, etc.

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NEW MEMBERS

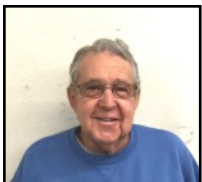
Here are the new members who joined in the last six months. Welcome them into our club.



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Joined Oct. 2016 1929 AA Stake bed

MORE NEWS BITS

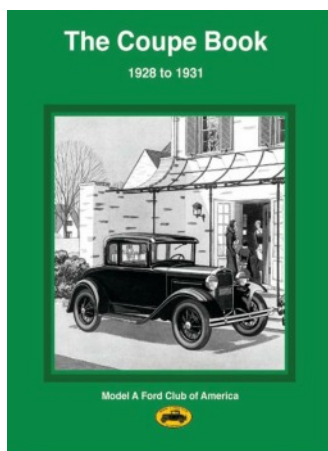
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Seminars" will be continued until everybody knows everything they need to know about working on their Model A's.

So, if you usually eat breakfast on the third Thursday of every month and are interested in learning more about servicing your Model A, join us at Annia's restaurant, at the El Monte Airort at 9:00 AM. After breakfast we move to an adjacent conference room where all sorts of good information is dispensed and questions are answered.

MAFCA has released a new Book on the Model A Coupe

The long awaited Model A Coupe Book is now available for purchase for \$24.95 plus shipping. This book was put together by some of our most dedicated members, Alex and Ruth Janke, Les Andrews and Garth Shreading. Books may be purchased by contacting the MAFCA office (562-690-7452).



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT BY BOB HARBICHT



Jim & Patti Dolan

Jim & Patti have a '29 AA Stake Bed Truck. When I asked him how he acquired the truck, he said it was originally his grandfather's and has been in the family since the mid-40's. Now that's a long time for a vehicle to be owned by the same family.



A cousin of Jim's had taken the truck and was going to restore it. The cousin got through the tearing-it-apart stage and then never finished. About five or six years ago Jim took ownership of the truck . . . and it was in pieces! He said it was like putting together a jigsaw puzzle.

All's well that ends well. The truck is back together and running. He still has some minor details to attend to and it's not quite running as well as he wants it to.

The truck was used on his grandfather's farm in the San Joaquin Valley. In fact, this was the vehicle Jim learned to drive in.

Jim was born in Los Angeles, but grew up in Sacramento. He and Patti met when they were introduced by a mutual friend in Sacramento, where Patti also grew up. In the late 50's Jim & Patti moved south to Temple City. After a couple of years, they moved into their current Arcadia house, where they have lived for 50 years.

They raised four boys and now have seven grandchildren. All the grandchildren are in the San Gabriel or Pomona Valleys, so they are within easy spoiling distance.

When he was working, Jim owned Driftwood Dairy in El Monte. For a time, they had cows in El Monte, but in the mid-70's the cows were moved out to the Chino area. Two of their boys currently operate the dairy.

Jim is still involved in volunteering at Arcadia High School, where he has worked on the Arcadia Invitational Track Meet (one of the premier high school track meets in the country) for many years. He also was a member of the "chain gang" that operates the first-down markers at the football games.

Patti is active in the Arcadia Assistance League. Both of them enjoy traveling.

The Santa Anita A's welcome you aboard, Jim & Patti.

To our Santa Anita A's Family

Thank you for your phone calls, flowers, cards and kindness after John's passing. During John's long illness your friendship and support meant a great deal to him and our family. Than you for your thoughtfulness.

Sue Chandler and family

COMING EVENTS

South Pasadena 4th of July Parade

Tuesday, July 4

by Elaine Perry

Start Time: 8:30 AM for coffee and donuts at Vicky Bartlett's, 1625 Fletcher, South Pasadena. Please bring a short write-up about your car for parade announcer.

Departing for parade: 9:45 AM sharp. We will proceed to the parade staging area where we will have time to decorate our cars. Parade starts at 11:00 AM.

Lunch: Meet after parade at Robert and Diana Kincart's 330 W. Las Flores Ave., Arcadia. The club will provide hot dogs, fixing's, drinks and dessert.

RSVP: Car List for Parade has already been turned in. We need a head count for lunch by June 24th. Call Marlin by June 24th to sign up for lunch.

For info: Call Marlin Perry (626) 443-0638



Gamble House Tour

Saturday, July 29

by Joe Wilson

We have the opportunity to participate in a private tour of the beautiful Gamble House in Pasadena.



We will meet at the Sears parking lot in Pasadena and tour as a group following a special scenic route to the Gamble house for our tour which will start at 11:00 AM. After the tour we will dine at the "Brookside at the Rose Bowl" where we have reservations for lunch.

The cost of the house tour is \$15 per person. The lunch at Brookside includes a variety of entrees from our special menu which range from \$8- \$12.

Our group size is limited and I must provide a count prior to our visit to the Gamble House. Please confirm your reservation by giving a check for \$15 per person to Sheri Johnson. **I will have a sign-up sheet at the June meeting.**

Mom and Pop's Night Out

Saturday, August 5

by John McDannel



It is time for each of you to sign up for our upcoming Mom & Pops night out at the Glendale Center Theatre. The date is Saturday, August 5th.

We have secured 50 tickets to attend another wonderful afternoon at Glendale Center Theatre. The production is titled "The Andrews Brothers" a great comedy for all ages to enjoy.

Doors will open at 2:00 PM. Parking is available nearby for only \$1.00 for the first four hours with theatre validation. The regular ticket price is \$23.00 but the club is subsidizing the cost so you will pay only \$15 each. Quite a good deal!

We will repeat the social gathering on the theatre's front porch by greeting each you with a glass of wine, cheese, salami & fresh veggies.

Following the play we will shop around for places to eat nearby. This should be a successful repeat of last years fun Mom & Pop's night out at the Glendale Center Theatre.

It is important that you sign-up for the event no later than July 1. There will be a sign up sheet available at the June 30th meeting. Be prepared to confirm your reservation with payment to Sheri Johnson.

SAA's Pancake Breakfast

Saturday August 12th, 9:00 AM

by Elaine Perry

The Santa Anita A's Pancake Breakfast will be held at Wilderness Park in Arcadia on Saturday August 12th.



There will a Technical Seminar for the men and a game for the ladies. This year there will be a cost of \$3.00 per person to help cover the cost of the food and park; we will have pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee and juice.

There will be prizes for the ladies games and lots of fun. This year President John McDannel has volunteered to cook your pancakes.

We need to know in advance how many pancakes to put on the griddle, so you will need to sign up and pay at by the July meeting. If you are unable to attend the June or July meeting call Elaine Perry (626) 443-0638. Deadline is July 31st.

Directions to the park: North on Santa Anita to Elkins, turn right on Elkins, go east to Highland Oaks, turn left on Highland Oaks to Wilderness Park. It is on the right up the hill.

We need helpers to work in kitchen, making coffee, cooking eggs etc. if you can help please sign up at general meeting. **SIGN UP AT THE JUNE MEETING**

PAST EVENTS

Mt Baldy Tour

Thursday, May 4

by Bob Moore

Car Show, Brunch & Ice Cream Sundaes

As I like to say, it doesn't get any better than this, the 15th almost annual tour to Mt. Baldy. Thursday, May 4 was National Day of Prayer and that means Mt. Baldy Lodge for brunch.

The day started out at Royal Oaks, a senior residential community with 21 of our Model A's on display. Our members answered many questions during the hour-long display. The Royal Oaks staff outdid themselves with a wonderful offering of pastries, donuts, coffee and other beverages. At 9:45 AM, their minister, Dr. Lane, gave his blessings on the cars and on our members for safe journeys. It was a non-eventful 16-mile drive to Mt. Baldy. What's so great about the ride is that after we turn off Baseline Road and head up the mountain, we travel 8 miles with only one traffic signal which is near the bottom of the hill. This year, I don't remember being passed by any modern cars.



*Enjoying
brunch at Mt.
Baldy*

Missy, the owner of Mr. Baldy Lodge always provides us with a great assortment of brunch goodies. We had reservations for 48. It was a beautiful day and we sat outside under the umbrellas. In addition to her famous cinnamon buns, she also prepared a great blueberry French toast dish. Of course, lots of bacon, sausages, scrambled eggs with and without cheese, potatoes and fresh fruit. If you weren't full when you left, it was your own fault.

Then it was on to dessert. While our cars chugged a little on the way up to Mt. Baldy, it was easy going down the hill to Upland and Art and Olive Moore's house. Once again Art and Olive's attention to detail was evident in how the race cars were parked, how the engines and cars were displayed and the seating area. Art's recent acquisition, his 1935 sprint car had the prime spot. Art is working with his friend and neighbor and member Mark Gollhardt in restoring Mark's Roadster Pickup. We were able to see how a quality restoration is done.

And then the ice cream sundaes with as many toppings as you would like. Olive did a fabulous job in selecting the perfect toppings. We each owe them a big thank-you for hosting us. It was the perfect ending for a perfect day.

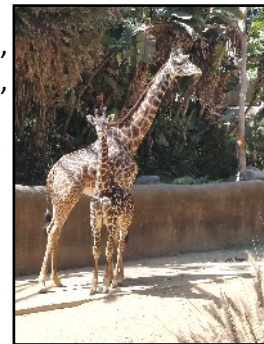
Day at the Zoo for the Model "A" Ladies Day

Friday, June 2

by Tracy Butkus

Ladies day started off with 23 Ladies meeting at 9:15 AM at the LA Zoo. Barbara Dawson had 4 trams waiting for us to take us on a private tour of the Zoo. Each tram had its own private docent and Robin Savoian from the Zoo traveled with us as well, she helped Barbara set the tour up. Each tram took off in a different direction so we could have a more private tour of the Zoo.

The docents took us to see Alligators, Elephants, Koala Bears, Loins, Tigers, Chimpanzee, Bears, Gorilla's, Giraffe's and many more animals. The docents were very knowledgeable and shared some funny stories with us about the Zoo.



After the tour of the Zoo we all headed over to the Health Center for a private tour, this is where they work on the animals. The Head Veterinarian and Assistant Veterinarian met with us and shared many of their experiences with us. The Health Center is a state of the art facility. We learned that not just veterinarians work on the animals but Specialty doctors work on the animals, like cardiologist and even dentists. Jack and Barbara donated a portable defibrillator which has helped to save many of the animal's lives at the Zoo.

When we were done with the tour of the Health Center we headed over to the Orangutan area for a private meet and greet with Eloise who is 48 years young. She is the sweetest Orangutan I ever met, I just wanted to give her a big hug and kiss. She was born with Cerebral Palsy but she has not let that stop her from climbing, swinging in trees or even stopped her from having a little girl which is at the LA Zoo as well.



After we were done visiting with Eloise we headed over to Gene Autry Museum for an amazing lunch which Barbara Dawson hosted.

We all want to thank Barbara for this behind the scenes tour of the LA Zoo and Luncheon she hosted at the Gene Autry. It was a day we will all remember and an experience of a lifetime.

Lavender Tour

June 10

by Olive Moore

On Saturday, June 10th, thirty-one of us attended the Lavender Festival in Cherry Valley (Beaumont). The weather was perfect to stroll through the lavender fields snapping photos and enjoying the lovely fragrance all around.



Our group appears to be growing among the lavender flowers

Most of the group gathered in Pasadena and hit the freeway since it was 75 miles. Two Model A's and several moderns stopped along the way at Art and Olive Moore's in Upland for some snacks and a pottie break if needed. Several who live farther East joined the group at the Moore's.

From there with maps in hand, Art and Olive in their 32 coupe joined the Model A's (Travis & McBride) and made their way to the highland Springs Ranch which was another 47 miles. Some of the moderns stuck with the A's and many went on their way and met up with everyone once we arrived. It was pretty impossible to stick together while at the festival but we did manage to get one group picture with half of us.

We enjoyed learning that there are many varieties of lavender, some edible and other more conducive to fragrance use. There was a distillation process demo to make lavender oil that some stayed to watch. Others chose to walk the mile or so path to the 1100 year old oak tree that was magnificent. We checked out the many vendor booths with lavender "everything" and if you were brave enough there was lavender ice cream and lavender lemonade. The live music was enjoyable while waiting in your choice of long lines at many food booths.

Those who attended were Bob and Joyce Travis with two passengers: their daughter, and Sue Chandler. The other Model A was Don and Carolyn McBride. Modern participants were: Bob and Judi Moore, Bea & Mickey Fruchter, Gary & Tracy Weber with their daughter, Larry and Gerry McKinney, Joe and Joy Wilson, Mel and Maria Foye, Mark and Karen Gollhardt, David and Patty Lutz, John and Dorothy Knox, Chuck and Nancy Sharpe John and Mary McDannel and Art and Olive Moore.

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they are in direct competition with me –drats, they have chickens and sell eggs. They also have some very old Olive trees and a 1,000 year old oak tree on the property.

On Friday, June 15th, we enjoyed a "virtual" tour of outer space at JPL in Pasadena/La Canada. Joe Wilson arranged this "stellar tour" for over thirty of us. What a pleasure it was to have Sue Chandler join us for the tour. We all learned about our planetary bodies and the far reaches of outer space. We sat in the control room where the JPL engineering team tracks the various satellites they have launched into space. You can see our dollars at work when the satellites are sending us messages to send more money! Aren't those computers smart, they are like our children – send me money mom and dad. We were next cautioned to keep our language within all due bounds, because we were going to visit the "clean" room. A large assembly room for putting together satellites to eventually explore space. They have an elaborate system of filters to keep the corrosive dust out of the building so as not to contaminate the space equipment. I could tell, there is no need for Swifter Sweepers in this room!

Lastly we ate a Bueno Muerzo (good lunch) at Los Gringos in La Canada. We even had enough gas afterwards to launch our own satellite.

Now on to our world-famous men's breakfast this past Thursday. Following our meal, we convened in the airport's conference room for the third launch of our newly minted micro seminar. Col. Bob Travis gave us an update on how to properly tune our Model A. He then introduced us to a new tool that gives a step by step process for timing the distributor. We had 28 men attend this briefing. Pretty good attendance I would say!

Lavender press is used to extract oil from the plants





Santa Anita A's Veteran



Ten Bruns US Army 1960-1963

Britton, South Dakota was where I was born in 1942; my family moved to California in 1948. We settled in Terre Bella, which is in the San Joaquin Valley. I graduated from Porterville High School in 1960. It was my mother's idea that I enlist in the army right out of high school at the age of 18. She said to get it over with since the draft was still in effect.

In July of 1960 a buddy and I enlisted in the army for three years under the Buddy Plan and we left for basic training at Fort Ord on July 3rd. Upon completion of basic I was assigned to an ordinance company at Hunter-Legget Military Reservation in Central California doing machine shop, welding, general repairs, and radiator service.

While stationed at Fort Ord, during an inspection, they asked for three volunteers to come to the command center. So like a dumb fool I volunteered. Something you never do in the army is volunteer, but I did. They told us to meet in front of the office at 4 o'clock in the morning. The base was going to have an Inspector General inspection that day. There were three trucks each with a trailer loaded with excess company equipment. They told us that they did not want to see us until 8 o'clock that night. You cannot believe how big Fort Ord is, and we saw all of it that day.

In June 1961 I received orders to South Korea, a week before I was to leave the orders were changed and I was sent to Germany instead. I was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division (Toro Leaf Division), 724th Ordinance Company at Augsburg, Germany. I was there for approximately two years.

When I left for Germany it was aboard a troop ship the USNS Rose. To show how slow these ships were, a day out of New York we saw the Queen Mary headed for New York. A few days later we saw her pass us going back to Europe. Before we go to Europe we saw her again passing us on her way back to New York.

I was not a spit and shine soldier. I was never in any trouble, but I was not one to make rank fast. When the promotion system was changed to include a promotion board review I was told to go before the board because of my time and grade. I had six months left to serve in the army and could care less about a promotion. When I went before the board I came straight from the shop to the board and never changed my boots, fatigues, or hat. I answered all their questions correctly, but a Warrant Officer told me I was the lousiest looking soldier he ever saw going before a promotion board. However he also told me I got the rank.

While in Germany I was able to travel in the Netherlands, England, France, and Switzerland. I also attended a German Language school and learned to speak the language.

I returned to the states on June 30th 1963. I arrived in New York at eight o'clock in the morning, and by noon I was honorably discharged from the army with the rank of Spec 4th Class. A family member flew in and met me and we took the bus to Langhorne, PA where I bought a new car from the largest Chrysler dealer in the United States at the time. We drove across the country on our way to Terra Bella in the good old USA.



Ted Bruns 1961

Most Bang for Your Buck or Easy Upgrades for Your Model A Engine

I am sure if you have a stock, unmodified engine in your Model A there have been times that you would like to have had a little more power.

A stock Model A engine in good condition will produce about 40 horsepower. As designed, the Model A will run along all day at about 45 MPH which was fine for most road conditions that existed when our cars were new. Today there are times when a little more power would make your Model A more enjoyable and fun to drive. If you intend to use your Model A for long distance touring a more powerful engine is definitely desirable.

There are several engine shops that will build you an upgraded "Touring" engine at the cost of \$4,000 to \$5,000 which is fine if you intend to do a lot of high speed highway driving and are not concerned with the cost. For the owner who just would like a little more power and a better running engine without spending a lot of money, there are some relatively easy and cost effective modifications that can be done that will greatly improve performance.

First, the most cost effective modification that can be done is to install a high compression cylinder head. Originally, the Model A engine was rated at 40 HP and had a compression ratio of 4.2:1. Installing a 5.5:1 cylinder head will result in a 10 HP increase or 25% improvement over the stock engine. Good quality American made cast iron higher compression heads are available at a cost of less than \$350 including a new head gasket. There is no other modification you can do to your engine that will yield a 25% increase in power for as little as \$350.00. Replacing the cylinder head should only take a few hours. You should not install a high compression head if your engine is not in good condition because the added load on the bearings may shorten the remaining life of the engine.

The second modification you should consider is to replace your old muffler with a new one from Aries. Aries makes an excellent muffler for your Model A with very little back pressure and the same external appearance and internal designed as the original. Most replacement mufflers are very restrictive which results in a decrease of engine power output. You should expect a 3 to 4 HP increase when replacing an old restrictive replacement muffler with a new Aries. A new mild steel Aries muffler will set you back about \$220. Aries also makes a stainless steel version of the same muffler for about \$350. If you are not building a High Point Show Car, I would consider the stainless steel muffler. It will last the life of the car and then some.

A third modification you may want to consider is upgrading to a model B carburetor. To benefit from the larger "B" carburetor, you will also need to either bore out the "A"

intake manifold to the "B" size or replace it with a "B" manifold. The intake manifold, ports and valves in a stock Model A engine are fairly restrictive and while the Model B carburetor may not add much overall power, it will improve drivability and eliminate some of the problems inherent in the original "A" carburetor. If, at a later date, you do decide to rework your engine with larger valves for better breathing, and a more aggressive camshaft, you will definitely experience better performance with a Model B carburetor.

Installing a high compression cylinder head, a Model B carburetor and a Aries muffler will result in improved drivability with a power increase of about 15 HP or 37%. This is the easiest, most cost effective changes you can do to your stock engine while retaining the appearance and simplicity of the original design.

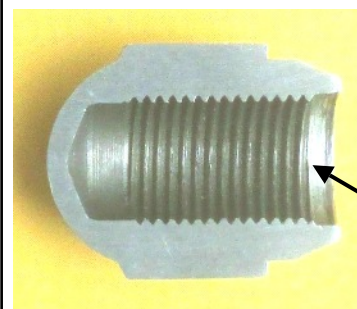
Tech Tip # 6 Are your wheels falling off?

Having a wheel come off while traveling down the road can be an experience no driver would want to have. You should periodically check to be sure the lug nuts are tight.

Model A lug nuts should be tightened to 50-55 Ft. Lbs. of torque. Put a drop of oil on each stud before installing the lug nuts to be sure they tighten properly. Be sure to use GOOD lug nuts that have the first few threads relieved so the nut will seat properly in the taper of the wheel and not tighten on the unthreaded portion of the stud. Clean any accumulation of paint or powder coating from the tapered seat in the lug holes of each wheel. Inspect the holes in the wheels to be sure they are not damaged, elongated or worn out. If you are using tapered washers between the lug nuts and the wheel, be sure to check several times after installing the wheels to make sure the nuts are properly seated in the washers and the washers properly seated in the wheel. I do not recommend using tapered washers but sometimes it is necessary because of worn holes in the wheels.

Do not use an impact wrench. Install and remove the lug nuts using hand tools. If a nut does not easily screw onto the stud, check the nut and stud for damage or worn threads. Most of the time, it will be the nut that is bad, throw it away and use a nut with good threads.

After installing a wheel, snug up the nuts with the tire off the ground. Remove the jack and with the tire on the ground, finish tightening the nuts. Check after a hundred miles or so to be sure the lug nuts are all tight.



Wheel Nut with
machined relief

MEETING MINUTES MAY 26, 2017

- The meeting was called to order President John McDannel at 7:32 PM.
- The flag salute was led by Art Moore.
- Elaine gave a short update on Joe Wilson.
- Minutes: The minutes were approved as read.
- Treasure's Report: The report was approved as read.
- Membership: Guests Gary and Sheryl Hunter were introduced.
- Tours: Jim Kroger told about the following tours:
 - June 10th Lavender Festival
 - June 16th JPL tour cut off date May 19th Lunch cost \$20 per person
 - June 25th Henry Ford Picnic
 - July 4th So. Pasadena Parade
 - July 29th Gamble House tour cost of tour \$15.00 per person Cut-off date July 17th
- Events:
 - June 2nd Ladies Day LA Zoo
 - Aug. 5th Glendale Center Theater, Mom & Pops Night Out
 - Aug. 12th Pancake Breakfast, Wilderness Park
- Low End Boys: Mickey said the Low End Boys had worked on new member Michael Higgins car.
- PHS Club: Wilbert Smith gave an update on progress of PHS club, work progressing on car.
- Memorial Service: John McDannel gave an update on Memorial Service for member John Chandler.
- Sunshine: Judi Moore reported she had sent a Get Well to Joe Wilson
- Program: Art Moore introduced the speaker, author Nat B. Read who spoke about the book he had written on "Don Benito Wilson.
- Thank you: John McDannel introduced Jarvis Dean, who thanked the club for their donation to help pay for hand controls for his car.
 - Cookie Bringers Sign up: Sign up to bring cookies for break, thank you to tonight cookies bringers Sheri Johnson, Bonnie Nelson, Mickey Frutcher, Janet Beggs and Carolyn McBride.
- Break
- Name Badge winner - Warren Record
- Drive Your Model A winner - Jim Constantian
- 50/25/25: Winners - Gerri McKinney & Chris Wickersham \$32.00 each
- Raffle
- Meeting adjourned at 9:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Perry, Secretary

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