



February 2017

# Spoken Wheels

## THE NEXT MEETING

### General Meeting

Friday, February 24 - 7:00 PM **Note time change**

Arcadia Red Cross Building, 376 Huntington Dr. Arcadia

**Program** -Annual Club Auction

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JOHN MCDANNEL

### Bid Bid, What am I Bid

Our February general meeting is one of our most important traditions. Each of us should make every effort to donate items to the club to be auctioned off at this meeting. The sole purpose of this meeting is to raise funds for the operation of our club!

For your information, your dues supply the club with 23% of our gross operating income while the auction produces 12.5%. Our high school football home coming event contributes 6% while our advertising income produces another 6% of our gross income. The balance of our income is derived from our tours and other break even events. This is one of the reasons we can keep your membership dues at \$30.00 per year.

So come all Ye Merry Men and Women. Open up your wallets and purses. Let's have some fun. Raise your hands and spend some money. We don't take credit, but we accept checks and cash.

### Montecedro Car Show – Sunday, April 23rd

We have been invited to display our cars at the Montecedro Retirement Center in Altadena on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will arrange for up to ten spaces in their new parking lot located at 2212 El Molino Ave NE of Lake and New York Drive. The start time of the car show will be 1:00pm – 4:00pm. This new assisted living retirement center has 196 residents and a staff of 100. Chris Wickersham is one of the residents. So, let's support Chris and his fellow neighbors by putting on a great Model A Car Show for them. Honk! Honk!

Chris Wickersham will be the car show coordinator. The plan is to offer the residents a short video about Model A's in their new member center. Chris is negotiating for a free lunch for our members. We all know he can be quite persuasive. Some of these residents probably owned a Model A once in their life time.

### Mom and Pops Night Out -Sunday, August 6th

Do you remember when we were all younger in 1958? Many of us went to the movies to see the newly released movie "South Pacific". It was a wonderful American musical featuring Mitzy Gainer as Nurse Nellie Forbush and Rossano

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## 2017 Santa Anita A's Annual Club Auction

It seems like only 12 months ago we had our 2016 annual auction. But in that short time you have accumulated all sorts of things that are no longer important in your life - things that need a new home. So - now is the time to dust them off, put them in a bag or box and bring them to our February meeting where they will be looked upon with great favor by your fellow members.



I must remind you to bring a large amount of cash or a check backed by sufficient funds and a valid ID. This will enable you to purchase some of the goods your fellow members have brought with them for you to inspect and lust for.

Our annual auction is an important event as it is the largest single source of club income behind our annual dues. This is a well organized event, led again this year by our auctioneer par excellence, Robert Travis.



**A word of caution** - The auction starts at 7:00 PM, earlier than our regular meetings. Best you arrive on time because all the good stuff is placed on the block first.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### February

24 - General Meeting, Annual Club Auction, see page 1

### March

8 - Board meeting, Perry's home, 7:00 PM  
 11 - Lucas private car collection tour, see page 4  
 13 - Ladies' Brunch, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM  
 16 - Men's Breakfast, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM  
 17 - San Gabriel MARC St Patricks Day Lunch see page 5  
 23- 26 - CCRG Meet, Porterville, see page 5,  
 31 - General Meeting

### April

2 - Orange County Pancake Breakfast, Details TBA  
 13 - Wrightwood tour, Details TBA  
 23 - Montecedro car show, see President's message

### May

4 - Mt. Baldy Tour - Details TBA  
 7 - Monrovia Old Home Tour - Details TBA  
 13, 14 - Calico Tour - Details TBA

### June

10 - Lavender Festival in Beaumont, Details TBA  
 16 - JPL Tour, Details TBA  
 25 - MARC Henry Ford Picnic, Details TBA

Spoken Wheels is the monthly publication of the Santa Anita A's based in Arcadia, California. The organization is dedicated to the restoration, preservation and enjoyment of the Model A Ford. It is a chapter of the national organization, MAFCA (Model A Ford Club of America). Meetings are held on the last Friday of most months at the Arcadia Red Cross facility, 376 Huntington Drive, Arcadia California. Mailing address PO Box 660904, Arcadia. Web Site [www.santaanitas.org](http://www.santaanitas.org)

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### March Birthdays

1 - John Emanuelli  
 2 - Gordon Johnson  
 3 - Josie Byrd  
 3 - Carolyn McBride  
 4 - Jim Constantian  
 5 - Ruth Harper  
 10 - John McDannel  
 14 - Fred Weideman  
 19 - Randy Harper  
 20 - Warren Record  
 22 - Larry Metz  
 24 - Dick Canzoneri  
 24 - Nancy Stancil  
 27 - Warwick Nethercoat  
 28 - Jennifer Sandberg  
 30 - Susan Homet  
 31 - Steve Concidine

### March Anniversaries

2 - Alan & Susan Bennett  
 3 - Larry & May Pare  
 10 - Larry & Suzanne Rummens  
 12 - Jim & Jamie Frick  
 21 - Mike & Kim Harryman  
 25 - Daniel & Jacki Boardman

## OFFICERS, BOARD & CHAIRS

### OFFICERS

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 Open  
**Raffle – Ladies':**  
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### COMMITTEE CHAIRS - Continued

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Sunshine Lady - Judi Moore

Get well cards sent to: Pete Henderson & Joyce Travis

Thinking of you cards sent to: Dena Cortez who has cancer & Helen Cortez - Dena's mom

A Sympathy card was sent to the family of Jim and Jamie Frick; her brother passed away.

### Cookie Bringers Alert - Gerry McKinney

Bringers are: Sheri Johnson, Diana Kincart, Jean Ware, Wilbert Smith and Gerry McKinney

### Photo Donors -

Joe Wilson and maybe others

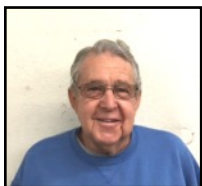
### Think About It -

Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.

The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have 50-50 chance of getting something right, there is a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

## NEW MEMBERS

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



**Warren Record**  
626-318-4475  
3928 Peck Road, El Monte, CA 91732  
recordperfect@yahoo.com  
Joined Jan. 2017 1931 Roadster Pickup



**Dino & Gina Falabrino**  
626-445-6951 cell 626-664-6065  
341 Coyle Ave. Arcadia, CA 91006.  
[DJFCars@hotmail.com](mailto:DJFCars@hotmail.com)  
Joined Sep. 2016 28 Roadster PU, 31 Tudor



**Jim & Patti Dolan**  
626-446-5973 cell 626-926-6747  
261 Walnut., Arcadia, CA 91007.  
[drifty15@att.net](mailto:drifty15@att.net)  
Joined Oct. 2016 1929 AA Stake bed



**Arvid & Nancy Olson**  
626-673-1337  
421 E. Live Oak St. #304. San Gabriel, CA 91776  
[arvidolson@aol.com](mailto:arvidolson@aol.com)  
Joined August, 2016 1930 Tudor



**Larry & Joyce McCullah**  
714-879-4026 cell 562-673-1667  
201 N. Alberta Pl., Fullerton, CA 92833  
[cigarlarry@gmail.com](mailto:cigarlarry@gmail.com)  
Joined August, 2016 - 28 Sedan Del., 28 Rdst.

## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT BY BOB HARBICHT

### Arvid & Nancy Olson



Arvid (a Swedish name) and Nancy have had their '30 Model A Tudor for about a year, but it's not the first Model A Arvid has owned. He used a Model A for transportation when he was in college "a hundred years ago". Actually, it was in the late-'50s. After college he left it in front of his parents' home and they sold it.

Arvid graduated from a small college in Northern Minnesota called Concordia College with a degree in physics. He worked in Minneapolis for a number of years and then "followed the job market" to California. He now works for Vaco, a company that manufactures flow control devices.

About a year ago he was driving to work one day and saw his current Model A sitting beside the road with a "for sale" sign on it. So he bought it.

Nancy is now retired. She taught high school for many years. Then she began teaching sewing at a trade school. She eventually wrote a book on sewing and traveled the country giving seminars on the subject.

The Olsons have one child, who has given them three grandchildren. In fact, they are preparing to go in about a month to watch their oldest granddaughter receive her PhD in chemistry from the University of Iowa (go Hawkeyes).

When Arvid isn't out in his Model A, you might see him driving his "Saturday car," a 1973 Lincoln Continental.

Welcome to the Santa Anita As, Arvid and Nancy.

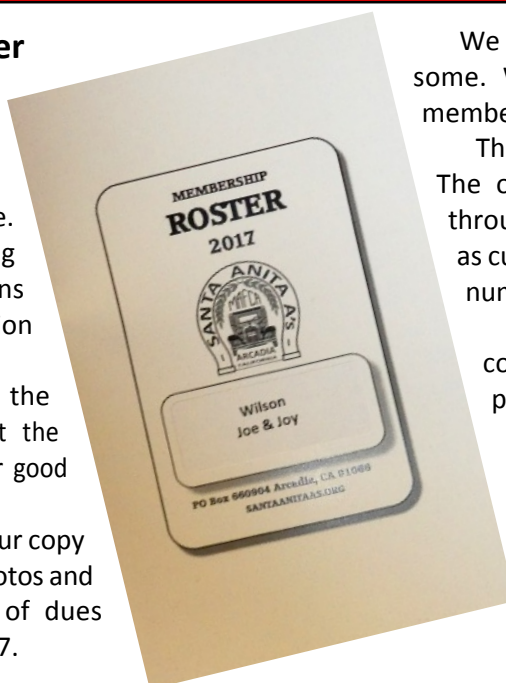
## IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The 2017 SAA's Club Roster is Now Available

No doubt members will be pleased to know that the new 2017 club roster is finally available. There will be no more harassing asking for "Additions, Corrections and deletions" to their information in our member data base.

Your personalized copy of the roster will be awaiting you at the February general meeting - another good reason to be there.

I suggest you look through your copy and acquaint yourself with the photos and names. This is the official list of dues paying members as of Feb 1, 2017.



We added some new members this year and lost some. We now have 127 family units with 230 members.

The new roster has been posted on our web site. The on-line roster will be updated periodically throughout the year as we add new members and as current members make changes to their phone numbers, email addresses or names.

Two hundred rosters have been printed at a cost of \$170. This is lower than last year's printing cost.

Additional rosters may be purchased at a cost of \$2.00 each. Give me a two-dollar bill and I will deliver one extra copy.

Or, you can go to the "members only" section of our web site, open up the "roster" and print your very own 2017 roster, in color.





## IMPORTANT INFO CONTINUED

### Membership Count

A year-end review of our membership revealed the following information:

As of Dec 11, 2015 we had 127 family units

As of Dec 22, 2015 we had 140 family units

As of Feb. 1, 2016 we had 127 family units which included 230 total members

We added 19 new members in 2016.

We lost 4 members who said they were not renewing for 2017.

We dropped 8 members who did not pay their 2017 dues.

We lost one member who passed away.

### Veteran Stories

In June, 2015 we began a series of stories written by our members about their experience as a member of the armed services. Tom Endy organized this effort and a list of our veteran members was created. Tom is now asking that those veterans who have not yet shared their stories contact him. He also ask that members who are veterans and joined our club after the original list was created in early 2015 contact him. He will provide you help in creating your story.

### Club Mail Box Error

Patty Lutz reported that we have been using an incorrect zip code in our PO Box mailing address. Our literature has been updated to include the correct one ( 91066).

### Club Meeting Facilities

Our club membership and meeting attendance has grown significantly in recent years taxing our ability to fit into our meeting room at the Red Cross building. The Temple City Hall meeting room for our board meetings is available to us sporadically on an "if available basis". Options for alternate meeting room facilities are being investigated.

### Pasadena High School Model A Ford Club

Wilbert Smith reports that a trailer has been purchased to house and transport the Model A they are restoring. On-campus classes at the high school and Saturday work sessions at PCC are being held. Now that the club has become a fully sanctioned MAFCA chapter, some members of the Santa Anita A's are volunteering individually to support the Pasadena High Club with their time and money.

### Revised Merchandise Chair Position

The responsibilities of the "Merchandise Chair" position has been changed. This position has been unfilled since the November election. Joe Wilson has accepted responsibility for this position. Future plans and activities for this "new" position will be announced in the next "Spoken Wheels".

## LOW END BOYS

BY MICKEY FRUCHTER

Things have been a little quiet in January, (I think mainly because of the rainy weather.) Susan Homet had problems with her carburetor. A part, which was not supposed to come apart did so. The faulty part was replaced and taken to Randy Harper for his expert opinion. He also had never seen this happen and he told me that he could possibly repair the part which is the "Choke Driver".

We plan to help Thurston LeVay with his handbrake problem as soon as the replacement parts come in.

Remember, if you are in need of getting your car started, call the Low-End Boys...or if you would like to learn more about working on Model A's call Mickey (626) 797-2048 and he will put you on his email list to be notified if and when we will be on our mission to help members get back on the road again.

## COMING EVENTS

### Lucas Car Collection Tour

Saturday, March 11

by Joe Wilson

We have been invited to visit Stan Lucas's car collection which he says includes "Five or Six Dozen" pre-war domestic cars with some foreign, sports and brass vehicles". In addition to his cars, Stan has accumulated a huge collection of vehicle related publications which are stored in several buildings adjacent to his tire facilities in Long Beach.



Stan Lucas with his 1929 Lincoln at the 2013 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

We will meet at the Harbor Freight Parking lot at 9:15 AM which is near the S.W. Corner of Foothill and Rosemead Blvd. In Pasadena. You will be given further tour instructions prior to our prompt departure at 9:15 AM. It will be a 26.2 mile drive down Rosemead Blvd. to our lunch destination - "The World Famous Curley's Cafe" located at 1999 E. Willow in Signal Hill. Established in 1932, the cafe has "Character". We will order off their extensive menu and be provided separate checks.

It will be a few minutes drive to Lucas Tire, 2850 Temple Ave, where we will begin our tour at 1:00 PM.

It is important that I have a firm count of participants. We have 21 signed up at this time; have room for a few more. Sign up at the next meeting or call Joe Wilson (818-790-0995).

## COMING EVENTS - MORE

### St. Patrick's Day Party

Friday, March 17

by Bob Moore

The Santa Anita A's have been invited by the San Gabriel Valley MARC club to their St. Patrick's Day party. Of course, it will be on March 17. Unlike previous years when the party was held in the evening, this year the party will be at 12 noon at the Peppertree Restaurant, 1020 E. Rt. 66, Glendora.

A traditional Irish lunch will include a salad, corned beef and cabbage, potatoes and cake for dessert. Nonalcoholic drinks are included. There will be games as well as music, and singing lead by Steve Concidine, Bob Moore and Liz the waitress.



The price for the lunch including tax and tip is \$13.50 per person. The restaurant wants to know the number attending by March 10, so please pay Sheri Johnson at the next meeting. Because it is Auction Night, please pay by a separate check or send her a check payable to the Santa Anita A's. Wear your green and bring your Irish spirit. Drive your Model A especially if it is green or if it has black fenders. Join the group that will depart from the Duarte Walmart parking lot at 11:25 AM. Gather in the northwest corner of the lot closest to Mountain Avenue. All surface streets for the 8 ½ mile drive.

### CCRG Jamboree

March 24- 26

by Bob Moore

The Central California Regional Group Jamboree is scheduled for March 24th through the 26th. We have a large group from the Santa Anita A's attending; there is always room for more. From the Pasadena area, we have 12 Model A's and two modern cars making the trip: Chris Wickersham, Vicky Bartlett and Bart Bartholomew, Don and Carolyn McBride, Bob and Joyce Travis, Bob and Judi Moore, Art and Olive Moore, Joe Principe and Nancy Stancil, new member Warren Record and friend, Joe and Joy Wilson, Larry and Gerry McKinney, Tom and Sheri Johnson, John and Carol Emanuelli, Mickey and Bea Fruchter and Jim Kroeger and Janet Beggs.

Members Steve and Sondra Kurtz and Mike and Amy Siro who are also members of the San Fernando Valley Club are traveling with that club. Vicky Bartlett, a member of Diamond Tread tells me that several cars from their club may join us.

If you are going or want to go to the CCRG and your name is not listed, please tell Bob Moore.

## PAST EVENTS

### Installation of Officers and Board Members

Newly elected 2017 Officers were recognized and those retiring were thanked at the January meeting's Installation Service. President John McDannel presented VP Ken Mallory, Sec. Elaine Perry, Treas. Sheri Johnson & Board members Bob Travis, AC Byrd, Steve Concidine, Carol Emanuelli, Jim Kroeger and editor Joe Wilson with a wine glass and a toast with Martinellis Sparkling Cider.

Bob Travis presented John McDannel a gavel with his name engraved for his service



as President for 2016. He then installed the 2017 Officers and Board of Directors President: John McDannel, Secretary,

Elaine Perry, Treasurer: Sheri Johnson Board Members: Tracy Butkus AC Byrd, Carol Emanuelli, Jim Frick and Jim Kroeger. Vice President Bob Harbicht was out of town.



### Paramount Ranch Tour

Saturday, Feb. 4

by Jim Kroeger

LA might be having its wettest year on record but this does not seem to affect the Santa Anita A's as they once again had mother nature on their side as they headed out to tour the Paramount Ranch.



Nine Model A's and thirty-seven members gathered in Pasadena, picked up boxed lunches from the Corner Bakery and hit the freeway bound for the movie ranch. Upon our arrival we were greeted by Ranger Robert of the National Park Service who led us up a road to a western town guarded by Sheriff Mike who became our tour guide for the day.

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## PAST EVENTS -CONTINUED

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We learned that Paramount Studios purchased 2700 acres of the old Rancho Las Virgenes in 1927. For 25 years Paramount used this "movie ranch" for film production that included entertainment giants such as Cecil B. DeMille, Gary Cooper, Barbara Stanwyck, Bob Hope, Claudette Colbert and the Cisco Kid.

In 1956 the Paramount Auto Racetrack was built on the property where the 1957 movie Devils Racetrack was filmed. It was considered one of the most challenging courses in the country but was closed 18 months later due to three fatalities. Our own Rick Phillips worked the track as a pit crew member during its heyday.

In 1980 the National Park Service began to manage the ranch. Television shows were also shot here such as Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman from 1992 to 1997. Paramount Ranch's diverse landscapes allow filmmakers to create distant locales to this day.



We next paid a visit to Sheriff Mike's jail where we proceeded to lock up our tour leader, Bob Travis. Someone found the keys and he was released after time served. Our final stop was a visit to the town saloon. Here we learned the magic of Hollywood where one of our members was knocked out with a beer bottle for drunk and disorderly conduct. Of course the beer bottle was a prop made out of thin plastic so no harm was done.



We wrapped up the day with lunch under a shaded picnic area and then proceeded to head for home. It was a great day for Model A touring and Hollywood history.

## SAA General Meeting Minutes January 27, 2017

- The meeting was called to order by President John McDannel at 7:30. John thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight.
- The flag salute was led by Ken Mallory.
- Membership: Randy Harper introduced guests Bart Bartholomew, Bart is a member of Diamond Tread and a friend of Vicky Bartlett, he also introduced guest Elbert Payton who is staying with Wilbert Smith. New member Warren Record was introduced.
- Tours: Jim Kroger told about the following tours:
  - Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> Paramount Ranch Tour
  - Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> Mystery Brunch Tour
  - Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> Lucas Tire Tour & Lunch
  - Mar. 23-26 CCRG Porterville
  - Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> Bob Moore invited SAA to attend SCRVG MARC club's Saint Patrick's Day Lunch. Cost \$13.50 per person.
- Sunshine: Judi sent cards to Maryann Sepulveda, Pete Henderson, Joyce Travis, Helen Cortez and sympathy cards to Jim & Jamie Frick and the family of John King
- Minutes: The minutes were approved as printed
- Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was approved as read.
- Program: Recognition of 2016 Officers and Board Members: John McDannel had 2016 Offices and Board member, VP Ken Mallory, Sec. Elaine Perry, Treas. Sheri Johnson and Board members Bob Travis, AC Byrd, Steve Concidine, Carol Emanuelli and Jim Kroeger and editor Joe Wilson come to the front of the room. John thanked each for their service and presented them with a wine glass and a toast with Martinellis Sparkling Cider. He also gave each a small key ring flashlight with Santa Anita's engraved on the flashlight. Bob Travis presented John McDannel a gavel with his name engraved on the gavel for his service as President for 2016.
- Installation: Bob Travis called the 2017 Officers and Board of Directors to the front of the room. President: John McDannel, Secretary, Elaine Perry, Treasurer: Sheri Johnson Board Members: Tracy Butkus AC Byrd, Carol Emanuelli, Jim Frick and Jim Kroeger. Vice President Bob Harbicht is out of town. Bob Travis installed the 2017 Officers and Board into office.
- Youth Outreach: Wilbert thanked those that had donated to the PHS Model A Club he said the club has the trailer and that he also has received many phone calls about the video.
- Low End Boys: Mickey said they had worked on Marlin's car and also Wilbert Smith's car.
- Ladies' Raffle: Bea Fruchter asked members to sign up to purchase Ladies' raffle prizes, you are allowed \$100.00 to purchase prizes.
- Break
- Roster: Joe Wilson asked members to verify their information in the on line Roster, if you have corrections e mail them to Joe.
- Awards: Joe Wilson received a "Certificate of Merit" from MAFCA for the Spoken Wheels, and Wilbert Smith and his son Brian received the Jim Ryner "Photograph of the Year Award".
- Thank you's: Thank you to Elaine Perry, Tracy Butkus, Carol Emanuelli and Gerry McKinney for Refreshments. Elaine thanked her daughter Tracy for the donation of Papa Cantella meatballs and mini hot dogs for the refreshments tonight.
- Cookie Bringers: Gerry McKinney requested members to sign up to bring cookies to the meeting, sign up tonight.
- Support Staff: John McDannel called the 2016 support staff up to receive a flashlight for their service last year.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.



# Santa Anita A's Veteran



## John McDannel USAF 1963-1968

My home town was Covina, California. I graduated from Covina High School in 1959, where I played football and ran track. That year I was awarded the honor of "Athlete of the year". In 1961 I won the Mt. San Antonio College Decathlon and set a US National record in the 480 yard Shuttle Hurdles. In 1965 I graduated from the University of La Verne with a BA in Economics and a minor in Air Science. I also played football and ran track at La Verne. As a college freshman, I enrolled as a cadet in the USAF ROTC program at USC. In 1965 I was assigned to Biggs AFB El Paso, Texas where I was commissioned a second lieutenant and was awarded the "Commandant of Cadets" award. I was awarded my pilots wings in 1968 and was assigned to the Strategic Air Command. I flew the T-41, T-37, T-38, and was awarded an F-4 Phantom out of pilot training.

My flying career continued after the Air Force as a commercial pilot for United Airlines. During the 1980 presidential campaign I was selected to pilot a Boeing 727 chartered by the Republican National Committee to fly the then candidate (and later President and First Lady) Ronald and Nancy Reagan around the US during the final six months of the campaign for President.

I flew as a United Airlines Captain on the Boeing 747-400 before retiring in 2001 following a 32-year career at United.



**John McDannel at Williams AFB 1968**



I was type rated to fly the following aircraft: B-747-400, B-747-100\200, B-767 100/200, B-757, B-737, B-727 100/200, A-320 and served as a Flight Engineer on the DC-10. I was elected to serve as Chairman of the Airline Pilots Association Council #57 and was a board member of the Airlines Pilot Association in Washington D.C. In 1993 I was awarded "UAL Captain of the Year" and received the carrier's "Humanitarian Award" in 1987. In 2004, I was interviewed as a candidate for the CEO position of United Airlines.

## Mary McDannel pinning on my wings 1965

My 25-year banking career with Trans World Bank Corp. ran concurrently with my career with United Airlines. In 1967 I earned an MBA from USC.

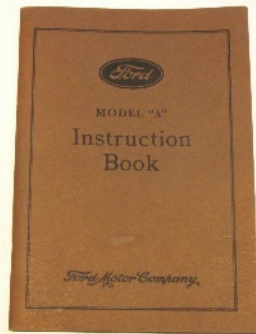
My wife, Mary, and I have been married for more than 51 years. Mary served for more than 40 years as a grammar school teacher in the Covina Unified School District. We have three daughters. One is Vice Principal at Fresno Middle School, one is an orthodontist and the other is a Prosthodontist. We have six grandchildren.



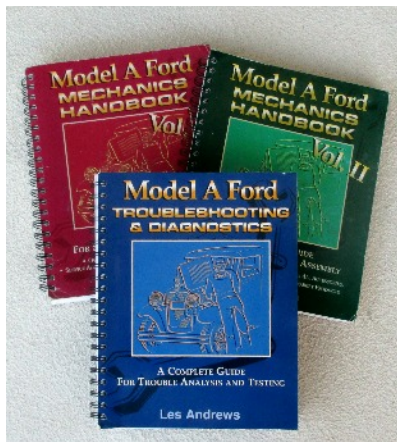
## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR MODEL A

This month's column will deal with learning how to maintain your Model A Ford. Part of the enjoyment of owning a Model A Ford is understanding how to take care of your car. There is a lot more to maintaining a Model A than just washing the car and polishing the chrome. We should all be aware of the basic maintenance these cars require if they are to be kept in good repair and ready for the road. Of course, our abilities and facilities vary greatly. Some owners have a complete well equipped shop and are capable of performing major restoration work while others may just have a few basic tools in their garage. Just knowing the basics will go a long way to keep your Model A in good condition.

First of all, the owner of a Model A needs to know how to service the car and do basic repairs. A good place to start to gain knowledge is to read the "Instruction Book" (Owner's Manual) that would have come with your car when new. If you do not have an "Instruction Book", good reproductions are available from most parts suppliers. This little book contains a lot of information including basic maintenance, lubrication, simple troubleshooting and repairs. There are also instructions on how to start and drive the Model A. Now, some of you may say I have gone too far, we all know how to drive a Model A but not all owners may know how to double clutch when down shifting, to not rest their foot on the clutch pedal when driving down the road or to shift into a lower gear when descending a steep hill to save the brakes. You would be surprised just how much information is contained in this little book.



Many other good books have been written that deal with repair and restoration of the Model A Ford. One series of books I have found especially helpful is three books titled "Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook" written by Les Andrews. Les has a vast knowledge of the Model A Ford and has done an outstanding job putting together three books which are mainly dedicated to the mechanical maintenance and repair of the Model A.



Volume #1 includes maintenance, repair and overhaul of the mechanical components. Most owners feel this book is the most useful. Volume #2 deals mostly with modifications and accessories for your Model A. Volume #3 address diagnoses, troubleshooting and problem solving.

Another good source of information is the club. If you need help, just ask another member. If he, or she, does not know the answer, they can usually recommend another member who will be able to help you. The SAA's web site also has a very good selection of technical articles written by Tom Endy. Tom has many years of experience with Model A's and has put together a series of well written very informative articles. If you are doing a repair and need a little guidance or help, contact The Low End Boys. This is a group within the club of very knowledgeable members who will help you with a problem or lend you a hand when needed. Periodically, the club schedules seminars which provide a good opportunity to learn more about your Model A.

Having your Model A just sitting in the garage is not much fun. If you take care of your Model A, it will take care of you and not leave you stranded on the side of the road. Keeping your Model A in good condition and driving it often will greatly add to your enjoyment of our hobby.

### Tech Tip - Cutout Relay Problems by Chris Wickersham

This month's Tip deals with more poor quality electrical components. It seems most replacement electrical components made in China are very poor quality.

For more than 6 months, one of our members had been dealing with an intermittent problem with his Model A. Sometimes, the car would just quit while driving down the road and it could not be restarted. Other times, the battery would be dead when he wanted to drive his car. After several visits by the low end boys, the problem was traced to a replacement generator cutout relay that was made in China. Sometimes the cutout would work properly but occasionally it would stick closed causing the circuit breaker the owner installed at the starter to open and disable all power to the car.

Good quality cutouts with a diode in place of the mechanical relay are available from most suppliers. You can sometimes find NORS (new, old replacement stock) cutouts at swap meets and on EBay that are USA made. Just be sure you know what you are purchasing. Many original cutouts are still good and serviceable. These were very good quality and rarely caused a problem. Cutouts made in China can usually be identified by the gold colored cover.





**President's Message** - Continued from page 1

Brazzi as the middle-aged plantation owner Emile De Becque. It was a Rogers and Hammerstein Classic stimulated by the James Michner's novel "Tales of the South Pacific".

Well let's pretend we are young again. We are planning a Mom and Pops night (afternoon) out on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> to attend the Candle Light Pavilion in Claremont. This production company is putting on this wonderful classic. The club has been to the Candle Light Pavilion several times in the past and everyone raves about the food and entertainment.

So here is an offer you just cannot refuse. The cost of the play and dinner will be \$50.00 per person. The club is going to subsidize the rest of the cost. It is a fine dinner theatre with a dress code where tickets include a four-course high quality meal.

We are attempting to obtain a complimentary bus from the LA County Supervisor's Office. The plan is to have the bus pick us up at the Arcadia Golf Course Parking Lot around 10:00 am and deliver us to the front door of the play house. It is customary to tip the bus driver.

We Hope You Can Join Us at all Three of These Events. Please Let Us Know If You Can Fit This into Your Calendar.

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With great sorrow I am selling my 1931 Delux Coupe.

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7. Engine is stock except for a 6.1 head from Snyder's



All of the restoration was recorded and is in a notebook which will go with the car. This car only has 5,234 miles on it since a ground up restoration. The interior looks like new, the Rumble seat hasn't been used! This car has sat on the upper rack in my garage since I got it. It is not fair to just let a Model A sit and not be used very often. The lower end of the engine has been gone through completely with plastic gauge since I had to replace the Babbitt on the number 2 cylinder. It is in good shape now.

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1. The February meeting starts early - 7:00 PM
2. This month is the annual club auction
3. Bring money to buy things
4. Bring things you want to donate
5. Show up
6. Sign up for the tours

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