



January 2016

# Spoken Wheels

## THE NEXT MEETING

### General Meeting

Friday, January 27 - 7:30 PM

Arcadia Red Cross Building, 376 Huntington Dr. Arcadia

**Program** - Installation of new officers & Board members

## Perhaps the very last "Pay Your Dues Reminder"

We ask that those members who have not yet sent in their dues for 2017 do so quickly. Dues were payable by December 31 and became past due on January 1. In order to maintain your membership for 2017 and be included in the new club roster, your dues need to be received by January 31. To do that you have the option of either driving to Sheri Johnson's home and hand her \$30 in cash or a personal check or, if you don't have a car, mail the money to her at 844 Diamond St., Monrovia, CA 91016. Tempus Fugit!.

## Touring with the Santa Anita A's



The Santa Anita A's Model A Club is credited with having an active touring schedule. We are fortunate that our Southern California weather permits us to organize tours and events throughout the year. Our tours provide the opportunity for members to enjoy driving their cars to interesting places with the comfort of being accompanied others who can provide help if needed. We have a variety of tours on our schedule and we invite you to participate.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JOHN MCDANNEL

### MODEL 'A' MAGIC FOR 2017

We are so lucky to have such a wonderful Model A Club staffed by such hard working volunteers. Every one of our volunteers are committed to encourage you to have fun, make you smile and want to come back for more. This should be every organization's goal! We are committed to offer you the greatest newsletter, meaningful meetings with exciting programs, some educational seminars, rewarding tours, enjoyable social gatherings and help you solve most of your mechanical problems from time to time.

To kick start the 2017 year, Jim Kroeger arranged for a great tour to visit the Nixon Library. The Nixon library just went through a multi-million dollar remodeling project well worth visiting. The historical displays are a vivid reminder of our nation's history from 1969-1974. Our crowd remembers many of the events that unfolded during this period. Following the tour we enjoyed a nice lunch at Polly's Pies. The food and fellowship were great!

Our recently elected officers and board members officially took office at our January Board meeting. Their formal installation and recognition will take place at our January 27th general meeting. Bob Travis will serve as our Master of Ceremonies. As you know, each of these volunteers are donating their time to serve this club. We hope that we can continue to carry on the great traditions of the past with some new events to spice things up a bit.

Our tour director Jim Kroeger has been busy mapping out some exciting tours for the next six months. Quite impressive! These tours combined with other planned club special events, meetings, and seminars will provide everyone lots of Model A activity.

February is an important month for our club. On Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, we will host our SAA Annual Fund Raiser/Auction Night. Come one, Come all! Bob Travis will rattle off the bids as our auctioneer. We all have lots of fun bidding on a variety of valuable items of great interest donated by our members. Remember, this is our primary Fund/Fun raiser for the year, so don't forget to bring your wallets!

Ka Ching, Ka Ching. John Mc Dannel

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January

- 27 - General Meeting, Installation of New Officers  
 28 - 29 Turlock Swap meet, Stanislaus Fairgrounds, Turlock

### February

- 4 - Paramount Ranch Tour - see page 4  
 8 - Board Meeting, Emanuelli's home, 7:00 PM  
 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  
 18 - Mystery Brunch Driving Tour, see page 4  
 24 - General Meeting, Annual Club Auction

### March

- 11 - Lucas private car collection tour, see page 4  
 23- 26 - CCRG Meet, Porterville

### April

- 2 - Orange County Pancake Breakfast  
 13 - Wrightwood tour, details to be announced

## 2017 Club Roster to be published by Joe Wilson

On January 1, 2017 we posted an updated version of the on-line roster included on our web site. We asked that you look at that on-line roster and notify me by email if there are corrections to be made. We have received many responses.

All of the roster corrects received by January 31 will be incorporated into the new roster which will be posted on the Web site February 1.

**We ask that everyone visit the web site after Feb 1 but before Feb. 10 to verify your changes have been made and advise me if they not correct.**

On Feb 11 the new roster will be printed and then distributed to members at the February 24 meeting.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### February Birthdays

- 2 - Patty Lampassi  
 5 - Keith Smith  
 5 - Karen Blaylock  
 8 - Myriam Davies  
 10 - Dick Homet  
 14 - Kevin Brown  
 16 - Nancy Sharpe  
 21 - Lori Bonner  
 21 - Beverly Kniest  
 28 - John Mac Donnell  
 29 - Michael Sriro

### February Anniversaries

- 10 - Pat & Martha Utter  
 14 - Richard & Sharon Rhode  
 14 - Brad & Vicky Balmot  
 14 - Tony & Kathy Catroppa  
 24 - Sue & Carl Rogers  
 25 - Mark & Lisa Henzel  
 28 - Mel & Maria Foye

## OFFICERS, BOARD & CHAIRS

### OFFICERS

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 Sheri Johnson 626-446-3367

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### COMMITTEE CHAIRS - Continued

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### SUNSHINE LADY -

**JUDI MOORE**

Get Well cards were sent to:

Mary Ann Sepulveda, Joyce Travis and Pete Henderson

A Sympathy card was sent to the John King family.

### COOKIE BRINGERS ALERT

Club will provide special treat surprise

### PHOTO DONORS

Nancy Stancil, Jim Kroeger, Joe Wilson and others

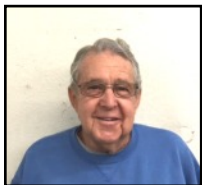
### THINK ABOUT IT

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

It's hard for me to imagine what you looked like when you were little.

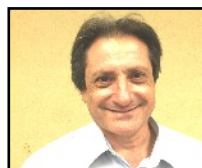
## NEW MEMBERS

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



### Warren Record

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Joined Jan. 2017 1931 Roadster Pickup



### Dino & Gina Falabrino

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[DJFCars@hotmail.com](mailto:DJFCars@hotmail.com)  
Joined Sep. 2016 1929 Tudor (shared)



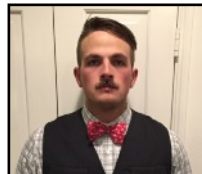
### Jim & Patti Dolan

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261 Walnut., Arcadia, CA 91007.  
[drifty15@att.net](mailto:drifty15@att.net)  
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Joined Sep. 2016 1929 Tudor (shared)



### Cameron MacDonnell

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Joined Sep. 2016 1929 Tudor (shared)



### Avrid & Nancy Olson

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Joined August 2016 1929 Roadster



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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.santaanitaas.org](http://www.santaanitaas.org)



## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT BY BOB HARBICHT

### Warren Record

Warren Record has found his way back to the Santa Anita A's. After about a 10 year absence he rejoined our club in January. He grew up in Arcadia and now lives in Temple City.

He acquired his 31 Model A Roadster Pickup many years ago but it is only one in his very large automobile collection. He is a Model T Ford enthusiast and has about 7 Model T Fords. His collection



includes a wide variety of cars from the teen's on up. In addition to his many Fords you'll find at least one Packard, Buick, Corvette, Cord, etc

Warren started his auto repair business in 1972 and expanded into the auto restoration about 5 years ago. He and his mechanics can service cars of all ages. His shop is located in El Monte. He said he is retired which means he arrives at 9:00 AM rather than 7:00 AM.

He is an active member of the Horseless Carriage Club and has a variety of vintage cars to chose from when participating in their tours. He was at the Holiday Motor Excursion held at the Santa Anita Race Track on December 31 and participated in the driving tour.

Warren has a high level of confidence in his cars. Some years ago he participated in a cross country drive from Baltimore to Los Angeles in his Model T sedan. The trip took about three weeks driving at 37 MPH. No break downs.

His activities are not limited to automobiles. He recently started a Law School in Bakersfield. It is a night school staffed with practicing lawyers as instructors.

We welcome Warren back to our club

### Club Member John King Passes



John King's daughter, Shanon, reported that John died on December 27th 2016. John joined the Santa Anita A's in September of 2001. He became inactive several years ago and dropped out of the club.

A reception for John was held at the Garden View Reception Center at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier on January 14, 2017.

**COMING EVENTS**

**Paramount Ranch & Picnic Tour**

Saturday, February 4

by Jim Kroeger

Most of us remember the television shows Gunsmoke and The Rifleman but do you know where some of those episodes were filmed? They were shot on what were called "movie ranches". So join us as we travel to one and explore Paramount Ranch in the Agoura Hills on Saturday, February 4th.

In 1927 Paramount Studios purchased 2700 acres of land and built numerous large-scale sets on the ranch. Actors such as John Wayne, Gary Cooper, Henry Fonda and Barbara Stanwyck made movies here. The land was eventually sold in 1980 to the National Park Service.



Park Rangers will lead us on a private tour of the ranch beginning at 11 AM followed by a boxed-lunch picnic provided by The Corner Bakery.

We will meet at the Kroeger home located at 2669 E. Villa Street in Pasadena at 8:30 AM. Admission to the park is free but there is a \$12.00 charge for boxed lunches.

Sign up at the January 27th general meeting and designate your type of sandwich. Choices include: turkey, roast beef, chicken salad or ham and swiss. Please make checks payable to the SAA's and leave with or mail to Sheri Johnson.

Our club has never visited Paramount Ranch so we are encouraging current and new members to join us for what will be a great day of Hollywood History and Model A driving. For more info call your tour leader Bob Travis at 626-574-0665. Hope to see you on tour.

**Mystery Brunch Driving Tour**

Saturday, Feb. 18

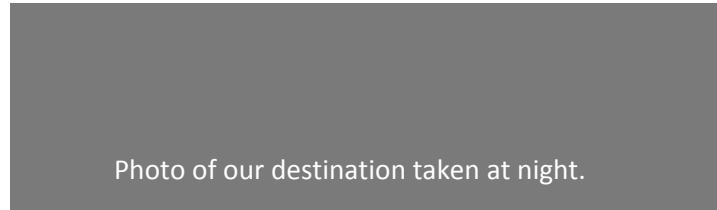
by Jim Kroeger

Being a Santa Anita A's member of course meant that you made a New Year's resolution to drive your Model A more often. What better way to accomplish this promise than to join us on a Mystery Tour for brunch on Saturday, February 18th.

I would like to encourage all new members who have not been on tour yet to get their cars ready and join the club for a short tour.

We will meet at the Perry's, located at 5528 N. Lenore Ave. in Arcadia, at 9:15 am and will travel east toward our destination with a mystery stop along the way. The route will be a surface street only tour complete with easy to read map.

I will buy brunch to the first person that can figure out where we are going so put on your thinking caps all you Model A maniacs. For more information call your Tourmeister, Jim Kroeger at 626-710-6592.



**Lucas Car Collection Tour**

Saturday, March 11

by Joe Wilson

We have been invited by Stan Lucas, owner of Lucas Tire to visit his facility in Long Beach to view his private car collection.

The tour will take us from our meeting place in Pasadena to Long Beach where we will have lunch prior to our final destination in Long Beach. Our tour of the Lucas tire facility and the car collection will begin at 1:00 PM and last approximately 1 1/2 hours.

We will meet at the Harbor Freight parking lot on Foothill Blvd and Rosemead for a surface street drive of 26 Miles to Lucas Tire in Long Beach. More details will be in the next newsletter.

Our invitation to see the Lucas car collection is special and one that has been extended to a limited number of groups. Stan Lucas says he has "5 or 6 dozen cars, mostly domestic pre war with some foreign, sports and brass" in his collection. This should be an interesting visit.

I will need to have a count of the members who will participate in this tour to make the lunch arrangements. I will have a sign up sheet at both the January and February meetings. If you miss both meetings you can sign up by contacting Joe Wilson by phone or email (818-790-0995 [joejoy@pacbell.net](mailto:joejoy@pacbell.net) ).

**Model A Ford Club of America**

Santa Anita A's is a chartered member of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). It is a California not-for-profit corporation and a national historical society dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Model A Ford vehicles as manufactured from 1928 through 1931.



We encourage our SAA members to also participate in the MAFCA organization. Check out their web site. It contains a wide variety of information about the organization, activities, technical references and instructions on how to join the organization. ([www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com))

## PAST EVENTS

### Christmas Lights Tour

Thursday Dec 15

Heavy rains kept the Model A's at home but not the twenty club members who met at Legends restaurant in Glendora for dinner prior to a tour of local Christmas lights.

The final stop was at the home of Steve and Kathy Concidine where we saw: Lights, Lights and more Lights - Trees, Trees and more Trees - Christmas decoration galore. It was an amazing display created every year under the direction of Kathy Concidine and her installer, Steve Concidine. We were treated to sweets, juice and coffee as we counted Santa Clauses.



### Nixon Library Tour

Saturday, January 14

by Jim Kroeger

In October of 2016 the Nixon Presidential Library and Birthplace re-opened after a 15 million dollar renovation. The Santa Anita A's took advantage of a beautiful Saturday morning and headed down to Yorba Linda to check out the 37th President's new galleries. Needless to say it did not disappoint.



### Holiday Tour

Saturday December 31

The 61<sup>st</sup> annual Holiday Motor Tour and show sponsored by the Horeselss Carriage Club was held at a new venue this year, The Santa Anita Race Track parking lot.



Despite the rain and clouds, there was a reasonable turn out of cars and people. Attendees commented that this new venue was good and look forward to attending next year.

Those sighted at the event were: Nancy Stancil, Joe Principe, Jim Kroeger, Chris Wickersham, John Spielman, John Emanuelli, Jim Constantian, Larry and Gerry McKinney, Evalyn Ingram and Friend. Not sighted at the event this year was Jay Leno.

Our private tour began on the outside grounds as we explored Army One which was the presidential helicopter. A few yards away resides a small house built by Nixon's father utilizing a kit from a local lumber yard. It is here that Richard Millhouse Nixon was born in 1913. His final resting place is also located next to this boyhood home-talk about coming full circle.

It was time to enter the library and we began with a 12-minute presentation on a 30-foot screen depicting Nixon through the years. The library has 70 new exhibits, numerous selfie stops, floor to ceiling graphics and five White House Tapes Listening stations.

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## PAST EVENTS -MORE

The exhibit begins with a look back at the turbulent 60's, followed by the Vietnam War, Nixon's election, the Apollo Moon landing, the opening of China, the White House, the Watergate Scandal and concludes with his childhood. One of the highlights was a replica of the White House Oval Office in a 360-degree panoramic view. Our own President, John McDaniel was quick to hop behind the big desk with our group for a photo opportunity.



When the original library first opened its critics pointed out that there was very little information devoted to Nixon's involvement in the Watergate Scandal.

The new gallery does a fantastic job of presenting Watergate in an honest and updated light. For all his highs and lows, President Nixon did open up relations with China, ended the draft, lowered the voting age to eighteen, integrated public schools in the south and created OSHA and the EPA.



After our library visit we headed around the corner to Polly's Pies for lunch. Polly's is located in the old Pacific Electric train station and the eats were fantastic. Everyone enjoyed a piece of pie with their meal.

## Club Members participate in the Monrovia Christmas Parade

Jim Constantion and Jim Frick drove members of the Monrovia Historic Preservation Group in the Monrovia Christmas Parade. The group of two Model A's and a 1914 Model T Ford won the "Best Themed Entry Award".



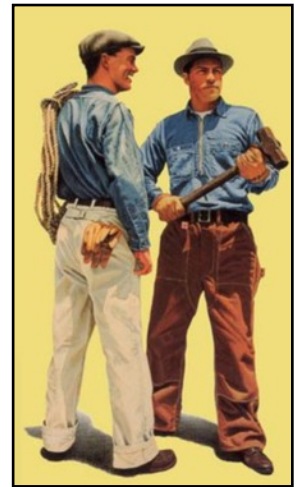
## ERA FASHIONS

BY SUSAN HOMET

### Fashion Focus on Men

During the Model A Era men were outfitted for style as well as purpose. Men's styles were designed specifically for the activity of the "man wearing the pants," so to speak. For example, men working outdoors on farms, or in garages and factories many times wore overalls. They wore one piece garments designed to cover them well, and to be practical. They were sturdy, and the fabric had to hold up through much hard work, and many washings. A good example of such a material would be denim in darker colors, so that dirt would be less noticeable. A pair of Levi jeans when new may give one an idea of fabric strength and durability.

Another area of work calling for a specific type of style and fabric would be indoor professions and jobs. For example a druggist, as well as soda clerks, restaurant and grocery men, barbers and dentists, among many other occupations wore white "duck" coats and jackets. These coats and jackets were made of an exceptionally high quality pre-shrunk eight-ounce duck fabric, a cotton fabric, and were bleached to a snowy whiteness. It was touted in the Sear's Catalogue of 1930 that these tailored, and neat fitting patterns would symbolize the purity and cleanliness of your establishment to your customers. They saved man's better clothing, which was worn underneath them, from excessive wear and tear and straining. They claimed to be easily laundered and to wear almost indefinitely. For \$1.89 postpaid, any man could purchase one of these jackets from the Sear's Catalogue.



For sportsmen, a range of all wool worsted sweaters in V-neck or round neck varieties were available. Some of these sweaters had buttons up the front with a wide shawl collar, and front pockets. For the man going to work in an office job, suits were the preferred attire. Suits were worn with matching vests and slacks. The rather wide-cuffed pants bottoms were all the rage! The new suit coat had a shaped waistline and the "lifted sleeve" and notched lapels, which were attempting to achieve an athletic, square shouldered appearance. These coats were made of wool with half lined fine alpaca fur. The asking price for these three-piece suits was just \$18.85, with one pair of trousers, and \$25.00 dollars with two pair of trousers.

Men's shoes this year exemplified by the "oxford" style, which were available either in one color or as two tones. They were made of calfskin leather with soles of "oak leather" with rubber heels. Here is a description of one shoe offered in Sear's Catalogue: "One, two, three brass slugs- like a clatter plate in the springy heel. They're GOLD BOND high quality calfskin Oxford, GENUINE GOODYEAR WELT. Available sizes 5-11, \$4.00 post paid". Post paid meant that Sear's paid the freight!



# Santa Anita A's Veteran



**Patrick Utter USN\USNR 1967-1977**

El Monte, California was my home town. I graduated from El Monte High School in June 1967 and enlisted in the navy in November. Boot camp was in San Diego followed by 16 weeks of Machinist Mate School at Great Lakes, Illinois.

I served on several ships during my time in service; my favorite was the battleship USS New Jersey BB62. The ship operated off the coast of Vietnam on one tour while I was on board. One memorable incident occurred on February 22, 1969 at 1 O'clock in the morning. I was sound asleep and woke to the sound and fury of the ship firing it's batteries of 16-inch guns, with many of the 5-inch guns firing as well. The firing continued for four hours. I found out later that morning that we fired over 100 16-inch rounds and close to 1700 5-inch rounds to save a Marine outpost from being overrun by the Viet Cong. I had two more Vietnam tours while serving on board the Destroyer Escort USS O' Callahan DE1051.

Twenty years later I was shopping near my home and happened to be wearing my USS New Jersey ball cap. A gentleman came up to me and asked if I was on the New Jersey back in 1969? I told him that I was. He asked me if I remembered the ship saving a Marine outpost, which I did. He then shook my hand and thanked me for helping save his life. That really hit home. It just shows what an impact you may have made in someone's life even if it was not evident at the time.

I was discharged from active duty in 1971 and remained in the navy as an active reserve for the next six years for a total service of ten years. I was rated a Machinist Mate, Petty Officer Second Class (MM2).



**Patrick Utter 1969**

**Santa Anita A's new Technical Director**

A few weeks ago, our new president, John McDannel, asked me to accept the position of Technical Director and I agreed. Part of the job description of Technical Director is to submit articles for our newsletter. I am by no means an accomplished writer but I will give it a try so here goes.

First, a little about my involvement with the Model A hobby. I purchased my first Model A Ford, a 1930 Tudor Sedan, in 1956 when I moved to St Louis, Missouri to start college. The local Gas Station near where I was living had this '30 Tudor for sale with the asking price of \$200.00. It was relatively straight except the fenders were banged up a bit. It still had the original interior that was much worn but still serviceable. The top had recently been recovered and the exterior had just received a fresh application of bright yellow paint that had been applied with a brush. This yellow Tudor was to be my main means of transportation for the next four years.

To save money I did all my own repairs. I would either rebuild a failed component myself or buy used parts from one of the local junk yards. I slowly was able to get the car in better condition and even repainted it bright red. I found the Model A to be relatively easy to repair and keep running and also fun to drive. The last two years of college, I ran a small repair garage for Model A's. During these years, I learned a lot about Model A Fords and met other Model A owners. We started a local Model A Club that eventually turned into the Missouri Valley Region of MARC which I am one of the founding members.

After graduation, I sold the Tudor and became involved with other "more modern" cars but I always had a soft spot in my heart for the Model A. About fifteen years ago while reading Hemmings Motor News, I saw a 1930 Tudor for sale and could not resist. I purchased the car and once again found myself involved with the Model A Ford hobby.

My approach to these cars has always been to keep them basically original and for the most part the way Henry built them. The Model A is a simple car but very well designed and engineered. It was Ford's philosophy to build a car that was affordable, reliable and could be easily repaired with simple tools. When properly repaired and maintained, these cars are still reliable and fun to drive and enjoy. It is not necessary to make a lot of modifications or changes to Ford's original design and for the most part just returning the car to the way it was originally built will give you a car that is dependable and enjoyable.

Future columns will deal with issues involving dependability, reliability, drivability, safety and overall usability of our cars. The enjoyment of the hobby is being able to drive our cars with confidence and that we will not

be having ongoing problems with reliability. However, if we do encounter a problem we will have the ability to solve it in an efficient manner. I plan to also deal with questions about sources for information, parts, component repair and restoration and repair work by others. Hopefully, you will find this column to be interesting, informative and helpful.

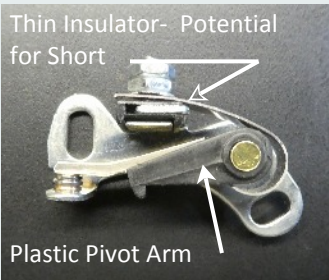
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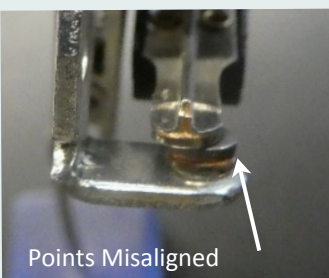
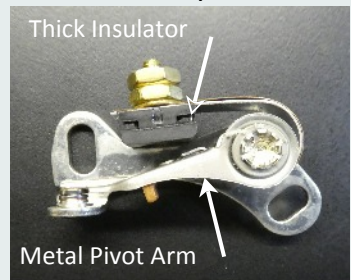
**Tech Tip - Poor Quality Points** by Chris Wickersham

Recently we have run into two cases where poor quality "Modern" ignition points have failed causing the engine to stop running. The insulator where the wire attaches was so thin that when it got warm, it collapsed and the spring shorted against the metal frame of the point set. Buy only quality ignition parts. Good quality modern points are being supplied by Motorcraft, Borg-Warner and Standard. (Borg Warner part number A101V or equivalent)

**Poor Quality Points**



**Good Quality Points**





## NO ON THE GAS TAX!

*This is a summary of a notice we received from the Association of California Car clubs asking members to contact their state representatives and protest their proposed bills which will increase the state fuel tax.*



**Well here we go again...**proposed fuel tax increases in 2016 failed. Now that the legislature has a Super Majority in both the Senate and the Assembly we can all expect to see legislation that looks to increase fuel taxes in 2017.

This is urgent! We need you to stand up against the out of touch politicians in Sacramento to defeat this bill! The Legislature had barely reconvened before Senator Jim Beall and Assemblyman Jim Frazier had proposed another tax increase against Californians.

First out in the Senate is Senate Bill 1. This is a bill by Senator Beall that looks to increase fuel taxes on both gas and diesel fuel. Diesel will be increased 60 % from \$.33 to \$.53 per gallon. Gasoline will be increased 36% from \$.33 to \$.45. In addition, sales tax on each will be increased 4%. This bill actually failed to pass in 2016.

Also coming is Assembly Bill 1 by Assembly Member Frazier. This is almost an identical bill as SB1. Additional components in the funding in both bills would increase the annual vehicle registration fee from \$43.00 to \$81.00, a 53% increase and apply an annual \$165.00 fee for zero-emission vehicles. Also, a requirement to shift \$500 million in existing truck weight fees back to road repairs is also included.

Since 2010 state lawmakers have stolen funds from the state's highway account and moved to the general fund for special pet projects and to also balance the budget. Both bills look to fund the repairs of California's roads.

I'm all for road repairs and would suggest we use the 68 Billion Dollars from the "Train To Nowhere" instead of taxing Californians into oblivion.

Here's what the tax increase will roughly cost;

- Average Car - 20 gallons per week or \$2.40 per week times 52 weeks = \$125.00
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*Submitted by John McDannel*



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During our recent tour to the Nixon library Janet Beggs was able to pose with President Nixon when he was the Grand Marshal in the Rose Parade. Nixon was Grand Marshal two times: 1953 as a Senator and in 1960 as Vice President.



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