



April 2014

# SPOKEN WHEELS

**YOUR DUES WILL BE PAST DUE ON MAY 1**

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Bob Travis

There is one aspect of our hobby that we don't pay much attention to, and that is the history of the Ford Motor Company and its founder, Henry Ford. It is amazing how much literature is available on the subject. I recently discovered a treaties on Henry in the New Word Encyclopedia. I found it worth reading and decided to share it with you. The article is rather long so I will be giving it to you in increments. Consider this the first installment. Enjoy.



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## Special Notice from the Editor

*This month we had so much information to include in the newsletter that it would not fit. This required that I edit many of the articles submitted and eliminate others. Sorry about that. Our club has 16 events, that is 16 opportunities for you to participate in various activities between now and July 4. If our club continues to be this busy, I may find it necessary to either use smaller type or add pages to the newsletter.*

**GENERAL MEETING** - Friday, April 25 at 7:30 PM - Arcadia Red Cross, 376 Huntington Dr., Arcadia

**PROGRAM** - Traveling through the Santa Anita A's Web site - An experience you don't want to miss.

Our Web Master, Eric Sandberg, will present a live demonstration on how to access the club's website and locate all the valuable information posted there. He will show you how to find and update your personal information contained in the on-line club roster in preparation for printing the 2013-2014 SAA Roster. Don't be frightened, it's user friendly. Bring a pencil.

**BOARD MEETING** - Wednesday, May 14 , 7:00 PM - Temple City Hall

Come join us and see what is really going on.

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### Santa Anita A's General Meetings:

Last Friday of most months at 7:30 PM

Arcadia Red Cross,  
376 Huntington Dr., Arcadia

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**Web Site:** [www.santaanitaas.org](http://www.santaanitaas.org)

## SAA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### April

- 24 - Tour to LA Times printing facility - See page 4
- 25 - General Meeting, Election of Officers & Board members

### May

- 1 - Annual Mt. Baldy Tour - See page 4
- 12 - Ladies' Brunch - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
- 14 - Board Meeting - Temple City - City Hall, 7:00 PM
- 15 - Men's Breakfast - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM
- 18 - SAA Installation Banquet - Monrovia Restaurant - See page 4
- 29 - San Antonio Winery - SGVMARC sponsored tour - See page 4

### June

- 8 - Quakes Baseball Game - See page 5
- 14 - Dinner and "The Perfect Match - The Lori Bonner Story" See page 5

### July

- 4 - South Pasadena Parade

### August

- 23 - SAA Pancake Breakfast - Details TBA

## OTHER CLUB SPONSORED EVENTS

### April

- 27 - Orange County Pancake Breakfast - See Page 5

### May

- 11 - Mother's Day Monrovia Old Home Tour - See page 4
- 23-25 - Northern California Regional Group - Milpitas. If you are interested see John Emanuelli at meeting or call him.

### June

- 29 - Henry Ford Picnic - Santa Fe Springs - See page 5
- 29 - Antique Nationals - Auto Club Speedway, Fontana - See page 5

### July

- 14-18 - MAFCA National Convention, Puyallup, Washington  
A group of SAA members will be leaving on July 8. If you are interested in going, contact John Emanuelli.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### May Birthdays

- 2 - Joe Escandon, Joanne Anthony
- 7 - Jim Roderick
- 9 - Sue Rodgers
- 12 - Pete Henderson, Jim Parrish
- 13 - John Spielmann, Sandra Loe
- 16 - Chuck Boekenoogen, Jack Conway
- 21 - Gene Reinhardt
- 22 - Chuck Sharp
- 25 - Joyce Travis
- 28 - John Gawley
- 29 - Joe Giocomarra

### May Anniversaries

- 3 - Fred & Carole Weideman, Randy & Ruth Harper, Ken & Betty Mallory
- 6 - Clyde & Evalyn Ingram
- 11 - Ronald & Marlene Martinez
- 20 - Leslie & Ann Petersen Pam
- 29 - Richard & Toshiko Favela

## THE SUNSHINE LADY - JOYCE TRAVIS

### Get Well Cards sent to:

Joyce Travis  
Joe Blaylock

### Cookie Bringers of the Month Club

Patty Lampassi, Ruth Ann LeVay, Bonnie Nelson

### This Month's Photographers Include:

Vicky Balmot, Elaine Perry, Joe Wilson

## NEW MEMBERS

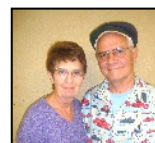
Here are the new members who joined in the last six months. Welcome them into our club.



**Larry & Gerry McKinney**  
Fountain Valley  
Joined March 2014  
1931 Victoria



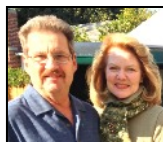
**Charles & Diana Lohr**  
Sunland  
Joined February, 2014  
1930 Pick-up, 1931 Tudor



**Larry & Gloria Metz**  
Arcadia  
Joined March 2014  
'29 Roadster PU, '30 Coupe



**Tom Endy & Lynn Neal**  
Westminster  
Joined January 2014  
1931 Victoria



**Stew & Catherine Levin**  
Studio City  
Joined November 2013  
1931 Pickup



**James Skalicky**  
LaVerne  
Joined April 2014  
'28 AR Phaeton



**Charles & Myrian Davies**  
San Marino  
Joined February 2014  
'29 Tudor, '30 Cabriolet

## FICTION & FACT

### Ponder This

by Joe Wilson

#### No space for Pondering this month.

I just want to convey a lot of important information about what is going on and what you need to do as a member of the Santa Anita A's.



**Elections** - New Officers and Board Members will be elected at the April General Meeting. You are responsible for voting them in so we have someone to blame if things don't work out.

**Installation Banquet** - This year it will be different. Come and see for yourself. Consider your attendance as a vote in support of the club, and the banquet itself. Your personal participation will acknowledge and demonstrate your appreciation of the work performed by our Club Officers, Board members and Committee Chairs. The cost of the event is higher than last year, but you will get your monies worth. Remember the reason you are coming. I invite everyone to check out page 4 for details.

**Web Site** - At the April General Meeting our Web Master, Eric Sandberg, will make a presentation on the new Santa Anita A's web site. The web site contains a wealth of information. It is important that members be aware of this means of communication and know how to access and utilize it. Eric will demonstrate, on screen, in real time, how to logon and maneuver through the site. We will utilize the web site this year to update and maintain our club's Membership Roster. Eric will demonstrate what you will be asked to do as of May 1, to assure that the information in the new Roster is correct.

#### Social event featuring food, fun and film

At the February 22, 2013 General Meeting members were presented with an idea to create a series of "Dining Out" events. The purpose of these events is to provide an additional opportunity for socializing with both new and longtime members. This idea is an extension of our current "dining" events which include our Summer Pot Luck Dinner, the Monthly Men's Breakfast and Ladies' Brunch. These events will be offered at various times throughout the year and will be held at various venues featuring a variety of food types and experiences which may include a special activity or program. Unanimous support was received from the members in attendance.

Our club gathered last April to recognize Wilbert Smith for his book and video, "Hole in the Head". The program, organized by Bob Moore which is scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>, "A Perfect Match - The Lori Bonner Story", is a continuation of this concept. See page 5.

### It's everybody's Job

Election of Club Officers and Board Members will take place at the April General meeting. It is important that you be there to vote.



Here are the candidates the nominating committee has presented to the board who will be on the ballot. Nominations may be made from the floor:

President - Bob Travis

Vice President - John McDannel

Secretary - Elaine Perry

Treasurer - Sheri Johnson

Board Members - Rick Phillips, Jerry Lampassi, Don McBride, Carol Emanuelli, Mickey Fruchter.

But, remember, you have to have your dues for the year paid up by the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting- it's the law.

### Club Roster

One of the advantages of belonging to the Santa Anita A's is that you get your picture published in the Club Roster. A new updated Roster is printed every June but we have to start now to update the information and replace those photos that no longer look like you. **But, we need your help to make this happen.**

This year we will use a different procedure for updating the roster information. This year we will use the club's web site to do the updating. I ask that every member to go to the "Members Only" section of the SAA web site where they will find a copy of the Membership Roster. I need everyone to review that information to determine if the data is current and correct.

Also in the "Members Only" section of the web site is a "Roster Update" form. Members can use this form to either confirm all of the data is correct, or make corrections.

The information currently on the web site will be updated by May 1 to include new members who joined since the last roster was published. I ask that everyone go on line after that date and no later than May 10 to submit the "Roster Update Form".

**If you don't have email and only get information through the newsletter, I need you to mail me the information. On page 8 of this newsletter you will find a "Roster Up-date" form. Please fill out that form and mail it to Joe Wilson, 5181 La Canada Blvd. La Canada, CA 91011. No need to check last year's roster, just fill out the form and send it to Joe Wilson. Please do this as soon as possible.**

## COMING EVENTS

### Tour to the Los Angeles Times printing facility

Thursday, April 24

by Bob Moore

We are set for an interesting tour to the Los Angeles Times printing facility at 2000 E. 8th Street, just east of the corner of Alameda and 8th in downtown Los Angeles. The tour on April 24, will start at 11:00 AM. Following the hour long tour, we will have lunch at a nearby restaurant.

We will assemble at the rear of the Ralph's parking lot on the corner of Michillinda and Huntington Drive at 9:50 AM for a 10:00 AM departure. We will be on surface streets the entire tour. There is on-site parking at the LA Times facility. Call Bob Moore if you want to join in; it's not too late.

### Mt. Baldy Tour - Car Show, Brunch & Sundaes

May 1, 2011

by Bob Moore

#### ***Tour prizes for First-timers on this tour!!***

Yes, it's that time again for the short trip to Mt. Baldy Lodge for brunch. Our day will start at 8:50 AM at Royal Oaks Retirement Center on Royal Oaks Drive North, Bradbury, home to Ken and Betty Mallory and others. Our cars will be the centerpiece of a very short car show for the residents. Actually, our cars will be the only ones in the show. Royal Oaks will provide light refreshments. May 1 is also the National Day of Prayer and the Royal Oaks minister will bless all the cars, drivers and passengers before we depart. And no offering plate.

At 10:00 AM, we will depart for Mt. Baldy. It is a 25 mile drive and freeways are not involved. We have always had a superb buffet brunch and if weather permits, we will sit outside on the patio. The brunch is scheduled to start between 11:15 AM and 11:30 AM, allowing for a leisurely drive up the hill.

After lunch, we will drive down the hill to Art and Olive Moore's who are hosting the ice cream sundaes. Art and Olive live in Upland, so it is downhill all the way to their home. Directions will be distributed at the brunch. What a day!

We are encouraging new members to get their Model A's on the road for this tour. Prizes will be awarded for new members on the tour. A new member is someone who has not been on a previous Mt. Baldy Tour.

The cost for brunch is \$20.00 per person. It is necessary that we have an accurate headcount, therefore we ask that you pay for the tour in advance. April 25 is the last day to pay. Carol Emanuelli will collect for the tour. If you have questions call Bob Moore at 626-358-2027 or email [bobmoore1@aol.com](mailto:bobmoore1@aol.com).

### Monrovia Old Home Tour - A Mother's Day Outing

Sunday, May 11

by Joe Wilson

If you like old things - like cars, houses and people; this is a tour for you. This annual event is held every year on Mother's Day and is sponsored by the Monrovia Historical Preservation Group. You don't have to be a mother or related to one in order to participate, but it is a good way for mothers and their friends to spend their day.

The tour includes several of Monrovia's grand craftsman style houses, a 1914 Craftsman/Mediterranean mansion never before open for tours, an 1888 Queen Anne Victorian and the world famous Aztec Hotel.

The event will start with coffee and doughnuts at the home of Rob Stewart, followed by a short driving tour around Monrovia ending up at one of the homes on exhibit.

To participate, first contact Robb Stewart (626-303-620 home, 626-447-1904 work, [robb@robbstewart.com](mailto:robb@robbstewart.com)). He will prepare name tags and provide free tickets for entering the homes. Then simply bring your Model A to Robb's home. He will give you his address and meeting time when you contact him.

### Installation Banquet

Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

by Elaine Perry

#### **The Monrovia Family Restaurant**

534 South Myrtle Ave. Monrovia, CA

No host Social Hour 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM

#### **Entrée Choices:**

Prime Rib -	\$42.00
Bone in Chicken Breast -	\$38.00
Salmon -	\$39.00

Entrees include a fresh green salad, appropriate starch, vegetables, dessert, coffee, hot tea or ice tea.

Come and show your appreciation for this past year's officers, board members and committee chairpersons, and to support our incoming officers, board members and chairpersons.

**Sign up at the March or April Meeting. Reservations MUST be made and paid for before the deadline of May 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Make check payable to Santa Anita A's. Mail or give your check to Carol Emanuelli, Treasurer.

### San Antonio Winery Tour

May 29, 2014

by Nancy Stancil

This is the 2nd Annual Joint San Gabriel MARC Club and Santa Anita A's Club Tour to the San Antonio Winery.

Meet across the street from Colonial Kitchen Restaurant in San Marino. Departure from Colonial Kitchen will be 10:30 AM.

## COMING EVENTS - CONTINUED

### Quakes Baseball Game

Sunday, June 8, 2014

by Sheri Johnson

Come see the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes (Class A affiliate of the Los Angeles Dodgers) play against the Bakersfield Blaze (Class A affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds) on Sunday, June 8.

The day will consist of a drive to the stadium, followed by an all you can eat BBQ lunch and a variety of sides and drinks. The cost of the BBQ and game is \$23.00 per person. There is no child or senior price. The BBQ will begin somewhere around noon and game time is 2:05 PM.

I will have a sign up sheet at the April meeting. If you have any questions, please call me (626-485-3073). If you miss the April meeting, you can still sign-up and pay until May 23. Just send your check to Carol Emanuelli in Temple City.

### A Perfect Match – The Lori Bonner Story

Saturday, June 14

by Bob Moore

#### A Special Dinner Meeting

Few have ever had the feeling of being able to save another person's life. One of our members, Lori Bonner, daughter of Mickey and Bea Fruchter, is one of those very fortunate people. In 2010, after a series of events, Lori was able to donate a kidney. The surprising story is who she donated it to and the relationship she had with this person prior and subsequently to the donation.

The Santa Anita A's are going to recognize this amazing gift of life with a dinner and a program about Lori's story. Our evening will include a video of the story with Lori Bonner and John Brannon (the recipient) sharing their personal stories. Karen Essa from the National Kidney Foundation will be there with materials to share with us.

We will start with hors d'ouvres followed by a catered dinner with dessert and drinks. Bob Travis has arranged for the use of the Sierra Madre Methodist Church, 695 West Sierra Madre Boulevard. This is where we hold our Holiday Party. We will gather at 5:30 PM and eat about 6:00 PM. The program will follow. The cost will be \$12.00 per person, a terrific value for a dinner out. You can invite your friends to join us to hear this compelling story first hand.

We need to have a head count for the caterer prior to June 7, so it is best to sign up and pay Carol Emanuelli at the April meeting. Any questions, please call Bob Moore.

### Henry Ford Picnic

Sunday, June 29

This annual event is sponsored by the MAFCA Diamond Tread Chapter in Downey and has been a popular event for our club to attend. The event, held at Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs, includes a car show with "People's Choice" awards, trophies, door prizes and raffles.

A catered BBQ lunch and reserved parking for featured cars are included in the \$10.00 per person prepaid reservation. Participants are asked to call or email LeRoy Kehret to make reservations (562-865-2246) (LROKehret@aol.com). Payment should be made to Diamond Tread Chapter, Inc. MAFCA. Send to PO Box 4563, Downey, CA 90241, no later than June 20, 2014.

### Antique Nationals

Sunday, June 29

This is the 44<sup>th</sup> annual drag racing event sponsored by the "Four Ever Four Cylinder" car club which features pre 1955 cars (Ford trucks thru 1956). The event has moved back to the Auto Club Dragway in Fontana, CA., 9300 Cherry Ave.

General admission for spectators is \$15, children under 15 free with an adult. Race participants admission is \$45. Race cars must pass technical inspection and require seat belts and helmets. Open cars running 13.99 or quicker must have an NHRA approved roll bar/arm restraints.

For technical information call Ron Mosher at 661-255-1931.

### South Pasadena 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

Date yet to be determined

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 the 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 Bob and Joyce Travis' house 2334 S. Third Ave. Arcadia, CA. Club will provide Hot dogs, fix in's, drinks and dessert.

**RSVP:** Parade participants must be pre-registered. There will be a sign-up sheet at the April meeting. We also need a head count for the breakfast donuts and lunch hot dogs.

**For info:** Call Marlin Perry (626) 443-0638). We need cars to carry dignitaries in the parade, please consider this and volunteer. Call Marlin.

## PAST EVENTS

### Ladies' Day 2014

Wednesday, March 19

by Vicky Balmot

We had a great day on the Ladies' Day tour to Hollywood with 23 club members and two guests participating.



Our first stop was the Hollywood Wax Museum. We took a group photo with the iconic Hollywood sign. The founder's daughter and operations manager gave us a private overview of the museum and then the ladies viewed 80 wax statues and posed for pictures with their favorite stars and horror characters. We caught several ladies kissing Tom Hanks and sleeping with Hugh Hefner. Don't worry ladies...what happens in Hollywood stays in Hollywood!!!

We walked a block for a great lunch at Mel's Diner. Then, we walked a block away to the Guinness World Records Museum



where we saw everything from the ridiculous to the sublime and stopped for more photos. We were all refreshed with bottled water, candy and cookies provided by the club and Gail Boekenoogen during the bus ride back to Arcadia.



Participating were: Vicky Balmot, Vicky Bartlett, Gail Boekenoogen, Carol Emanuelli, Gracie Fant, Bea Fruchter and her daughter Lori Bonner, Jerry Green, Jackie and Rosemarie Gross, Gloria Henderson, Patti Lampassi, Ruth Ann LeVay, Patty Lutz, Carolyn McBride, Judi Moore, Bonnie Nelson, Carolyn Phillips, Julie Reinhardt, Maryann Sepulveda, Nancy Stancil and Joyce Travis.



### Maintenance Seminar

Saturday, April 12

by Joe Wilson

When was the last time you drove your car into a "Service Station" and told them to change the oil, give it a lube job, check the points and clean the plugs? "What's a service station", you ask?

Our Model A's don't get the same treatment the old cars used to get. They want it and they need it, but not many people know how to, or they forgot how to do it.



Mickey, under the sponsorship of the Santa Anita A's "Low-End-Boys held a seminar on "Model A Care and Feeding 101". The program covered the basics of Model A maintenance.



Assisting in the presentation was Brad Balmot. The massive parts display was provided by Marlin Perry. Food was prepared by Elaine Perry. The 20 page handout organized by Mickey was printed and assembled by Elaine Perry.

Thirty three participants graduated from the seminar and are now qualified to participate in the next Seminar - "Model A Trouble Shooting 102". Their Model A's at home are happier for the new attention they will receive.



I should mention that Marlin took advantage of the opportunity and recruited most of the 23 participants to help him install two bodies on two frames while everyone was there.

## OTHER STUFF

### SAA General Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2014

- The meeting was called to order by Vice President John McDannel at 7:30 PM.
- The flag salute was led by John McDannel.
- The treasurer's report was read and approved.
- The minutes from the February meeting were approved as published in the Spoken Wheels.
- New members are: Larry & Gloria Metz, Larry & Gerry McKinney and Tom Endy and Lynn Neal.
- The speaker was our club member, Thurston LeVay, who spoke about his glass business.
- Sunshine report: a get well card was sent to Joe Blaylock.

#### Old Business

- Joe Wilson spoke about the club-clothing program and mentioned the catalog is on the web-site.
- Bea Fruchter needs someone to bring cookies in April. Two ladies volunteered.
- Vicky Balmot spoke about Ladies' Day on March 19. All the ladies had a great time.
- Elaine Perry spoke about the installation banquet. It will be a sit down dinner. Choices are prime rib, salmon or chicken. Club will not subsidize.
- Carol Emanuelli gave a list of the upcoming slate for the 2014-2015 year. President-Bob Travis; Vice President-John McDannel; Secretary-Elaine Perry; Treasurer-Sheri Johnson; Board members: Carol Emanuelli, Don McBride, Rick Phillips, Mickey Fruchter, & Jerry Lampassi. At the April meeting voting will take place and there will be nominations from the floor.
- Marlin Perry said the Low End Boys worked on four cars this month.

#### Tours/Events

- April 12 - Maintenance seminar
- April 24 - Tour of the LA Times building
- April 27 - Orange County Pancake Breakfast
- May 1 - Mt. Baldy brunch
- May 18 - Installation Banquet
- May 29 - San Antonio Winery
- June 8 - Quakes game
- June 29 - Henry Ford Picnic; the Antique Nationals in Fontana
- July 13 - JoAnn Formia will be honored as "artist of the year"; more info to follow
- Nov. 2 - Arabian Horse Show
- Vice President John thanked Bea Fruchter for bringing the ladies' raffle prizes. Vicky Balmot also donated 2 raffle prizes. The club (with Marlin Perry's help) supplied the men's raffle prizes, which were all Model A parts.
- Vice President John thanked John Emanuelli, Joy Wilson, Rosemarie Gross, and Bea Fruchter for refreshments.

Name badge winners – Joe & Joy Wilson - \$5.00 each  
Drive model A to the meeting winner - Tom Johnson - \$10.00  
50/25/25 winners: Mary McDannel & Carolyn Phillips - \$42.00 each

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM

Respectfully submitted, Sheri Johnson, Secretary.



# MAFCA

Established 1957

"The Largest Car Club in the World Dedicated to One Type of Automobile"

## MAFCA NEWS

by John Emanuelli

I am excited to share one of the New Benefits MAFCA has added to its portfolio of reasons Model A enthusiasts should support and join The Model A Ford Club of America.

Not long ago MAFCA VP Happy Begg opened the door to one of the largest social networks in the world. Most of you have heard of -- Facebook --- That's right, our National Organization has moved into the main stream. MAFCA is now on Facebook. I invite you to look into it and see the many photos and stories that have been posted. I caution you to not post non-Model A topics as I did in error. They want to keep this site for Model A enthusiasts. The Santa Anita A's is a Chapter of MAFCA.

### Model A Youth Restoration Award

529 Winston Avenue, Bradbury, CA 91008

February 12, 2014

Santa Anita A's  
C/O Bob Travis, President  
2334 South Third Avenue  
Arcadia, CA 91006-5303

Dear Members of the Santa Anita A's,

The Model A Youth Restoration Award program wants to thank you for your donation of \$200.00. It will be put to good use. We especially appreciate your continued support. It is contributions from clubs like yours that have helped the Model A Youth Restoration Award assist 55 youth in the restoration of their Model A since the program made a single first award in 1994. You are one fine organization. I am glad to be part of it.

We now need your club's help is identifying youth who are restoring their Model A's. Your help in letting them know about the program is appreciated. Please publicize it to the membership. An application can be found on our website, ModelARestorationAward.com or by contacting me.

We look forward to your continued support of this important program.

Sincerely,

Robert Moore, Treasurer

## FROM THE SHOP BENCH

by Bob Travis



*Below is an interesting article which appeared in the March 2014 issue of The Grapevine Gazette relating to the on-going Ethanol Gasoline issue.*

### New Farm Bill Hobbles E15 Ethanol Expansion

By Daniel Strohl

While E15 availability has slowly spread across the Midwest over the last couple of years, a handful of provisions included in the federal farm bill passed earlier this month will effectively make the continued roll-out of the ethanol-blended fuel more difficult, if not stop it in its tracks entirely.

The Agricultural Act of 2014, which passed into law February 7, primarily set the federal government's food and agricultural policies for the next several years. Perhaps the provision most crippling to the push for widespread E 15 adoption, however, was the one cutting a Rural Energy for America Program subsidy that would help gas stations install as many as 10,000 E15 blender pumps over the next two to five years. Rather than dispense pre-blended E15, the blender pumps would instead mix the gasoline and ethanol in the specified blend, whether that be E10, E15, E85, or other discussed but yet-to-be-approved blends. The ethanol industry has long seen blender pumps as key to increasing demand for E15.

Reuters credited the subsidy cut in the farm bill to lobbying by the American Motorcyclist Association, which noted in a press release that it "has repeatedly expressed concerns about potential E15 misfueling and the subsequent damage that the fuel can have on motorcycle and ATV engines and fuel systems. The AMA believes that blender pumps dispensing E15 at service stations will create a high potential for inadvertent E15 misfueling by consumers."

While the Environmental Protection Agency in 2011 approved E15 use in 2001 and newer passenger and light-duty vehicles, it has not approved it for use in motorcycles, ATVs, small engines, or in vehicles older than the 2001 model year. According to a list published by the Renewable Fuels Association, E15 is now available in 59 gas stations across 12 states, up from about a couple dozen about a year ago.

The farm bill also cut mandatory funding for advanced biofuels from \$60 million per year to \$15 million per year. At the same time, it eliminated the \$5 billion in direct payments to farmers growing corn for ethanol.

Though the cuts don't prevent gas stations from installing the blender pumps themselves, the ethanol industry responded critically to the cuts. "There is irony in the fact that EPA has proposed cutting back on the RFS because of their concern

about the availability of infrastructure to satisfy higher blends of ethanol while the Congress eliminates funding for blender pumps," Bob Dinneen, head of the Renewable Fuels Association, told Reuters.

Late last year, the EPA proposed to reduce the amount of ethanol it expects refiners to add to the U.S. fuel supply, from 16.55 billion gallons in 2013 to 15.21 billion gallons in 2014, in response to shrinking demand in the United States for fuel overall and the resulting "blend wall." The Renewable Fuels Standard, passed in 2007, called for gradually increasing the amount of ethanol added to the fuel supply, eventually reaching 36 billion gallons in 2022. At a trade conference earlier this month, Dinneen - who criticized the EPA's proposal as "monumentally stupid," called on the EPA not to renege on the Renewable Fuel Standard and claimed that any progress the ethanol industry has made over the last several years could be reversed if the EPA's proposal stands.

The RFA maintains that E10 remains safe for all passenger and light-duty vehicles, including classic cars. The Specialty Equipment Market Association begs to differ. Meanwhile, a number of bills have been proposed both on the federal and state level to curtail the spread of E15, including at least one (House Bill 1461, which remains in committee) to eliminate the Renewable Fuels Standard altogether. Two other federal bills- House Bill 875 and Senate Bill 344 asked the EPA to suspend the sale of E15 until the fuel could be studied further, but no action has been taken on either bill since last spring. At the state level, Missouri is debating on blocking E15 sales, as is New Hampshire.-

## VERY IMPORTANT

In order to prepare our club roster for printing everyone needs to provide updated information. Those of you who don't have email are asked to fill out and return this form.

### Roster Update Form

*This form is to be filled out by all members who do not have email. Mail to Joe Wilson, 5181 La Canada Blvd. La Canada CA, 91011 by May 10.*

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## Seminar News

This month found Mickey Fruchter, Gene Reinhardt, Marlin Perry and John Emanuelli installing a new engine in John's Sedan. It was not easy to do. The car is on a slight rake and has air conditioning system installed in the engine compartment. Yes, it takes four guys to fit the engine in. We did it and John is happy.

By the time you read this, our club will have had a seminar by the Low End Boys. Hope you made it. If not, sorry.

We have Bob Harbicht's Pick Up truck on maintenance check next week. It goes thump, thump or thud, thud. Get ready, Bob, thump, thump and thud, thud are coming your way.

We are hoping for a good recovery for Joe Blaylock from his heart attack. I know it was after the men's breakfast, but not from the breakfast.

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*Presidents message continued from page 1*

## Henry Ford

(July 30, 1864 - April 7, 1947)

Henry Ford was the founder of the Ford Motor Company and the father of the modern assembly lines used in mass production. His "Model T" eventually revolutionized transportation and American industry, contributing to the urbanization that changed American society in the early twentieth century. He became famous for introducing higher wages for his workers—notably \$5.00 a day—which brought thousands of workers to his factories and made the automobile industry one of the largest in the nation. His intense commitment to lowering costs resulted in many technical and business innovations, including a franchise system that put a dealership in every city in North America and in major cities on six continents.

### Early life

Henry Ford was born on July 30, 1863, on a farm in a rural township west of Detroit, the area which is now part of Dearborn, Michigan. His parents were William Ford (1826-1905) and Mary Litogot (1839-1876). They were of distant English descent but had lived in County Cork, Ireland. His siblings include Margaret Ford (1867-1868), Jane Ford (1868-1945), William Ford (1871-1917), and Robert Ford (1873-1934).

During the summer of 1873, Henry saw his first self-propelled road machine, a steam engine generally used in the stationary mode to power a threshing machine or a sawmill, but also modified by its operator, Fred Reden, to be mounted on wheels connected with a drive chain connected to the steam engine. Henry was fascinated with the machine, and over the next year Reden taught him how to fire and operate it. Ford later said it was this experience "that showed me that I was by instinct an engineer".

Henry took this passion for mechanics into his home. His father had given him a pocket watch in his early teens. At fifteen, he had developed a reputation as a watch repairman, having dismantled and reassembled timepieces of friends and neighbors dozens of times

### Henry Ford, 1888

The death of his mother in 1876 was a blow that devastated little Henry. His father expected Henry to eventually take over the family farm, but Henry despised farm work. With his mother dead, Ford had little reason to remain on the farm. He later said, "I never had any particular love for the farm. It was the mother on the farm I loved".

In 1879, he left home for the nearby city of Detroit, Michigan to work as an apprentice machinist, first with James F. Flower & Brothers, and later with the Detroit Dry Dock Company. In 1882, he returned to Dearborn to work on the family farm and became adept at operating the Westinghouse portable steam engine. This led to his being hired by Westinghouse Electric Company to service their steam engines.

Upon his marriage to Clara Bryant in 1888, Ford supported himself by farming and running a sawmill. They had a single child: Edsel Bryant Ford (1893-1943). In 1894, Ford became a Freemason, joining the Palestine Lodge #357 in Detroit. In 1891, Ford became an engineer with the Edison Illuminating Company, and after his promotion to chief engineer in 1893, he had enough time and money to devote attention to his personal experiments on gasoline engines. These experiments culminated in 1896 with the completion of his own self-propelled vehicle named the "Quadricycle," which he test-drove on June 4 of that year.


(To be continued)

## Tour to Angel Stadium Canceled

Sheri Johnson was planning a tour to The Angeles Stadium on August 14, but, she wanted me to add a note in the newsletter that it has been canceled. Because the event was never announced you won't be disappointed by the cancellation nor will you have to change any plans. She said she might try again in 2015. Just want to keep you up to date on what's going on.

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**Important Things to Do and Remember:**

**Dues were due April 1 (\$30)**

**Elections coming up at the April Meeting**

**Update your Roster information (see Page 3)**



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