#### FICTION AND FACT

# **General Meeting**

Friday, April 24-7:30 PM Arcadia Red Cross, 376 Huntington Dr., Arcadia

# **Program**

Tom Endy will make a technical presentation on the function of the stock Model A transmission shifting tower and the procedures used for its repair.

#### **Ponder This**

by Joe Wilson

# Things you need to know

There are several things in this newsletter that I want to call your attention to:

Santa Anita A's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "kick-off" is underway. Please check out Mickey Fruchter's article on page 3 where he summarizes the various activities that the anniversary committee has planned for the rest of the year. This is the last anniversary we will celebrate until the next one, so you must pay attention. See page 3

**New member's information** will now be more easily available to our members. In every newsletter we have listed the names and shown photographs of all members who have joined the SAA's during the last six months. The information shown has now been expanded to include phone numbers, street addresses and email addresses. See Page 3.

We won't be printing a New Member Roster until early next year. By providing all the new members' contact information each month in the newsletter, everyone will be able to keep current on our new members.

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - BOB TRAVIS

I discovered an interesting article in the South Side A's April 2015 newsletter. Because the philosophy expressed pretty well mirrors my thoughts about our great hobby I want to share it with you. — Enjoy

As I always say, drive a Model A everyday - Bob Travis

#### **Model A Therapy**

Some of my friends think that I could benefit from some serious therapy in part because I fool with old cars and other old machines. What they don't know is these old cars and machines are my therapy and they could benefit from that kind of therapy as well.

If you have worries or just feel a little out of sorts, a short ride in the Model A can clear your mind and make things better. Drive it to the doctor, the dentist or a meeting you just don't want to attend, things will be more tolerable. We are overwhelmed with technology, instant communications and have too many demands on our time and attention. Time spent in the Model A is quality time and we all need as much of that as we can get.

When you have to go somewhere that you'd rather not go, drive the Model A. Don't just walk by and give it a pat or wipe off the dust that's gathering on the hood. Drive it, you'll be glad you did it and may even enjoy the trip. You can do a lot of things with a Model A; wash them, wax them, fix things that aren't broken, look at them and talk about them. All of these things are a form of Model A therapy but the most effective therapy is provided by driving. Try it, you'll like it and your Model A will like it too.



How many "mechanics" does it take to fix a Model A? There are six you can see plus one under the car and and a "supervisor" on the right.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### April

- 18 Welding Seminar
- 24 General Meeting
- 26 Orange County Model A's Pancake Breakfast, see page 4
- 30 Wrightwood Circle Tour see page 4

#### May

- 7 Mt. Baldy Tour, see page 4
- 9 Fullerton Airport Air Show, Diamond Tread Hosting. Group will depart at 8:00 AM from the Kohl's parking lot, 7279 Rosemead Blvd., San Gabriel. Contact Vicky Bartlett for info (626-799-6368).
- 10 Monrovia Annual Old Homes Tour see page 4
- 11 Ladies Brunch Annia's, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
- 13 Board Meeting -7:00 PM. Temple city, City Hall
- 21 Men's Breakfast
- 23 Salute To Veteran's Music Concert & Dinner, see page 4
- 29 General Meeting, 40th Anniversary, Recognize charter members
- 30 Orange Railway Museum Overnight Tour

#### June

- 11 San Gabriel East Fork Picnic Tour
- 28 Henry Ford Picnic, sponsored by Diamond Tread chapter
- 28 Antique Nationals Auto Club Dragway, Fontana

#### July

- 4 South Pasadena Fourth of July Parade
- 11 Quakes Night Baseball Game Outing, see page 5
- 25 Santa Paula Balloon Festival Overnight Tour

#### August

- 1 San Dimas Park 40th Anniversary Tour
- 22 Santa Anita A's Pancake Breakfast
- 23 San Fernando Valley Model A club swap meet

#### September

- 13-Chapman University, Huell Howser Exhibit Tour
- 19 International Model A Day
- 25 Pot Luck Dinner Meeting, details TBA
- 26 Battleship U.S.S. Iowa Tour
- 27 Paradise Valley Club Swap Meet, San Bernardino

#### October

- 3 Homestead Museum, Ticket to The 20's Tour
- 17 Temple City Fall Festival and Car Show
- 24 Vista Steam Engine Museum Overnight Tour

#### November

- 7 Graber Olive House Tour
- 20 General meeting, Note date change, one week early

#### December

- 6 Arabian Horse show tour at Cal Poly
- 12 Christmas Party, Details TBA
- 27- Holiday Motor Excursion Tour

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# SUNSHINE LADY - JOYCE TRAVIS

**Get well cards** were sent to Gal Boekenoogen, Bea Fruchter and Bev Kniest.

Sympathy card sent to Carolyn Phillips.

REMINDER TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO BRING REFRESHMENTS TO THE NEXT MEETING - ALSO KNOWN AS THE

# COOKIE BRINGERS ALERT - CAROLYN MCBRIDE

This month's Cookie People are: Nancy Sharp, Dorothy Knox, Carolyn McBride and Bea (sugar free) Fruchter

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John Emanuelli, Joe Wilson, Bob Moore, Olive Moore and Carolyn McBride

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

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



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**April Anniversaries** 

3 - Fred & Carole Weideman

11 - Ronald & Marlene Martinez

29 - Richard & Toshiko Favela

3 - Randy & Ruth Harper

3 - Ken & Betty Mallory

28 - Corky & Sharon Gray

20 - Leslie & Ann Pam

#### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Corky & Sharon Gray** 

#### May Birthdays

- 2 Joanne Anthony
- 2 Joe Escandon
- 3 Chuck Mauch
- 7 Jim Roderick
- 9 Sue Rodgers
- 12 Jim Parrish
- 12 Pete Henderson
- 13 John Spielman
- 13 Sandra Loe
- 16 Chuck Boekenoogan
- 16 Jack Conway
- 20 Lan Skalicky
- 21 Gene Reinhardt
- 22 Chuck Sharp
- 25 Joyce Travis
- 28 John Gawley
- 29 Joe Giocomarra



Santa Anita A's celebrates 40th Anniversary

**BREAKING NEWS** 

#### FORTY YEARS IS A LONG TIME 1975 – 2015

The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee (Carol Emanuelli, Mickey Fruchter, John McDannel and Bob Moore) has been busy planning ways to celebrate our club's 40<sup>th</sup> year. June 27<sup>th</sup>, 1975 was the day that the Santa Anita A's received their charter from MAFCA. In the beginning a small group of hard-working committed members formed the Santa Anita A's into the wonderful large and active club it has become today.

The Anniversary Committee has planned a year-long celebration beginning with our "Kickoff" celebration at the SAA's May meeting which will honor our Founding Members who, along with several "Old Timers", will present some of the early history of the club. We will honor our Founding Members with a special cake as part of our refreshments that night. Commemorative window decals will be presented to attending members. We received our charter from MAFCA in June, 1975 and at the June meeting we will pass out commemorative lanyards to each member.

July 4<sup>th</sup> we will have our "after-the-parade" gathering at the home of Bob and Joyce Travis for a barbecue lunch. All members are invited to join in the lunch even if you don't drive in the South Pasadena Parade.

August 1st will be our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic tour to San Dimas Park. The club will supply hamburgers, rolls, condiments and ice cream with extras to build your own sundaes. Members are asked to bring their own additional items to eat and share (if they desire), i.e chips, fruit, veggies, drinks etc. The tour will include a stop at Early Ford in San Dimas for coffee and doughnuts and a tour of their facility.

Our September meeting will be our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pot Luck Dinner. The club will provide a cake honoring our Anniversary. Future events are in the planning stage and you will read about them in upcoming issues of the "Spoken Wheels". Be part of the celebration of our first 40 years and enjoy your club even more, if that is possible.

# **COMING EVENTS**

# **Orange County Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, April 26 by Jim Kroeger

The Orange County Model A Ford Club is hosting it's 54th annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 26th. The event is at Hart Park in Orange located at 701 S. Glassel.St. Breakfast, consisting of pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, coffee, and tea will be served from 8 to 11 am. The cost is \$6.00. A raffle will be held after breakfast with many fantastic items. For those who are interested in attending, we will be meeting at Lower Azusa Rd. and the entrance to the 605 Freeway, South in Irwindale at 7 am for a freeway tour. A sign up sheet will be available at the next general meeting. Hope to see you on tour.

#### **Wrightwood Circle Tour**

Thursday, April 30

by Bob Travis

This is an opportunity to experience a mountain tour to Wrightwood where we will find food, fun and frolic.

We will assemble at the McDonald's on Foothill Blvd. In La Canada at 9:00 AM for a 9:30 departure. There will be a coffee/donut stop at Newcomb's Ranch and a lunch in lovely downtown Wrightwood. This tour is well suited for cars with no overdrive as there is little freeway driving, unless that is how you choose to return home. The last opportunity to sign up is at this month's meeting or contact Bob Travis directly.

# Mostly Annual Mt. Baldy Tour, Car Show, Brunch and Sundaes at the Moore's

Thursday, May 7 Bob Moore

Our day will start at 8:50 AM at Royal Oaks Retirement Center on Royal Oaks Drive North, Bradbury. May 7 is also the National Day of Prayer and the Royal Oaks minister will bless all the cars, drivers and passengers before we depart.

At 10:00 AM, we will depart for Mt. Baldy. It is a 25 mile drive and freeways are not involved. The brunch is scheduled to start between 11:15 AM and 11:30 AM. After lunch, we will drive down the hill to Art and Olive Moore's for ice cream sundaes.

We are encouraging new members to get their Model A's on the road for this tour. Prizes will be awarded for new members joining in for the day. A new member is defined as never having been on a previous Mt. Baldy Tour.

The cost for the brunch with tax and tip included is \$20.00 per person. So that we have an accurate headcount, payment for the tour must be made in advance. May 1 is the last day to pay. Any questions call Bob Moore at 626-358-2027

# Annual Monrovia Mother's Day Old Homes Tour

Sunday, May 10 by Joe Wilson

We have again been invited to join the Monrovia Historical Society for their 33<sup>rd</sup> annual fun day of motoring, touring fabulous old homes and socializing. Included on the tour is a mix of home styles and museums of Monrovia's history. This is an interesting tour and a fine way to spend Mothers Day. To qualify for this tour you must either be a mother or know one.

We will meet in the morning for coffee and doughnuts and then we're off on a short driving tour. We'll end up at one of the historic houses were we will start that portion of the tour.

It is important that you contact Robb Stewart early to make your reservation and obtain your name tag which will allow you free entrance.

RSVP to Robb Stewart at robb@robbstewart.com, (626)303-6202 (home) or (626)447-1904. If you RSVP after April 29, please call Chris Gorman (626)303-1849 More information and preview of tour can be found at www.mohpg.org

#### Salute to Veteran's Concert and Dinner

Saturday, May 23

by Joe Wilson



A special SAA event for the Memorial Day weekend has been scheduled which will include a musical concert and dinner. Inspirational American music will be presented by the La Canada Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir and LCPC Orchestra, numbering over 100 singers and instrumentalists. The concert is a multi-media affair with the music being accompanied by inspirational videos showing images from American history and famous places around our great picturesque country. The concert opens with John Williams' stunning "Liberty Fanfare" written for the centennial celebration of the Statue of Liberty in 1986.

Prior to the musical program we will dine at the Los Gringos Mexican restaurant located at 631 Foothill Blvd. La Canada. It will be a fixed price menu with a good variety of selections. The meal cost will include the entree, dessert, drink, tip and tax. We will meet for dinner at 5:30 PM, then walk across the street for the 8:00 PM music performance at the La Canada Presbyterian Church..

Cost for the performance is \$15 per person and the cost for the meal is \$20 per person, for a total of \$35.

There will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting. Reservations must be confirmed by a check to the club. Questions? Call Joe Wilson 818-790-0995.

#### **MORE COMING EVENTS**

# **Quakes Baseball game**

Saturday, July 11, 2015

Sheri Johnson

We will be attending the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes (class The game will be held at LoanMart Field, 8408 Rochester Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga, CA. 91729.

This year, we will attend a night game and will be a modern car tour. Please arrive at 5:30 PM and meet at the gate near the Pavilion. The BBQ will begin about 5:50 PM. We will be feasting on the all-you-can-eat BBQ soda and water. The game will begin at 7:05 PM followed by a fireworks show.

The price is \$24.00 per person for the BBQ and the game ticket. There is no child or senior price. This is a great event for the whole family. I will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting. If you have any questions, please call me (626) 485-3073.

#### PAST EVENTS

Tour to Ronald Reagan Library March 21

Don McBride

The joint club tour to the Reagan Library was a great success and may have provided us a window into the future. Twenty one people from our club attended, mostly in Model "A"s and everyone seemed to enjoy the day.



The Ventura Club was a great host and directed us into a reserved parking area for all the 'A"s and three "T"s.

Jim Kroeger's car was selected to be one of the four cars to be displayed at the front entrance



to the library. There were probably sixty members from various 'A' cubs in all. We had a reserved space in the dining room.







There were Hollywood cars, hot rods and bullet proof security cars on display. Even a gangster car our government had confiscated and was used by our then President. There was, of course, the obligatory DQ ice cream stop shortly after we left the museum. Most of our SAA members wore our new official blue shirts which looked great and drew considerable interest from members of the other clubs.

# San Antonio Winery Tour with SGMARC

by Nancy Stancil

Seventeen members of the San Gabriel MARC and the Santa Anita A's headed out from the Colonial Kitchen for our dual luncheon at the San Antonio Winery on Thursday, April 2nd, A affiliate of the LA Dodgers) game on Saturday, July 11, 2015. 2015 with four Model A's, one '36 Ford Woody and a few modern cars.

> The day was magnificent, could not have asked for better weather. The ride to the winery from our starting location was only 7.2 miles,



no sheep were lost along the way. Joe Principe led us on our way and we arrived at San Antonio Winery around 11:10 AM.

Service was wonderful, faster than most of us could eat our salads. Some members did some shopping in the gift store and others purchased wine in their fairly new wine shop.



Those in attendance were: Don and Carol Dawkins, Aleta Williams (Carol Dawkin's sister as a guest), Marlin and Elaine Perry, Dotty Palazzo and Elly Reitz, Jim Austin, Jim Frick, Don and Carolyn McBride, John and Carol Emanuelli, Joe Principe and Nancy Stancil. Brad and Vicky Balmot met us there. Everyone in attendance was delighted with the adventure and could not have been more pleased with the scenery.

# **CCRG tour to Santa Maria**

April 9 - April 13

by Bob Moore

This year's Central California Regional Group (CCRG) Jamboree hosted by the Santa Maria A's was a complete success. There were 228 registrations with



450 attendees. Seeing over 200 Model A's of every color and model parked at the hotel was quite a sight. The Santa Maria A's did a wonderful job with their planning and execution.

Those driving their A's the 180 miles to Santa Maria on Thursday, April 12, were Bob and Joyce Travis, Bob and Judi Moore, Art and Olive Moore, Don and Carolyn McBride and Leroy Gilbert. We drove through wine country to the host hotel in Santa Maria. A very important event for the day, a "business meeting" was organized shortly after our arrival.

#### PAST EVENTS -MORE

On Friday Mickey and Bea Fruchter and John and Carol Emanuelli drove their A's up while Marlin and Elaine came in their modern. Larry and Gerry McKinney drove up separately from Orange County in their A. All of us were together for the banquet.



Friday morning most of us went to La Purisma Mission in Lompoc, followed by lunch at the Officer's Club at the Vandenberg Air Force Base, and then an

afternoon tour of their missile launch facility and the launch

museum. That evening was a big dinner with entertainment.

Saturday there were several optional tours to choose from. The Moore's, Travis', McBride's and McKinney's went to the historic town of Los Alamos where we had a picnic lunch



and vineyard tour. That evening was the farewell banquet.

On Sunday, as the other 193 Model A's were headed home, the Santa Anita A's were just getting started on a busy day. First it was the Guadalupe Dunes State Park for coffee and donuts. Then we had a picnic lunch at the Rancho Sisquoc winery, located on a 37,000 acre cattle ranch. The driveway was two miles long. Definitely worth another visit. Of course we stopped at Doc Burnstein's in Orcutt for ice cream.



Later that afternoon, we headed to Oceano and the Great American Melodrama and Vaudeville. The show "Leading Ladies" was hilarious and will be long remembered.

Monday, we headed for home, stopping at Anna's bakery in Goleta at FLT 126 at the Santa Paula airport. All of our cars ran well. The 2016 CCRG in Clovis, CA was announced. Looks like a good one.





#### IMPORTANT OTHER STUFF

#### SAA General Meeting Minutes March 27, 2015

- The meeting was called to order by President Bob Travis at 7:32 PM.
- The flag salute was led by John McDannel
- Membership No guests
- Tours Jim Kroeger thanked Don and Carolyn McBride for leading the tour to the Reagan Library

Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> San Antonio Winery tour with MARC club

Apr 9-11 CCRG

Apr. 26 Orange County Pancake Breakfast

Apr 30 Wrightwood Circle Tour

May 7 Mt Baldy Tour
July 11<sup>th</sup> Quakes Night Game

Joe Wilson also reminded everyone about the Salute to Veteran's Concert May 23<sup>rd</sup> - \$15 for concert, \$20 for food

- Program John McDannel introduced Marlin who presented the program. Marlin talked about how he came to California and showed some of the many collectable items he has accumulated over the years.
- BREAK
- Recall to Order
- Minutes The minutes of the January and February General meetings were approved as printed in the Spoken Wheels.
- Treasurer's Report The treasurer's report was approved as read.
- Spoken Wheels Joe Wilson thanked the contributors to Spoken Wheels and he thanked Bob Harbicht for the Spotlight on member's articles, he also thanked Bonnie Nelson for the fashion articles. He said there would be no new Roster at this time. A new roster will be delayed until next year.

Members can go to the club web site for a monthly update of membership.

- Sunshine -Bea Fruchter had surgery today.
- Seminar Jack Dawson will do a Welding Seminar part 2 on April 18<sup>th</sup> sign up tonight
- Technical Bob Travis showed good and bad lug nuts available, he said to be careful when you purchase new lug nuts for your car.
- Thank you to cookie bringers Patti Lampassi, Nancy Stancil and Olive Moore.
- Thank you to Carol Emanuelli for standing in for Sheri Johnson, Pattie Lutz for standing in for Bea Fruchter, Wilbert Smith for setting up PA for Mickey and to John Emanuelli for subing for Jack Dawson.
- Thank you to Patti Lampassi for 50/25/25 raffle ticket selling
- Thank you to Nancy Stancil and Nancy Sharpe for refreshment set-up.
- Ladies Raffle Carol Emanuelli
- 50/25/25 winners: Warwick Nethercoat won both raffles \$22.00 twice.
- Name badge winners David and Patti Lutz
- Drove Model A to the meeting winner Tom Johnson
- Men and Ladies' Raffle
- Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Elaine Perry, Secretary

# You too can be a "Prize Winner"

At the conclusion of our general meetings we conduct several activities designed to encourage membership participation. It was pointed out that many of our new members are not familiar with these activities and how they may participate. Two of the activities require that you purchase raffle tickets, the other two only require that you be there. So, here's the rundown on each.

**50/25/25 Raffle** - Prior to the start of the meeting, our raffle chairperson will circulate the room offering raffle tickets for the chance to win cash. Tickets are sold for \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00. Numbered Ticket stubs are placed in a "cage" from which tickets are drawn. Two stubs are drawn and each wins 25% of the money in the pot. If your ticket is drawn but you are not present, another ticket is drawn. 50% of the total pot is then donated to the club.

Name badge - Members are encouraged to wear their name badges to our meetings and other club events. Each member is assigned a number as they sign in. A numbered ball is selected by chance from a "cage". The person who signed in with that number is awarded \$5.00. If the person signed in as a couple, the spouse will also win \$5.00 if they have their name tag. If the person who's name is drawn is not there, another number is drawn. The money comes from the club's treasury.

**Drive a Model A** - Members are encouraged to drive their Model A's to our meetings. Each member is assigned a number as they sign in. A numbered ball is selected by chance from a "cage". If the person who signed in with that number drove a Model A to the meeting they are awarded \$10.00. If they did not, another name is drawn. If the person whose number is drawn is not there, another number is drawn. The \$10.00 comes from the club's treasury.

Men's and Ladies' Raffles - Prior to the start of the meeting, our raffle chairpersons will offer raffle tickets for sale at the front table where the prizes are on display. The tickets are sold for \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00. Numbered ticket stubs are placed in a "cage" from which tickets are drawn. As tickets are drawn from the cage, the person holding the ticket number drawn is given the opportunity to select one of the prizes on display. Tickets will continue to be drawn until all of the prizes are gone.

The prizes for each meeting are purchased separately for the men's and women's raffles. One hundred dollars is provide from the club treasury to purchase items for the men's raffle and \$100 for the women's raffle. The money spent by members who purchase the raffle tickets is returned to the club treasury. The purpose of the raffle is to provide entertainment for members and not as an income source.

# Era Fashions - Continuing the Saga ....

Our current drought problems takes us back to the Model A Era. The Dust Bowl years and an early drought in our country were from 1928 to 1935!

It is quite amazing how history continues to repeat itself. During these troubled times jobs and families are affected. That being the case, clothing and fashions reflect the times. Women who could sew...did. They made most of their families clothes. My grandfather was a tailor. He made the family clothes. Grandma made quilts. People across the board, did not have closets full of clothing. They took care of their clothing.

The different areas, of course, reflected different fashions, of course. People who lived in rural areas, dressed for the work they did. Farmers, for instance, would wear overalls or work pants, with long sleeved shirts to protect their arms. They would most likely have hats to protect them from the weather. Women in rural areas would wear house dresses with aprons to protect their clothing. These styles would be below the knees, maybe mid-leg, with long stockings (in cotton) and "sensible" shoes. These types of clothing would be appropriate for our members to look for, or acquire. If the families were located in urban locations, the fashions would be more upscale. Depending upon their economic status, their fashions would reflect that station. Business attire would include suits for men...with a variety of ties, shirts and other accessories, including braces (suspenders)...a variety of shoes, and hats. The hats varied according to weather conditions. Summer hats included straws or "boaters", while winter styles included newsboy caps and a variety of fedoras. Women in cities dressed according to their status and activities. If they had a job they dressed according to the requirements: some suits, dresses, skirts and blouses. Traveling to or from the job they might wear coats and hats. The hats included cloche styles (ladies bell shaped -made of felt).

Until later in the 30's hat styles covered the forehead. Into the 30's the brims got bigger and women could show foreheads. In the 20's the hair styles began to be shorter. In the 30's women began to wear longer hair styles. The 20's showed shorter dress lengths. In the 30's lengths were again mid-leg. Evening wear gave women, mainly in urban settings, time to be a bit more elegant. Lovely beaded and sequined fabrics were available. Ready to wear was not as available, but dressmakers could make lovely outfits. Later in the 30's ready-to-wear began to spread. Catalogue sales helped

rural families keep up their wardrobes at reasonable prices with delivery! You could buy almost anything from Sears, Roebuck and Montgomery-Wards.

If you need photos for reference, check the Internet, libraries and old magazines will help. I am now compiling a list of local stores, antique malls, seamstresses and Internet addresses for your consideration. Thank you for reading my ramblings...see you next month.



I am always a strong advocate for safety involving our Model A's, especially the tail and brake lights. I came across this article which is exactly like the one I had intended to write and it even had pictures.

I would recommend the use of solid red lenses instead of the combination amber/red for this reason. Modern day drivers do not recognize amber as a stop indicator. Everyone in California knows that amber means "go like hell".

One more thing - In my experience installing LED lenses they often do not fit the retainer well. Snyder's offers a replacement retainer reasonably priced that works well. If you are installing 6 volt LEDs you may find that you need a special flasher. Contact me for the part number and source.

#### **LED Tail Lights** by Dick Wyckoff, Harbor Area Model A Club

Jan and I were at the MAFCA National Meet this last summer in Washington and I noticed that many of the touring cars had very bright, visible tail lights / running lights. This was very obvious when we were stretched out along the highway and the bright lights really stood out. I finally talked to one of the drivers of the cars and he told me that the bright lights were LED tail lights. I was aware of LED lights but didn't associate them with Model As until then. When asked where he got them, he replied most of the parts vendors sell them.

This last month I checked the catalogs and found them listed along with the standard bulb-type tail light. I called Bratton's and told Walt what I had and he guided me to the parts I needed. They were here in a couple days and I installed them. What a difference!

The lights come in different configurations. You have 6V or 12V, left / right, all red lens or red and amber, complete assembly or LED inserts. Some additional resistance in the circuit to make them work properly may be needed. Instructions come with the assemblies.

I have turn indicators in my cowl lights and turn indicators in the tail lights, too. Just for the record, I purchased Bratton's part numbers 18982 and 18992 complete assemblies. I took the old original assemblies off and replaced them with the new ones. No fancy wiring. Nothing. Bolt on. They are working just fine. Turn indicators work, hazard warning lights work, stop lights work. All is well.

I took a couple pictures of the before and after results. I think you will agree that they do make a big difference.

# MARLINS MUSINGS BY MARLIN PERRY

Elaine and I want to thank all those who, like Bob Moore, planned things for our group while at the CCRG meet. We had a good showing from our club for the big event.

Jay McCord and all his helpers made sure we all had a great time. I was on the Model A MAFFI board with Jay McCord. He is a great guy and along with his wife, I had some good times serving with him.

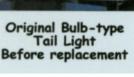
They had tables and tables of raffle prizes, to many to mention like H & H Engine, Mitchell Overdrive and you name it. Elaine and I spent our money trying to win, no luck. But Larry and Gerry McKinney won a basket full of goodies and the table centerpiece. I tried.

It was a fast four days, good for all; some were there five days. Elaine and I missed one day because we had Ron Mosher and Sammy Guthrie at our home from 9:30 AM to 10:00 PM at night loading up two trucks, one giant trailer and a super big box trailer from our home. Believe me we were tired with burning feet the following day.

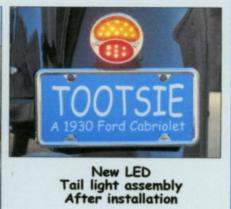
Members from our club who participated can tell you the tour was great. They were: Bob & Judi Moore, Bob & Joyce Travis, John & Carol Emanuelli, Mickey & Bea Fruchter, LeRoy Gilbert, Marlin and Elaine Perry, Art & Olive Moore, Don & Carolyn McBride and Larry & Gerry McKinney.

Looking forward to next years event.









# IMPORTANT ODDS AND ENDS

# Vintage clothing EXPO

Bonnie Nelson, our Fashion Coordinator, calls your attention to the Vintage Expo which is being held on Saturday May 2 (10:30 AM - 5:00 PM) and Sunday May 3 (10:30 AM -4:00 PM) at the Reef, 1933 S. Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, LA 90007. Tickets approximately \$20. Check everbrite website.

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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)

#### **Kidde Fire Extinguisher Recall**

Article submitted by Eric Sandberg

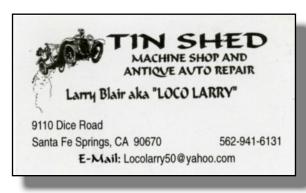
One of the most readily available and least expensive brands of fire extinguishers is Kidde. They are generally available in Walmart, Target, Home Depot, Lowe's and other mass merchandisers. More than likely, it is the brand of extinguisher that you have in your car or home.

A massive recall of 4.6 million Kidde fire extinguishers has been issued by the U.S Consumer Products Safety Commission. They have found that the Kidde extinguishers (over thirty different models) may not fully discharge in case of an emergency. The plastic discharge valve appears to be the problem. Please check the fire extinguishers in your cars, boat, home and shop, and if they an one of the Kidde fire extinguishers listed replace them at once.

Description: This recall involves 31 Models of Kidde disposable fire extinguishers with Zytel black plastic valves. The recalled extinguishers are red, white, or silver and are either ABC or BC rated. Manufacture dates included in the recall are July 23, 2013 through October 15, 2014. A 10 digit code number is stamped on the side of the cylinder, near the bottom. Digits 5 through 9 represent the day and year of manufacture in DDYY format.

A nameplate affixed to the front of the fire extinguisher has one of the following numbers:

| 10BC     | FA10G | FH/RESSP | FX210W    | M5Twin      |
|----------|-------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| 1A 10BC  | FA110 | FX10     | FX340GW   | Mainer 10   |
| 1A 10BCW | FA5B  | FX10BC   | FX340SC   | Mriner 110  |
| 2A 10BC  | FC10  | FX10K    | FX511     | Mariner 5   |
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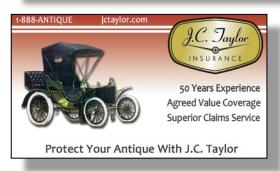


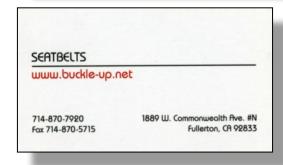












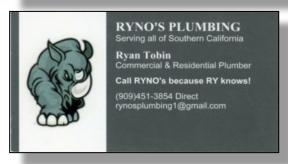
















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- 1. Read the newsletter
- 2. Sign-up for the up coming events
- 3. Check your email for "Special Announcements".



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