



August 2017

# Spoken Wheels

## THE NEXT MEETING

**General Meeting** - Friday, August 25 Arcadia Red Cross Building, 376 Huntington Dr. , Arcadia

**Program:** The Invention & Patenting of the Automobile

**Speaker:** Bob Harbicht

This program will cover the invention of the automobile, the early efforts at mass producing it, and a patent battle that deeply involved our own Henry Ford. We will hear about the competitive efforts to produce automobiles, the politics that affected builders, and the court battle that ended it all. It's an interesting story.



*SAA's cars pose for a photo-op during our tour of the Gamble House in Pasadena*

## NEWS BITS

### We are on the Move - and at a New Time

We are changing our gathering place; our first meeting in 2018 will be at Live Oak Park in Temple City, not the Red Cross building. And - - the meeting time has been changed from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM. **But don't go there Yet!**

### Club makes Donations

Following Dick Homet's death, his daughter, Susan, said that Dick asked that no flowers be sent and that any donations given on his behalf be sent to the Santa Anita A's. The club has donated, in his name, \$25 to the MAFCA Youth Restoration Award and \$25 to the Pasadena High School Model A Club.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JOHN MCDANNEL

### What is the Santa Anita A's all about?

As we all know, it is a Ford Model A Car Club! Our members commonality is the hobby of owning and operating a Model A. We are all satisfied to be friends with people who have that common interest and who are also nice people to be associated with.

We enjoy our outings together at a variety of special events. We have fun participating in club sponsored tours, driving in parades, attending Model A seminars, enjoying social gatherings and attending our Model A general meetings. Not many clubs can boast about the kind of membership attendance that we enjoy on a Friday night as we presently do.

We are certainly not classified as a service club. Nor do we raise funds for charitable purposes. Yet, we do on occasion support a variety of events that are community based charitable gatherings.

Over the years we have supported high school football games and proms when asked to. We have made great strides in bringing together the first High School Model A Club in America. We have supported civic events by driving our cars in parades and installations. Quite frequently we are asked to drive our cars to support a number of charitable events. So we do donate our time and our cars to various causes.

I believe that our participation in such events promotes our hobby and makes us feel as if we are accomplishing something good for our community. We all are proud to give back to our community and our friends.

Keep Aoooging!

John Mc Dannel  
Model A Owner

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### August

- 25 - General meeting
- 26 - Running Horse Tour, See page 4

### September

- 11 - Ladies' Brunch, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
- 13 - Board meeting, , 7:00
- 16 - International Model A Ford Day - see page 4
- 21 - Men's Breakfast, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM
- 23 - Irwindale Speedway Tour, see page 4

### October

- 8 - Ticket to the Twenties
- 29 - Walkethon, Pasadena City College, see page 4

## BIRTHDAYS & ANIVERESARIES

### September Birthdays

- 4 - Mary Garduno
- 6 - Bonnie Nelson
- 6 - Richard Ware
- 7 - Larry Rummens
- 9 - Suzan Wiley
- 13 - Helen Cortez
- 13 - John Lacey
- 14 - Suzan Rummens
- 15 - La Vada Hancock
- 18 - Sondra Kurtz
- 19 - Hal Anthony
- 20 - Stewart Levin
- 20 - Steve Voors
- 21 - Catherine Levin
- 21 - Patti Dolan
- 21 - Terri Lawrence
- 23 - Mark Henzel

### September Anniversaries

- 4 - Hal & Joanne Anthony
- 6 - Howard & Adele White
- 6 - Tom & Sheri Johnson
- 8 - Art & Olive Moore
- 8 - Bob & Patsy Harbicht
- 10 - Joe & Karen Blaylock
- 13 - Mike & Beverly Kniest
- 29 - John & Carol Emanuelli

### 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))

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., CA 91066. Web Site [www.santaanitas.org](http://www.santaanitas.org)

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Sunshine Lady - Judi Moore, Miss Sunbeam

I have sent the following:  
 Susan Homet -sympathy for her dad  
 Susan Homet - 2 get well cards for her surgery  
 Maryann Sepulveda get well from her surgery  
 Howard White's family-sympathy for his mother's death  
 Tom Endy-thinking of you  
 John Spielmann-get well.

### Cookie Bringers - Gerry McKinney, Head Cookie

Nancy Sharpe, Olive Moore, Karen Gollhardt, and sugar free - Chuck Davies

### Photo Donors -

Jim Kroeger, Joe Wilson, Carolyn McBride

## NEW MEMBERS

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



**Howard & Adele (Baquet) White**

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Joined May 1, 2017 No Model A



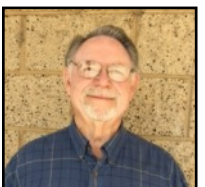
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Re-joined May 1, 2017 1930 Coupe



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Joined Feb 30 2017 '28 Tudor, '28 Phaeton

## MORE NEWS BITS

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### Board votes to make change in by-laws

The board approved a proposal to change the new members dues from the current monthly pro-rated system approved in January 2016 back to the previous system. This will require a change in our club by-laws.

In January 2016 the by-laws were changed to the current system which prorates the dues by month charging \$30 for members joining in January, with the amount charged decreasing monthly, depending on which month they joined.

Prior to January, 2016, new members were charged the full years dues of \$30 if they joined in the months of January through November of the year.

This proposed by-law change will require approval of the club's members. The vote is scheduled for the September General Meeting.

### Comments on tours and events received by club's board

A letter was received from Joe Wilson commenting on issues regarding tours and events.

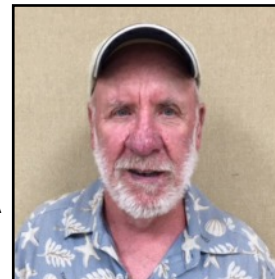
Based on experiences from past tours it was noted that on occasion members were signing up for tours or events but not showing up or participating in only a portion of the schedule. It was suggested that members advise the tour or event organizer in advance if they can not participate as planned.

Members are encouraged to offer suggestions for a tour or event and if they are interested in organizing one themselves they should coordinate their ideas with the Tourmeister, Jim Kroeger, the Event Coordinator, Elaine Perry and the Board.

## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT BY BOB HARBICHT



### Larry & Joyce McCullah



Larry was at the dog park when I interviewed him for this article. He and Joyce had a less than happy experience with another Model A club they belonged to. They knew some members of the Santa Anita "A's" who suggested they give our club a try.

Larry's first experience with a Model A was when he was young and started taking apart a Roadster Pickup. He got it part way apart and then abandoned the project for 35 years. Eventually his dad and one of Dad's employees put it together. He said his dad was color blind and painted the engine red and blue. Sometime after it was restored Larry got in a wreck and totaled it.

But he found another 1928 Roadster Pickup a couple of years ago and bought it. So his first Model A has been replaced with a similar one.

Larry had bought a 1928 Sedan Delivery for \$100 when he was a kid. He sold it for \$150 and figured he had found the "road to riches." About 8 years ago he came across another Sedan Delivery for sale. Actually, he saw an ad that was two years old, but he contacted the owner anyway and found he still had the car. So, they negotiated a deal and he brought the car out from the Midwest.

Larry served in the Air Force, but came out without a trade. He had a checkered employment history – which I had trouble following – mostly in the refrigeration field. He now runs a cigar store in Cerritos: Cigar Time. In addition to cigars, the store is chock-full of antiques and other curiosities. Sounds like it would be worth a club trip there to take it all in.

Larry works only one day a week now. There was a customer who liked to hang around the shop and Larry ended up making him a partner. Their deal is, whoever dies first, the partner inherits the store.

Joyce is a retired teacher's aide. She and Larry have been married for 52 years and have two daughters. They also have three grandchildren.

Larry is a collector of steam engines and whistles (and a lot of other things, I gathered). He has some really big aquariums (one is 480 gallons) and a large collection of tropical fish.

We know your experience with the friendly folks at Santa Anita A's will be better than at that *other* club.



## COMING EVENTS

### Running Horse Tour

Saturday August 26

by Jim Kroeger

Most of us, at one time or another, have ridden a merry-go-round or what also is known as a carousel. Years ago there were over 4000 in the United States alone. In fact, July 25th is deemed National Carousel Day celebrating the 146th anniversary of the modern carousel in America.

Please join us as we tour Running Horse Studios in Irwindale which houses one of the world's largest collections of hand-carved wooden animals and figures. Many pieces are from the mid-19th century and are painstakingly restored to their original state.

We will meet at 10 AM at the Perry's home located at 5528 N. Lenore Ave. in Arcadia. This is a short, surface-street-only route that is a great opportunity for new members, who have never been on tour before, to get their cars up and running.

After visiting the collection, we will travel to Max's Mexican Cuisine in Monrovia for lunch and yes, they will even do separate checks. As our President John McDannel would say, stop horsing around and join us on tour. Hope to see you there.

### INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY

Saturday, September 16

by Elaine Perry

The San Gabriel MARC Model A club has invited the Santa Anita A's and Diamond Tread to participate in the celebration of International Model A Day with a Poker Run and Taco truck lunch on Saturday September 16, 2017



The event will be held at Marlin & Elaine Perry's, 5528 Lenore Ave. Arcadia, CA. Be there at: 9:30 AM for Coffee & donuts before the start of the Poker Run.

You can come in a Model A or a modern (air conditioned) car, and you can come alone. You do not need to arrive with a passenger/navigator to participate in the Poker Run. If you are alone you may be a navigator in another car or have someone assigned to be your navigator.

Cost for Taco lunch will be \$10.00 per person which includes Asada, Pastor and Chicken Taco's, Rice and beans, condiments for taco's, green and red salsa, chips, guacamole, drinks and dessert.



RSVP to Elaine Perry (626) 443-0638. Send a check made payable to SGVMARC to Sheri Johnson at 844Diamond St. Monrovia, CA 91016. **Deadline is Sep. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### Irwindale Speedway Tour

September 23

by Jim Kroeger

I probably know the answer to this question but how many of you have driven your Model A on a racetrack? I would guess very few if any at all. That's all about to change as we head out to Irwindale Speedway on Saturday September 23rd.

The speedway will be honoring our fabulous Fords as we travel to Irwindale in the afternoon. We will park as a group and then be escorted to the Fan Concourse display area between the grandstands and the pits for our own unique car show. Bring a chair if you wish. After the show we head to the track's infield to take part in an on-track autograph session. This just means we get to strut our stuff in front of the crowd.

We then line up our cars and take two laps of honor around the half-mile Nascar track behind a pace car and are escorted back to the display area. The rest of the time is for our members and their guests to enjoy the real racing in reserved grandstand seating. There is no cost for the event.

We will meet at the Perry's, located at 5528 N. Lenore Ave. in Arcadia at 3pm. The first and only opportunity to sign-up is at the next general meeting on August 25th. After that you need to call Jim Kroeger, 626-710-6592, to guarantee your spot as there is no other general meeting before the event. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to drive Irwindale Speedway as it is set for demolition in the immediate future. Don't miss out.

### Walk to End Alzheimer's

Sunday, October 29

by Tracy Butkus



Hi Everyone, I will be doing the Walk to End Alzheimer's for the San Gabriel Valley again this year. All funds raised through Walk to End Alzheimer's further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. This event is very near and dear to my heart. The Walk will take place at Pasadena City College on October 29. I am hoping to get 10 volunteers that day to display their cars on the campus. You will need to arrive by 7:30 AM and should be done by 11:30 AM. There will be vendors there giving away free food and beverages.

I hope you can be a part of this special day. I would like to thank you in advance for your support. I will have a sign-up sheet at the August meeting.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 323-646-7153. Tracy Butkus

## PAST EVENTS

### Mom & Pops Night Out

August 5

by John McDannel

The history of this event goes back many years in our club. When the founding members were much younger they established our "Mom & Pop's Night Out". This was a hey day for baby sitters because the Model A clubbers were out on the town while the kids were being put to bed by the babysitters.



Well little has changed except this time we went out of town (Glendale) to attend a great play/musical at the Glendale Center Theater. The play was entitled "The Andrew Brothers". It's setting was on an island in the Pacific during the great war. The actors kept all of us well entertained.



We arranged to meet on the steps of the theater one hour before the act for hors d'oeuvres and some bubbly. The other theater goers were a little jealous of our meet and greet exercise and wanted to join us.

We had thirty three of our members attending this play. Following the play we gathered at the California Pizza kitchen for fellowship, fun and food. Think of the money we saved by not having to hire a baby sitter.

The Bartender - J Mc D



### Gamble House Tour

July 29

by Joe Wilson

Our tour to the Gamble house was a first for some members and a refresher visit for others. We were able to visit the first, second and also the third level of the home which I had never seen before. Despite the rumors, the furniture remains the same and they made no room additions.



The tour started with our cars following an indirect route from our start point at the Sears parking lot, along Orange Grove Blvd., past the Rose Bowl, through the San Rafael hills, past the Sacred Heart Academy, past the Art Center College of Design before reaching the Gamble House. We had one temporary breakdown but with Chris Wickersham following the the group as the "trouble car", the vehicle was brought back to life and continued on.

The Gamble house docents were on hand upon our arrival to escort us to a position on the driveway for a photo-op in front of the house. They also held some parking spaces for us on the street for our cars after the photo session.

After the home tour we made a very short drive to the Brookside Golf Club facility at the Rose Bowl for lunch. Thirty of the forty members on the tour joined us for a very nice lunch and time to socialize. It was a good day.





## Pancake Breakfast

August 12

You don't have to like pancakes to attend our annual pancake breakfast, but if you do you would have enjoyed your meal. We had 48 members participate in the event at Wilderness Park in Arcadia which involved food, fun and facts.

Following our tradition, after the "eating event", the ladies participated in games of Bingo while the men moved to the amphitheater for a technical seminar. Bob Travis shared information on improving your Model A's performance.

The food preparation booth was manned and "femalened" by Elaine Perry, Marlin Perry, Tracy Butkus and John McDannell. John was the pancake flipper and assuming everyone ate two, John flipped 96 pancakes. A good time was had by all and we'll do it again next year.



Mickey explains why you should eat pancakes and make music.



Elaine, Marlin and Tracy are happy its over.



John demonstrates it is safe to eat his pancakes



Bob Travis gives a chalk board talk on improving your engine's and vehicle's performance.

## ERA FASHIONS

BY SUSAN HOMET

### Two Influential Fashion Designers

Most people have heard of Coco Chanel and are aware that she established the basics of modern fashion with her little black dress, and the three piece suit. There are other designers from the Model A era that made notable contributions as well. Today we will discuss two other women who were pivotal in the new thrust in creating styles allowing more freedom and movement. These newer styles formed the cornerstone in haute couture.

The first woman designer we will look at, a French woman, was born into an impoverished home, that of a noble woman and a man of letters. Caroline Reboux was later orphaned, so she moved to Paris to live. We are all familiar with the popular hat of the era known as the Cloche. The basic cloche was actually being worn in 1916, with the deep crown and small brim. That is where the similarity ends. Reboux is credited with the design of the cloche as we know it from the Model A era. She created her millinery projects as sculpture. She'd create a hat by placing a length of felt around a client's head and cutting and folding until it took shape. At the peak of her career she employed 150 workers. She was the first to add the veil to women's hats! She developed and successfully marketed the colored veils in the 1920's. The famous actress Marlena Dietrich was a fan of her hats and was the first person to sport a tilted beret, which became Marlena's trademark.



The other designer under discussion today is Madeline Vionnet, also a French woman. She created and designed the bias cut. This new manner of fabric cutting allowed for greater freedom of movement. The fabric is cut on the diagonal instead of up and down. This cut of the cloth was cut diagonally to the grain enabling it to move with the wearer, and to flatter the figure as it would cling provocatively as she moved. Vionnet is also credited with the ever popular halter top and the flattering cowl neckline. Madeline was also from a poor family. She was an apprentice to a seamstress by the age of eleven. By the year 1912, at age 36 she had established her own fashion house which she called simply Vionnet. She employed 1,200 seamstresses. Those working for her were given medical and dental services, paid holidays, daycare and maternity leave! She closed her house as WWII approached, and donated all her designs, as well as 120 of her dresses to a Paris textiles museum.

Both of these women were giants in the field of fashion, making their marks during the Model A era. Their contributions to fashion helped to shape women's fashions to this day!

## Report From the Past

The article below, written by Doug Nielsen, appeared in the August 2001 issue of the Spoken Wheels. Doug and his wife Helene were editors of the newsletter at that time. Doug wrote a series of articles on our club members and their cars, this being the first one.

Sig and Toni Caswell joined the SAA's in 1975 and were active members until Sig died on May 5, 2007. Toni continued her membership until January 2016. Sig was an avid collector and restorer of all sorts of automobiles. He was a founding member of the ACC which is an organization dedicated to lobbying for the collector car hobby.

I thought both the long time members who knew Sig and Toni, as well as our newer members, would enjoy reading this "From the Past" story.

### Sig & Toni Caswell - Deans of The Auto Collectors Hobby

*From the Spoken Wheels - August 2001*

Sig and Toni Caswell acquired their 1929 four door touring car in 1960. He bought it at a garage sale! A hot rodder had started to chop up the body and make other alterations, but within six months Sig had brought it back to its natural beauty and it has been one of his favorites since. Sig says the current odometer reading is 52,072, but he thinks there must be over 123,000 miles on the car. He says he had won "ten or twenty trophies through the years," who's counting? When he purchased the car historical plates had just come out and he received #230.

The Caswells and their Phaeton, which he refers to as "Old Faithful," have done a lot of traveling together, including trips to Big Bear, Reno, Canada, Washington, Colorado and several other states. Sig says even after 41 years, the car is still going strong.

"The hobby is our life," says Sig. "It keeps me alive! I got my first car in 1936, and we have owned over 2000 cars since." In the lean years, Sig did all kinds of auto repair work to supplement the family income. Often an old car was given as part payment for services rendered. Sig would fix and clean them up and resell them or "horse trade" for another interesting car. At one time while living in Rosemead on a property with a two acre lot, a total of 75 cars were waiting to be given new life. When the authorities were investigating a complaint that a car lot business was being run in a residential area, they sent a man to the door posing as a party wanting to purchase a car. Toni stated that "these cars are not for sale, they are collector cars." With that response, the shill stated simply, "Lady, you said the right thing."

Sig has numerous stories about the many cars that he regrets selling. In 1956 Toni purchased a 1936 seven passenger Packard Phaeton that Sig had been eyeing for some time and gave it to him for Christmas. It was sold in 1963 for twice the purchase price. "That was a beautiful car that would be worth a fortune in the current market," laments Sig.

Sig, who has been a member of the Santa Anita A's since 1975 was President in 1993. He is past president of five antique automobile clubs, as well as a founding member of many of them. He also taught Auto Restoration for a number of years.

The Caswells currently have a 1912 Hudson, which they have owned for 50 years and driven in 12 states, a 1911 Ford owned for 30 years and driven in 15 states, a 1941 4 door Buick convertible, a 1954 Bentley, a 1950 Ford pickup, a 1973 Ford pickup, a 1936 Ford Phaeton, a 1931 S/W Ford Fordor, a 1930 Ford Deluxe Roadster, a 1931 Ford Deluxe Phaeton and a 1931 Ford four door Phaeton which Sig found partially buried in Oregon and has brought back to life. Currently on his want list is an A-400 Model A and a 1962 or older Corvette.

When interviewing Sig for this article, he said please don't make it sound like I'm bragging. Sig, the fervor of your love for collector cars stands in a class by itself and Toni, you are the ultimate understanding wife. You have every right to toot your horn, or sound your "Ahooga" loud and clear.



*The Caswell's touring in their 1929 Phaeton*



*Sig and Toni Caswell*



## The Best Oil for my Model A

It is time to change the oil in my Model A so I first need to buy some oil to put in the engine after I drain the old oil. Now the BIG QUESTION is “What oil should I use in my engine”. If you ask ten Model A owners what is the best oil to use, you will probably get ten different answers. I am no different and will give you my opinion but I also will tell you why I have come to this conclusion.

Some say unless a particular brand of oil is used, their Model A Engine will not perform well and will prematurely wear out. Oil that is available today is much better than what was available when our cars were new so almost anything you use will be fine for your engine. The main thing is to use the proper viscosity of oil and to change it on a regularly.

For most of our cars, especially those that have babbitt bearings, multi-weight 10/40 or 20/50 viscosity oil is a good choice. These oils will flow when cold but will be thick enough to protect the bearings when hot. If most of your driving is short trips around town then 10/40 should be the choice. For those of us who also use our Model A for touring, I like to use 20/50.



I also recommend using straight petroleum based oil and not a synthetic or synthetic blend. The internal clearances of a Model A engine are not as close as modern engines and synthetic oils tend to pass the rings and valve guides more easily than petroleum based oils. Model A's also tend to leak a little oil and when using synthetics this often becomes more of a problem.

Is it absolutely necessary to use oil that contains zinc (ZDDP) additive? No, when your Model A was new, there was no zinc in the oil. Zinc was added after the new Cadillac and Oldsmobile over head valve, high speed engines were first produced in 1949. Soon after these engines were first placed in service, there was an unusual amount of camshaft failures where the cam lobes would prematurely wear down. It was found that with the higher valve spring pressures required for these new high revving over head valve engines, the cam lobes would start to scuff and round off. Adding zinc to the oil eliminated this problem. While using oil with zinc will not do any harm, Model A Engines have such low valve

spring pressures, scuffing was never a problem. You will find that most brands of 10/40 or 20/50 petroleum based oils will also contain zinc.

We cannot always buy oil for our Model A at a lot of auto parts stores. Most oil that is being sold is the lighter weight synthetic or synthetic blend oils. You can usually find the petroleum based 10/40 or 20/50 oil at most high performance or Speed Shops. Oil for your Model A is also available on line under such names as Lucas Hot Rod and Classic Car Oil and Shell “Classic” Motor Oil. If you are on the road and cannot find the correct oil, try a truck stop. Oil formulated for use in Diesel Engines will also work just fine in your Model A.

Petroleum based multi grade oil will provide good protection for most of our Model A's however, if you have a highly modified engine, ask the builder what oil should be used.

Happy Motoring in your Model A.



## Tech Tip

### How often should you change the oil?

If you only use your Model A just occasionally, no more than a hundred miles or so per year, you should change the oil at least once every 2 years. If you use your Model A regularly for club outings and touring, you should change the oil every 1000 to 2000 miles. These suggested intervals can be extended if you have installed an oil filter.

Today's modern engine oils have detergents to keep dirt in suspension and additives to reduce wear and corrosion. The most important thing is to change the oil. It is best to change the oil when the engine is fully warmed up. This will help remove moisture and dirt that may have accumulated. Allowing moisture to accumulate in your engine will cause corrosion and promote the formation of sludge. Remember, a clean engine is a happy engine.



## MEETING MINUTES JUNE 30, 2017

### SAA General Meeting Minutes July 28, 2017

- The meeting was called to order President John McDannel at 7:30.
- The flag salute was led by Bob Harbicht.
- Minutes - The minutes were approved as read.
- Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's report was approved as read.
- Membership - Sheri Johnson reported there were no visitors
- Tours - Jim Kroger told about the following tours:  
July 29<sup>th</sup> - Gamble House, Joe Wilson said you will need to bring cardboard for under your car at Gamble House.  
Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> - Glendale Center Theater, Mom and Pops Night Out  
Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> - Pancake Breakfast, Wilderness Park, sign up & pay tonight  
Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> - Running Horse Tour in Irwindale, meet at Perry's House  
Sept, 16<sup>th</sup> - International Model A Day, cost for Poker Run and Taco lunch, \$10.00 per person
- Low End Boys - Mickey reported that they have suspended work for a while. They are working on putting new engine in his car.
- Youth Chairman Report - Wilbert Smith gave an update on progress of PHS club. Wilbert hopes to have a booth at the LA County Fair to sell raffle tickets on the car, he said they will need helpers to sell tickets at fairgrounds.
- Sunshine - Sympathy card sent to Susan Homet on death of her father, Dick. Also a Get Well card sent to her as she has been In the hospital. A get Well card was sent to Tom Endy.
- Program: Bob Harbicht introduced speakers Alan and Claudia Heller who gave a very informative talk on the "Curiosities of the California Deserts" along with a slide presentation.
- Change of Meeting Place - John McDannel explained the reasons behind the change of meeting place starting in January 2018. The meeting start time will also be changed to 7:00 PM as we need to be out of the room by 9:30 PM. They will set the room up and take it down, and also take out trash. No need for someone to pick up and return key.
- Men's Breakfast seminar - Jim Frick presented a short summary of the topics covered at the men's breakfast seminar.
- Thank you to Cookie Bringers Cathy Concidine, Barbara Dawson, Carol Emanuelli, Bonnie Nelson and Josie Byrd.
- Break
- 50/25/25 : Elsie Johnson and Nancy Sharpe - \$21.00 each
- Name Badge : Rick & Carolyn Phillips
- Drive Your Model A: Tom & Sheri Johnson
- Raffle
- Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted, Elaine Perry, Secretary

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2. Sign up for the tours and events.
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4. Buy a raffel ticket for the Pasadena High School Model A Club's 1029 Model A Phaeton restoration project.
5. Read the newsletter



Club members Jim Frick, Wilbert Smith, Richard Favela and John Emanuelli have delivered the rebuilt engine for the Pasadena High School's 1929 phaeton restoration project. The body has been freshly painted and is now in the storage trailer at the high school awaiting its fenders.



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