



December 2013

SPOKEN WHEELS

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Bob Travis

I ran across the following story while surfing the Internet recently and found it to be timely and worth sharing.

AND THEN IT'S WINTER - by anonymous

You know. . . Time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my soul mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is... The winter of my life and it catches me by surprise. How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.



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GENERAL MEETING - No Meeting in December, No cookies either

PROGRAM - If there is no meeting, then there will be no program. But, let's all have a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

BOARD MEETING - Wednesday, January 8 , 7:00 PM - Temple City City Hall

Come join us and participate in the exciting discussions.

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SAA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

December

29 - Horseless Carriage Car Show - Irwindale Speedway, See page 4

January

8 - Board Meeting - Temple City- City Hall, 7:00 PM
11 - Cable Airport Tour - See page 4
12 - Mom and Pops' Night Out - See page 4
13 - Ladies' Brunch - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
16 - Men's Breakfast - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM
31 - General Meeting

Notice- "The January Club Auction" has been moved to the February meeting and is now called the "February Club Auction"

February

? - Guided Tour of the Rose Bowl in Pasadena - Details TBA

March

19 - Ladies' Day- See page 7

January Birthdays

2 - Leslie Pam
3 - Toni Caswell, John Fant
9 - Clyde Ingram
11 - Olive Moore
12 - Steve Kurtz
13 - Jamie Frick
15 - Sally Baquet
16 - Jan Roderick
17 - Brad Balmot
18 - JoAnn Formia, Bob Travis
20 - Jim Kroeger
28 - Helga Mycroft
29 - Tom Johnson
30 - Chris Wickersham

January Anniversaries

22 - Jerry & Patty Lampassi
31 - John & Marianne Spielmann

OTHER CLUB SPONSORED EVENTS

THE SUNSHINE LADY - JOYCE TRAVIS

January

25-26 Turlock Swap Meet, Stanislaus County Fairgrounds

March

9-14 MAFCA National Tour, San Antonio, Texas

April

4-6 Central California Regional Group Meet

July

14-18 MAFCA National Convention, Puyallup, Washington

Get Well Cards sent to:

Toni Caswell
Barbara Dawson

Sympathy Cad sent to:

Sheri Johnson

NEW MEMBERS

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



Marc & Jamie Pinto

Arcadia, Joined August 2013
1930 Coupe



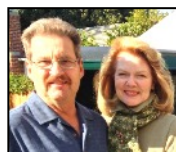
Gil & Eva Marie Gonzalez

San Dimas, Joined June 2013
Just bought a 1929 Town Sedan



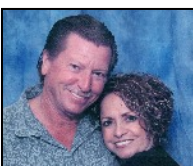
Steve Newton

Culver City, Joined July 2013
'30 Tudor Police Car, 30 Pony Express PU,
29 Hi-Boy Pickup



Stew & Catherine Levin

Studio City, Joined November 2013
1931 Pickup



John & Susie Lacey

La Puente, Re-joined July 2013
1929 Fordor Sedan

FICTION & FACT

Put Your Clothes On - Now!

by Joe Wilson

Ponder This

by Joe Wilson

Do You Know What They Do?



The bottom half of the front page of the newsletter has a list the names of the Club's Officers, Board members and Committee chairs; 32 in total. That is a lot of people doing a lot of different jobs. Take a serious look at that list. These are the people, along with many others who work in the background, are the ones who help keep this club going. Make an effort to thank them, personally, for what they do.

I'd like to call your attention to one with the title "Restorer Articles". That is Keith Smith's job. Every issue of the Restorer Magazine has a section called "Chapter News" which includes a summary of the recent Santa Anita A's activities. That summary is written by Keith and submitted to MAFCA. Our thanks to Keith and all the others who spend time keeping the club going.

Think About It : Water in the Carburetor

Wife: "There is a problem with the car. It has water in the carburetor."



Husband: "Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous."

Wife: "I tell you, there is water in the carburetor."

Husband: "You don't even know what a carburetor is. I'll check it out. Where's the car?"

Wife: "In the pool."

Two Members' MAFCA Longevity Award MIA

In last month's Spoken Wheels I did not include Hal & Joanne Anthony and Doug Nielsen in the list of Santa Anita A's members who were recognized in the recent issue of the Restorer magazine for their longevity as MAFCA members. My apologies to Hal, Joanne and Doug. Here is the complete list:

Hal and Joanne Anthony - 25 Year members

Doug Nielsen - 35 Year member

Marlin and Elaine Perry - 40 year members

Bob and Joyce Travis - 50 year members

This month's photographers include:

Vicky Bartlett, John Emanuelli, Olive Moore, Wilbert Smith

Cookie Bringers of the Month Club

No meeting, No bringers, No cookies.

A new line of "Santa Anita A's" clothing was introduced at the last general meeting. This program includes Polo shirts, Dress shirts, Jackets and Hats which identify you as a member of the "Santa Anita A's". Samples of the clothing were on hand in various sizes so members could see the finished product and the available options.

At the meeting, eleven people placed orders for one or more pieces of clothing. That initial order has been received and distributed to most of the members. Orders for shirts with silkscreen on the back will require more time.

I am now in the process of collecting new orders and will send them to our supplier in early January. They will be available by the January meeting. Samples of the clothing will be on hand at the January meeting along with order forms and the new SAA's "Apparel Catalog".

The Apparel catalog which includes a description of the available clothing, along with pictures, prices, options, a "sizing chart" and an order form will soon be available on the web site.

I encourage members to participate in this new "Santa Anita A's Image" program. Contact me for information and ask that I email you a copy of the catalog and order form.

Get in on the "January" order; contact me by January 12

Do You Know This?

It was discovered that Judi Moore did not download and read the November issue of the Spoken Wheels. If this problem continues she will be reported to the SAA's Board of Directors Readership Audit Sub-Committee.

THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE

1. You believe in Santa Claus
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus
3. You are Santa Claus
4. You look like Santa Claus

COMING EVENTS

Horseless Carriage Car Club of America show

Sunday, December 29

This annual event sponsored by the HCCA brings out a lot of interesting cars. The location of the event has been moved this year to the parking lot at the Irwindale Speedway which is located near the intersection of the 605 and 210 Freeways.

The event starts at 7:00 AM. At 9:00 AM there will be a local tour open for vehicles 1932 and older which will include a breakfast stop. Cost is \$5 per person.

Cable Airport Air Show/Car Show Tour

Saturday, January 11.

It's up in the air again; the air show part that is. The car show part is still on the ground. Show is limited to 1970 models and earlier and a total of 175 cars. Entry form must be received by December 28. Cost is \$15.00 per car, \$20.00 at the gate. Car entry from 7:00 AM to 9:30 AM. Proceeds go to scholarships for students in aviation related programs.

Tom and Sheri Johnson will lead the tour. Meet at the Citi Bank parking lot, 100 S. 1st Street, Arcadia. We will depart at 8:10 AM.

Mom and Pops' Night Out

Sunday, January 12

This special annual event will take place at the Lewis Family Playhouse which is located in Rancho Cucamonga. We will attend a matinee performance titled "Heavenly Laughter" featuring George Burns and Jack Benny (that's what they said).

We have 56 people signed up for the show which will be followed by a nice dinner at a very nice local restaurant. If you signed up by the November 24th deadline you know you are going. If you didn't sign up, you know you're not going. However, If you really do want to go, we have 4 tickets available and space on the bus. Call Bob Travis.

Those who signed up for the free bus ride should gather at the Arcadia City Park, parking lot located at Huntington Drive and Santa Anita. We will begin to assemble there at 1:30 PM, but be there no later than 2:00 PM. That is when the bus will drive off with who ever happens to be onboard. After the show and dinner, the bus will return with you, hopefully to the same place near where you parked your car.

PAST EVENTS

F.A.S.T. Southern California Hill climb

November 17

by Olive Moore

The hill climb, sponsored by the F.A.S.T. Organization, was moved this year from the "Route 66" location to a new location in Murrieta, CA . The event featured a variety of cars powered by 4 Cylinder Model A, Model B and Model T series engines.

Our club was well represented as far as spectators go Those who attended were: Louie Formia, Bea and Mickey Fruchter, Leroy Gilbert, Tom Johnson, John Emanuelli, Patty and David Lutz and Art and Olive Moore.

Art was the only member that participated in the race and ended up being King of the Hill. My "Purple Car" ran, but with Art's cousin George behind the wheel. He blew a clutch during the practice runs so he didn't get to run in the finals. It was a beautiful day in the mid 60's. There were 30 cars registered to run and over 150 spectators. I think anyone who went would say it was a fun day!



Fantasia Family Festival

Saturday, November 23

For many years, our club members have supported Santa Teresita's annual Fantasia Family Festival by displaying our cars at the car show. The Festival benefits children and seniors in the community. Participating in the show this year were: Tom & Sheri Johnson, John & Carol Emanuelli,



Bag Ladies



Model A Christmas tree

Marlin & Elaine Perry, Bob Moore, Ken Mallory, Brad Balmot, and Joe Farino.



PAST EVENTS - CONTINUED

Christmas Lights Tour

by Rudolph the Dear

Four-thirty in the afternoon sounded early for a Christmas light tour, but by the time we were organized for departure by the Tour Meister, Bob Travis, the sun was down and the lights were on.



The route was designed by Eric and Jennifer Sandberg. There were 5 A's and 5 modern cars participating. Some of us got lost but no one admitted it. But, we all made it to the church on time.

Christmas Party

Saturday, December 14

by the Deer behind Rudolph & his dumb red nose

Santa Claus had a "pre-Christmas" open house for members and friends of the Santa Anita A's at the Sierra Madre Methodist Church on December 14th. This was a warm-up for the big event on the 25th.



Welcoming Santa back in town were 67 adults and 9 kids (or was it the other way around). After a very nice diner we were entertained by a music trio called "2azz1". A guest soloist was Alana Tolliver, an 8 year old friend of Vicky Bartlett. She was invited by the



band for an impromptu sing-along with them. This was her debut as a public singer.

Santa appeared during the evening to pass out candy canes and make an early distribution of presents to the younger group and one old guy. We don't know where Santa left Rudolph and his other "dear" friends. He couldn't find the chimney so had to enter through the church's bathroom. And, again, somehow he missed seeing Mickey Fruchter who was also in the bathroom at the same time. Who knows why?



Santa asked that we thank all the good folks who helped set up the tables, provided the decorations, arranged for the food and the music. Santa's "dear" friends thanked us also.

A good time was had by all and Santa said he'd be back again next year, either with more presents or perhaps a lump of coal for some.

OTHER STUFF

Pandora - The Model A That Could - and Did

by Mickey Fruchter



The story of PANDORA begins in 1984. I talked to my wife, Bea, about getting an old car to restore. I wanted a car that I could drive and have fun with and was told that a Model A Ford was what I probably wanted.

We joined the Santa Anita A's in 1985 and started looking for a sedan. We found a late 1931 slant window sedan in bad shape....BUT the asking price was only \$2,500.00. With the help of club members we started the project. Herb Cuckler rebuilt the engine, but, before he finished the job he had major heart surgery. Herb assured me that he would have my engine working so we could use the car for our daughter's wedding. Members from the Santa Anita A's came over to work on the engine with Herb supervising the procedure from a near-by chair.

Everything was restored or replaced by 1990. The only part that was still operating was the speedometer which broke shortly after the car was test-driven. We drove our daughter to her wedding without a back window. Our first major trip was to attend the MARC/MAFCA Meet in Tacoma, WA in 1994. Since then we have driven to and from meets in Reno & Las Vegas, NV, Colorado Springs & Breckenridge, CO, Portland, OR, Dallas, TX, Marquette, MI, Vancouver, Canada and many other meets. We are registered for the 2014 MAFCA National Meet in Puyallup, WA, and plan to drive there this coming July (the Good Ford Willing).

This past November 16th we were nearing 100,000 miles on a 2 lane highway near Temecula, CA. We wanted to stop and take a photo of the odometer as it was changing back to zero but there was no place to stop so we turned off the highway onto the private property of Dennis & Emily D'Antin who own "Secluded Garden Estates" (a venue for weddings). We hoped to drive around on the property until the exact moment but we were told by the security guard that there was a wedding in progress. After we explained why we wanted to stop in the area, he called his boss. He and his wife came down to see us because they had recently purchased a Model A Ford truck and joined the Temecula Valley Model A Club. We visited for awhile and they said that after the wedding we could drive around the property and take photos of our odometer.

We really enjoy our Model A and our club and all the wonderful national members who we have met at the many MAFCA meets. We encourage other members who do not drive their Model A's very much to do so. They are pretty dependable and fun.

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But, here it is. My friends are retired and getting gray. They move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me, but I see the great change. Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be. Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore, it's mandatory! Because, if I don't do it on my own free will I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so, now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last, this I know; that when it's over on this earth, it's over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done, things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet, let me remind you that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life. So, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

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Life is a gift to you! Live it well! Enjoy today! Today is the oldest you have ever been, yet the youngest you will ever be. Enjoy each day while it lasts.

Best wishes for the Holiday Season and Happy New Year.

Bob Travis

*I made myself a snowball,
As perfect as could be,
I thought I'd keep it as a pet,
And let it sleep with me.
I made it some pajamas,
And a pillow for its head,
Then last night it ran away,
But first-- it wet the bed.*



MORE OTHER STUFF

Ladies Day 2014

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

by Vicky Balmot



Meet at the McDonalds parking lot located at 143 East Foothill Blvd., Arcadia 91006 at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, March 19, 2014.

Transfer by bus to the Hollywood Wax Museum at 6767 Hollywood

Blvd. for a docent guided tour of the museum. We will take a short walk (less than 2 blocks) to Lunch at Mel's Diner at 1660 N. Highland Avenue, Hollywood, Ca. There will be 3 lunch choices available. Sit down lunch including soft drink or coffee, tax and tip. Lunch will be followed by another short walk (less than 2 blocks) and self-guided tour of the Guinness World Records Museum.

Return by bus from the Guinness World Records Museum to the McDonalds parking lot between 3:30 pm and 4:00 pm.

Transport by bus, lunch, all taxes and tips and two museums in Hollywood cost \$15/pp/Santa Anita A's paid up members only. Non-member guests may join the tour at a cost of \$35.00/pp. Sorry, but there can be no refunds. First come, first serve, limited to 40 people. Please call Vicky Balmot at 626-695-5483 with any questions. Please mail your check to Santa Anita A's PO Box 660904, Arcadia, CA 91006-0904 or pay at the club meeting no later than February 28, 2014.

MAFCA News

by John Emanuelli

Well its that time of year, MAFCA wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We had three Longevity Pins awarded to three of our members this year: Hal and Joanne Anthony received their 25 year pin, Marlin and Elaine Perry received their 40 year pin and our President Bob Travis and his wife, Joyce, received their 50 year pin. Our members should take note and follow in their footsteps. Belonging to MAFCA has many benefits. Some of them are: what makes our Model A's tick or finding out why they are not ticking, how they support our hobby in general, and provide the essentials of insurance to protect us from law suits.

This time of year is when MAFCA dues are to be renewed. Take note of the benefits and make out your check to MAFCA and mail it today so you won't miss any issues of the Restorer. If three of our respected members saw fit to remain members of MAFCA for all these years, why haven't you?

Model A Youth Restoration Award

by Bob Moore

How many of my fellow Santa Anita A's members know that there are funds available to assist youngsters who own and are restoring a Model A Ford? Well, there certainly is such a program.

The Model A Youth Restoration Award has been helping youth since 1994. It's purpose is to help youth restore their Model A's by providing financial support to procure parts and supplies. Since 1994, 55 youth have received over \$49,000 to help with their restoration. The amount of the funds given each award year is the number of applicants divided into the money in the account. In 2012, there were 10 recipients each receiving \$1300 in gift certificates.

The awards are funded primarily by local Chapters and Regions of MAFCA and MARC. The Santa Anita A's have supported the program for many years. In addition, the national organizations of both MAFCA and MARC make donations as well as several of the Model A Ford parts vendors. We receive donations in varying amounts from Chapters and Regions and from individuals often as memorials to deceased members. Chapter and Regions donated \$9,000 of the \$13,000 awarded in 2012. All funds received are managed by a Board of Directors and no funds received are used for any other purpose than for helping youth with their Model A's.

At the 2008 Joint Meet in Dallas, two MARC youth, Frank Vitetta of Pembroke Pines, FL and Chris Mills of Lexington, KY each received a 1931 Victoria. Those two and eight others also received \$1700 in financial aid. In 2010, there were nine recipients each receiving \$1700 in support and in 2012, there were 10 recipients each receiving \$1300. The awards are presented every two years at either a MARC or MAFCA National meet and the next awards will be presented by me at the 2014 MAFCA National meet in Puyallup, Washington.

The future of our hobby rests with our younger generation. They benefit from our support and we benefit by keeping the hobby active. The award is open to all sons, daughters, grandsons, or granddaughters of members of MARC or MAFCA, or the applicant may be a member on his or her own. If you know of a candidate between the ages of 14 and 21, let me know.

The Model A Youth Restoration Award is approved as 501(c)(3) educational charity.

FROM THE SHOP BENCH

by Bob Travis

This a reprint of an article written by Tom Endy that appeared in the December 2013 issue of the Grapevine Gazette.



Model A Ford Ignition Diagnostic

by Tom Endy (revised 2010)

Ammeter "Jiggle":

Once upon a time I was rolling down the road in Miss Vie, my Model A Ford Victoria A-190, when out of the blue the engine quit. As I coasted to the side of the road I tried to contemplate what had gone wrong. The car is well maintained and therefore there was no reason for this outrage. The problem had to be a lack of spark or a lack of fuel. Nine times out of ten it's usually a lack of spark. Before I climbed out from behind the wheel, I decided to perform a diagnostic test. With the ignition still switched on, I cranked the engine over a few times, not expecting it to start, but intently watching the ammeter. The ammeter needle did a small rain dance, that is it "jiggled" from left to right a couple of notches in each direction as the engine turned over.

A wealth of knowledge:

This visual indication provided a wealth of information. I now knew that the battery was alive and well and still attached to the car and that the primary side of the ignition circuit was functional. Functional means that the ignition switch and pop-out cable were not shorted out or open-circuited, the points were opening and closing and were connected to the circuit, the condenser was not shorted out, the primary side of the coil had continuity and was still connected to the battery at one end and to the points at the other end, and Henry's wayward wire that connects the upper distributor plate to the lower distributor plate had not broken or shorted out. Without even getting out of the car, I had ascertained that the primary side of the ignition circuit was working properly.

Under the hood investigation:

But since the car wouldn't start, it was time to get out and look under the hood. The problem had to be in the secondary side of the ignition circuit, or it had to be a lack of fuel. When I looked under the hood I found that the high tension wire that plugs into the bottom of the coil had fallen out. I plugged it back in and the engine fired right up. The high tension wire is in the secondary side of the ignition circuit along with the secondary winding of the coil, the distributor cap, the rotor, the copper spark plug wires and the spark plugs themselves. Volumes have been written about the Model A Ford electrical system, and the Jiggling ammeter has been mentioned numerous times. But for those folks who aren't electrical types, much of the explanation is meaningless.

Jiggling explanation:

What the jiggling ammeter is all about, is that with a properly functioning ignition switched on and the engine turning over (but not running), the points will open and close as the engine rotates. Each time the points close electric current flows through the ammeter causing the needle to move two notches to the left. Each time the points open the needle returns toward the center, but since the needle movement is un-dampened, it swings past center to about two notches to the right much like pendulum. As engine cranking continues, the ammeter needle appears to jiggle back and forth and it is telling you that all is well in the primary circuit of the ignition.

Catch 22:

There is a catch! Not all Model A Fords are wired so that the ammeter will jiggle. The early production cars up until November 1929 were wired such that the ignition primary circuit was not wired with the ammeter in the circuit.

There was no jiggling! The later cars were wired with the ammeter in the circuit (Ford Service Bulletin, page 390), and this now provided the desired diagnostic Jiggling. All is not lost though; you can easily convert your non-jiggling Model A Ford to a jiggling version. All you have to do is move one wire.

Determination:

First determine which way your car is wired. To do this pull the high tension wire out of the bottom of the coil. Switch the ignition on and crank the engine over. Watch the ammeter needle. If it jiggles, your car is wired to the later configuration. If it does not jiggle, your car is wired to the early configuration. It is an easy matter to convert from the early wiring configuration to the later.

How to convert:

Remove the two broken-looking wing nuts on the front cover of the terminal box on the fire wall that a number of wires go to. Remove the cover and locate the small black wire that runs from the coil to the terminal box. On the non-jiggling cars it will be connected to the threaded post that is toward the right side of the car (right as in the passenger's side). Remove this wire and put it on the other threaded post. This one will be on the left side of the car (as in the driver's side). Before you do this, disconnect the battery, or better yet remove the fuse if you have one installed (look for it on the top of the starter). This will prevent an undesired rain of sparks. It's as simple as that; you now have a diagnostic Jiggling Model A Ford.

More information:

If you want to learn more about this diagnostic phenomenon, there is an excellent two-part article that appeared in the Restorer in the 1987 November-December and 1988 January-February publications. Both articles were written by the late Paul Moller of Evergreen Park, Illinois. The two articles were also reprinted in "How To Restore Your Model A", Volume 5 (1994).

For more well presented technical articles see:

www.modelabasics.com/



SEMINAR NEWS

This month found Mickey working on his daughter Lori and son-in-law Scott's Fordor Sedan. The car totaled out the clutch, I mean in pieces. Scott had it towed to Bea and Mickey's home in Pasadena. Thank goodness for Auto Club Plus. Louie Formia also helped on working some with them.

This month found myself finishing up work on my Vicky. I am real pleased with the results. It has to stay in my carport because I am out of room.

Bob Travis and I helped Bob Moore put his engine in. Everything was great when we were done until he told us his head had a stripped bolt that holds the distributor in tight. Oh well, this is a project Bob Moore is going to solve. The engine was another rebuilt engine by Chuck Sharpe and Jim Frick.

This month was not a good time for Jim Kroeger, His pretty car's engine decided to spit water out off the block. Gene Reinhardt and I took Bob Travis' engine puller up and took Jim's engine to Chuck Sharpe for another non spitting block. The engine came out quickly as Bob Travis and Jim had done most of the primary work.

I am hoping to see us get back to Wilbert Smith's Coupe. Also we have John Spielmann and Don Mc Bride on the calendar for the future. No dates yet. Engines to be pulled.

I want to wish all the Low End Boys Happy Holidays and all Club members the same.

The Low End Boys - Ted, Mel, Gene, John E., Mickey, Louie, Dick H., Brad and Marlin

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Travis at 7:31 p.m.

- The flag salute was led by John McDannel.
- Sunshine – get well cards were sent to Alan Bennett, Nancy Stancil, Mel Gross, Toni Caswell, & Barbara Dawson. John Chandler is in the hospital.
- The treasurer's report was read and approved.
- The minutes were approved as published in the Spoken Wheels.
- Guests were Stewart & Catherine Levin, who joined tonight.
- The speaker was Sylvia Beltran, who spoke about the Metro Gold Line-Foothill Extension.

Old Business

- Joe Wilson explained the club clothing program. He brought samples and order forms. Bob Travis thanked Joe and Jerry Lampassi for working on the program.
- Marlin Perry said the club only participated in one football game this year.
- We are collecting food for Foothill Unity Center. Bring to Holiday party.
- Bob Travis thanked Dick Canzoneri for helping us secure a bus for the Mom & Pops event.

New Business

- Congrats to Mickey & Bea Fruchter for driving their Model A 100,000 miles.
- Congrats to Bob & Joyce Travis for 50 years membership in MAFCA, Marlin & Elaine Perry for 40 years, Doug Nielsen for 35 years, and Hal Anthony for 25 years.
- Vicky Balmot spoke about Ladies' Day. It will be on March 19, 2014. Meet at Arcadia McDonalds; take a bus to two museums and lunch at Mel's Diner. Sign up/pay tonight. Call Vicky for more info.

Tours

- Nov. 23 - Santa Teresita Car Show; be there at 9:15 AM.
- Dec. 14 - Holiday Party and Holiday light tour; sign up & pay tonight
- Dec. 29 - Horseless Carriage Club event; Gather at east end of Irwindale Event Center at 7:00 AM.
- Jan. 11 - Cable Air Fair/Car Show – see Sheri Johnson for entry forms
- Jan. 12 - Mom & Pops' event; a show then dinner at an Italian restaurant. Sign up tonight.
- Bob Travis thanked Carol Emanuelli for bringing the ladies' raffle prizes. The club (with Marlin Perry's help) supplied the men's raffle prizes, which were all Model A parts.
- Bob thanked Bea Fruchter, Carolyn McBride, Carol Emanuelli, Elsie Johnson, & Diana Kincart for refreshments. He also thanked Nancy Sharpe & helper Patty Lampassi for working at the refreshment table.

Name badge winner - Jim Constantian - \$5.00
Drive model A to the meeting winner - Mickey Fruchter - \$10.00
50/25/25 winners: Chuck Sharpe & Catherine Levin - \$23.00 each

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Sheri Johnson, Secretary


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