



December 2014

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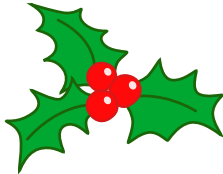
THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Bob Travis

By the time you are reading this the holiday season will be in full swing with the next year a mere few days away. Tempus Fugit (time flies).

Our club was founded on June 5, 1975 which means we will be celebrating our 40th birthday, or anniversary if you choose, during 2015. As a result we have always operated on fiscal year (June to May). This does not present any special problems but it does put us out of step with the national organization (MAFCA).



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GENERAL MEETING - No Meeting in December

PROGRAM - No meeting, ergo, No program

BOARD MEETING - Wednesday, January 14, 7:00 PM - Bob Travise's home

Come join us and see what is really going on.

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Web Site: www.santaanitaas.org

SAA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

- 11 - Fullerton Airport tour - see page 4
- 12 - Ladies' Brunch - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
- 14 - Board Meeting - 7:00 PM, Bob Travises' house
- 21 - Men's Breakfast - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM
- 24 - Mom and Pops Night Out - see page 4
- 30 - Regular meeting

February

- 7 - Nethercutt Museum tour - see page 4
- 27 - Meeting - Auction Night, Starts at 7:00 PM

OTHER CLUB'S SPONSORED EVENTS

December

- 28 - Horseless Carriage Car Club Show & Excursion - see page 4

April

- 9 to 13 - Central California Regional Group,
Tour to event in Santa Maria - see page 5

Things to do:

1. Check your email for "Special Announcements".
2. Be prepared to vote on by-law changes at the January meeting. See page 3
3. Gather your goodies for the club auction in Feb. - see page 5

We have been Invited

Hope you Will Join Us
Toni Caswell's 90th Birthday
Saturday, January 3, 2015
2:00 PM-4:00 PM
California Mission Home
4825 Earle Ave. Rosemead, CA
Cards and Notes only Please
Given by: Toni's Children

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

January Birthdays

- 2 - Leslie Pam
- 3 - John Fant, Toni Caswell
- 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 and Patty Lampassi
- 31 - John and Marianne Spielmann

THE SUNSHINE LADY - JOYCE TRAVIS

Get Well Cards were sent to:

Tom Forbes, Patsy Harbicht, Bea Frucher,
Larry Butkus



Cookie Bringers of the Month Club

No meeting, No cookies, No crumbs

This Month's Photographers Include:

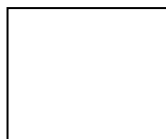
Joe Wilson

NEW MEMBERS

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



Evalyn Ingram
Arcadia
Re-joined August, 2014
'29 Shay Roadster



William Peet
Sierra Madre
Joined June 2014
1931 Sport Coupe



Corky & Sharon Gray
Arcadia
Joined January 2015
1931 Tudor Sedan



Ponder This

by Joe Wilson

Change in by-laws require approval of members

We previously announced that the Santa Anita A's Board approved a plan to change the club's operating year from a Fiscal year, running from June 1 through May 31, to a calendar year running from January 1 through December 31. This change requires a revision of the club's by-laws which governs our operating procedures. At their December 10th meeting the board agreed on the proposed changes in wording. These by-law changes must be approved by the club membership.

Our current by-laws state in **Articles IX, Section 1 Amendments:** "These by-laws may be amended or repealed and new by-laws may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of members at any meeting. The proposed changes must be submitted in writing to the membership at least five (5) days prior to the meeting."

The proposed revised by-laws will be mailed to all members in mid January 2015 for their review. A vote for approval of the by law-changes will take place at the January general meeting.

The only changes being made in the by-law wording (other than correcting a few typos) are to the dates affecting our operating calendar which include:

Operating calendar	Current	Revised
Establish Nominating Committee	February	September
Announce Committee members	February	September
Announce slate at meeting	March	October
Dues due for following year	April 1	January 1
Election of Officers and Board	April	November
Start of operating year	June 1	January 1

New members joining our club starting in January 2015 will pay dues for the full calendar year 2015. Current members will be invoiced in March of 2015 (due April 1) for dues covering the balance of 2015, prorated for the remaining 9 months (2/3 of regular dues).

A complete copy of the current by-laws with the proposed changes noted, will be mailed to you around January 12, 2015. A copy of the proposed by-law changes can also be viewed on our web site in the members only section. These changes will be effective January 1, 2015, upon approval of the changes at the January meeting.

At our General meeting on January 30 members will be asked to vote on approving these by-law changes. A two-thirds vote is required for passage.

Larry & Gloria Metz

Larry hasn't strayed very far from this area. He was born in East Los Angeles and when he was four his parents moved to South San Gabriel. He went through school there, graduating from Mark Keppel High School.



He served two years in the army (I asked which one? He said, "Ours.") He was in the Airborne Infantry. He was fortunate that all his service was stateside, as this was when the Viet Nam war was going on.

He became a tool & die maker, but decided he wanted to be in the fire service. He took about a 25% cut in pay to join the Arcadia Fire Department in 1972. He served in the department for 28 years, retiring in 1999.

He currently has a 1929 roadster pickup, but is selling it to finance the car he is building now. So if you're interested in a '29 roadster pickup – slightly hot rodded – give Larry a call.

Cars are his hobby, plus his four grandchildren ranging in age from 2 months to 11 years, all girls.

Gloria is still working. She's an administrator at their church pre-school where she has worked for 34 years and just loves it. She's supposed to be working half-time, but somehow it usually works out to be more than that. That's what happens when you're doing something you love.

Let's give Larry & Gloria a big Santa Anita A's "hello" when we see them.

Model A Ford Club of America

Santa Anita A's is a chartered member of the Model A Ford Club of America, Inc. (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)

COMING EVENTS

Horseless Carriage Car Club Show & Excursion

Sunday, December 28

by Joe Wilson

The 59th Annual Holiday Motor Excursion will be held at the Irwindale Speedway on the Sunday after Christmas. This show features cars manufactured in 1932 and earlier although other classic cars will be on display. At 10:30 AM there will be a tour, restricted to 1932 and older cars. Gates will open at 7:00 AM. Parking is \$5.00 per car.

Fullerton Antique Aircraft Tour

Sunday, January 11th

By Jim Kroeger

The Diamond Tread Chapter has invited the Santa Anita A's to join them along with the San Gabriel MARC on Sunday, January 11th for a tour to Fullerton Municipal Airport for Antique Aircraft Day which is located at 4011 W. Commonwealth in Fullerton. Aircraft as well as our cars will be on display beginning at 10 AM.

We will meet at 8:30 AM in the Clearman's North Woods Inn parking lot at Rosemead Blvd. and Huntington Drive for a surface street tour. The route is 22 miles each way and we should arrive at the airport between 9:30 AM and 10 AM. Coffee and donuts will be provided and a barbecue lunch is available for purchase. The event ends at 2 PM but we can leave after lunch.

Our tour leader is Vicky Bartlett who is also President of the Diamond Tread Chapter. Since there is no December meeting for signing up, please call Vicky at 626-799-6338 to let her know you are attending so she can provide the proper amount of maps and information. See you on tour.

Mom and Pops Night Out

Saturday, January 24

by Bob Travis

Have you ever seen a comedian juggle and do magic in 3D? Neither have I, but we all will when we go to the Mom and Pop's night out event on January 24.

We will be attending the 3:30 PM performance of Mark Nizer at the Haugh Performing Arts Center, Citrus College, Azusa. Following the performance there will be a group buffet at Peppertree Cafe, 1020 E. Route 66, Glendora starting at 6:00 PM.

The cost of the performance is \$8 per person, pre-sale rate. I have purchased 50 tickets available on a first come - first served basis. Additional tickets are available at the door on the day of performance at \$10. There is a small additional charge for the 3D glasses. No reserved seating, so plan to arrive at least 30 minutes early for the best seats.

The cost for the buffet is \$15 per person. The buffet will offer 3 entrees. Separate checks for meals will be available. Wine, beer and desert available at extra charge. The price includes tax and tip.

We will use private transportation to get to the Art Center and to the restaurant. Car pooling is encouraged.

Contact Bob Travis for tickets and dinner reservations prior to Jan 17. (626-574-0665).

Nethercutt Collection Tour

Saturday, February 7th

By Jim Kroeger

The football season will have come to an end and Valentines Day is just around the corner so I know many of you are wondering what to do with yourselves in the meantime. How about joining us on a tour to the world famous Nethercutt Collection! Yes, many of you have been there before but we have a lot of new members that have not enjoyed touring to see over 130 vintage, classic and antique automobiles.

In addition to the automobile museum there is a collection of automated mechanical instruments highlighted by a 5000-pipe Wurlitzer Theatre Organ. This collection can be seen by tour only. But wait, there's more! Behind the automobile museum sits a restored 1937 Canadian Pacific Hudson Locomotive and a 1912 Pullman Private Car owned by Clara Baldwin whose father "Lucky" Baldwin helped build our own city of Arcadia. This can only be seen by private tour also.

We have reservations for the 10 AM tour of the mechanical instrument collection that will take two hours. A self-guided tour at the automobile museum will follow, concluding with a guided tour of the Pullman car beginning at 12:30 PM. We will end the day by traveling down the street to the Bear Pit for a barbecue lunch.

We begin our day by meeting at Jim Kroeger's house located at 2669 E. Villa St. in Pasadena at **8:15 AM**. We will depart at **8:30 AM**. The tour is 27 miles each way. It will take about one hour to reach the Nethercutt, as we have to arrive at 9:45 AM for the 10AM tour. For those of you taking your modern cars the address to the Nethercutt is 15151 Bledsoe St. in Sylmar. The phone is 818-364-6464. Sign-up at the general meeting or call your tour meister, Jim Kroeger at 626-710-6592. Hope to see you on tour.



COMING EVENTS -

Auction Night in Arcadia

Friday, Feb 27 **Starts at 7:00 PM**

Yes, it's closet cleaning time again. Yes, we know you have been collecting surplus "things" all year. And, yes we want to help you find a home for all those "Collectibles".

Load up the trailer and bring them to the annual Santa Anita A's Auction on Friday, February 27th. Pay attention, that is February not January next year.

Of course you are expected to participate in both the buying as well as the selling portion of the event. Think of it as a convenient and efficient way to exchange things you do not want with things other people do not want.

PS - This is the same place as our General Meeting, but the affair starts at 7:00 PM

Tour to the CCRG in Santa Maria

April 9 – April 13, 2015 by Bob Moore

The Santa Maria Model A Club is hosting the 2015 CCRG (Central California Regional Group) weekend event. The CCRG is comprised of Model A Clubs in the central portion of California. A CCRG event is held annually and the Santa Maria Club is the host in 2015 from April 10 -12.

Our club attended the CCRG in Bakersfield in 2012 along with 250 members from other clubs. More details will follow when the Santa Maria Club provides information on the hotels and their planned tours.

Keep this date open. This will be a fun tour.

OTHER STUFF

On Sept. 21, 1897, The New York Sun published what was to become the most widely read letter to a newspaper. It was sent by 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon, who lived with her parents in Manhattan. Below is the full text of that letter and the reply by Sun editorial writer Francis Pharcellus Church.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Dear Editor, I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no [Santa Claus](#). Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus? Virginia O'Hanlon 115 W. 95th St.



Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10 thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

PAST EVENTS

Christmas Party

December 13

Joe Wilson

There was much joy and excitement when the Santa Anita A's gathered for their Christmas party but there was a concern on everyone's mind. Things were different this year but no one said anything. Was it possible? What would we do if it happened? Did he get the memo? Was it too late to make a call? And if we did, would he answer? Was his GPS properly set?



Santa has been attending our party for many years. He knew where we were. We always gathered at the Sierra Madre Methodist church for the event, but not this year. Would he find us at Arcadia Presbyterian Church? There was great suspense. But then it happened.



The door to the bathroom swung open in a flash and there he stood, a little old man so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. Out he strode, leaving his sleigh and trained animals outside alone watched over by a red nose deer talking on the phone. He looked different though he wore the same hat, jacket and boot. Had he gained weight or lost it? Hard to tell but who gives a hoot. Here was good old Santa, no longer smoking a pipe, giving out candy canes and presents to both young and old alike.



For the first time in years Santa and Mickey were both there together talking. Too bad Don McBride wasn't around. Santa asked where he was.



There were 65 people at the party including Santa and his band, the Claus Boy's Duo. The Claus Band which consisted of Mickey Fruchter (banjo) and Bob Moore (piano) played Christmas songs and were able to stay in tune with our group singing by playing off key.

Jim Kroeger and Janet were dressed properly, but had another party in mind.

Elaine Perry and helper, Carol Emanuelli, along with their many elves did a wonderful job organizing the event.



Santa was pleased - said he'd be back again wherever we might be. Guess we'll just have to wait impatiently and see.

MORE OTHER

President's message continued from Page 1

Most social organizations are conducted on a calendar year basis. The subject of us changing to a calendar year has come up several times at recent board meetings. After considerable discussion the board, at its last meeting, voted to change to a calendar year. Therefore, we must change our bylaws which will require a vote by the club members at the next general meeting (January 2015). Copies of the proposed revised by-laws will be provided well before the meeting to allow each member to understand what they are being called to vote on.

Assuming the change will be approved by the general membership it will cause a realignment of the club calendar in terms of when certain activities will occur. For example, dues for 2015 – 2016 normally collected in April/ May will be collected on a prorated basis for the remainder of calendar year 2015. Then dues for the 2016 calendar year will be collected in Nov/Dec 2015 for 2016.

Elections for 2016 will be held November 2015. Other major activities of the club will not be impacted. I urge a yes vote on this change as it just makes good sense.

Happy Holidays and very good wishes for the new year. Remember, drive an A every day.

Ladies' Brunch

The Ladies' Brunch is on the second Monday of the month. Newer members, come and get to know other ladies in the club. The food is good. Separate checks.

The group meets at Annia's which is located at the El Monte airport, 11:00 AM.

Call Bea Fruchter (626-797-2048) if you are confused.



SAA General Meeting Minutes November 28, 2014

- The meeting was called to order by President Bob Travis at 7:31 PM.
- The flag salute was led by Mickey Fruchter.
- Membership:
Randy Harper introduced guests Scott Hettrick, Sho Tay and Sherry Tay
- Announcements:
 - Holiday Party, Arcadia Presbyterian Church Friendship Hall, bring an ornament for the tree.
 - Holiday Lights Tour - meet at Coco's 4:30 PM before Holiday Party Dec. 13th
 - Mom and Pops Night Out Jan. 24, 2015 Hough Performing Arts Center Citrus College. Dinner afterwards.
 - Arcadia Best Foundation, Scott Hettrick invited club to Carcadia Christmas show Sat Dec. 6th. Arrive between 3:00-4:00PM, event will go from 5:00- 9:00 PM. He also talked about Carcadia every month on 4th Sunday of each month at Denny's from 7:30-9:00 AM.
 - Bob Travis told the membership that Tom Forbes was in the Hospital.
 - Bea said she is looking for Ladies raffle sign ups for Jan., March and June.
 - Seminars Marlin said that Jack Dawson would be doing a gas-welding seminar in the future. He also talked about Randy Harper and restoration of carburetors.
 - Bob Travis wished Carol Emanuelli a Happy Birthday.
- Tours:
 - Dec. 13th Christmas Light Tour and Party
April 9-13 CCRG
Jim Kroeger will take over as tour leader in January,
Thank you to Bob Moore for tour first half of year.
- Spoken Wheels:
Joe said he sent newsletter out over Web Site this month. He read a letter from Chris Wickersham. He said that Alan Bennett is doing a group tire order from Goodyear at a 20% discount.
- Program: Running for Political office - Bob Harbicht talked about how he ran for City Council in Arcadia and Duarte. He also ran for State Assembly in 2000.
- BREAK
- Recall to Order
- The minutes of the October General Meeting were approved as printed in the Spoken Wheels.
- The Treasurer's report was read and approved.
- New Business
Bob Travis explained about the bi- law changes the club will vote on in January. We will vote on changing from a fiscal year to a calendar year. Dues will be prorated; elections will be in the fall.
- Thank you to Nancy Stancil and Joe Principe for refreshment set-up.
- Ladies' Raffle Elaine Perry
- Thank you to cookie bringers: Carol Emanuelli, Olive Moore & Sally Baquet
- 50/25/25 winners: Joann Formia and Bob Travis \$16.50 ea.
- Name badge winners Joyce Travis \$5.00
- Drove Model A to the meeting winner - Mickey & Bea Fruchter
- Men and Ladies Raffle
- Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Elaine Perry, Secretary

FROM THE SHOP BENCH

by Bob Travis



The following article appeared in the April 2010 issue of the Milepost (Newsletter of the Model A Touring Club). It is reprinted here with the intention of being helpful to our new members and as a reminder to our more experienced members. Club members acting as tour directors should be knowledgeable of these "rules of the road".

Touring Sense

by Bob Travis & Keith Smith

Most of you should know the "Rules of the Road for Model A Touring," but some may not be cognizant of all of them and then there are those who have forgotten some. Therefore, let us put forth some rules, that will make touring safe and sane for Model A's and modern cars that share the road. We assume at the start that everyone in the group has radio communications.

1. Never travel in groups of more than five cars. California law defines more than five cars traveling in a group as a "Convoy," which requires a permit. Some of us have been stopped for violating this law. All states may not look at us in this way, but it makes sense to keep the groups small. Each group leader should have the tour route directions so that there is no need for keeping the groups ahead in sight.

2. When traveling in a group on freeways or four lane highways, allow approximately 1000 feet (three football fields) between cars. This will allow modern cars, even big rig trucks, to pass. Stay in the Number-One (slow) lane unless you see that this lane exits before you want to do so. If the leader is not in the Number-One lane, then follow him or her. The leader should warn the group when changing lanes. Upon notification of a lane change, cars behind the leader may initiate the change as soon as the next lane is clear and notify cars ahead that you have "Closed the back Door." Upon entering urban areas on surface roads and streets with traffic signals, you should close up the separation distance commensurate with the speed of traffic flow. Keep enough room to safely brake, but not so much as to invite moderns to cut in. Be alert approaching traffic signals to facilitate the group getting through on the same green light. Don't dawdle! Drivers lagging behind is generally the cause of splitting the group. The leader should never accelerate to "beat" the light. He will cause a definite split and will have to wait anyway.

3. Be alert to traffic behind you. "Tail-End Charlie" car must be alert for modern traffic build up and notify the lead car to look for the first opportunity to pull over, allowing modern traffic to pass the group. The leader must exercise good judgment and if he feels there is little likelihood of group pull-outs, in the next few miles, he should inform the group to make way for modern cars individually. The next car should take the same action, allowing the modern car traffic to pass him. If this is the case, the leader must pull over at the first opportunity to reform the group.

4. If a car breaks down, only the Model A following should pull over to assist, all others should keep moving. The driver of the broken car should notify others in the group by radio that he has stopped. If there is a designated "mechanic" in the group, he should be notified and come to assist. Good judgment is required by drivers

of "lame" cars when using the Interstates. Try to avoid pulling over on the shoulder of a busy highway. If the car can limp along pull off at the next off ramp. Advise the leader well in advance so that the group can exit together.

5. If there is a modern car traveling with a group of Model A's, it should not follow *immediately behind* the group of A's unless it has a sign advising following traffic that "Antique Cars Ahead." Otherwise, drivers of modern cars approaching the group from behind will not realize that the modern car following the Model A's is part of the group and will hesitate passing him, expecting him to pass the Model A's first.

The rules for groups without radio contact are much the same; however, group control is much more difficult and therefore, radios are encouraged, at least in the lead and Tail-End Charlie cars. Here are some exceptions:

A. With no radio, each driver must take responsibility for the car immediately behind him or her. We'll call this the "car behind." When driving on an Interstate, the gap should be closed up to try to keep the car behind in view. If a modern and especially a truck fills the gap behind you and you aren't approaching an exit where the rear traffic is likely to exit, slow down perceptively. Hopefully, this will cause the intervening driver to pass or at least move to the next lane giving you a clear view behind.

B. On two-lane roads, each driver must make way for a back up of modern cars on his or her own. Do what the behind car does!

C. The leader must make frequent checks to see that the group is together and must stop if ever in doubt to allow a regrouping.

D. At all turns that might not be obvious (Blind Turn), a driver will not make the turn until such time that the car behind is clearly in sight and that driver probably has the car ahead in sight. This may require the driver about to turn to park beside the road until the car in the rear comes into view.

E. After completing a "blind turn" described in D, proceed straight ahead until you see the car ahead of you. The driver is obligated to wait until you can see where he or she is going.

F. If the car behind pulls over for any reason, the car ahead should do so, as well. This sends a signal up the line to the leader that something is amiss.

G. If only some cars have radios, then a modified set of rules apply. If only one car has a radio, operate following the no radio rules. If two or more radios are available, one radio car will be the leader and another "Tail-End Charlie." Always put non-radio cars directly behind the leader. The leader will operate using non-radio procedures with respect to the non-radio cars and will be advised by those who do have radios.

H. In all cases, the leader must be aware if there are cars in the group without overdrives. If so, the leader should put the non-overdrive cars directly behind him or her and adjust the touring speed accordingly by maintaining the gap to the non-overdrive car. The non-overdrive car driver should keep his or her speed at a comfortable rate to set the pace for the entire group.

These rules require discipline and practice. Driving a Model A requires greater focus than modern cars. So, whether you are working on your car in the garage, or enjoying a nice ride in your A-make it Safety First.

MARLIN'S MUSINGS
By Marlin Perry



Santa Anita A's Christmas Party 2014

This year as in the past found us all at our annual Christmas party. Everyone was decked out in their best. Dave from Chef's Restaurant along with his wife catered the festive event. Hors d'oeuvres were set up along with ham, turkey and trimmings for dinner. For dessert they had apple, pumpkin and cherry pie and cookies. Nancy Stancil found whipped cream for the pies. The pies tasted like mom's homemade. The only difference was Dave made them all from scratch.

The evening was very festive with poinsettias on all the tables including the piano. The Emanuelli's decorated the Christmas tree with all the bulbs donated by many club members. We all ate many hors d'oeuvres and all the trimmings at dinner. After dinner Mickey played the banjo and Bob Moore played the piano. Mickey led us all in Christmas Carols. Soon we all looked over and guess what, Santa Claus appeared.

Yes, Don McBride was Santa and I will say a very good one. To the excitement of the kids Santa went around passing out candy canes and then, up on the stage, called out the names of big and little kids. Our President, Bob Travis along with the kids sat on Santa's lap, gifts & fun for all.

Bob Travis thanked all who helped with everything including all the can goods for the needy. Elaine asked all who sat at each table who had the closest birthday to Christmas, this individual got the poinsettia. Elaine gave the one on the piano to Mickey for Bea who is in the hospital.

We had a special visit by Jim Kroger and Janet; believe me they were dressed fit for a king and queen, going to another party. This year found us at a different church and with a custodian taking care of many things.

This year's party was great and thanks to Bob Travis it went well. Elaine and I shut the front door of the church at 8:30 PM and off to home where I watched Hee-Haw on television. As many said - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

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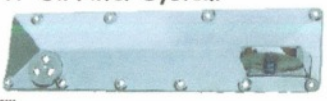
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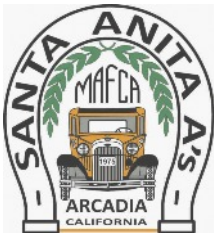
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1. Check your email for "Special Announcements".
2. Be prepared to vote on by-law changes at the January meeting. See page 3
3. Gather your goodies for the club auction in Feb. - see page 5



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