



December, 2015

Celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> Year - 1975 to 2015  
**Santa Anita A's**  
Arcadia, CA

# Spoken Wheels

## FICTION AND FACT

### General Meeting

No meeting this month

### Program

No meeting, ergo, no program or cookies



## New Job Description Manual

The club's Job Description manual has been revised and now includes job descriptions for all club Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairs.

The new manual describes the policies and procedures to be followed by persons holding the various club positions. The newly elected and appointed Committee Chairs are asked to read this document thoroughly then, if this is a new position for you, discuss it with your predecessor. Some of the responsibilities have been changed, so read carefully.

## New Club Bylaws

The Club bylaws were revised and approved by the club members earlier this year. We urge all club members to read this document and become familiar with its contents. It's important that everyone understand the rules under which the club is to be operated.

## Distribution of Club Documents

The Job Description Manual and the Club Bylaws are now posted in the 'Members Only' section of the club web site where they can be accessed, downloaded and printed.

In the near future you will receive an email which will have both documents attached. I suggest you download and print the documents using the "duplex" setting on your computer to print on both sides of the paper. The Job Description Manual contains 14 pages printed on both sides.

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



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - BOB TRAVIS

It is with some degree of sadness and great deal of happiness that I write my last message as your president. I extend my sincere appreciation to the Officers and Board Members, especially those who served us so well for the eighteen months instead of the usual 12 months as we made the transition from a fiscal to a calendar year. It was this dedicated group that kept me on track, including the chairs and committee members, tour leaders and members that make for a great club.

I send out a special thanks to Mickey Fruchter for his shepherding the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, to Janet Beggs for the 40th Anniversary Gala, to Joe Wilson, Bob Moore and Carol Emanuelli for their efforts in developing/revising the job descriptions and to Elaine Perry and the entire Nominating Committee for their work.

Nineteen club members had a great visit to the Kellogg House and the Arabian Horse Show at Cal-Poly Pomona. The third time was a charm as it didn't rain and was a beautiful day. Thanks, Bob Moore.

By the time you read this the Holiday Party and Christmas lights tour will be history. Thank you, Elaine for arranging the party and thanks to Steve and Kathy Considine and to Bob and Judi Moore for being such great hosts for the Christmas Lights tour. If we could just get Mickey to learn to play the banjo everything would be perfect.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President. It has been a great ride and remember -- Drive an A every day.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### December

25 - December meeting canceled by Santa Claus  
27 - Holiday Motor Excursion , see page 4

### January

10- SCRG Meeting (MAFCA, S. CA Regional Group) at Perry's  
11- Ladies Brunch, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM  
13- Board Meeting, Place to be announced, 7:00 PM  
17- Installation Banquet, see page 4  
21- Men's Breakfast, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM

### February

### March

11 - Ladies Day

### April

12 to 18 - CCRG, see page 4



**Would you let  
this Santa Claus  
slide down  
your Chimney?**

## IMPORTANT STUFF

### 2016 Membership Roster

Preparation of the 2016 printed Club Members Roster will begin in January and we will need your help. We think we know who you are, what you look like and where you live, but need you to confirm it. We need you to make sure the information in our data base is correct.

So, please go to the club's web site, open up the "Roster" Section under the "Members Only" tab and check the info under your name. Let us know what changes we need to make. That can be done using the form on the web site or by sending an email to Joe Wilson (joejoy@pacbell.net).

The new Roster will be printed and distributed in February. It will include all members who have paid their 2016 dues.

### Don't Forget Your Dues

Dues for the year 2016 will be due and payable by January 1, 2016. Dues will be past due after January 31. Send a \$30 check payable to the Santa Anita A's and mail it to Sheri Johnson, 844 Diamond S., Monrovia, CA 91016

## OFFICERS, BOARD & CHAIRS

### OFFICERS

#### President:

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Larry Rummens, Mickey Fruchter,

Randy Gross, Louie Formia, Dick

Homet,

Chris Wickersham & Brad Balmot

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Jim Frick 626-303-5233

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Bea Fruchter 626-797-2048

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### Raffle - 50-25-25:

Bea Fruchter 626-797-2048

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

### Think About It

It takes courage and conviction to stand up and speak for your point of view. It likewise takes restraint and respect to sit down and listen to what others say. But it is confidence and strength of character that allows you to change your mind.

### SUNSHINE LADY - JOYCE TRAVIS/ JUDI MOORE

Get well cards were sent to Joyce Travis & John Spielmann.  
Thinking of you cards were sent to Bob Moore & Leroy Gilbert

### COOKIE BRINGERS ALERT - DIANA KINCART

Cookie Bringers are on a holiday leave of absence

### PHOTO DONORS

Wilbert Smith, Joe Wilson, John Emanuelli

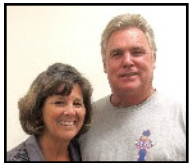
## NEW MEMBERS

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



**Dave Galassi & Deborah Symons**  
626-390-3492 Cell  
2174 Crary St., Pasadena, CA, 91104  
restyourcase@live.com  
Joined June, 2015

**Joss & Regina Rogers**  
626-403-3324, cell 626-862-4400  
525 Grand Ave., S. Pasadena, 91030  
srogers413@aol.com  
Joined July, 2015



**Mark & Karen Gollhardt**  
626-335-2003  
1155 E. Plymouth St., Glendora, 91740  
gollhardt@aol.com  
Joined July 2015 1929 Closed Cab PU

**Larry & May Pare**  
818-951-3215 cell 818-389-1885  
10843 Delibon Ave., Tujunga, 91042  
Filonkideca@it.com  
Joined July 2915 1931 Victoria



**Marco Marquez & Mayrena Ocha**  
Cell 626-318-1070  
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onemarcomarquez@yahoo.com  
Joined Sep. 2015



**Gary & Trang Weber**  
626-799-8135 cell 626-862-3721  
2059 La France Ave., S. Pasadena 91030  
Blumustang65@sbcglobal.net  
Joined Sep. 2015 1931 Coupe

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### January Birthdays

2 - Leslie Pam  
3 - Toni Caswell  
3 - John Fant  
11 - Olive Moore  
12 - Steven Kurtz  
13 - Jamie Frick  
15 - Sally Baquet  
16 - Jan Roderick  
17 - Brad Balmot  
18 - Jo Ann Formia  
18 - BobTravis  
20 - Jim Kroeger  
29 - Tom Johnson  
30 - Chris Wickersham

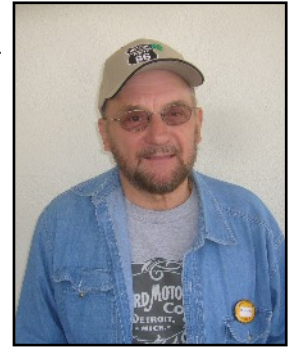
### January Anniversaries

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

## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT BY BOB HARBICHT

### Jim & Lan Skalicky

Jim started out with a Model T but it seemed to be under repair about as much as he drove it. He told me, "I think the T stands for trouble." So he decided to upgrade to a much more modern car, a Model A, and bought a 1928 AR Phaeton. It is a very early one, with a number of 2251.



He found the Model A so much more reliable that the last time he took the Model T in for repairs – last May – he bought another Model A, this one a 1931 Deluxe Coupe. He sounds like a number of others in our club who have been bitten by the Model A bug. The Model T, meanwhile, is still at the mechanic's.

Jim is a Psychologist; some say just what our club needs. He teaches at Citrus College and also has a private practice. Lan is the office manager of his practice. Interestingly, his private practice consists mostly of postal workers (insert your own joke here).

Jim and Lan have been married for ten years and have three children, 7 grandchildren, and one on the way. They're lucky all the grandchildren live nearby so they're easy to spoil.

Jim took up playing piano about three years ago. Lan said he showed marked improvement in the first six months; since then, not so much. Jim and Lan also enjoy gardening.

One thing they are known for in their neighborhood is decorating their house and yard for holidays. They usually try to incorporate the old cars into the decorations. They've posted a couple of videos of their decorations on You Tube, look for "Halloween Model T" and "Zombies and Friends." Since they are still working they have trouble making it to some of our weekday events, but hope to get to know the other members better as time goes by. Let's make an effort to welcome them at a meeting.

### 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))

## BREAKING NEWS

### Members Reported Missing

An unconfirmed report states that several Model A Ford club members were lost during a recent neighborhood Christmas Lights Tour.

They were last seen entering the home of Kathy and Steve Concidine in Glendora, California during the Santa Anita A's annual Christmas light tour. A search party believes they wandered off the trail somewhere between Christmas tree number 1 in the living room and Christmas tree number 18 in the bathroom. They are not considered to be in danger as they were warmly dressed and had access to cookies.

The remainder of the club continued their tour on to the home of Judi Moore and some guy named Bob. There, a variety of high sugar content food and hard cider was served while singing what were believed to be Christmas songs accompanied by Mickey Fruchter and Bob Moore playing unidentifiable songs on unidentifiable instruments.

A full report on the missing members and the unidentifiable songs, including photographs will appear in the January issue of the Spoken Wheels.

## COMING EVENTS

### Holiday Motor Excursion and Car Show

Sunday, December 27

by Joe Wilson

The 60<sup>th</sup> annual excursion and car show sponsored by the Horseless Carriage club will be held again at the Irwindale Speedway. This event features hundreds of cars of all ages. Cars built prior to 1932 are eligible to participate in a driving excursion mapped out to include the surrounding area. The event is held from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Irwindale Speedway, 500 Speedway Drive, Irwindale.

### Installation Banquet

Sunday, January 17

by Bob Travis

Installation of the 2016 Santa Anita A's Officers and Board members will take place at the Santa Anita Golf Course Clubhouse located at 405 South Santa Anita Ave. Arcadia on Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Join us in formally recognizing the club's "New Management".

The event will include entertainment and a full service dinner with a choice of two entrees - Roast New York steak or Broiled filet of salmon. Cost is \$28.25 per person, including tax and tip.

Cocktail hour (no host bar) begins at 5:00 PM, dinner will be served at 6:00 PM.

Make your reservations now by sending a check to Sheri Johnson. Make the check payable to the Santa Anita A's and mail it to Sheri at 844 Diamond St. Monrovia, CA 91016. Come join us for a great evening of fellowship, entertainment and just plain fun.

### Ladies Day 2016 -

Brunch, Vintage Fashion Show & Tea

Friday, March 11

by Vicky Balmot & Caroll Emanuelli

Join us for a Ladies Day filled with fun, food and fashion! We will meet for brunch at Mimi's located at 500 W. Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016 at 10:30 AM on Friday, March 11, 2016. Following brunch we will drive a few short miles from our brunch to the Senior Center in Arcadia where we will enjoy a fashion show.

The Senior Center is located at 365 Campus Drive. The tea and vintage fashion show is designed for adults over the age of 50.

Author and Arcadia Historical expert, Carol Libby, will be the emcee. Treats and tea will be provided to all guests. Several of our Model A cars will be on display. Vintage hats and clothing are encouraged but not required. This 1 ½ hour show will start at 1:00 PM.

Brunch at Mimi's, the Vintage Fashion Show and Tea, all taxes and tips cost only \$10/person for Santa Anita A's paid up members only. Non-member guests may join the tour at a cost of \$21.50 /person. Sorry, but there can be no refunds. First come, first serve, limited to 40 people.

Select one of five entrees for brunch: Bacon and Blue Cheese Salad, Roasted Turkey Club Sandwich, Grilled Chicken Guacamole Sandwich, Brioche French Toast or Quiche Florentine. Price includes tax, tip, lemonade, soft drink, coffee or tea.

Please call Carol Emanuelli at 626-286-5267 to make reservations or if you have questions. Please make your check payable to the Santa Anita A's and mail it to PO Box 660904, Arcadia, CA 91006-0904 **no** later than Friday, February 5, 2016. Or you may pay at the January club meeting. Please include your name, address, phone number and menu selection at the time of payment.



### 2016 CCRG Jamboree Clovis, CA

April 12 - 18, 2016

by Bob Moore

The Central California Regional Group (CCRG) is holding the 2016 Jamboree in Clovis on April 15 - 17. This year's Jamboree is hosted by the Sierra Model A Ford Club. The CCRG Jamboree is an annual event conducted by one of MAFCA's Model A clubs in the central region of California. The Clovis event is the perfect opportunity for a Model A tour. Current plan ideas are to leave on April 12 or 13 and be home on April 18. On the way to Clovis, we will visit some interesting places.

If you have never attended a CCRG, this is a great opportunity to be with fellow club members on a non-freeway tour. Let Bob Moore know if you may be interested in attending. He suggests that we make room reservations now!

## PAST EVENTS

### Ruby Gala

November 21

by Joe Wilson

Class, you either have it or you don't. We had it and it was on display at the Santa Anita A's Ruby Gala celebration of the club's founding 40 years ago. The invitation to "Dress to Impress" brought out 96 club members and friends for an evening of fantastic fun and frivolity at the beautiful Shakespeare Club in Pasadena. The event was organized by Janet Beggs who did a class A job in making it a class event.

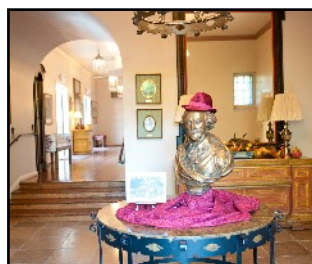


Of the twelve members who started the club, three are still members and attended the celebration: Brad Balmot, Marlin Perry and Gordon Johnson. They were recognized and each presented with a glass Ruby stone. Bob Travis, our current President, presented Brad Balmot with a pin recognizing his forty years as a member of MAFCA, our national organization.



Janet Beggs, the Ruby Gala organizer and Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening was presented a bouquet for her efforts in making the event a resounding success.

With a warm fall evening we began the celebration by socializing on the patio with a special drink called the Ruby Gala which was concocted by Jim Kroeger. We then adjourned to the dining room for a fine meal and entertainment. Music was provided by a singing quartet, the "Singers in Law" accompanied by the band, "Just Us Quartet", all of which are attorneys.



We are all anticipating what the "Gold Gala" will be like when we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**SAA Christmas Party**

December 12

by Joe Wilson

**Arabian Horse Show at Cal Poly Pomona**

December 6

by Joe Wilson

Long in planning, canceled twice due to rain, this event finally did happen. It was a beautiful clear day when a group of 23 toured the Kellogg home at Cal State Pomona campus, had lunch at the school's convention center, made a quick stop at the school's Farm Store and then watched students put their Arabian Horses through their paces.



W.K. Kellogg, founder of the Kellogg's Cereal Co. bought the 177 acre property in 1925 and built his home on the property in 1926. The property eventually was donated to the University of California and became part of the Cal State Polytechnical University.

Fortunately, Bob Moore's third attempt to schedule the horse show was successful. Unfortunately, Bob could not attend as he had to take a sick day off.



The annual SAA family Christmas party which featured the Arcadia High School Chanteurs singing group was well attended. Again, the guest star was Mr. S. Claus who resides in a secret place near the North Pole. He was making a preliminary tour to select locations, including Arcadia, CA, prior to his official visit on December 25. He brought presents for the young ones in our group but only lumps of coal for the rest of us. A total of 69 men, women, children and elves participated in the event.



In years past, for some reason Santa was never able to meet-up with Mickey Fruchter. This year he found Mickey and gave him all of the candy canes he had saved for him over the years. Unfortunately, for some reason this year Santa couldn't find Don McBride to give him his candy cane. Well, maybe



next year.





# Santa Anita A's Veteran



## Rick Phillips USAF 1959-1961

After graduating from high school I completed Vocational Automotive Training at Pasadena City College. At age 22 I was working as an auto mechanic in Pasadena and because of pressure from being drafted into the army I enlisted in the United States Air Force for two years as an Aviation Cadet in April, 1959. As part of the enlistment process I spent three days at March Air Force Base in Riverside, California. On the second day our group of twenty took the Officer Quality Test. Nineteen of us passed that test. On the third day we took the Air Force Flight Physical, two qualified as navigators, and two as pilots. I was one of the pilots. After five weeks of Preflight Pilot Training in Texas, I dropped out of the Aviation Cadet program and served the rest of my enlistment as a regular airman.

I was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas (preflight training); Lowry AFB, Denver, Colorado (armament school), and at Minot AFB, Minot, North Dakota as an armament mechanic on F-106 Fighter- Interceptor aircraft.

What a shock for this California boy to experience North Dakota winter. I was at Minot for two winters and one summer; I saw -50° F three times! Not only was it cold in North Dakota, it was also very windy. The icicles hanging from the eaves of the buildings would sometimes be horizontal. I also saw some very spectacular “northern lights” (aurora borealis) one summer night.

There was not much to do in Minot: one movie theater, one bowling alley, a public library, and a bar on every corner. Two of the airmen at the base wanted to take a night school physiology class at the State Teachers College in town. I had a car; they didn't, so they talked me into taking the class with them so they would have transportation. They both dropped out, but I finished the class and continued to take classes at the college for the rest of the time I was at Minot.

I was honorably discharged as an Airman Second Class (E-3) in June 1961 after serving two years and two months. I had extended my enlistment for two months to attend armament school.

After leaving the Air Force I went back to college at PCC and CSULA and received a teaching credential. I spent the next 24 years teaching Industrial Arts at La Canada High School, and then 9 years as an auto shop teacher at Diamond Bar High School. I also spent some time teaching night school in auto shop at PCC. After I retired from teaching in 1997, I worked a few years at an auto repair shop in Temple City doing smog testing and repair.



Rick Phillips 1959



Rick & Carolyn Phillips

## MARLINS MUSINGS BY MARLIN PERRY

First, I thank you all for your concern and cards during my bout with falling in the wash. I appreciate your cards and calls about how I was doing. This is truly a club of friends.

Second, I thank Janet and all who worked on the Ruby Gala event. It was a great and a very fun night. It is hard to believe the club is 40 years old and still going great.

This month Chris Wickersham and Mickey Fruchter worked on our daughter Tracy and son-in-law Larry's Phaeton. They replaced a head gasket; also Bob Travis worked on the headlights. The car is now out of sickbay. Also this month Mickey will be helping John Emanuelli with an electrical problem.

Next in line is my sister Nancy's car. After the first of the year she needs to have a new clutch in her Sedan.

Wishing everyone Happy Holiday's and Happy Model A'n.

## IMPORTANT OTHER STUFF

### A Holiday Thank You from Elaine Perry

I hope everyone had a good time at the Holiday Party. Good food and good friends is a great combination. I want to thank the decorating committee of Tom & Sheri Johnson, John & Carol Emanuelli, Mickey and Bea Fruchter who came early to help with tree trimming and table decorations. Thank you to Judi Moore for the invocation before dinner and thank you to Mickey for the entertainment from Arcadia High School. A special thank you to "Santa" Don McBride. I think it was a wonderful evening. We missed Bob and Joyce Travis and we all hope Joyce will be on the mend very soon. Also thank you to everyone who pitched in to clean up after the party.

Wishing you all a very happy holiday and happy 2016.



### SAA General Meeting Minutes - November 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Travis at 7:32 PM. The flag salute was led by John McDannel.

**Membership:** Randy Harper introduced guests Ron & Sharon Pierce from Nevada City. Ron is Tom Johnson's cousin.

**Tours:** Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> - Arabian Horse Show, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>- Holiday Lights Tour, Dec.27<sup>th</sup> - Horseless Carriage tour Irwindale Raceway.

**Spoken Wheels:** Joe Wilson said the address for the Ruby Gala was wrong in the paper the address is 171 So. Grand not North Grand. He said he is taking orders for club shirts.

**Minutes:** The minutes for the October meeting were approved as printed.

**Treasurer's report:** Treasurer's report was approved as read.

**Elections:** Elaine read the slate of candidates for office: all candidates running for the Board were asked to stand. They gave a short talk about their qualifications and why they were running for office. There were no nominations from the floor so ballots were handed out to the members.

**Discussion:** Bob Travis gave a short talk on "What's My Car Worth" while the ballots were counted.

**Election results:** President - John McDannel, Vice President - Ken Mallory, Secretary - Elaine Perry, Treasurer - Sheri Johnson, Board Members - AC Byrd, Steve Concidine, Carol Emanuelli, Jim Kreoger, Bob Travis Immediate Past President

**Holiday Lights Tour:** Bob showed pictures of Steve and Kathy Concidine's house that we will see on the Holiday Lights tour. Bob Moore said if you are unable to find parking at his house you can park down the hill in the City Hall parking lot.

**Update on Marlin:** Dick Canzoneri asked Bob about Marlin's fall. Bob said Marlin is doing better.

**Announcements:** Cookie Bringers, Diana Kincart passed around a sign-up sheet for next year's cookie bringers.

**Installation Banquet:** Bob said the installation banquet is January 17<sup>th</sup>. More information in December Spoken Wheels. He also said you can pay Sheri tonight for the Christmas Party and dues.

**BREAK & Recall to Order**

**Thank yous:** To cookie bringers Gerry McKinney, Kathy Concidine, Karen Gollhardt and Mary McDannel for the homemade Pumpkin pies. Thank you to Carol Emanuelli for the ladies raffle prizes and John McDannel for fresh eggs for the men's raffle. Thank you to Nancy Stancil and Nancy Sharpe for refreshment set up.

**Raffle Winners:** 50/25/25 winners: Larry Butkus and Sheri Johnson \$31.00 each. Name badge winner Steve and Kathy Concidine, Drove Model A - Nancy Stancil

**Men and Ladies Raffle:** Many winners

Members reminded to bring non-perishable food for Foothill Unity food bank to the Christmas Party.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

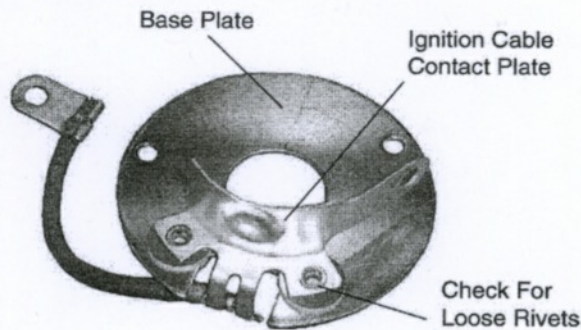


The following article which was originally printed in the Model A Times points out the quality differences between the original Distributor Lower Plate and some aftermarket versions.

### DISTRIBUTOR LOWER PLATE

#### The Good and The Bad

The distributor Lower Plate is subject to a lot of pressure from the end of the ignition cable that screws into the distributor body. The Base Plate and the attaching (riveted) Contact Plate were originally made of .040" thick steel. During the past 20 years this Lower Plate and the attaching Contact Plate have been manufactured of different metal thickness. Some have been found that were made of less than .020" steel plate. This thinner metal allows the Contact Plate to bend from the pressure of the ignition cable making full contact with the plate, resulting in shorting of the contact plate. With the thinner metal plates the rivets for the Contact plate are not swaged tight enough to hold the pressure from the ignition cable, resulting in an electrical short between the Base Plate and the Contact Plate.



LOWER DISTRIBUTOR PLATE

The better quality plates made today are still not made as well as the original plate. Both pieces of the original plate were made of .040" thick metal. No bending occurred and the rivets were tight, eliminating shorts.

The best that can be found today have a .030" Base Plate and .026" Contact Plate. It works if the rivets are tight. The rivets are not always tight on this plate and should always be checked before installation. There are still some very cheap and flimsy plates on the market. Buy the best you can. Don't be afraid to use an old original plate out of a dirty distributor found at a swap meet. The original is still the best made part.

### For Sale 1929 Model A Roadster Pick up

It is Green in color and is in pristine condition. It is all original and has very few miles on it since restoration!. \$24,000 OBO. Located in Burbank, Calif.

Ron Olczyk Email: [rons442@gmail.com](mailto:rons442@gmail.com)  
Cell: 818-244-3351

### Looking for

#### Truck lid for 30-31 Coupe

Either complete with skin and liner or just a good liner  
Contact Evalyn Ingram at 626-533-7571

### For Sale - Model A Engine

New Rods, new pistons, new valves, new adjustable lifters, B+ cam grind, full oil pressure, new studs, and V8 Cliffy oil pump. No oil filter so the engine looks stock but runs great. No trade in necessary. \$5,500 OBO. Contact Jim Frick at 626-303-5233 or 626-319-2383

### FRONT FENDERS

Model A front fenders. Condition from fair to good. Take a look and make an offer. Dick Canzoneri (626) 358-8182

### FOR SALE

1926 MODEL T WITH A MODEL A ENGINE  
ASKING \$17,500 - MUST SEE IN SAN DIMAS  
CALL NORM GWINN AT 951-805-6031

### For Sale

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