



January, 2016

# Spoken Wheels

## BREAKING NEWS

### Annual Club Auction - January 29

Don't forget to bring goodies and dollars  
Starts at 7:00 PM

### Marlin Perry steps down as Low End Boys leader

Club President, John McDannel, announced that Marlin Perry has decided to resign his position as leader of the Low End Boys and that Mickey Fruchter has been confirmed as his replacement.

Marlin will continue on as member of the group which also includes: John Emanuelli, Brad Balmot, Jim Frick, Larry Rummens, Louie Formia, Dick Homet, Chris Wickersham, Randy Gross and new head Low Boy, Mickey Fruchter.

Soon after the club was started, several of the members including Gene Reinhardt, Mel Gross and Ted Bruns and Marlin began meeting at members homes to help solve vehicle problems. That eventual grew to be what is now known as the "Low End Boys". It is a unique support service for our members that makes our club unique.

Marlin will continue to contribute occasional articles for the newsletter but his "Marlin's Musings will be discontinued. Reports on the Low End Boys activities will appear in the newsletter in a section called "The Low End Boy's Report", the first of which appears in this newsletter.

### Club Bylaw Revision

At their last meeting the Board of Directors approved a new set of bylaws. These bylaws must be adopted by the club membership by a two thirds vote at a meeting having met the quorum requirements. The vote will be taken at the February general meeting. A copy of the proposed revision will be sent to you in early February for your review.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JOHN MCDANNEL

### CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

Sixty one years ago I noticed some of my older male counterparts working on their older affordable cars. A few were owners of Model A's. At the other end of the spectrum were the more creative mechanics who were morphing their cars into admirable Hot Rods. I admired what they were accomplishing.

Then there was me, still riding my bicycle repairing flats between the delivery of newspapers on my paper route. From my sophomore year in high school to my senior year, I couldn't afford a car. I spent the majority of my youth playing football, running track and working at a variety of part time jobs. There was little time or money to own a car. But, I did get use of my father's 1941 Chevy for dates after football games. Because of my participation in sports, I was greatly rewarded by learning to be a good team member.

After graduating from high school in 1959 I took a job as a laborer, laying track for the Southern Pacific Railroad. It was hard work, but I was able to purchase my first car, a 1952 Chevy for \$300.00. It served me well while attending college and as a newly commissioned officer in the USAF. I had the car painted a metallic blue, tuned it regularly, changed my own oil, did my own brakes, re-chromed it, and remodeled the interior. It was my pride and joy!

Well, 25 years ago I looked back into my youth and admired those car guys with their Model A's, so I purchased my 1929 Roadster from Jack Rohan, a member of the San Fernando Valley Club. I joined that club and MAFCA in 1985. I just celebrated my 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Model A owner. Since owning my car, I have done some beautification work and pampered it over these many years. This car has given me the opportunity to work on maintaining it in running condition since I have owned it. I have driven it in several parades and tours over the years. Thanks to our Low End Boys my car is purring right along!



A ghost of Christmas past was spotted at the home of Steve and Kathy Concidine during our recent Christmas light tour. See more photos from that event on page 6

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January

29 - Meeting / Auction night

### February

13 - Huell Howser Exhibit, Chapman University, see page 4  
18 - Men's Breakfast, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM  
18 - Youth Outreach visit to Pasadena H. S. See page 4  
21 - Griffith Observatory & Planetarium Tour, see page 4

### March

11 - Ladies Day  
12 - Descanso Gardens Cherry Blossom Tour  
17 - Men's Breakfast, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM  
31 - Wrightwood Circle Tour

### April

10 - Orange County Model A's Pancake Breakfast  
12 to 18 - CCRG, see page 4

### May

5 - Mount Baldy Tour  
14 - Fullerton Airport Day Tour

### June

11 - Driving Miss Daisy Tour/Shakespeare Club to  
Waldo Ward Jelly Co.  
26 - Henry Ford Picnic

### July

4 - So Pasadena Parade  
9 - Fillmore & Western Railroad Overnight Tour  
28 - San Gabriel East Fork Picnic Tour

### August

13 - Santa Anita A's Pancake Breakfast  
27 - Doheny Mansion Tour

### September

11 - Paramount Ranch Tour

### October

2 - Ticket to the 20's-Homestead Museum  
21-23 - Vista Fall Antique Engine & Tractor Show

### November

5 - San Bernardino Route 66 Tour  
20 - Brackett Airfield Car and Airplane Show

### December

13 - Christmas Lights Tour

### Ladies Brunch

The Ladies' Brunch will take place on Monday, February 8th at Annia's Restaurant at the El Monte Airport at 11:00 a.m. All members (new and old) are invited and please call Bea Fruchter at (626) 797-2048 for more information.

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### Think About It

Did you know that "Dammit I'm Mad" spelled backwards is "Dammit I'm Mad".

### SUNSHINE LADY -

### JUDI MOORE

Get Well and Thinking of You cards were sent to Carolyn McBride, Leroy Gilbert and Joyce Travis.

### COOKIE BRINGERS ALERT - DIANA KINCART

Diana Kincart, Mary McDannel, Patty Lutz, Bonnie Nelson.

### PHOTO DONORS

Wilbert Smith, John Emanuelli, Bob Moore, Nancy Stancil, Joe Wilson, etal

## NEW MEMBERS

## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT BY BOB HARBICHT

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

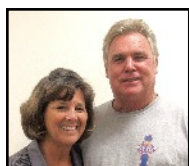


### Dave Galassi & Deborah Symons

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Joined June, 2015

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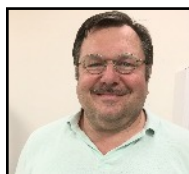
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Joined July 2915 1931 Victoria



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Joined Sep. 2015



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Joined Sep. 2015 1931 Coupe

## Dave Galassi & Deborah Symons



Dave & Deborah are new members of the Santa Anita A's, but when I mentioned this to him he said, "It's true that I am a new member, but I grew up in this club."

It seems Dave's mother and father were members of our club back when Dave was about 11 years old. His parents bought his brother a '30 pickup to restore and the family worked together on it. Then Dave got a coupe and restored it during his high school years. He got to know many of the members of our club during those years, many of whom are still around today.

In college he acquired and restored a December, '31 indented firewall roadster and restored it during his college years. That's the car he still has today.

But then he got married, had kids (13, 9 & 9), and got too busy with life to belong to the Santa Anita A's. Along came the Ruby Gala, our club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Dave & Deborah came to the event and he renewed friendships from long ago. As a result, he has now joined the club.

In addition to his Model A, Dave has a fleet of other hobby cars: 6 Volkswagens, a 1965 Chevy Nova – one of few manufactured with a Corvette engine – and a '47 Hudson pickup.

He runs a business where he stores physical evidence. This would include everything from cars to planes to appliances, you name it. Most of his clients are insurance companies and law firms and the evidence he stores may eventually be used in lawsuits. He has a 15,000 square foot warehouse in Irwindale and a supplemental warehouse in El Monte. Storing evidence takes a lot of space!

When they can get a break from the normal activities of raising three kids, Dave & Deborah enjoy traveling with their children, both domestically and internationally.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### February Birthdays

2 - Patty Lampassi  
5 - Keith Smith  
5 - Karen Blaylock  
8 - Myriam Davies  
10 - Richard Homet  
14 - Kevin Brown  
16 - Nancy Sharpe  
21 - Lori Bonner  
21 - Beverly Kniest  
29 - Michael Sriro

### February Anniversaries

14 - Brad & Vicky Balmot  
14 - Tony & Kathy Catroppa  
14 - Richard & Sharon Rhode  
24 - Jim & Carole Parrish  
24 - Sue & Carl Rogers  
25 - Mark & Lisa Henzel  
28 - Mel & Maria Foye

### 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))

## COMING EVENTS

### Huell Howser Archive Tour

February 13

by Jim Kroeger

For those of us who have lived in Southern California for the past thirty years, we know what it's like to "ride along" with Huell Howser on his television show as he visits California's landmarks. For our first tour of the year we will visit his archives at Chapman University located at 1 University Drive in Orange. The exhibit is located in Leatherby Library.

We will meet at Citi Bank in Arcadia located at 100 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. at 9:15 am on Saturday, February 13. This is a surface street only tour and there is no charge to enter the archives. We will be shown the documentary, "A Golden State of Mind" at the exhibit and then proceed to downtown Orange for lunch at Old Town Eatery and make a stop at A La Minute Ice Cream. They make custom-made ice cream utilizing nitrogen as you watch. For more information contact Jim Kroeger at 626-710-6592. Hope to see you on tour.

### Youth Outreach Excitement

February 18

John Emanuelli

Wilbert Smith, our new Youth Outreach Chairman presented the Board with an exciting new approach to reaching the youth. He has arranged to display our Model A beauties at Pasadena High School on Feb. 18.

This is an opportunity to not only display our cars, but open the door to having a Model A club at the High School. To take advantage of this opportunity we will need your support by signing up to show your Model A's during the noon lunch. You will have the opportunity to tell the students what you have done with your car and the places near and far where you have driven.

Our MAFCA -National organization is giving us handouts such as A-World news letters designed for youth, and copies of the Restorer Magazine to hand out. You may want to bring some of your own to handout. We will need our wives or significant other to help and show the students that this club is a family affair.

John Emanuelli will bring a signup sheet to the men's breakfast and the general meeting. Opportunities like this do not happen everyday, so we need to support it. We are looking to have 30 or so cars. In addition we will need helpers to hand out the literature and share our enthusiasm for our Model A's with the students. Be sure to sign up. If you aren't at the breakfast or meeting, call Wilbert or John.

The arrival time of 11 AM sharp on 2/18. We will park on Sierra Madre Blvd, just east of the school. At that time everyone will receive an oil drop-sheet, to be placed under their car. Also everyone should wear their blue club shirt, hat, levi's and tennis shoes. We will pose for photos of the event.

### Griffith Park Observatory Tour

February 21

by Joe Wilson

Rather than book an expensive flight on one of those new space ships, come along with us to the Griffith Park Observatory Planetarium where we will tour the universe in the comfort of a plush chair.

This Model A driving tour will start at Cocos (1150 Colorado Blvd., Arcadia). We depart at 8:30 AM sharp for a 17 mile drive to Griffith Park. The Observatory building opens at 10 AM. We'll begin with a 10:45 AM show in the planetarium followed by a walking tour through the many exhibits at the observatory. Then we will all lunch in "The Cafe at the end of the earth".

We have obtained a limited quantity (14) of reserved parking spots for our cars in the handicapped parking area. I urge our members to car pool and bring your Handicap parking tag. I will allocate the available reserved parking spots in the order people sign up.

The only cost for the tour is for the show in the planetarium which is \$7.00 for normal adults and \$5.00 for old people. I will purchase the tickets for everyone and give them to you at the observatory. I will accept cash only on the day of the tour. But, I will need everyone to sign up no later than Feb. 14 so I can get a correct head count. If your name is on the list I will buy and charge you for the ticket. If you are not on the list you get no ticket and no parking space.

Come and see the universe up close. I will have a sign-up sheet at the January 29 meeting. Call or email Joe Wilson (joejoy@pacbell.net).



### 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!

## MORE COMING EVENTS

**Ladies Day 2016 - Brunch, Vintage Fashion Show & Tea**  
Friday, March 11 by Vicky Balmot & Caroll Emanuelli

*If you plan to participate in the Ladies Day event please note that the deadline to RSVP and pay for is Friday, February 5, 2016. We are sorry but we cannot accept late payments.*

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 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.

The total cost is 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. Or you may pay at the January club meeting. Please include your name, address, phone number and menu selection at the time of payment.

## MAFFI News

MAFFI is starting a free membership program for one young person (under 21) from each local Model A Club. Membership includes the quarterly MAFFI newsletter sent by email, an iron-on museum patch for jacket or cap and one year FREE admission to the Model A Ford Museum and the Gilmore Car Museum in Michigan. For more information go to the MAFFI web site ([www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org)) and click on "Become a Member" or contact Marlin Perry, our MAFFI club liaison. This offer is good through 2016 for a one year membership from the date the application is received and is limited to one free membership per club.

## PAST EVENTS

### Horseless Carriage Holiday Tour

December 27

by Nancy Stancil



Sunday after Christmas is always the "Holiday Excursion" put on by the Roaring Twenties at the Irwindale Speedway.

Jay Leno always arrives a little late, but in time for the tour. Jay is always kind and generous with letting you take pictures with him. He usually brings a Steamer vehicle and the public loves his cars. On this day Jay is just another car lover.

Your vehicle has to be a 1932 year or older to go on the driving tour. It's heaven for the car lovers. I'm sure some of the cars only come out on this special day. All types of cars come to the show: Hot Rods, Model A's, Model T's, new, old, you name it.

I was watching (stalking) for Jay Leno and approached him as soon as he parked his vehicle. I raised my hand and he pointed to me and I asked if I could please have a picture with him. He said "come on". So that's my story and I'm sticking to it.

The Happiest of New Year's to all my family and friends. May 2016 bring you much happiness and good health.



## Installation Banquet

January 17

by Joe Wilson

It's official, the new Santa Anita A's officers and board members have been dually installed for the year 2016; may they serve in peace.



The event was held at the Santa Anita Golf Course Club house in Arcadia. Fifty six member were in attendance to witness the swearing ceremony. It was an upscale event with music and entertainment by Jay Munns on keyboard.

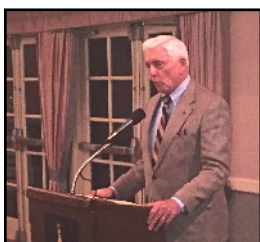
The meal was delicious, served on real plates with metal utensils, glasses made out of glass and coffee served in breakable cups. The speeches were short as were the award presentations.



Mickey Fruchter was awarded "Model A Driver of the year" for consistently driving his A to club meetings and most other places. Joe Wilson was recognized for consuming large amounts of paper and sending an excessive number of emails in conjunction with producing the "Spoken Wheels".



The installation pledge was read by Bob Moore, the installer, while the installees agreed to do what the installer read to them.



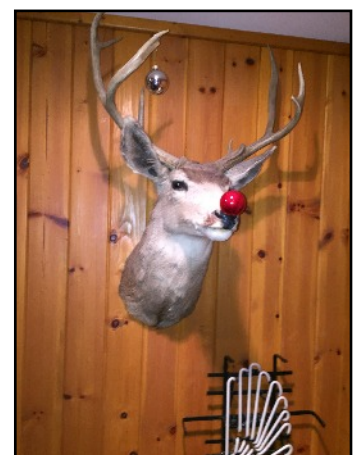
Bob Travis, the outgoing President, and Master of Ceremonies thanked the outgoing board for both what they did and didn't do. Incoming President, John McDannel, promised members that there would be a chicken in every pot.

## Christmas Lights Tour

December 16

by Joe Wilson

I reported in the December newsletter that several of our members were missing after entering the Concidine's home during our lights tour. Fortunately all were eventually found, including the camera man. His camera was located in the bathroom under tree number 15. Someone counted 18 trees but we can't verify that and we can't show a photo of every tree. See if you can find "Waldo" in the photos.





# Santa Anita A's Veteran

## Joe Wilson US Army 1956-1958



### An inconvenient Learning Experience

Cincinnati was the center of my universe when I was born there in 1932 and it more or less remained that way until December 1941. World War II changed things a bit as my uncles and older cousins were called up for service and my father was transferred to Memphis, Tennessee to build B24 Bombers. I bought war stamps. By 1945 the war was over and we were back in Cincinnati where I grew up in the fabulous 50's. I was too young for WWII, too old for Vietnam and a bit late for the combat part of the Korean War.

I entered college a few months after the Korean War broke out. If I kept my grades up and joined ROTC I would be able to get a deferment. That was my introduction to the military and it didn't go well. I joined the Air Force ROTC but because I didn't draw my uniform quick enough I was fired then rehired by the Army. Things went OK until I changed my school major in my third year. That added a year and put me out of phase with my ROTC class so I was told to leave. Not to worry, the war was about over and I had been deferred..... But not forgotten.

1956 was a significant year. I graduated on June 8<sup>th</sup>, was married on June 9<sup>th</sup>, drafted on July 25 then left the states on December 25. My deferment had expired and I began my inconvenient Army experience.

The highlight of my basic training in Fort Smith, Arkansas was learning that Joy, my new bride, was pregnant. The second highlight occurred at the end of basic training when I was the only recruit, married with a pregnant wife, selected from our company to be shipped overseas to Japan (Code word for Korea). So, I flew out of Travis AFB in California on Christmas eve, had Christmas lunch in Hawaii, Christmas dinner on Guam then spent a few days in Tokyo before arriving in Korea in time for New Years Eve. Thus began my 16 month overseas deployment.

I was assigned to the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Civilian Labor Office which was in Tongduchon at the end of the rail line, just South of the DMZ and North Korea. Yea, you know Tongduchon, it's 15 miles North of Uijombu. Never heard of Uijombu? That's 15 miles North of Seoul. Relatively speaking, for Korea it was not the worst place to be. I was assigned to the 7<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company for rations and quarters. Since I was not qualified to carry an MP's 45 service weapon, I didn't have to stand revelry or do guard duty. I just ate, slept and watched movies after work.

Our office hired all of the Korean Nationals for the Division. I lived in a Quonset hut with the drivers for the Provost Marshal and Company Commander. That meant I got to go on weekend rides with them using their officers' jeeps. We almost made it

to North Korea one weekend but fortunately were stopped by a South Korean soldier with a big gun.

I was able to squeeze in three R & R (Rest and Recuperation) one week trips to Japan. I didn't have to spend much money in Korea, drinks at the enlisted men's club and an occasional haircut were cheap. We had a house boy who made up our bunks, shined our shoes and did our laundry. I paid him with two cartons of Old Gold Cigarettes and five bars of Lux soap

each month. Because I was married I was paid an extra \$25 per month to take care of Joy. I always thought she was worth much more than that. On April 17<sup>th</sup>, 1957 the Red Cross advised me that our first daughter had arrived on this good earth.

At that time the tour of duty in Korea was 16 months. That put me back in the USA with less than 3 months left on my two years of active duty assignment and an early discharge.

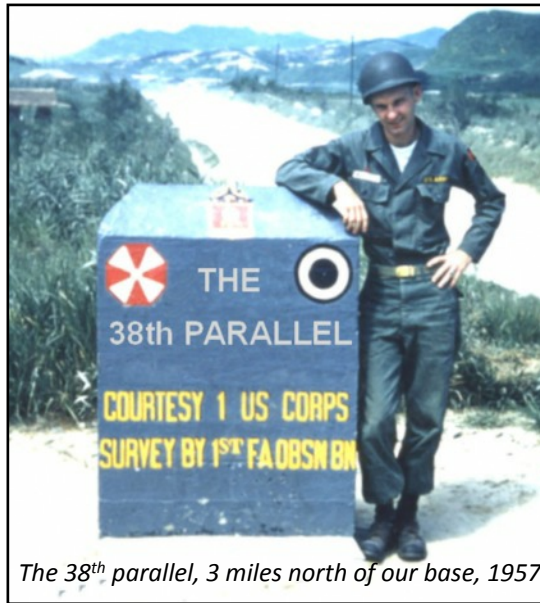
I was re-designated a civilian in May 1957, but that deferment thing had another string attached. I was required to serve several years in the active reserves which included monthly meetings and summer camps. For various reasons I was never quite able to make it to summer camp.

I also missed many of the reserve meetings because I was traveling on business. So, I was relieved of duty; fired again. I just couldn't hold a job in the service.

I wasn't too happy about being drafted. It really was at an inconvenient time. I was just married, just started a new job and wasn't able to meet my daughter until she was over a year old. Yes, it was very inconvenient. But, in retrospect it was a very valuable learning experience, one which really put things into proper perspective and one I am glad I did not miss. It was an experience that I should have had a few years sooner.

Over 40 years later, I returned to the Army base in Korea with my wife, Joy, and was given a warm welcome. We were assigned an MP driver who took us anywhere we wanted to go on the base. I have a great respect for the armed services and am thankful that I did not miss the opportunity to serve.

If I were King, I would require every kid, boys and girls, to go into some sort of government service immediately after high school, away from home for one year. This would turn those boys and girls into young men and women. It would provide our young people an excellent "attitude adjustment" experience resulting in better students, better citizens, better employees and maybe even better politicians. Yes, if only I were King.



*The 38<sup>th</sup> parallel, 3 miles north of our base, 1957*

## LOW END BOYS

BY MICKEY FRUCHTER

The "Low End Boys" fixed John McDannels' "Model A" by telling him how to fix it himself. He had a stuck Bendix gear jammed in the flywheel. He was told to put it in 3rd gear and rock the car back and forth. He was able to "un-jam" his Bendix and fix his own car. Good Going ..John.

Larry Butkus had a few problems which Mickey Fruchter fixed. No head lights. After obtaining proper grounding by cleaning all the rust around the headlight rim and the reflector and installed new bulbs. Now they work.

After Mickey showed Larry how, he is now able to re-torque the head nuts on his engine by himself. The fuel filter was cleaned out in his carburetor and the damaged filter in the sediment bow was replaced. His engine seemed to be running OK but when Larry took it on the road it was missing and backfiring. The BIG guns were called in. Chris Wickersham figured out what the problem was....the condenser on his distributor got so hot that it melted the solder connection and was not making proper contact. A new condenser fixed his problem. A test drive made sure that the car was running well. Larry also received instruction on lubricating the distributor and water pump. Last report he was a Happy Camper.

Let Mickey Fruchter (626) 797-2048 know if you are having problems with your car and we will try to help you get your car back on the road.

## MAFCA National Meet

by Mickey Fruchter

Members who might be interested in attending the MAFCA National Meet in Loveland, CO please come to a planning meeting on Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:00 PM. to John and Carol Emanuelli's home at 9842 Keywest St., Temple City. Members are encouraged to attend if they want to drive Model A's, tow your "A" on a trailer or drive a modern car.

Any questions: call the Emanuelli's at (626) 286-5267 or the Fruchter's (626) 797-2048

### *Presidents Message Continued from page 1*

I can honestly say that I am really very pleased that I joined our Santa Anita Model A Club in 2011. It is close to my home in Pasadena and I feel very comfortable being a member. Our club is made up of many wonderful people who enjoy each other's company. I have always found the monthly meetings entertaining. And, I also admire the generosity of the Gear Heads that are always willing to consult, roll up their sleeves and help one another keep our cars rolling along.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity of sitting in the driver's seat as your president this year. I hope I can help our club stay on the center line!

## ERA FASHIONS

BY SUSAN HOMET

Our objective is to achieve the Model A Era look! First off, we need to know that the Model A Era was during the years from 1928 through 1931, the years during which the Model A's were being produced.

One fun and easy way to check out the period's clothing styles is to watch movies that were made during these years on the Turner Classic Movie channel on television. These period movies are great because the clothing worn in them is authentic to the era we are interested in learning about.



During my search for Model A Era clothing I learned of a wonderful vintage clothing shop right here in Los Angeles! The shop is called Paper Moon Vintage. The shop offers clothing and accessories from the era for both men

and women. The owner is actually an expert in clothing styles of the time period in question! She is helpful in answering your questions and in assisting you in selecting appropriate styles for the era. She carries dresses, hats, and accessories for the ladies. She has many items for men's wear including jackets, ties, hats, shoes, and even swim wear!



Check it out, it is open most days between the hours of 12:00 until 7:00 P.M. It is located at 4516 Hollywood Blvd. in Los Angeles. Their phone number is: (213) 666-6009. You may also look them up on the Internet. The homepage is @ <http://www.pmvintage.com>

## A variation on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm by Jay Munns

Included in Jay Munn's musical presentation at our Founders Day Dinner, was the reading of a modified version of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm:

The Ford is my car; I shall not want another.  
It maketh me to lie down in wet places and soileth my clothes;  
It leadeth me into paths of insolvency for its namesake;  
It prepareth a breakdown for me in the presence of mine enemies.  
Yea, though I run through the valleys,  
I may have to be towed up the hill;  
I fear great evil when it is with me.  
Its pistons and its rods do not comfort me;  
It anointeth my face with oil; its radiator runneth over.  
Surely to goodness if this car follows me all the days of my life,  
I shall dwell in the poor house forever.

Amen

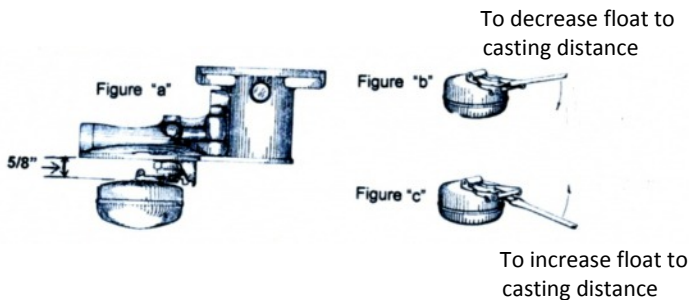


**What Makes My Car Die on Sudden Stops?**

This is one of the most frequent questions I get from new Model A owners. The answer is carburetor problems. If the car has an unrestored Zenith carb on it, often times the throttle shaft is badly worn which upsets the vacuum requirement to make the carb draw gas properly. This problem can be remedied by putting brass bushings in the housing and installing a new throttle shaft.

But if the carb has been rebuilt, has no leakage around the throttle shaft and idles properly then the problem is probably float level adjustment. Often times the float level is too high which allows too much gas to be in the bowl. When you stop the gas rushes forward and then "waves" back. At this point the cap jet and main jet overflows and the engine dies from being flooded with too much gas.

There are many publications that will tell you that the float level should be 1/2 inch (including the one from which I stole this diagram). But, I have always had the sudden stop stalling problem with that dimension. Paul Moller (deceased) who published *The Model A Carburetors* book in 1972 advised a dimension of 5/8". This dimension has always solved the problem for me and if you think about it there is no reason to have any more gas in the bowl since the gas is used off the bottom. With the 5/8" dimension there is plenty of gas available. With the 1/2" dimension the bowl is too full.



The float level is measured between the flat surface on the top of the float and the machined surface of the carb top, while holding the float in its up-most position. See figure "a". To change the float level, remove the float from the casting and bend the float arm carefully as shown in figures "b" and "c". Do not use pliers for this task or you will probably ruin the float. Another method to change the float level is to add fiber washers under the needle valve body. These washers are included in every carb gasket kit.

If your Model A has a Zenith carb and idles poorly then you should address that problem before you expect a lot of results from this adjustment. This adjustment is not applicable to a Tillot-son carb but they are not as prone to the stalling problem.

*This article was extracted from Script news.*

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- 2. Sign up for the tours.**
- 3. Come to the Club Auction on January 29 which starts at 7:00 PM.**
- 4. Bring your goodies to sell and money to buy**
- 5. Update your Roster information**



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