



July 2016

Spoken Wheels

THE NEXT MEETING

General meeting

Friday, July 29 - 7:30 PM

Arcadia Red Cross., 376 Huntington Dr. Arcadia

Program: Help! Emergency! Call the Paramedics!

Battalion Chief, Barry Sprigs of the Arcadia Fire Department will have two of his paramedics, Joel Rodas and George Coutts, speak to us about their training, responsibilities and experiences as paramedics. They will bring their equipment for display. Their experiences are rewarding, tragic and at times humorous. Don't miss this one.



1931 Roadster Pickup Truck

New advertisers on board for 2016

The July issue of the Spoken Wheels marks the beginning of our 2016-2017 advertising schedule. Bob Moore, our club Advertising Chairman has been busy signing up suppliers to place ads in our newsletter and on our web site.

We now have a total of 27 advertisers; four new ones: H&H Engine Rebuilders in La Cresenta, AJ's Auto Repair in Arcadia, Alex Romo Auto Repair in Duarte and Ken Sorensen Upholstery & Top Shop in Duarte.

We encourage you to take a look at the ads in the Spoken Wheels and utilize these companies to fulfill your parts and service needs.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JOHN MCDANNEL

SERVICE STATIONS?

This is a long forgotten term in this day and age. I am certain that many of us remember the frequent television ads of the fabulous fifties when TV was very young. Sky Chief gasoline ads produced by Texaco claimed "Man it's Super". In 1929 their ads were on billboards and posters claiming that Texaco Ethyl Gas offered "High compression with a good start in any climate".

Well our climate has certainly changed. And I am not referring to Al Gore's climate change theory, which I do not buy into! I am referring to the original Texaco TV ads which supported the Milton Berle Show we all tuned into in those days. The Texaco ads highlighted a bevy of spiffily dressed service station attendants with a Texaco Star on their chests cleaning windshields, checking oil quantity and what – filling a gas tank? Where have those wonderful days of service gone to? Yes, the climate has really changed. SERVICE, what the heck is that??

Well my friends in the Model A world, SERVICE is not dead! For example, our low end boys don't wear nifty blue overalls with stars on their chests; but we claim that they have halos over their heads. They are "spinning tops" whipping up solutions to resolve mechanical problems with our automotive relics of the past.

Our club is both diverse and energetic. It offers us good fellowship, interesting tours, entertainment, new friends and a beloved hobby. It has proven to reinforce that all of us still believe in SERVICE to one another as well as others.

Our newsletter, Our Web Site, Our Refreshment Committee, Our Programs, Our Seminars, Our Tours and our other support members service us with a SMILE all the time. We should remember to thank those who keep our Club's engine purring. So, thanks to all of you volunteers who keep this club in tune.

As I reflect on SERVICE, it reminds me that we don't just provide service to ourselves. We also reach out to our community by supporting such things as offering rides in our Model A's at High School football games to support their Homecomings. We participate in national holidays such as our July 4th parades, carrying dignitaries. We recently supported the Shakespeare Club members and the volunteers at the Los

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

28 - San Gabriel East Fork Picnic Tour, see page 3

August

- 8 - Ladies' Brunch, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
- 10 - Board Meeting- At Traveses' home, 7:00 PM
- 13 - Santa Anita A's Pancake Breakfast, see page 3
- 18 - Men's Breakfast, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM
- 21 - San Fernando Club Swap meet, Chatsworth.
- 26 - General Meeting
- 27 - Doheny Mansion Tour, see page 4

September

- 9 - International Ford Day, see page 4
- 25 - Silent Movie at San Gabriel Mission, see page 4

October

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

November

- 5 - San Bernardino Route 66 Tour

December

- 7 - Board Meeting, Note: changed from the 2nd Wednesday.
- 10 - Christmas Party
- 14 - Christmas Lights Tour

Think About It

A young four year old called his grandmother to wish her happy birthday. He asked how old she was. She replied, I'm eighty. He paused then asked, "Did you start at 1?"

Now this is really punny - "She was only a whiskey-maker's daughter but he loved her still."

READ IT ALL BUT DON'T MISS THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS SECTION

THERE ARE TWO EVENTS IN AUGUST THAT YOU SHOULDN'T MISS THAT REQUIRE YOU MAKE RESERVATIONS AND WRITE A CHECK:

1. THE SAA PANCAKE BREAKFAST
2. THE DOHENY MANSION TOUR (REALLY SPECIAL)



BRING YOUR CHECK BOOKS TO THE JULY MEETING. IF YOU MISS THE MEETING, YOU CAN MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY CALLING AND SENDING A CHECK TO ELAINE PERRY, 5528 N. LENORE AVE, ARCADIA 91006

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SUNSHINE LADY -

JUDI MOORE

Get well cards were sent to Louie Formia and Dick Homet. Thinking of you cards were sent to Betty Mallory and John Chandler.

COOKIE BRINGERS ALERT - DIANA KINCART

Vicky Balmot, Joyce Travis, Joy Wilson, Joe Principe

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AC Byrd, John Emanuelli, Joe Wilson and probably others.

NEW MEMBERS

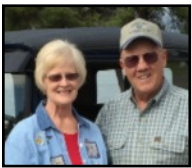
Here are the new members who joined in the last six months. Welcome them into our club.



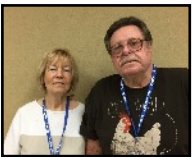
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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August Birthdays

- 1 - Alice Mount
- 2 - Mike Kniest
- 3 - Joy Wilson
- 5 - Terry Mills
- 8 - Dorothy Knox
- 11 - Julie Reinhardt
- 13 - E.J. Callahan
- 14 - Reina Rogers
- 17 - Marlene Martinez
- 17 - Sharon Rhode
- 18 - Barbara Dawson
- 19 - Paulette Bruns
- 22 - Sheri Johnson
- 24 - Carole Parrish

- 27 - Diana Kincart
- 28 - Soli Solomon
- 28 - Jacki Boardman
- 29 - Jerry Lampassi Jr.

August Anniversaries

- 4 - Marlin & Elaine Perry
- 6 - Mickey & Bea Fruchter
- 8 - Joe & Sue Guarrera
- 10 - Larry & Gloria Metz
- 19 - Mark & Karen Gollhardt
- 19 - Joe & Barbara Farino
- 27 - David & Patty Lutz
- 28 - John & Mary McDannel
- 30 - Richard & Sandra Loe

COMING EVENTS

Picnic Tour - East Fork of the San Gabriel River

Thursday, July 28

by Bob Moore

We will tour to the Oaks Picnic Area on the East Fork of the San Gabriel River where you will enjoy your favorite picnic lunch and drink because you will bring it yourself. The club will provide ice cream for dessert. There are many picnic tables and big trees that provide plenty of shade. Toilet facilities are at the picnic area.

We will meet at Bob and Judi Moore's home, 529 Winston Avenue, Bradbury at 9:45 AM and depart at 10:00 AM. This is a no-freeway driving route to the picnic area. In addition to your lunch and drinks, I would suggest that you bring a table cloth and perhaps bug repellent, although it was not buggy on our previous visits.

The Oaks Picnic Area is in the Angeles National Forest, so you will need to use either your Golden Eagle Pass or purchase, in advance, a one day Adventure Pass. The Adventure Pass can be purchased at the Angeles National Forest Office, 701 N Santa Anita Ave, Arcadia (just south of the 210 Freeway), at Santa Anita Wine and Spirits 1002 N. Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia and at REI, 214 N. Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia. You can Google "Adventure Pass Angeles National Forest" and find a location in your city. Sign-up at the June meeting or call Bob Moore at 626-358-2027 and add your name to the list.

Santa Anita A's Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, August 13th

by Elaine Perry

The Santa Anita A's Pancake Breakfast will be held at Wilderness Park in Arcadia on August 13th. There will be a Technical Seminar for the men and a game for the ladies.



This year there will be a cost of \$2.00 per person to help cover the cost of the food and park. We will have pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee and juice. There will be prizes for the ladies' games and lots of fun.

This year President John McDannel has volunteered to cook your pancakes. We need to know in advance how many pancakes to put on the griddle, so you will need to sign up and pay at the July meeting. If you are unable to attend the July meeting, call Elaine Perry. (626) 443-0638) The deadline is July 31st.

Directions to the park: Go North on Santa Anita to Elkins, turn right on Elkins, go east to Highland Oaks, turn left on Highland Oaks to Wilderness Park sign on the right. Go down the hill then go through the parking area and up the hill.

We need helpers to work in the kitchen, making coffee, cooking eggs, etc. If you can help, please sign up at the general meeting.

Make your reservations at the next meeting.

MORE COMING EVENTS

Doheny Mansion Tour

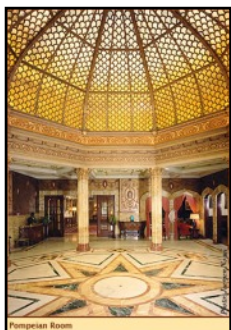
Saturday, August, 27

Jim Kroeger

The Santa Anita A's will take a step back in time as we tour the Doheny Mansion on Saturday, August 27th. Located on the campus of Mount Saint Mary's University in downtown Los Angeles, this estate belonged to Edward Doheny who was an oil baron in the early 1900's.



In order to tour the mansion reservations must be made and payment is required **in advance**. The cost is \$20. Members



will be able to sign up at the July general meeting and pay for the tour at the same time. Please make your checks out to the Santa Anita A's and leave with Elaine Perry. If you cannot attend the meeting, please call Jim Kroeger at 626-710-6592 to sign up.

We will begin our day by meeting at the Kroeger home at 8:15 AM. The address is 2669 E. Villa Street in

Pasadena. This is a surface street only tour and we will be driving past some of LA's landmark buildings. Parking on campus is free. The tour commences at 10 AM and will last



approximately two hours. After the tour is finished, we will have lunch at the campus cafe.

If you need help in moving through the mansion, please let your tour director,

Jim Kroeger, know before the day of the tour and arrangements will be made. Remember the deadline to sign up for the Doheny Tour is Aug. 11. Hope to see you on tour.

International Model A Ford Day

Friday, September 9

by Elaine Perry

San Gabriel MARC has invited the Santa Anita A's and Diamond Tread to help celebrate International Model A Ford Day. The event will be held at Marlin & Elaine Perry's home, 5528 Lenore Ave., Arcadia. Cost for taco lunch will be \$10.00 per person. Includes Asada, Pastor and Pollo Taco's Rice and beans condiments for taco's, green and red salsa guacamole, drinks and dessert.



Sign up at club meeting and pay Sheri or RSVP to Elaine Perry (626)443-0638).

Silent Movie "Speedy" at San Gabriel Mission

Sunday, September 25th

The San Gabriel Mission Playhouse, in conjunction with the LA Theater Organ Society, is presenting the 1928 silent movie "SPEEDY" starring Harold Lloyd. The organist will be Mark Herman.

The plot revolves around Harold 'Speedy' Swift's attempts to save the last horse-drawn streetcar in New York. The film contrasts the speed of life of the contemporary city with the pace of yesteryear, represented by this non-motorized mode of transport. Yankees star Babe Ruth plays one of Speedy's hapless passengers.

Because of the abundance of cars in the movie, the organizers thought that a display of antique cars at the theater would be appropriate. They requested some for around the fountain in front of the theater and the remaining in the parking lot. They will provide security for the cars.

Drivers will receive free admission to the movie and passengers will need to purchase tickets. Tickets will be available in August.

The start time for the movie has not yet been announced, but is probably 2 PM or 3 PM. Model A's for display should be in place at least one hour in advance.

Sign up at the next club meeting.

PAST EVENTS

Tech Seminar - Rebuilding Transmission Towers

June 19

Tom Endy



At the seminar we were prepared with enough refurbished hardware to restore 22 transmission towers. What we accomplished was the complete restoration of twelve 30-31 towers and two 29 towers. In addition, we restored several others where the owner decided to use his own tower instead of an exchange. In all cases the shifting lever was welded up and

re-ground and all the shifting forks were replaced with those that had been welded and milled. A good number of club members are now expert in the ability to restore a Model A transmission tower.

This seminar was a year and a half in the preparation and planning. The replacement tower hardware was collected and refurbished by Tom Endy. Art Moore welded



PAST EVENTS -MORE

up all the shifting forks and Chris Wickersham milled them.

At the seminar, Sam Thompson and his dad, Bryan Thompson did all the welding and re-grinding of the shift levers. Bryan Thompson also designed and fabricated the shift lever grinding jig and the "wine bottle corker" looking spring removal and installation tool.



Many club members participated in the disassemble and re-assembly of the towers. This was definitely a hands-on seminar with the result being many restored transmission towers and many club members becoming expert in the

restoration of Model A transmission tower.

The Santa Anita A's are now the best shifting Model A club in the country.

MAFCA Convention

June 19

by Olive Moore

The National MAFCA convention was indeed a blast – a blast of hot air that is. Where's that air conditioning when you need it?! John and Carol Emanuelli in their Tudor Sedan, Mark and Karen Gollhardt in their motor home pulling an empty trouble trailer and Art and I in the '32 3-window coupe met up in Upland and headed North on the 15 to US 70 through the California/Arizona/Nevada desert. We caught up with Mickey and Bea Fruchter at our first night in Mesquite, NV.

The scenery along US 70 was breathtaking. Up hill, down hill - that's the story. Well not the entire story. Pandora decided she had enough and gave up not far from Vail, CO. AAA towed them back to Vail to wait for a long distance tow later that day. Ask Bea about the guy that thought they were homeless – funny story!



The rest of us rolled along reaching the highest point going through the Eisenhower Tunnel at 11,165 ft. Then there was more down hill, up hill, down hill on into Denver and North to Loveland. However, just 21 miles from our destination, Art's '32 just quit while making the turn onto the interchange that took us North. Coasting to the side of the road he called Mark with the trailer who was not far behind and rode the rest of the way on the trailer being pulled by the motor home. (Thank you Mark.) It turned out to be a brake light wire problem caused by the many severe bumps on the highway. It was fixed in the repair tent the next morning as was Mickey's deluxe sedan. Both were back on the road for the rest of the tour. We met up with Tom and Sheri Johnson once we arrived in Loveland. They went earlier via another route to visit along the way.

The welcome party the first evening was fantastic. There was an hour of fun games before the dinner. Then after dinner was "Amateur Hour" with our own Mickey Fruchter playing his banjo. There were many very talented participants including George Fontaine, one of MAFCA's past presidents.



The whole week was packed with fun and interesting tours and events. Great seminars, so the guys said; and the tea and fashion show was not to be missed. The Grand Tour took us up into the mountains to beautiful Estes Park where we were served a yummy BBQ lunch.

One of the days some of us (five bus loads) visited a Bison Ranch in Wyoming. We took a train with open side cars out into a herd of Bison. The train traveled about 2 mph. When the train stopped near the herd, they all came running knowing they would be fed some grain cakes. Bison, not Buffalo you say? Ask one of us that was there and we'll tell you the difference.

The banquet was well done. Awards were given for the car judging, Hubley Derby and car games. And of course what everyone was waiting for: the big raffle prizes. The "bucket raffle" tickets were drawn on Thursday evening and distributed to winners on Friday. So that was not even part of the banquet which saved a bunch of time. The "big" raffle prize tickets were pulled right at the end of the evening. There were three full engines and a Mitchell over-drive. No one in our club won. Awwwww.

We took US 40 on the way home just to see some different scenery and it was very hot! Besides that, it was rather uneventful except for Mickey's car experiencing vapor lock and taking a ride on the trouble trailer for a distance. (Thank you Mark.) Liquid boils at a much lower temperature at high altitudes, you know, and that includes gasoline. Because this event was centrally located there was excellent participation: 575 registrations, over 1100 attendees and about 400 Model A's! I couldn't believe there were only five couples from our club. You really missed a good one!

PAST EVENTS -MORE

Henry Ford Picnic

June 26

Nancy Stancil

Another successful Henry Ford Picnic was held on Sunday, June 26th by the Diamond Tread Model A Ford Club at Heritage Park in the City of Santa Fe Springs. The museum at the park was opened for several hours for touring. Yes, it was a little hot, but enough shade to go around.



Food was delicious including hamburgers, hot dogs, all the trimmings, potato salad, bar-b-que'd beans, cookies, ice tea, and water. Diamond Trend had a good prize raffle with only one winner from the Santa Anita A's and San Gabriel MARC Clubs, Joe Farino won a fan. There also was a 1/3, 1/3, and 1/3 drawing, each 1/3 for over a hundred dollars.

Those touring together from the Perrys' home were: Brad and Vicky Balmot, Larry and



Tracy Butkus, Joe and Barbara Farino, Marlin and Elaine Perry, Nancy Stancil, Ray Tewes, all in Model A's. Those arriving later in modern cars, David and Patty Lutz, John and Mary McDannel and Terry Mills. and of course, the President of Diamond Tread, Vicky Bartlett in her 1929 Town Sedan. Attendance was down a little this year.

S. Pasadena Parade & Lunch

July 4

by Joe Wilson

After being treated to coffee and pastries at Vicky Bartlett's home it was a short drive to the parade staging area in Greater S. Pasadena's town center where we carefully and artfully placed decorations on our cars. Although this is a fairly short parade route, it is unique in that it attracts numerous dignitaries in addition to various politicians. It also features not one, but two reviewing stands.

We then proceeded to Robert and Diana Kincart's home in Arcadia where we dined on hot dogs and ice cream. No vehicle failures were reported and a good time was had by all.



Mt. Baldy Tour to the Mountains

July 12

by Bob Moore

On Tuesday, July 12, twelve Model A's plus three almost A's headed up the mountain to the Mt. Baldy Lodge. It was a beautiful cool morning when we



departed Bob and Judi Moore's at 9:45 AM for the 27 mile ride into the mountains. Only the



last 10 miles are on mountain roads. At 11:00 AM we were just pulling into the parking lot at the restaurant having had no car issues.

With the cool 73 degree temperature, all 36 of us sat on the patio under the umbrella-shaded tables and enjoyed a freshly prepared buffet lunch including a fantastic blueberry French toast dump casserole. Yummy! Our club has done this tour perhaps 10 times and Missy, the proprietress has gone out of her way to make certain that we had a good experience. She did it again this year.

After lunch we drove down the mountain to Art and Olive Moore's, only 8 miles from Mt. Baldy. After some tire kicking and checking out



the engines that Art had on display, we sat down for ice cream sundaes made how you wanted them. If you didn't enjoy them, it was your own fault. Art and Olive are fantastic hosts and it is always a pleasure to enjoy their company.

We were very fortunate that the weather cooperated. We will plan to do this tour again next year and Missy promised to have her famous cinnamon rolls.



The following article is reprinted from Hemmings Motor News, August 2016 issue written by David Conwill.

For 1932, Ford introduced an improved version of the Model A four-cylinder to accompany the new V-8 in its cars and trucks. This 200.5 cubic inch, 50-hp engine was known, appropriately enough, as the Model B.

The Model B shared many elements with its Model A predecessor, and the two had a great deal of physical interchangeability attested by the fact that today, many updated Model A's incorporate some or all of a Model B engine for improved drive-ability.



Model B engine can be identified by the fuel pump on right side of block and no oil drain tube.

A prominent change between the Model A and Model B engines was the addition of significantly more bearing area. Larger diameter bearings for both the connecting rods and mains meant better durability and more potential for power. An oil passage below the valve gallery fed pressurized oil to the main bearings, as opposed to the dip-and-splash system used on the Model A engine, was another improvement designed to make these engines more durable. The rods were still lubricated with dippers, however.

The refinements to the oiling system led to one of the more noticeable external differences between the A and B engines, the lack of an oil-return line from the valve gallery to the bottom of the crankcase on the passenger's side on the Model B engine. Ford utilized this freed space for the addition of a mechanical fuel pump driven off the front of the camshaft to replace the gravity-feed fuel system used on the Model A.

Both the crankshaft and the cylinder head, as well as some changes made to fit the Model B engine into the 1933-'34 Ford chassis have created some persistent myths about the Model B. It is rumored that 1932 Ford Model B crankshafts came with no counterweights at all, like a Model A crank. Given the paucity of non-counterweighted survivors and the illustrations shown in 1932 Ford advertising materials, it seems more likely that the big difference between 1932 and '33-'34 crankshafts is a change from sweated-on counterweights to integrally forged counterweights. Both cranks are good, but the forged-counterweight cranks are preferred for their ease of reconditioning.

Also confusing are the cylinder heads, because Ford chose to distinguish a s.i compression "Police" head offered for the Model A with a cast-in "B?" When it was time to

distinguish the Model B head, Ford used a cast-in "C" for the Model B's 4.6:1 compression head. This, coupled with the change in counterweights and a shorter water pump used to clear the angled radiator introduced in 1933, has led to enthusiasts labeling the '33-'34 engines as Model C.

Other improvements over the Model A included a better camshaft profile (often incorporated when Model A cams are re-ground for touring), larger carburetor with power jet tube (which acts like an accelerator pump) and a distributor with centrifugal advance weights instead of the manual spark advance on the Model A. Ford made numerous other improvements to the B -too many to list here - which combined with limited demand after the V-8 caught on, make them rare and sought-after engines today.

B is for Banger The 1932-'34 Ford Model B engine may look like its predecessor, but it's a major improvement.

SAA General Meeting Minutes June 24, 2016

- The meeting was called to order by John McDannel at 7:31 PM.
 - The flag salute was led by Ken Mallory.
 - Youth Outreach chairman, Wilbert Smith introduced PCC student David Florez and his father Michael Florez. Wilbert said that David loves trucks.
 - Wilbert said he would like members to sign up tonight to help with the Youth Outreach program.
 - Program: Ken Mallory introduced the guest speaker, Bob Egge and his wife Judy from Egge Machine. Bob gave a very informative talk on the history of Egge Machine. The company is 101 years old. He also brought key chains and decals for the members. Ken Mallory said the program for next month would be presented by the Battalion chief with some paramedics from Arcadia FD.
 - Tours: Jim Kroeger told about the following tours:

June 26 th	Henry Ford Picnic - Meet a Citi Bank 9:00AM
July 4 th	South Pasadena Parade
July 12 th	Mt. Baldy Tour
July 28 th	East Fork Tour & picnic
Aug. 13 th	Pancake Breakfast
Aug. 27 th	Doheny Mansion Tour
 - Convention - Vicky Balmot read a postcard from Bea and Mickey.
 - Break
 - Recall to order
 - Seminar: Thank you to Tom Endy for the Transmission Tower rebuild seminar.
 - Minutes: The minutes were approved as printed.
 - Treasurer's Report: The Treasurers report was approved as read.
 - Old Business: None
 - Sunshine: No report
 - Cookie Bringers: Thank you to cookie bringers: Tracy Butkus, Elaine Perry and Diane Kincart.
 - John McDannel reminded members to sign up for refreshments.
 - Raffle:

50/25/25	\$16.00 each - Mary McDannel and Larry Butkus
	Model A Badge - Gary Weber
	Drive Model A - Jim Constantian
	Men's and Ladies Raffle
 - Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.
- Respectfully submitted, Elaine Perry, Secretary



Santa Anita A's Veteran



Mickey Fruchter US Army 1962-1964

August 6th, 1962 is a day which I will always remember. It was our first wedding anniversary and along with all the cards there was a letter without a stamp. I wondered, "Who do I know who owns a post office?" It was my draft notice! I boarded a train along with about 200 other draftees to travel to Salinas and then take a bus to Ft. Ord, CA for basic training. Problem, we hit a parked car on the tracks in Glendale and by the time all the investigations were completed we were running 6 hours late. By the time we arrived at Ft. Ord were not late...but "AWOL". After a few hours to confirm our delay getting to Ft. Ord, we were excused.

The first day of basic training the truck jerked as I was getting off and I fell off the truck and broke my arm. Basic training was delayed until my arm healed. While receiving physical therapy on my arm at the hospital, I was checked by a nurse, and I had a high fever. As it turned out, I had spinal meningitis and was isolated as it was very contagious. At that time we lost 19 men and I was lucky that it was discovered early since I was going to the hospital every day for therapy on my broken arm. THAT IS WHEN IT ALL BEGAN! I was recorded as "deceased" by the Army. After I was released from the hospital...no orders came to send me back to Basic training and I stayed in the hospital for many weeks doing nothing but eating, sleeping and watching TV. Eventually orders came through to send me back to Basic. Then when I finally completed Basic ...AGAIN...no orders. I was sent out in the rain wearing my poncho to water the lawn. People would drive by and take my photo. Weeks later I received orders to go to band school. At the end of band schoolno orders came in. I was a "hold-over" AGAIN! With only 14 months to go I eventually received orders to be stationed at the Presidio in San Francisco, CA with the 6th Army Band playing the tuba. Bea and I rented a tiny apartment near the base and at that time it was a fun city to live in. All Army units are required to qualify on the rifle range once a year. When the band bus showed up at the firing range we were not allowed to get off the bus. When the officer in charge of the range found out that we were in the band, he gave us all "Marksmanship" medals and told us that he was afraid that we would kill someone or ourselves if he let us on the range.

My main concern was that my discharge papers would never come. As it turned out... everything came and I was released on time. My pay was messed up and I ended up with almost one month's pay (\$74.00) BUT the Army insisted that they were correct...so what can I say?

Playing in the band gave me many opportunities to go to some interesting places and be involved in official events. We played for parades, concerts and musical shows. We played for the St. Patrick's Day, Chinese New Year and Columbus Day Parades in San Francisco and the Rose Parade in Pasadena. We toured with the Fort Meade, MD, American Historical Flag Pageant to Seattle, WA, Portland, OR, Los Angeles and San Diego. We played for President Johnson right after he came into office. If you have to be in the military, the band is a nice unit to be in. I felt that I was contributing to the morale of many service people who were under much stress and needed a lift when things got rough.

I was truly lucky while I served my country playing the tuba, as many of my colleagues were not as fortunate. In high school my band/orchestra teacher said he needed someone with a "strong back and weak mind" to play the tuba in the band and he chose me. After my service time I thanked him for making me learn to play the tuba as it may have saved my life. Who knows?

Mickey Fruchter 1962



The Beginning of Model A Era Fashion

In October 1927, the first Model A – number one, was completed. Although they did not go on sale until December 2nd, the die was cast and the Model A was a reality. Therefore, this is the first year of our fashion era.

The waistline was still low, though not as low as in the earlier twenties. The necklines were V or rounded, but still high. Sleeves were usually long and snug fitted and summer styles were often sleeveless. Cloche hats were the rule; some had brims, but usually small or pulled down. (Except the wide brim or garden party hats.) Hemlines were directly below the knee. Some had flounces attached.

The high fashion was to have everything in harmony. Often dress, coat, purse and hat were of the same pattern and material. Of course silk hose were seamed, neutral shades for daytime and evening, although darker shades, sometimes black for evening, if the outfit was black. Shoes were pumps but much higher vamp than today. T-straps, cross strap, or oxfords were popular show styles. Purses were small, envelope, snap-top or beaded, many black straps, always perpendicular. Purses with horizontal straps were not from our era. Gloves were worn but not so much as in the previous years. Hair was bobbed or, if long, pulled back in a bun at the neck and waved around the face. Evening dresses were the same length as daytime dresses.



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Angeles County Arboretum. We have done these SERVICE oriented projects not just to show off our cars, but for the pleasure it brings to us and others in hopes of serving our community and having fun while doing such things. Our members have certainly shown that they have a generous and fun loving heart.

Well, this brings me to another club project that reflects on the word SERVICE. Our Youth Outreach project is purring right along. Our energetic Chairman, Wilbert Smith, has given us a glimpse of his team's progress. Our hope is to stimulate some of the youth in our community to create a Model A Club at Pasadena High School. As you know 22 cars recently participated in the Youth Outreach day at PHS. What fun it was for all of us. This might be the only such High School Car Club in the country.

Could it be that these young people will want to put down their I phones and set aside their computers to learn to put air into a tire, discover what a spark plug does and develop a hobby that could lead to a future career? Look out Bill Gates. We may be onto something.

You will learn more about the progress of this program at our August General Meeting. Maybe we won't solve the climate change issue, but we may very well change some young lives by introducing them to a good hobby. **SO STAY TUNED!** Aogha! Cheers, John Mc Dannel

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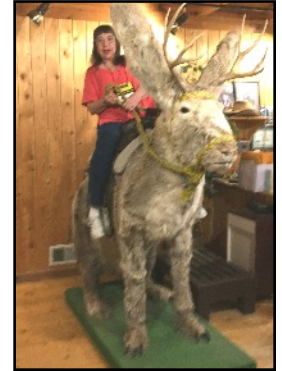
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THINGS TO DO AND REMEMBER THIS MONTH

Check out the up-coming tours listed in this newsletter. Some require advance commitment and payment.

There will be numerous sign-up sheets at the July Meeting. Bring you check book so you can make your paid reservation!

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