



July 2017

# Spoken Wheels

## THE NEXT MEETING

**General Meeting** - Friday, July 28

Arcadia Red Cross Building, 376 Huntington Dr. , Arcadia

**Program: "Curiosities of the California Desert: Historic, Offbeat & Forgotten Attractions"** is the title of the program which will be presented by Claudia & Alan Heller at our July meeting.

The program will introduce the beauty and adventures awaiting in our local deserts. There will be surprises for those who think the desert is nothing but a vast sandy land covered with rattlers. For those who have experienced these historical sites, it will awake fond memories.

## NEWS BITS

### SAA's Announces Plan to Move to New Meeting Place

Beginning in January our General meetings will be held at Live Oak Park, which is located at 10144 Boque St., Temple City. The decision to change our general meeting place was made by the Santa Anita A's board at their July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.



Efforts to find a larger meeting facility have been underway for some time. Growth in our membership and an increase in meeting attendance has created a crowded condition for seating and setting up service tables. The new facility will provide sufficient space for increased attendance.

The San Gabriel Valley MARC Model A Cub relocated from the Red Cross Building to the Live Oak Facility earlier this year and are pleased with their decision to move.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JOHN MCDANNEL

### Looking Back and Looking Forward to Our Club's History

In 1975, Brad Balmot proposed to start-up a Model A Club by applying for a MAFCA Charter. The Balmots, Perrys, Johnsons and Reinhardts were the ring leaders in this effort. As you can see, we still have this core group of leaders helping the club to continue to grow and prosper. Thank you - boys and girls for all you have done over the years to build a successful club. They named the club, "the Santa Anita A's".

Beginning in 1975 the club held their meetings at the Glendale Federal Savings Bank which is now Citi Bank in Arcadia. As the membership grew it became necessary to relocate. The club chose to relocate to the Red Cross building on Huntington Drive in 1990. The Red Cross has been a very good landlord over the past 27 years. The building has served us well.

When Bob Travis was president two years ago, we were warned by the Red Cross management that they may not be able to extend our rental agreement because the management was considering putting their Pasadena headquarters up for sale. This action would cause them to have to relocate some of their staff into their Arcadia office. Bob Travis immediately established a search committee to find another location. Several locations were looked at, but no action was taken. The reason no action was taken was that Vicky Balmot pulled some strings with the Red Cross senior management and bought us more time to research the matter.

Live Oak Park, in Temple City, turned out to be a desirable location based on several visits by your search committee. The location was only 3.1 miles south of where we currently meet. It has several rooms suited to our needs, well maintained bathrooms, fully air conditioned, it has adequate parking and the rates are comparable to the Red Cross rental agreement.

During this same time period, the MARC club was also warned of the pending threat of having to move their meetings from the Red Cross. The MARC club acted very swiftly and moved to Live Oak Park. They have been very

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### July

- 28 - General meeting
- 29 - Gamble House Tour

### August

- 5 - Mom and Pop's Night Out
- 9 - Board meeting, Perry's house, 5528 Lenore, Ave., Arcadia, 7:00 PM
- 12 - SAA's Pancake Breakfast, Wilderness Park, see page 4
- 14 - Ladies' Brunch, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
- 17- Men's Breakfast, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM
- 26 - Running Horse Tour. See page 4

### September

- 16 - International Model A Ford Day - see page 4

## BIRTHDAYS & ANIVERESARIES

### August Birthdays

- 1 - Alice Mount
- 2 - MikeKniest
- 3 - Joy Wilson
- 4 - Reina Rogers
- 5 - Terry Mills
- 8 - Dorothy Knox
- 13 - EJ Callahan
- 17 - Marlene Martinez
- 17 - Sharon Rhode
- 18 - Barbara Dawson
- 19 - Paulette Bruns
- 22 - Sheri Johnson
- 27 - Diana Kincart
- 28 - Soli Solomon
- 28- -Jacki Boardman

### August Anniversaries

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

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Sunshine Lady - Judi Moore, Miss Sunbeam

A sympathy card was sent to Susan Homet - Passing of her father, Dick Homet

A get well card was sent to Tom Endy

### Cookie Bringers - Gerry McKinney, Head Cookie

Kathy Concidine, Barbara Dawson, Carol Emanuelli and SUGARFREE Bonnie Nelson

### Photo Donors - Bob Moore, Joe Wilson and maybe others.

### Club member Dick Homet passes

Dick Homet passed away at his home on July 12 following a long term failing health .

Dick joined the Santa Anita A's in April, 2005 and participated in many of our club events. He was a member of the Low End Boys and was known as the "Tool Man". He enjoyed helping the group by quickly finding and handing the mechanics the proper tool when it was called for.



Dick participated in some of our multi-day tours and the Model A Touring Club's trip to the Canadian Maritime Provinces.

His daughter, Susan Homet who is also a club member stated that there will be no public service and has asked that no flowers be sent.

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., CA 91066. Web Site [www.santaanitas.org](http://www.santaanitas.org)

## NEW MEMBERS

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



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Joined Feb 30 2017 '28 Tudor, '28 Phaeton

## MORE NEWS BITS

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Carol Emanuelli researched the facilities' options and made the presentation to the board which recommended we move to this facility.

The new facility will provided more meeting space which includes a kitchenette. The park will set up all required chairs and tables and clean up after our use. Many logistic problems associated with our current facilities will be eliminated. Live Oak Park is located 3 miles South of the Red Cross Facility, near Baldwin Avenue and Live Oak in Temple City.

Our meetings at Live Oak Park will start earlier, at 7:00 PM rather than 7:30 PM. This is necessary because we must be out of our meeting room by 9:30 PM.

We will continue to meet at our current facility at the Red Cross building through the end of the year.

### Restrictions on Spoken Wheels Ads will Continue

The current club policy is to limit advertising of cars and parts in the Spoken Wheels exclusively to club members. Ads from members of other Model A clubs or other individuals are not permitted to appear in the Spoken Wheels.

At the July 12 board meeting an appeal was made to rescind this policy and allow non- member ads to be accepted on a selected basis. The consensus of the board members was to continue with the current policy.

## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT BY BOB HARBICHT



### Les & Lyla Eddington

Les and Lyla grew up in North Dakota. After Les received his degree in biology he accepted a teaching position at Biola University and they moved to Southern California in 1967. Lyla is a nurse, but was also in the educational field. She taught nursing at the community college level and then moved into administration.



For years they journeyed to North Dakota regularly to visit relatives and also visited a 1928 Tudor that had been there since the 1950's. They finally trailered the car to their Hacienda Heights home in the 1980's, where it sat until Les retired in 2006 and began its restoration. It is now up and running, but "still needs work." As we all know, that's part of owning a Model A.

About three years ago they learned of a '28 Phaeton that had been restored from the frame up by a gentleman in Nevada City. This car is now owned by the Eddingtons; they have a whole fleet of about 10 cars at their home. Lyla says the rule is that if you buy a car, you have to get rid of a car. Les has also done some work on a Model T that has also been in the family for over 50 years.

They have been in another Model A club, but felt it wasn't active enough. They joined the Santa Anita A's because of all the activities we have.

Les & Lyla have three children and four grandchildren. Their son lives nearby and the daughters are in the East Bay.

They love to travel. They also have a second home in Redding, California where Les works in their orchard. He also enjoys gardening. They are boaters and are often boating on Lake Shasta and Lake Havasu.

Welcome to the Santa Anita A's Les & Lyla; we hope you enjoy your membership and new friends.

### "BLT Guys" Donate to the Model A Ford Youth Restoration Program

Club members Bryan Thompson, Larry McKinney and Tom Endy, the BLT Guys, have been installing Mitchell overdrives for customers for some time at no charge but do accept donations. A recent customer offered a donation of \$500 for the installation then added another \$100 when he learned the donation was going to the Model A Youth Restoration Award program. The BLT Guys surprised Bob Moore with the \$600 donation at the June club meeting.

Bob Moore is the president of the group which offers financial assistance to young people who are restoring their Model A. Bryan's son, Sam Thompson was a winner of the Youth Restoration award in 2013.

## COMING EVENTS

### SAA's Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM

by Elaine Perry

The Santa Anita A's Pancake Breakfast will be held at Wilderness Park in Arcadia on Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a Technical Seminar for the men and a game for the ladies. This year there will be a cost of \$3.00 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. Deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Directions to the park: North on Santa Anita to Elkins, turn right on Elkins, go east to Highland Oaks, turn left on Highland Oaks to Wilderness Park. It is up the hill on the right.

We need helpers to work in kitchen, making coffee, cooking eggs etc. if you can help please sign up at general meeting. **SIGN UP AT THE MEETING**

### International Model A Day

Saturday, September 16

The San Gabriel MARC Model A club invites the Santa Anita A's and Diamond Tread to participate in the celebration of International Model A Day with a Poker Run and Taco truck lunch Saturday September 16, 2017.



The event held will be held at Marlin & Elaine Perry's home, 5528 Lenore Ave. Arcadia, CA. Meet at 9:30 AM for Coffee & donuts and start of the Poker Run.



Cost for Taco lunch will be \$10.00 per person which includes asada, pastor and chicken taco's with rice and beans, condiments for taco's, green and red salsa, guacamole, drinks and dessert.

RSVP to Elaine Perry (626) 443-0638. Prepare a check made out to the Santa Anita A's and mail it to Sheri Johnson at 844 Diamond St. Monrovia, CA 91016.

**Deadline is Sep. 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

### Running Horse Tour

Saturday, August 26

by Jim Kroeger

Most of us, at one time or another, have ridden a merry-go-round or what also is known as a carousel. Years ago there were over 4,000 in the United States alone. In fact, July 25<sup>th</sup> is deemed National Carousel Day celebrating the 146<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the modern carousel in America.

Please join us as we tour Running Horse Studios in Irwindale which houses one of the world's largest collections of hand-carved wooden animals and figures. Many pieces are from the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century and are painstakingly restored to their original state.

We will meet at 10 AM at the Perry's home located at 5528 N. Lenore Ave. in Arcadia. This is a short, surface-street-only route that is a great opportunity for new members who have never been on tour before to get their cars up and running.

After visiting the collection we will travel to Max's Mexican Cuisine in Monrovia for lunch and yes, they will even do separate checks. Please sign up at the July meeting. As our President John McDannel would say, stop horsing around and join us on tour. Hope to see you there.



## PAST EVENTS

### South Pasadena 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

Tuesday, July 4

by Joe Wilson

This was really three events in one: A donut and coffee breakfast, a drive in the South Pasadena 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and a hot dog lunch ..... and they were all free, just sign up and show up.

The coffee and donut part was hosted by Vicky Bartlett who put on quite a food spread this year. Vicky lives quite close to the start of the parade route which makes it easy for us to arrive on time and find our assigned spaces. Some of our cars carried dignitaries from the area, others carried politicians.

After the parade we drove to the home of club members Robert and Diana Kincart in Altadena where they hosted the holiday hot dog lunch. There we found a group of our members who apparently had lost their way, missed the parade and went directly for the food.



We thank Vicky Bartlett for hosting the "breakfast stop", thank Marlin, Elaine Perry and Tracy Butkus for the parade, Robert and Diana Kintcart for hosting the lunch and Tracy Butkus for the hot dogs and our club for the the lunch "fixins".

Our head count was 18 for coffee and dough nuts., 18 at the parade (12 carrying important people, 6 not) and 40-50 people at lunch for the free food.



### JPL Tour

Friday, June 16

by Joe Wilson

It was a short trip to space and back, about three miles total. The tour started at McDonalds in La Canada where we assembled before the very short drive to the JPL facility. After a short vetting to prove we were who we thought we were, we were tagged and led off on a private tour of the JPL facilities.

JPL has made a significant effort to educate the public on their various space projects through their daily tours. Our tour started with a general orientation followed by visits to various buildings.



The exhibits and video presentations were well done and our tour guide was very knowledgeable. There were mock-ups of several of the space craft that have been designed and assembled at the facility.

We experienced a visit to the space control room and observed the large dust free room where a new space craft was currently being assembled. It was a very educational visit and several members signed up for a space flight.



After our space adventure we returned to our cars and continued our tour with a very short drive around the corner to the Los Gringos restaurant. There we enjoyed a fine Mexican meal on the patio reserved for our use.

Thirty four SAA's members and one guest participated in the tour and 27 joined us for lunch. It was a good day in space with Mexican cuisine.





# Santa Anita A's Veteran



## Don Kennedy National Guard 1969-1992

When I was a senior at Arcadia High School, our involvement in Vietnam was relatively new. I have always supported our military and supported our efforts then and there in Vietnam. During my two years at Citrus Junior College and then two years at Long Beach State, I watched our involvement in the War become political. It was being run by politicians in Washington, not by the Generals and the Pentagon.

As a son of a World War II Navy Veteran and a patriotic citizen, I looked at military duty as a step in the ladder of becoming an adult, husband and father. By the time I graduated from college, I was married and looking forward to going on to law school. Disillusioned with what Washington was not accomplishing, I chose to join the California Army National Guard. I enlisted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 144<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery in Arcadia, California. I became an artillery surveyor and was in the Guard for one year before I was sent to Ft. Campbell, Kentucky for basic training. I was a squad leader in basic in a company made up entirely of Army Reserve and National Guard men. We all knew that when we finished basic and advanced Infantry training (AIT), that we were going back to our home units and not to Vietnam, so the moral in our company was higher than the rest of the Battalion.

I was chosen by our 1SGT to represent our company in a Battalion wide review board and was awarded the American Spirit and Honor Award and Outstanding Basic Trainee. Upon graduation from Basic Training we were bussed overnight to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma for AIT. One week into survey school, I flew home to pick up my wife and dog and drove back to Oklahoma for eleven more weeks of schooling.

Two weeks after graduating AIT, I started law school in Sacramento, CA and had to transfer to another National Guard Unit. I transferred to the Headquarters Detachment of the State Headquarters and spent three years in the clerk's office with summer camp in Camp San Luis Obispo, CA. Upon graduation from law school, we moved back to San Gabriel Valley and I transferred to the Judge Advocate General's office in Headquarter Company of the 40<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Long Beach, CA. I transferred in as an E-5 and was later promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, and then Captain. I was defense counsel for Article 15's, Court Martials and Flight Evaluation Boards, as well as Hearing Officer for Article 15's. I spent 17 years in the JAG section and retired after 21 years in the National Guard.

I look back at my years in the Guard with monthly weekend drills and summer camps at Ft. Irwin, Camp Hunter Leggett, and Camp San Luis Obispo as great times with dedicated people. I enjoyed my military career and I have many fond memories of the experiences I had in the CALARNG.



**Don Kennedy and his brother:  
Don is the one with the mustache (right)**

## The Challenge of today's Fuel or What happened to the good old gasoline we used to buy?

The "gasoline" that is available to us today is much different than what was being sold when the Model A Ford was new. Today's motor fuel with government mandated ethanol (alcohol) added is highly refined with additives that help engines run cleaner. While the fuel available to us today will run fine with the engines systems in our modern cars, it will cause problems when we use it in our Model A's.

First, this new type of fuel does not have a very long "shelf Life" and will start to go bad if you allow your Model A to just sit and not be driven for long periods of time. Two things will usually happen when this fuel goes bad. Your car may be hard to start, especially when cold, because the more volatile components of the fuel will start to evaporate leaving behind the heavier less volatile components which will not atomize properly, making your Model A hard to start, especially when cold. When the engine is running, enough heat is being generated where combustion will continue. If you have old fuel in your car and cannot get it to start, using starting fluid (either) will usually help.

The second problem old fuel may cause is that it will dry up in the carburetor and leave a deposit in the jets which will cause the engine to either run poorly or not at all. In such a case, it will be necessary to disassemble the carburetor and clean out all the jets and passages.

Using a product such as "Sta-bil" Fuel Stabilizer will help keep the fuel from going bad when your Model A is not being driven on a regular basis. Sta-Bil makes an additive for both fuels with and without ethanol. Use the Sta-Bil that is made for non ethanol fuel because the formulation of Sta-Bil for fuel with ethanol may harm some of the components in our carburetors.

The third problem we have with today's fuel is that it contains ethanol which will dissolve old varnish deposits that may have formed in our tanks. In certain situations, this old dissolved varnish will deposit itself on the valve stems causing the valves to stick and not close and the engine will not run. Sometimes when this happens, removing the spark plugs and spraying the valves with carburetor cleaner will free up the valves enough to get the engine running again. Draining all the old fuel and adding fuel system cleaner to the fresh gasoline and driving the car will often eliminate this problem. Techron Fuel System Cleaner does a good job. In severe cases, it may be necessary to remove the tank and have it professionally cleaned.

The fourth problem with currently available fuel is it has a much lower "vapor pressure" which means it will boil at a lower temperature. This usually is not a problem but in hot weather and driving in stop and go traffic, your engine may start to idle poorly and will hesitate when you try to

accelerate. These symptoms will usually clear up once you are driving along at a reasonable speed. This is caused by fuel in the carburetor starting to boil. The easiest way to diagnose this is to pour or spray some cold water on the carburetor and the symptoms should immediately go away. Adding a little Marvel Mystery Oil or Automatic Transmission Fluid to the fuel, about one ounce per 10 gal. of gasoline, will raise the boiling point of the fuel enough to eliminate this problem. You can also add a little diesel fuel or kerosene, about a cup for every 10 gal.

Driving your Model A often will help keep your Model A running well.

Happy motoring in your Model A.



### Tech Tip # 7

#### Are you using a circuit breaker instead of a fuse?

Do you have an aftermarket fuse holder mounted at the starter to protect the electrical system of your Model A? A lot of us do. A fuse will offer protection to the wiring of the electrical system if a short should develop. Henry did not include a fuse in the system and often time burned wires would be the result if a short did develop, so the addition of a fuse is a good idea.

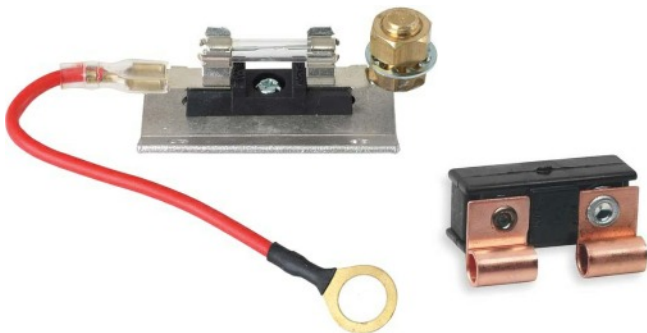
Instead of using a fuse in the holder, some of our members are using an automatic re-set circuit breaker. If a short did develop, the circuit breaker would trip and then, after a few minutes, it would automatically re-set itself. This is fine EXCEPT you should be able to investigate to find out why it tripped in the first place so an automatic re-set circuit breaker is not a good idea.

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We have also discovered some of these circuit breakers are faulty and will trip on their own when there is not a problem. When this happens, the car will run for a while and then just quit. While checking to see why the engine stopped running the circuit breaker will reset and the car will start and run again for a little while before the circuit breaker would again trip.

I highly recommend that you do install a fuse holder but use a good quality fuse and keep some spares in your car in case a problem does develop.



**Aftermarket Model A  
fuse holder assembly**

**Automatic re-set  
circuit breaker.**

**DO NOT USE**

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happy with their choice. The city staff sets up chairs and tables for their meetings and cleans up after they leave the building. The rental hours are from 7:00 PM-9:30 PM. Not bad, their members are returning home earlier than ours are. MIA CULPA.

John and Carole Emanuelli have continued to advocate this facility for our relocation. After careful consideration and a few visits to Live Oak Park your SAA Board of Directors have unanimously voted to move our meetings to Live Oak Park beginning in January of 2018.

In my opinion, you will find this is a good move for our club. You will have more elbow room during the meetings. The lay out of the facility will offer better visibility by the members with better acoustics. The outside and inside facilities are very nice with tennis courts, football/soccer fields, a baseball diamond and nice walking paths. And since it is only 3.1 miles further down the road, just think of the benefit of the extra mileage you will get credit for when you drive your Model A. Ha, ha.

Remember the old adage that "Early to Bed, Early to Rise, Makes a Man More Healthy, Wealthy and Wise".

John Mc Dannel  
Professor of Eggonomics

## **ERA FASHIONS**

**BY SUSAN HOMET**

This month we are looking at Military Uniforms in the Model A Era. Military uniforms have been a part of the American scene, and as such are part of the Model A era. World War I had just ended nine years before the introduction of the Model A in December 1927.

There were over two million US Armed Forces personnel in Europe in 1918, and probably an equal number on home soil. Following "The War to End All Wars," these numbers were greatly reduced. However, there were a large number of ROTC cadets in college, and 350,000 active duty forces.

When WW II was approaching our cars were only ten years old. The buildup commenced, and uniforms from that period are more available. Many GI's drove and used Model A's which, with the lack of civilian car production, lasted through the 1940s, and they served as the base on which our hobby was formed.

Uniforms of the First and Second World Wars have some similarities however, there were differences. A standup collar was used in the earlier war, being replaced by an open one by the second war. The Army officers' of 1929-1931 featured



the olive drab jacket with an open lapel type collar, "Sam Brown Belt" and light colored gaberdine, "pink" breeches with riding boots worn over the pants up to the knees. Worn with them was either the "Pershing style" service cap, or the "Montana Peaked Campaign Hat."

The Navy wore peaked service caps and either white or blue uniforms. Navel officers "whites" retained the high standup collar and single breasted jacket whereas CPO "whites" had the open lapel type double breasted jacket with white shirt and black tie. Enlisted ranks wore "whites" or "blues" with thirteen button claps, and "white sailor hats" or blue "Flat Hats." With exception of the officers' service blue uniform, Navy uniforms changed little from WWI. The double breasted jacket of two rows of three buttons, complete with rolled down, open collar had been introduced in 1919, and changed little in 1922.

The exception was for aviators being able to wear green and khaki uniforms with breeches and boots, and submarine officers being allowed khaki uniforms with trousers and shoes. These uniforms remained consistent through both wars.

Next month we will discuss the Marine Corps uniforms, and will include female Marines uniforms.



## MEETING MINUTES JUNE 30, 2017

- The meeting was called to order President John McDannel at 7:45
- The flag salute was led by Art Moore.
- Minutes: The minutes were approved as read.
- Thank notes were read from Maryvale and Sue Chandler and family for club donations in honor of John Chandler.
- Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was approved as read.
- Membership: Bob Moore introduces Guzman Chavarria and Robert and Diana Kincart's granddaughter. Bob also introduced our guest speaker Stewart Reed and his wife Nancy and friend John Schmidt. Bob introduced new members Howard and Adele White.
- Tours: Jim Kroger told about the following tours:
  - July 4<sup>th</sup> So. Pasadena Parade
  - July 29<sup>th</sup>, Gamble House tour. Joe Wilson talked about the Gamble house tour and the club-clothing program. Cost of the tour is \$15.00 per person cut off date July 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> Glendale Center Theater, Mom and Pops Night Out
  - Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast, Wilderness Park
  - Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> Running Horse Tour in Irwindale
  - Sept, 16<sup>th</sup> International Model A Day. Cost for Poker Run and Taco lunch \$10.00 per person
- Low End Boys: Mickey said the Low End Boys had worked on Don McBride's car. Jim Frick told about solving his carburetor problem.
- Youth Chairman Report: Wilbert Smith gave an update on progress of PHS club, and work progressing on car. Wilbert hopes to have a booth at the LA County Fair to sell raffle tickets on the car.
- Sunshine: Judi Moore reported she had sent Get Well cards to Bob Harbicht, Randy Harper and Carolyn Phillips and a thinking of you card to Joe Principe.
- Presentation: Tracy Butkus presented Barbara Dawson an Orchid plant from the club thanking her for sponsoring Ladies Day at the LA Zoo.
- Program: Speaker Stewart Reed was introduced. He is Chair of the Transportation Design Dept. at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena. He gave a talk on the different projects he has been involved in his career.
- Cookie Bringers Sign up: Sign up to bring cookies for break. Thank you to tonight cookies bringers: Joyce Travis, Gerri MKinney, Diana Kincart and Joyce McCullah.
- Break
- Winners:
  - Name Badge - Art Moore
  - Drive Your Model A - Jim Kroeger
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- Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

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