



June 2015

Celebrating our 40th Year - 1975 to 2015
Santa Anita A's
Arcadia, CA

Spoken Wheels

FICTION AND FACT

General Meeting

Friday, June 26 - 7:30 PM

Arcadia Red Cross, 376 Huntington Dr., Arcadia

Program

Beth Costanza and Gail Marshall will present a power point program on Arcadia's Thoroughbred Racing Walk of Champions. The Walk of Champions is located at Huntington Drive between Santa Anita and 2nd Ave in Arcadia. So saddle up and join us for this presentation!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - BOB TRAVIS

What a terrific program we had at our last meeting. We were fortunate to have three of our original founding members share with us in person their personal memories of those early years. Henry Ford once said "History is nothing but a bunch of bunk". Perhaps that is the way he saw it but for me I believe it can have a very special meaning for those who have actually lived it. So - "bunk" or not, I will present the second of the articles highlighting the history of our chapter. A special thank you to the participants: Brad & Vicky Balmot, Gordon & Helen Johnson, Marlin & Elaine Perry, along with Bob Moore as moderator and Mickey Fruchter as coordinator.

Ponder This

by Joe Wilson

This issue of the Spoken Wheels is special if for no other reason than it has two extra pages, a total of 14. Lots of things going on in the club and we've added new features to the newsletter. Here's a rundown:

1. Part two of Bob Travis' series on the first 40 years - The history of the Santa Anita A's. See page 1
2. The first in a series of articles about club members who are veterans of the armed services. See page 3 & 7
3. The SAA clothing line has been expanded and a new catalog released. See page 3
4. A special clothing discount program is announced for the month of July. See page 10
5. Celebration of the Santa Anita A's 40th anniversary continues with more up-coming events. See page 4
6. The web site has some new and revised sections. Check out the "Special Notices", updated roster and revised clothing catalog.



Charter

Members & Families attending the 40th anniversary celebration.

Left to right - Helen & Gordon Johnson, Jennifer & Trevor Sandberg, Vicky

The Santa Anita A's - The first 40 years

Part Two - 30 years ago - 1985

The club has survived its first 10 years and the then president Steve Concidine reports that there are 75 family members. Officers and board members completing their term of office were, in addition to Steve: Vice President Bob Sell, Secretary Ellen Trusdell, Treasurer Elaine Perry, Directors Ted Bruns, Jim Constantian, Mel Gross, Ernie Hackman and Marlin Perry. The editors of the Spoken Wheels were Kathy Concidine and Ken Schmidt.

Meetings were held at what was then the Glendale Federal Bank on 1st Ave. in Arcadia. The club was operating on a fiscal year basis from June 1 through May 31.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

- 26 - General Meeting
- 28 - Henry Ford Picnic, sponsored by Diamond Tread chapter, Page 4
- 28 - Antique Nationals - Auto Club Dragway, Fontana, see page 4

July

- 4 - South Pasadena Fourth of July Parade, see page 4
- 13 - Ladies Brunch - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
- 8 - Board Meeting -7:00 PM. Emanuelli's home.
- 11 - Quakes Night Baseball Game Outing, see page 4
- 16 - Men's Breakfast- Annia's, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM
- 31 - General Meeting

August

- 1 - San Dimas Park 40th Anniversary Tour
- 19 - Ladies Hat Day, see page 5
- 22 - Santa Anita A's Pancake Breakfast, see page 5
- 23 - San Fernando Valley Model A club swap meet

September

- 12 - Chapman University, Huell Howser Exhibit Tour
- 19 - International Model A Day
- 25 - Pot Luck Dinner Meeting, details TBA
- 26 - Battleship U.S.S. Iowa Tour
- 27 - Paradise Valley Club Swap Meet, San Bernardino

October

- 3 - Homestead Museum, Ticket to The 20's Tour
- 17 - Temple City Fall Festival and Car Show
- 24 - Vista Steam Engine Museum Overnight Tour

November

- 7 - Graber Olive House Tour
- 20 - General meeting, Note date change, one week early

December

- 6 - Arabian Horse show tour at Cal Poly
- 12 - Christmas Party, Details TBA
- 27 - Holiday Motor Excursion Tour

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SUNSHINE LADY - JOYCE TRAVIS

A get well card was sent to:
Dick Canzoneri for minor surgery

Think About It

The latest survey shows that three out of four people make up 75% of the population.

A thief who stole a calendar got 12 Months.

A dentist & a manicurist married. They fought tooth & nail.

The batteries were given out free of charge.

COOKIE BRINGERS ALERT - CAROLYN MCBRIDE

This month's Cookie People are:
Tracy Butkus, Patty Lutz, Judi Moore and
Bob Moore (C₁₂ H₂₂ O₁₁ less cookies)

PHOTO DONORS

This month's photo donors are: John Emanuelli, Joe Wilson, Bob Moore

NEW MEMBERS

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



Chuck Mauch & Maurine St. Gaudens
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Joined Feb. 2015, 29 roadster PU



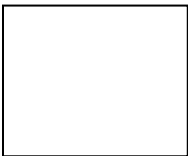
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Joined January 2015, '31 Tudor Sedan



Kevin Brown
El Monte
29 Sedan
Joined April 24, 2015

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July Birthdays

6 - Carole Weideman & Gloria Henderson
7 - Mel Foy
15 - Vickie Trepanier
16 - Kim Harryman
17 - Ron Martinez
20 - Charles Lohr & Walt Wiley
22 - John Depew
24 - Cristina Izbinski
26 - A.C. Byrd & Amy Sriro
27 - Gloria Metz
30 - Richard Rhode

July Anniversaries

1 - Stewart & Catherine Levin
7 - Scott & Lori Bonner
19 - Jerry Jr. & Elise Lampassi
20 - Bob & Judi Moore

BREAKING NEWS

New Section Added to Newsletter

Starting with this issue we are introducing a new section which will feature stories about club members who served as members of the US Armed Services. Last month we featured a story on Ken Mallory and his receiving France's Legion of Honor award. This month we begin the veterans' story series with "the rest of the story" on Ken's service experience. Next month and the following months we will feature other club veterans who will share their stories with us.

The concept of doing the veterans stories originated with Tom Endy who had done a series of similar reports in another club's newsletter. Coincidentally his suggestion was made at the time we were preparing the story on Ken Mallory's award. Tom has offered to gather the information and write the stories each month for publication in the Spoken Wheels. He has already prepared several for publication.

Last month we surveyed our members and published a list of who had served in the armed services, which branch, and the years they served. Unfortunately that survey missed several people. We hope we now have a complete list.

Tom will be contacting each of our veterans for the purpose of gathering information to write their stories. Each will be unique. Our oldest member began service in 1939. We have four WWII veterans, one who served in three different branches, and one who retired after 30 years of service.

We look forward to presenting these stories and I want to thank everyone in advance for helping Tom prepare them.

Club's Clothing Line Expanded

The club's clothing catalog has been expanded and updated. A denim shirt has been added to the variety of shirts offered. This light blue, all cotton shirt is available in both men and ladies styles with either long or short sleeves. A large embroidered patch is also now available for sewing onto your jackets. The catalog has been updated to include these items and the order form simplified. Check it out on the club's web site under "SAA

Veterans Survey

Last month's newsletter listed the names of all Santa Anita members who served in the Armed Services. Unfortunately I missed some members and want to recognize them now.

Keith Smith - Navy '42-'44, Army '44-'47, Air Force 47-64
Bob Kincart - Army '60-'62
Dick Canzoneri - Army '54-'56
Jim Skalicky - Navy '66-'68
Joe Escandon - Army '67-'70

If there are any additional veteran members who I have not identified please let me know.

COMING EVENTS

Antique Nationals

Sunday, June 28

by Joe Wilson

If you like old fast cars and old fast people, this event is for you. The Antique Nationals is the original nostalgia drag race. This 45th annual event will be held at the Auto Club Dragway, 9300 Cherry Avenue, Fontana.

Racing is open to any 1954 or earlier type vehicle. Race cars must pass tech inspection which requires seatbelts and helmets. For tech info, call Ron Mosher at 661-255-1931.

If you just want to watch, show up with \$20. Children under 15 free if they bring an adult. Gates open at 8:00 AM. Free preferred parking for pre-1974 vehicles.

Annual Henry Ford Picnic Approaching

Sunday, June 28

by Jim Kroeger

The Diamond Tread Chapter is once again sponsoring the Henry Ford Picnic at Heritage Park on Sunday, June 28th.

Located in Santa Fe Springs at 12100 Mora Drive, the event begins at 10 AM which will consist of awards and trophies, drawings and of course that wonderful BBQ.

A pre-paid reservation of \$12 for the BBQ is required. Please make out a check and mail your payment no later than June 20 to Diamond Tread Chapter, PO Box 4563, Downey CA 90241. Questions? Please call LeRoy Kehret at 562-865-2246 or email him at LROKehret@aolcom.

For those members who wish to drive their Model A's or modern cars down to the event together, we will be meeting at the Citi Bank parking lot at 9:00 am. It is located at 100 S. First St. in Arcadia. Hope to see you on the tour.

South Pasadena 4th of July Parade

Start Time: 8:30 AM for coffee and donuts at Vicky Bartlett's, 1625 Fletcher, South Pasadena. Please bring a short write-up about your car for the parade announcer.



Departing for parade: 9:45AM sharp. We will Proceed to the parade staging area where we will have time to decorate our cars. Parade starts at 11:00AM.

Lunch: Meet after parade at Bob and Joyce Travis' house 2334 S. Third Ave. Arcadia, The club will provide hot dogs, fixin's, drinks and dessert.

RSVP: Car list for parade has been turned in. Sign up for lunch by June 26th.

For info: Call Marlin Perry (626) 443-0638.

Quakes Game

Saturday, July 11

by Sheri Johnson

Saturday, July 11, 2015 is almost here for us to enjoy the all-you-can-eat BBQ dinner and watch the Quakes (the Class A affiliate of the Los Angeles Dodgers) play the Inland Empire 66er's (the Class A affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels). The game will be held at LoanMart Field (previously called the Epicenter) 8408 Rochester Ave. Rancho Cucamonga 91729. Enter off Rochester at Stadium Way (which is at the East side of the field.)

We will have 'free preferred parking' and I will distribute the parking vouchers at the time of your payment.

The price is \$24.00 per person for the BBQ and the game. There is no senior discount or child price. The deadline to pay is June 27, 2015. You can pay me at the June meeting or mail a check, made payable to the Santa Anita A's, to my home at 844 Diamond St. Monrovia 91016.

This is a modern car event. Meet me at the gate near the Pavilion (Northwest side of the field) at 5:20 p.m. to get your wristband and tickets. The BBQ will begin at approximately 5:50 p.m. and the game will start at 7:05 p.m. followed by a fireworks show. The Quakes representative has assured me that we will have seats behind home plate.

Questions? Please call me at (626) 485-3073 or (626) 446-3367.

First & Only 40th Anniversary Family Picnic

Saturday, August 1

by Mickey Fruchter

August 1st is the date for the Santa Anita A's Family 40th Anniversary Picnic and Tour. It will be a non-freeway event. We will meet in the Walmart parking lot (west end), 1600 Mountain Avenue, Duarte, CA 91010. (Mountain Avenue and 210 freeway) at 10:00 a.m.

All members are encouraged to attend (including kids and grandkids). Drive your Model A (or modern car) and join us for a nice tour and picnic. We will make a stop at the Early Ford Store in San Dimas for coffee and doughnuts and a tour of their wonderful facility. They have a huge inventory of new and used parts as well as lots of memorabilia. You will have an opportunity to purchase some needed items.

Then we will continue on to the San Dimas Canyon Park for our picnic. The club will provide hot dogs/hamburgers, rolls, condiments, water and dessert. Pack something to share with your family and fellow members.

We request that members sign up now so we can plan on how many doughnuts, hamburgers/hot dogs and ice cream we will need to purchase. There will be a "Sign Up" sheet at the June and July meetings. If you cannot attend either one of the meetings, but would like to join us, please call Mickey at (626) 797-2048 or email at: mcfu@aol.com and tell us how many will be in your party.

MORE COMING EVENTS

Ladies Day

Wednesday, August 19

by Carol Emanuelli

This year's Ladies Day has been designated "Hat Day" and will feature a luncheon and fashion show. A group of lady "Fashion Coordinators" will be participating in the program.

The event will be held on Wednesday, August 19, at Almanson Court, 70 South Almanson Street. Alhambra, CA 11:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

Cost for members is \$15.16. Guests - \$25.16 each. Deadline for reservations and payment is August 5, 2015. Make out your check to the Santa Anita A's and mail it to Carol Emanuelli, 9842 Keywest Street, Temple City, CA 91780. (626) 286-5267

Attendees are encouraged to participate in the fashion show by wearing a vintage hat. Ladies, mark your Calendars and bring your hat.



SAA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, August 22

The Santa Anita A's Pancake Breakfast will be held at Wilderness Park in Arcadia on Saturday August 22nd. 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 Bob Moore 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 June or July meeting. If you are unable to attend a meeting call Elaine Perry (626) 443-0638.

Direction 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 on the right up the hill.

SIGN UP AT MEETING

PAST EVENTS

Mount Baldy Tour

May 7

by Joe Wilson

The traditional Mount Baldy tour, scheduled on the national day of prayer always starts with a car show and a blessing of the cars at Royal Oaks in Bradbury, followed by lunch on the mountain and ice cream at Art and Olive Moore's home on our return drive. Well, the rainmaker changed our plans. Then Royal Oaks was not available for our rescheduled tour date.



But, fear not. Flexible Bob Moore, was able to make it happen. We all met at Judi Moore's home where we were served coffee and donuts and "Reverend For the Day", Judi Moore belatedly, but successfully, blessed our cars.

We had a wonderful drive up the mountain, a fine brunch as usual, followed by ice cream delights and garage tour at another Moore home (Art and Olive). Moral of the story "The show must go on".



We had 26 people sign up but I am not sure who all made it up and back.

Salute to Veterans Music Concert & Dinner

May 22

by Joe Wilson

This was a "Dinner and event". The dinner was at Los Gringos in La Canada and the event was a musical salute to veterans, fitting for the Memorial Day weekend.

The menu included a variety of Mexican food offerings with a side of guacamole dip freshly prepared right at your table. Optional traditional Mexican beverages were available (Cerveza and a mixture of tequila, triple sec and lime juice).

Following a casual dinner the group walked across Foothill Blvd. to the La Canada Presbyterian Church for the musical presentation. The multi-media performance which included a choir and orchestra, numbered over 100 singers and instruments, accompanied by inspirational videos and photos. Included in the program, veterans in attendance were recognized as they stood when their branch of service music was played. It was a very professional presentation.

We had a total of 36 participants which included several guests. Each participant was presented a "Santa Anita" Badge which provided them access to a reserved seating section for the performance. Requests were made to do it again next year.

Our tour group gathered at the Walmart on a very overcast morning. The clouds hung low in the mountains. A few hours earlier it had drizzled or rained depending on where you lived. I was accused of scheduling another tour on a rainy day. As we passed the Morris Dam on Highway 39, the overcast became heavier and it looked like rain. However, just after passing the San Gabriel Reservoir, about four miles before the bridge over the San Gabriel River, blue skies began to break through and the humidity level dropped. Ten minutes later as we sat in the shade of the oaks at the Oaks Picnic area, the weather was perfect with blue skies, 70 degrees, with a light breeze.



Twenty two of our members plus Tom and Sheri's granddaughter Valerie, sat down at a long table to enjoy a picnic lunch. There was plenty of shared food being passed around and for dessert, everyone had a Klondike bar.

Those on the tour were Joe Principe and Nancy Stancil, Chuck and Nancy Sharpe, Chris Wickersham, Rick and Carolyn Phillips, Bob and Patsy Harbicht, Brad and Vicky Balmot, Jim Frick, John Emanuelli, Tom and Sheri Johnson and granddaughter Valerie, Mickey and Bea Fruchter, Ted and Paulette Bruns, Leroy Gilbert and Bob and Judi Moore. Except for Ted and Paulette who rode in on their tricycle, it was all Model A's.





Santa Anita A's Veteran



Ken Mallory US Army 1943-1945

Pasadena, California was where I was born in 1924. I grew up in the area and was attending Pasadena City College in March 1943 when I was drafted into the army. Basic training was at Camp Roberts in Central California. I was trained as a mortar man. My first war time service was in the Aleutian Islands Campaign during 1943-1944. Upon my return to the States I was attached to the 87th Infantry Division, Company L of the 345th Infantry Regiment. In October 1944 the division was deployed to France where I saw combat action in the Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge), the Rhineland, and Central Europe. In the first day of action in the Battle of the Bulge our regiment suffered 50 to 60 casualties. My company crossed the Rhine River at night in ten-man boats under fire to seize the eastern bank. Once across my squad set up a mortar position and started dropping mortar shells on a German gun emplacement overlooking the river. Many years later at an 87th Division reunion an infantryman came up to me and shook my hand and thanked me for taking that gun position out. He and his squad had been ordered to prepare to assault it. Significant campaign medals I received are the Combat Infantryman Badge, a Bronze Star, and the ETO Campaign Medal with three battle stars, the World War II Victory Medal, and a Good Conduct Medal. I was honorably discharged at Camp Shelby, Mississippi in October 1945 with the rank of Sargent.

Following World War II I obtained a bachelor's degree from USC in 1950 and spent a long business career in sales with the Dow Chemical Company. Today I live in Bradbury, California with my wife Elizabeth. We have a daughter, a son, three grandchildren, and one great grandchild.



87th Infantry Division 1945: Ken Mallory top left

Editor's Note:

May 8, 2015, (the 70th anniversary of VE Day) on board the USS Iowa, Long Beach, CA: The French Council General Awarded Sgt. Ken Mallory and 19 others the French Legion Of Honor Medal, Frances highest award, for participation in the liberation of France during WWII.



Collecting and Coordinating Outfits

The separate years of the Model A Era seemed to be different when it came to the cars, but there was a lot of crossover when it came to fashion. People then as people now were basically thrifty with their clothing. We often keep clothing we like for several seasons. People in the 20's and 30's did too.

Perhaps a handbag was carried for a few years... clothing could be passed around families or remodeled into newer looks. The hats were cared for and used for years. 1928... the 20's continue.. some flapper styles, double breasted suits, cloche hats, fedoras, caps. 1929.... styles continue ... shorter hair styles for women.



1930... styles begin to change... skirts longer, natural waist, knickers, vests, women's riding outfits, longer hair, purses a bit larger, hose sheerer, some veils on hats. Brims on both men's and women's hats widen. In researching hair styles, from the 1800's forward the women wore longer hair. As the 20's came women cut their hair and shortened their skirts and went to work. As more salons were available, women had perms and different styles. After the stock crash in 1929, some women let their hair grow again because of the economy. They saved money by not having regular hair cuts.

When coordinating a current outfit consider your choices. You may have a favorite style in mind. Perhaps a man may like the "Clyde Barrow" look. He wore slacks, dress shirt, suspenders and a fedora. Or, perhaps a farmer or rancher look. Overalls or loose jeans, a long sleeved plaid shirt, and suspenders, and a straw hat. Ladies may like the matching "Bonnie Parker" look. She wore blouses, skirts or dresses with a bit fuller skirt and a length below her knee. Her hats were usually made of felt, and her hair wavy or curly. Ladies in a farm or ranch environment wore house dresses with aprons with bandannas around their hair, sometimes.

More formal styles include a basic black dress or suit for ladies with a fur stole and a hat with some flair. A man may choose a striped suit with a vest and formal shirt with a bow tie or a long tie, wider during these years.

As I have suggested before, I feel we will find these items in many places. It will take awhile to gather everything. Do research in old magazines, old movies and on the Internet if you can. Keep a list or file about things that appeal to you. Thanks for your comments.

- Meeting was called to order by Bob Travis at 7:31 p.m.
- The flag salute was led by John McDannel
- Membership: Randy Harper introduced guests, Susan Homet and David Galassi. Also Vickie Bartlett introduced her grandkids and Carol Emanuelli introduced her two grand kids.
- Tours: Jim Kroeger announced the following tours

June 11 th	San Gabriel East Fork Tour
June 28 th	Henry Ford Picnic
July 4 th	South Pasadena Parade
July 11 th	Quakes Night Game
- Jim Kroeger thanked Bob Moore for the Mt Baldy tour
- General Announcements -Joe Giocomarra's 97th birthday is today and everyone sang Happy Birthday to him.
- Ken Mallory said that his hiking group has some openings and if you are interested in joining let him know.
- Charlie Lohr announced that San Fernando club is having their swap meet August 23rd. He said if 4 club members buy a spot at the meet the 5th one will be free.
- Bea Fruchter said the ladies' brunch is the second Monday of the month and if you sign up and cannot come please let her know.
- Joe Wilson said he had four announcements:
 - Veterans survey in newsletter left out 3 names - Robert Kincart, Keith Smith and Gordon Johnson. He will put out an up date of master data base each month. Instructions are in newsletter for updating your information. He has instruction cards tonight. He showed new denim shirt that is available to order.
 - Program - The program tonight is the 40th anniversary celebration of the club. Mickey showed a short video of the first 25 years and there was a panel discussion by the charter members Brad and Vickie Balmot, Marlin and Elaine Perry and Gordon and Helen Johnson. A question and answer discussion followed after each member gave a short memory of the early years.
 - BREAK
 - Recall to Order
 - Minutes - The minutes of the April General meeting were approved as printed in the Spoken Wheels
 - The treasurer's report was approved as read.
 - Spoken Wheels - No report
 - Sunshine No report
 - Sign up for 4th of July parade and picnic. Also Marlin has Snyder's catalogs for members to pick and give him suggestions for men's raffle item.
 - Technical - Bob gave a short talk on the different type of oil now being sold for the Model A.
 - Thank you to: Cookie bringers Carolyn McBride and Joyce Travis, to Mickey and Carol for the anniversary cake, Nancy Stancil and Nancy Sharpe for refreshment set-up, Josie for selling 50/25/25 tickets, Sheri for ladies raffle prizes and Marlin for men's raffle prizes.
 - 50/25/25 winners: Vickie Bartlett & Mel Foye \$27.00 each
 - Name badge winner - Nancy Stancil
 - Drove Model A to the meeting winner - Rick Phillips
 - Men's and Ladies' Raffle
 - Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

The January issue of the club newsletter contained a notice that the February meeting “As in the tradition of our club, the meeting will be conducted by the ladies exclusively”. It went on to say that the meeting led by Kathy Concidine will have “An emphasis on the female gender” (Authors note - what a novel idea!)

In February plans were being made for what had become an annual yard sale to be held at Don and Helen Cass’s home and the March tour was a visit to the El Monte Museum of History. A nominating committee was formed to choose the next board of officers and directors. Jim Constatian was selling a Model A for \$6,000 and a Chevy for \$6,500.

During the March meeting Elaine Perry announced that the yard sale had been a huge success and President Steve Concidine announced that he “will not seek nor accept a second term”. This turned out to be true. The nominating committee continued its work in preparation for the upcoming elections and a tour of the Perris Trolley Museum in Perris was planned for April.

In April, Steve prepared his final President’s message (I know what a relief that is) and the nominating committee reported their recommendations for the new club year: President - Peggy Allen, Vice President - Don Cass, Secretary - Ellen Truesdell, Treasurer - George Reeley; Board of Directors: Minnette Clark, Craig Dong, Mell Gross, Doe Kleckner, Thurston Levay, Jim Parrish and John Stevens. (Note the board consisted of 7 members vs 5 today)

May saw the traditional installation Banquet and the baton was passed. In June Brad Balmot was back in the news again by winning something called “Tennis Ball” at the annual Ford Fun Day at Whittier Narrows. Elaine Perry did the ladies proud by winning “Dip and Fill”. A call was issued for Model A’s to participate in the Sierra Madre 4th of July Parade with free lunch at the home of Mike and Jennifer Power’s home. Apparently Model A’s were a main attraction of the parade. David Perry graduated from Arroyo High School in El Monte and Tracy graduated from Rio Hondo Jr. High in Arcadia.

The month of July saw a change in editor for Spoken Wheels as Carol Dong took over from Kathy Concidine and Ken Schmidt. The paper announced that there were “33 ½ Model A’s” in the 4th of July parade and reminded members that next month’s meeting (August) would be the annual picnic at Wilderness Park in Arcadia and there would be no meeting.

It appears August was a quiet month. The newsletter contained a short article reporting that MAFCA now had 235 chapters with a membership of 12,188. Twenty four of those chapters have celebrated their 25th anniversary (Authors note: I am a charter member of one of those chapters - Poco Quatros “little four” in Albuquerque, New

Mexico. There was also an announcement asking for open cars, pickups and rumble seat coupes to support local college and high school half time events. It was also noted that Ted and Paulette had driven their Model A pick-up to Heckala, North Dakota on vacation and was trying to claim club mileage.

The September issue of the Spoken Wheels announced the upcoming 11th annual Christmas party and asked for missing issues of the newsletter in order to bring the club’s scrapbook up to date. A Ladies Driving day was scheduled for October and offered the “This Lady Drives a Model A” patch upon successful completion. (I think some of those patches are still around.)

In October the first tri-chapter meet was held in Santa Barbara. It involved the Santa Barbara, Santa Anita A’s and the Ventura Club in a weekend gathering and was to become an annual event. The October issue of the newsletter contained a very special technical article titled “Rebuilding the Gear Shift Assembly” written by Gene Reinhardt. Unfortunately the November and December issues are missing.

In conclusion, it is my impression that the first 10 years established a firm foundation upon which the club could build and very much reflects the club as it is today. Highly diversified, something for everyone, with the same goal - preservation of the Model A Ford automobile.

June 14 - Flag Day in the United States

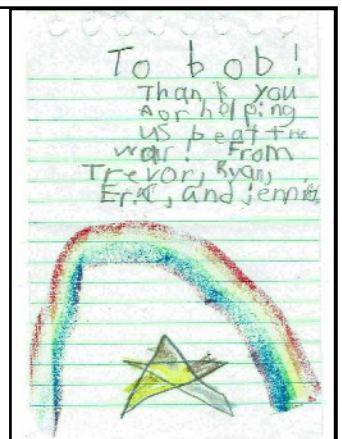


People across the United States celebrate Flag Day on June 14 each year to honor the United States flag and to commemorate the flag’s adoption. On the same day, the United States Army celebrates its birthday.

A Thank you note

This note was written by Trevor Sandberg, son of Eric and Jennifer Sandberg and given to Bob Travis on Memorial Day weekend.

Trevor thanked Bob “for beating the war”. He signed it: From Trevor, Ryan - his little brother, Eric - his dad and Jennifer - his Mom.



Car Overheating or Pumping Water Out or Both?

Below is an article from the Tulsa Model A club which comments on one of the typical problems faced by Model A owners. I thank them for this interesting article.

Did you ever say the following: My engine continues to overheat. We have put on a new water pump, the radiator was "cleaned and soldered and filled", but it still overheats. Not an abnormal thing, especially in the Oklahoma summers.

First let's define overheating. Is it steaming or just pumping water out the top? If it's just pumping water out you may be over filling it — let the radiator find its own level. Each "A" seems to have it's own level. As an example, in Kansas City I added water to our 1929 all the way to the top — I knew it was too full but it sure looked good!! When I started the car it promptly pumped out the excess water until it reached its normal operating level.

Suggestions:

There are several things that can cause a Model A to overheat. The main cause is usually the radiator. First you can check to see if your radiator has 3 rows of tubes. Some of the older replacement radiators had only 2 rows. That will not provide sufficient cooling. If the radiator is old and has been in the car a long time, the fins of the radiator become loose and cannot dissipate the heat. Also, if the radiator is old and has been in the car a long time, calcium deposits in the radiator will reduce the cooling efficiency of the radiator.

Like many Model A owners we had to replace a radiator as once we got the car over 40 MPH it would get hot. The radiator had 3 tubes but only 6 fins per inch (normal) plus the flow rate was quite slow. The new core that was put on has 12 fins per inch plus they are crinkled to provide maximum cooling surface area. Replacing the radiator along with slowing the rate of flow (installed a Thermostat) stopped the overheating on our "A".

Now let's consider other potential causes of overheating. First make sure the timing is set correctly. Then make sure nothing is blocking the front of the radiator, like a license plate. If you have a new engine it will sometimes run hot until it is broken in. There are several books and articles that have been written that will tell how to correctly set the timing. A blown head gasket can also cause overheating. Check for bubbles in the water at the filler neck. This may indicate a blown head gasket. Running your car too lean (Gas Adjustment Valve, GAV) can also contribute to your motor running hot. In this hot weather there can be many contributing factors.

This month the Low End Boys were very busy. First they worked on my Woody Wagon installing an engine. Working with me were Mickey, and John Emanuelli. Next came installing another engine in my 1 1/2 ton Truck and working on that project were Mickey Fruchter and Chris Wickersham. I also want to thank Joe Wilson, Bob Travis and Art Moore who worked on the carburetor for my Station Wagon.

Next we received a call from Frank Izbinski saying his car would not run, I called John Emanuelli and away we go not knowing what to expect. We tried many things no luck. John asked for an emery board and he filed the distributor four ends inside the cap. Guess what - the engine starts and runs like a scared rabbit. This is a true story.

Another thought for everyone. Let's help Sheri Johnson and Ronald McDonald help kids. Save your tabs off your soda and beer cans. Closing out - Happy Model A'ing

Yours truly, Marlin.

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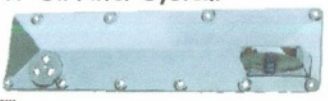
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3. Make reservations for the up coming events.
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