



June 2016

Spoken Wheels

THE NEXT MEETING

General meeting

Friday, June 24 - 7:30 PM

Arcadia Red Cross. 376 Huntington Dr. Arcadia

Program

Bob Egge, grandson of the founder of Egge Machine Company will be our speaker at our next meeting. Egge has been a parts supplier for collector cars ever since it was founded in 1915. The company manufactures many of its parts in-house, including pistons and cylinder heads.

Flag Raising Ceremony Held for Leroy Gilbert

It is a fire department tradition to honor retired fireman upon their death by performing a "Flag Raising Ceremony" at the station where they last served. When Leroy Gilbert retired from the L.A. County Fire Department he was serving at Station 29, located in Baldwin Hills.

A flag raising ceremony for Leroy was performed by the L.A. County Fire Department Honor Guard at Station 29 on June 4. Attending the ceremony were Leroy's family, friends and the firemen assigned to Station 29.



Members from the Santa Anita A's participated by bringing their cars to the Station. Mike Kniest had served with Leroy at that station.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JOHN MCDANNEL

S'MORES

The recipe for this cookie was first published in 1927 by the Girl Scouts of America book called "Tramping and Trailing with the Girl Scouts". I knew that all of you were just dying to know this bit of trivia.

Now let's look back to January 29, 2016. On that date, we conducted our SAA's Model A Club Auction/Fund Raiser. As you probably remember the auction was a very successful event for our club. Our fast talking auctioneer Bob Travis was on a roll that night. Like Cal Worthington and his dog Spot, he could sell an Eskimo a refrigerator.

FYI, the traditionally high bid items at these auctions always seem to relate to food. Art and Olive Moore were the successful high bidders for a dinner at the Mc Dannel house. Well that is where S'MORES comes into the picture. Mary and I offered to host a dinner for up to four guests at our home in Pasadena.

Well, our offer sold to a very generous hungry bidder. I must say that we really looked forward to preparing a great meal for our distinguished dinner guests. You might ask, were S'Mores on the menu? Go ahead – take a guess! No, we had a wonderful meal lovingly prepared for our guests. In fact, we had Moore guests than one would first expect to show up for a dinner at our house. Art and Olive Moore invited Bob and Judi Moore to join them to be their dinner guests. Now you can see why I said we had Moore guests than we ever expected. Gotcha! I might add that following dinner none of us got up in the morning to weigh ourselves on the scale.

Thanks Art and Olive Moore for your generous donation to our club's fund raiser. You and the other members of the club made it a successful night. We'd like to say we hope you all will come back for S'MORE.

Wilbert Smith has been spinning his web exciting our Pasadena High School, Pasadena City College students and their faculty to consider starting a Model A hobby on these campuses. Let's see how much mileage we can make on this project. Keep up the good work Wilbert Smith, John Emanuelli and Joe Wilson.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

- 19 -24 - MAFCA National Convention
- 26 - Henry Ford Picnic, Santa Fe Springs

July

- 4 - South Pasadena Parade, see page 4
- 11 - Ladies Brunch, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
- 12 - Mt. Baldy Tour, see page 4
- 13 - Board Meeting- At Mr. & Mrs. Emanuelli's home, 7:00 PM
- 21 - Men's Breakfast, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM
- 28 - San Gabriel East Fork Picnic Tour, see page 4
- 29 - General Meeting

August

- 13 - Santa Anita A's Pancake Breakfast, see page 4
- 21 - San Fernando Club Swap meet, Chatsworth.
- 27 - Doheny Mansion Tour, see page 5

September

- 9 - International Ford Day
- 11 - Paramount Ranch Tour
- 25 - Paradise Valley Antique Auto & Parts Swap Meet

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 -

Facts about which you might not care to know.

- Stewardesses is the longest word typed only with your left hand.
- Lollypop is the longest word typed only with your right hand.
- No English word rhymes with Orange, silver or Purple.
- The words "racecar", "kayak", "Level" and "LCFAFL" are the same when read left or right and are known as "palindromes".
- There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious".
- "typewriter" is the longest word than can be typed using only one row of the keyboard.
- There are more chickens than people in the world.
- Along with some people, the Ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Spoken Wheels is the monthly publication of the Santa Anita A's based in Arcadia, California. The organization is dedicated to the restoration, preservation and enjoyment of the Model A Ford. It is a chapter of the national organization, MAFCA (Model A Ford Club of America). Meetings are held on the last Friday of most months at the Arcadia Red Cross facility, 376 Huntington Drive, Arcadia California. Mailing address PO Box 660904, Arcadia. Web Site www.santaanitaas.org

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SUNSHINE LADY -

JUDI MOORE

A get well card was sent to Ken Mallory who spent one night in the hospital

COOKIE BRINGERS ALERT - DIANA KINCART

Tracy Perry Butkus, Elaine Perry and Dianna Kincart

PHOTO DONORS

Susan Homet, Nancy Stancil, Carolyn McBride and Janet Beggs

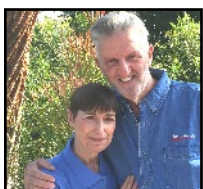
NEW MEMBERS

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



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Joined March 2016 1931 Tudor



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Joined March 2016 1929 Tudor



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Joined June 2016 1930 Town Sedan

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July Birthdays

6 - Gloria Henderson
6 - Carole Weideman
7 - Mel Foye
15 - Vicky Trepanier
16 - Kim Harryman
17 - Ronald Martinez
20 - Walt Wiley
22 - Jon DePew
26 - A.C.Byrd
26 - Amy Srio
27 - Gloria Metz
30 - Richard Rhode

July Anniversaries

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

Model A Ford Club of America

Santa Anita A's is a chartered member of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). It is a California not-for-profit corporation and a national historical society dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Model A Ford vehicles as manufactured from 1928 through 1931.

We encourage our SAA members to also participate in the MAFCA organization. Check out their web site. It contains a wide variety of information about the organization, activities, technical references and instructions on how to join the organization. (www.mafca.com)



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT BY BOB HARBICHT

Patrick & Martha Utter

New members? Well, sorta. Pat & Martha joined the Santa Anita A's back in 1999, another century. But work got in the way of participating in the club and they dropped out. Fast forward a number of



years and Pat retired. So about four months ago they joined again. So, what about our new/old members? Pat was a railroad man, an electrical technician. He began with the Southern Pacific and retired from the Union Pacific, but never changed jobs. His railroad kept getting sold and he just stuck with it through several owners.

Martha worked for about a quarter century for Transamerica. She was in charge of leasing contracts for their many offices.

How did they get involved in the Model A hobby? Well, Pat's grandparents had some property in Ojai and the people who owned the property across the way passed away. Someone purchased everything that was on the property which included a 1930 Coupe in pieces. Pat approached the man about the Model A and bought the pieces for \$2,500. He then spent a year putting it back together and restoring it. This was about the time they joined the Santa Anita A's the first time.

A couple of years later Pat was looking for a pickup and a co-worker was also looking for a Model A. They heard of one that was for sale, also in pieces. Pat went to look at it, saw that it was in great shape except for the assembly needed, so he bought it. When his co-worker asked if he had looked at the truck Pat told him he had some good news and some bad news. The guy said, "It's already sold?" Pat said, "Yes, I bought it."

Pat & Martha have been married for 37 years and have one son who teaches Physics at Cal State Fullerton. Pat served in the Navy, spending his active duty cruising the Pacific. He also did six years of active reserve.

Pat has a hobby of collecting unusual pocket watches. His most unusual watch resulted from asking a missionary friend in the Ukraine if he could find him a Russian pocket watch. The friend ended up giving Pat a watch that he had in a drawer for 25 years or so, a KGB retirement watch. A rare and most unusual watch indeed!

COMING EVENTS

South Pasadena 4th of July Parade

Start Time: 8:30AM 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: 9:45 AM sharp. We will proceed to the parade staging area where we will have time to decorate our cars. Parade starts at 11:00 AM.

Lunch: Meet after the parade at Robert and Diana Kincart's 330 W. La Flores Ave., Arcadia. The club will provide hot dogs, fixing's drinks and dessert.

RSVP: Car list for parade has already been turned in. Sign up for lunch by June 24th

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

Tour to the Oaks Picnic Area on the 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. There is no freeway driving and after turning north from Foothill Blvd. onto Azusa Avenue there is only one more traffic light and then another 16 miles of hopefully non-interrupted driving.

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 which allows you to park in the forest. 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.

Part two and part three of the Mt. Baldy Tour

Tuesday, July 12

by Bob Moore

Brunch and Sundaes at the Moore's

Parts 2 and 3 of the Mt. Baldy Tour originally scheduled for May 5 will be on July 12. We completed Part 1, the car show at Royal Oaks. Because of the predicted weather on that day we had to reschedule part 2, the brunch at Mt. Baldy and part 3, ice cream sundaes at Olive and Art Moore's home in Upland.

If you were previously signed up and cannot go on July 12, Sheri Johnson will refund your money. If you can now go, send \$18.00 per person for the brunch to Sheri.



We will meet at Bob and Judi Moore's home at 9:30 AM and depart at 9:45 AM. Their address is 529 Winston Avenue, Bradbury, CA 91008.

Any questions, please call Bob Moore at 626-358-2027.

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 Saturday 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 by the July meeting. If you are unable to attend the June or July meeting call Elaine Perry (626) 443-0638, 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 kitchen, making coffee, cooking eggs etc. if you can help please sign up at general meeting.

Make your reservations at the next meeting.

MORE COMING EVENTS

Doheny Mansion Tour

Saturday August, 27

Jim Kroeger

Ok all you history buffs; Who was one of the central figures of the Teapot Dome Scandal of 1922? The Doheny Library, Doheny State Beach, Doheny Eye Center and Doheny Drive all bear his name.

You are correct. It is Edward Doheny, the wealthy Los Angeles oil baron from the turn of the last century. We will be learning about his empire as we tour Doheny Mansion at Mt. St.



Mary University in downtown Los Angeles on Sat. August 27.

Tours of the mansion must be booked weeks in advance. The cost is \$20 per person for the two hour tour which will begin at 10 AM. Sign up sheets will be available at the next two general membership meetings. If you are interested make your check out to the Santa Anita A's and give to Sheri Johnson. The deadline is August 11.

We will meet at the home of Jim Kroeger, located at 2669 E. Villa St. in Pasadena, at 8:30 am. Following the tour we will have lunch at the campus cafe across the street from the mansion. For more information call Jim at 626-710-6592. Hope to see you on tour.

PAST EVENTS

Pickwick Vintage Fashion Show

May 29

by Susan Homet

Several of the ladies of the Santa Anita A's spent a lovely afternoon attending the Pickwick Vintage Show. The show takes place in Burbank about three times a year at the Pickwick Gardens. Those in attendance were Vicky Balmot, Carol Emanuelli, Carolyn Phillips, Nancy Stancil, Natalie Courtney, and Susan Homet.

The ladies met at the Sears parking lot in Pasadena then carpooled to the event. Upon arrival, a group photograph was taken. Once inside, the ladies stood in awe as they took in the vast display of vintage clothing, jewelry, and more. The colors swirled around, beckoning the eye to enter and become immersed within the actual gala bazaar.



All eras of vintage finery were available for purchase. Once immersed in vintage garments, linens and old lace, the accompanying scents took you back in time.

San Antonio Winery Lunch Tour

June 9

by Nancy Stancil

Twenty seven members of the San Gabriel MARC Club and the Santa Anita A's headed out to lunch Thursday, June 9th from Colonial Kitchen. Ten Model A's and four modern cars attended the event. Tracy Butkus, John and Carol Emanuelli, John and Mary McDannel, and Joe and Joy Wilson met us at the winery. The winery is only 7.2 miles from Colonial Kitchen, so it is a very brief ride there.

We checked in with the restaurant and walked around the sample food tables to see what best to order. Service was quite quick and soon everyone was enjoying a delicious meal. Gloria and Pete Henderson's grandson works there and he joined our group for lunch. Lots of conversations going on.

This is how you spend some time getting to know your Model A friends. Everyone was on their own for the ride home. It's always a fun and easy tour.



Those in attendance were: Brad and Vicky Balmot, Tracy Butkus, John and Carol Emmanuelli, Micky and Bea Fruchter, Pete and Gloria Henderson, Tom and Sheri Johnson, Bob and Diane Kincart, Don and Carolyn McBride, John and Mary McDannel, Marlin and Elaine Perry, Joe Principe, Terry and Carolyn Riker, Albert and Sheila Robles, Joe and Joy Wilson, and me, Nancy Stancil.

The vendors were extremely helpful in answering questions about their merchandise and explaining to the ladies the history of their precious goods.

After doing some shopping, the ladies were ready for something good to eat for lunch. Fortunately there was a terrific Mexican restaurant right across the street from the Pickwick Gardens. The ladies had a wonderful time at the Viva Tacos Mexican Restaurant where they ate and watched the horses entering the Los Angeles Equestrian Center hot off the trail. Overall, it was a fantastic day, and the ladies were happy to return to the vintage show for one last look, before returning home.

PAST EVENTS -MORE

Driving Miss Daisy

June 11 by Janet Beggs

Janet Beggs, the Shakespeare Club's new Vice President and the Santa Anita A's Tour Director, Jim Kroeger, (Special Gentleman of Janet) helped arrange a service project called "Driving Miss Daisy" to raise funds for remodeling the Ballroom of The Shakespeare Club.



On Saturday morning, June 11, Rick Phillips was the first to arrive in his cap and bow tie like a proper chauffeur and parked his "Miss Daisy" right in front of the grand front doors. As the ladies (and some husbands) strolled into the parking lot, many were dressed in hats and vintage looks. One husband had been instructed to exchange his standard polo shirt for his Route 66 shirt before leaving the house.



Everyone was able to ride in the car of their own choosing through a street route of Pasadena's architectural highlights, arriving at the 1891 Jam Factory in Sierra Madre for a very interesting private tour. Although a heavy mist turned to rain, even the ladies riding in rumble seats continued to

have a wonderful time, wanting their pictures taken with their umbrellas. The day was a huge success. The ladies enjoyed waving like Queens on parade and hearing the aah-ohh-ga horns in tunnels made them laugh. Many felt like they made new friends.



Touring the E. Waldo Ward & Sons Marmalades factory in Sierra Madre

The ladies of The Shakespeare Club send very sincere thank you's to the drivers: Rick Phillips in "Miss Daisy", Jim Kroeger, John McDannel, Steve Concidine, Terry Mills, Don McBride, John Emanuelli, and Randy Harper driving Bob Moore's woody wagon.

Presidents message, Continued from page 1

Mary and I joined with some of our club members to support the MARC Club's offer to visit the San Antonio Winery in downtown Los Angeles. Neither Mary nor I had ever had the pleasure of visiting this venerable establishment. The winery was started in 1917 by Mr. Ruboli. The food and good fellowship was worth the visit. And while you are there, don't forget to take a sip of their wines. And remember that wine improves with age, the older we get the better we like it! Hic

For all of you literature buffs, Shakespeare was dubbed the "Bard of Avon". He was a playwright, actor and poet. So what does this have to do with a Model A tour? Well, Jim Kroeger and Janet Beggs arranged for your car club to assist the Shakespeare Club members to raise funds for the purpose of making improvements to their magnificent dining room. Many of you will remember the wonderful Ruby Gala event that was held at the Shakespeare Club in Pasadena. It was our Club's 40th anniversary. What a gala event!

The Shakespeare Club members are made up of professional women who raise funds for a variety of worthwhile educational scholarships and other important community projects. They are a fun group to be with. I was fortunate to have three of these lovely ladies in my 1929 Model A Roadster. These women didn't complain about their hair blowing in the wind nor the drizzle falling upon their shoulders during their ride through Pasadena. It was June gloom we were experiencing while on this tour.

Our route took us over and then under the Pasadena Suicide Bridge, we passed by the Annandale Golf Course, drove around the Rose Bowl, stopped to gawk at the Gamble house, whizzed past the beautiful Pasadena City Hall and into Sierra Madre where we got ourselves into a Jam.

Oh, what I mean is we toured the Sierra Madre E. Waldo Ward & Sons Marmalades factory that manufactures jams, jellies, pickles and pasta sauce. Sorry for the sticky wording Old Chap! Yuk, Yuk!

Cheers, John Mc Dannel

Previously I wrote about the lovely spring and mentioned some of the fashions popular in the late twenties and early thirties, during this time of the year, and heading into the summer, I wrote about the "beach pajamas". These outfits were worn to the beach, as well as around town, and were all the rage at the time!

I wrote about them, and at the time they were priced at a few dollars. I found a pair of them recently and the set is in pristine condition, and look as if they were probably never worn. Only now, they are priced at \$350.00!

These items are extremely rare, not many around anymore, especially not in this condition. I found them at Paper Moon Vintage, a vintage clothing and accessories shop in Hollywood. I am including a picture of them here in this article. I am also including one of the inside of the shop in which the owner of the shop is gesturing at some of the items available in her shop. The shop is located at the corner of Hollywood and Sunset Boulevard's, right in the heart of Hollywood.



The shop hours are between noon and 7:00 p.m. except for Sundays when it is closed. On the full moon day of each month the store offers 25% off of any purchase! There is street parking right in front of the shop, and the address is 4516 Hollywood Blvd.

Nicole, the owner, and her associates are extremely knowledgeable about their wares and the time periods they hail from. They actually have a good selection of dresses, and hats from the period we are interested in, and they really work with you to find what you want.

I might emphasize how very few items of apparel still remain from these eras, and also how difficult they are to find. I have spent many hours researching on the internet for these articles of apparel and the things that I do find are extremely expensive, and few and far between.

I recently bought a great silk velvet dress from the period, and a cloche hat at Paper Moon Vintage. The dress fits nicely, and is in excellent condition. The price was good as well. I feel that I got good value for my money.



I do so enjoy vintage clothing and accessories; they look and feel different from the garments of today. They also have a wonderful smell, one that inspires nostalgic thoughts of days gone by. I always feel closer to those olden days when shopping there, and can imagine what life may have felt like back in the day of our treasured Model A.

SAA General Meeting Minutes, May 27, 2016

- The meeting was called to order by John McDannel at 7:30 PM. The flag salute was led by Ken Mallory
- Membership- Randy Harper introduced new member Bill Stoner. Sally introduced her daughter Adele White and her cousin Kathy.
- Tours -Jim Kroger told about the following tours:
 - June 9th San Antonio Winery Tour with San Gabriel MARC
 - Oct. 1-2 Ticket to the Twenties need a leader
 - June 26th - Henry Ford Picnic Meet a Citi Bank 9:00AM
- Other events -
 - South Pasadena Masonic Lodge needs cars June 18th.
 - Arcadia Arboretum needs cars June 23rd for an event.
 - Volunteers: John McDannel, Brad Balmot, Steve Concidine & Bob Travis
- General Announcements: Nancy Stancil reported that Leroy Gilbert's memorial flag raising would be June 4th at the Baldwin Park Fire Station. An email will be sent with details.
- Pasadena High School Youth Outreach - Wilbert Smith said that MAFCA is very interested in this project and will send MAFCA materials for the project. He is also talking with John Muir HS. First meeting with the students will be in Sept.
- Birthday - Joe Giocomarra will be 98 tomorrow and just renewed his drivers' license for five years.
- July 4th South Pasadena Parade - Marlin and Tracy said they attended meeting and have a sign up sheet for parade on table. We need members to carry dignitaries in parade and Tracy said she also spoke to the committee about restrooms at the line up site. She said there will be 4 porta potties and the Library restrooms will be open.
- Program- Ken Mallory introduced the guest speaker Michael Garduno; Michael is a former Secret Service agent and the son of member Mary Garduno. He gave us a very interesting and informative view of the Secret Service agency. Ken said next months speaker would be Bob Egge from Egge machine
- Seminar - Tom Endy gave a short talk on the Transmission Tower rebuild seminar on June 18th at Bob Moore's. Sign up tonight. Bring your transmission tower with you.
- Break
- Arcadia Rotary Flag display - Ken Mallory told about the Arcadia Rotary display of 1000 American Flags at Arcadia Park. This is a fundraiser and you may purchase a flag in honor of someone for \$50.00.
- Spoken Wheels - Joe Wilson said that we have 39 Veterans in the club and have had stories of their service in 12 issues. First ones were of members who served in the 40's and 50's and we are now up to the 60's
- Antique Nationals - Larry McKinney said he has some Antique National T shirts for sale . They are \$10.00 each.
- Minutes - The minutes were approved as printed.
- The Treasurer's report was approved as read.
- Vintage Clothing Show - Susan Homet reported about the Vintage Clothing Show May 29. Meet at Sears in Pasadena at 10:00AM
- Thank you to cookie bringers Sheri Johnson, Nancy Stancil, Patty Lampassi and Diane Kincart..
- Raffle
 - 50/25/25 \$29.00 each Kevin Brown and Nancy Sharpe, Model A Badge - Nancy Stancil, Drive Model A - Chris Wickersham
 - Men's and Ladies Raffle
 - Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Elaine Perry, Secretary



Santa Anita A's Veteran



Mike Kniest USAF 1964-1970

In the early 1960's, even before the Viet Nam war, the draft obligation was in full force. Like most of my classmates, we were looking at options for the inevitable call from Uncle Sam. I had already set my sights on a career in the fire service including a yearlong quest to enlist in the 146 Military Air Transport Wing's Crash Fire Department located at Van Nuys Air Force Base (Cal Air Guard). That request was luckily granted on December 10, 1964. Otherwise twenty-five days later I was officially drafted and required to report to Fort Ord, California to begin a two-year tour with the US Army.

I raised my right hand to the swearing in pledge on the early morning of December 9, 1964 and twenty four hours later I was headed in a C-97 Transport plane for twelve weeks of basic training at Lackland AFB Texas and then back to California for six months of intensive on the job training at Van Nuys AFB as a Crash Fire Bypass Specialist rank of Airman (E-1), all made possible because of my two fire seasons experience with the California Department of Forestry.

In June of 1965, I settled down to focus and complete my six-year ANG/USAF citizen soldier commitment. August of 1965 I was activated to serve full time for a month because of the LA Watts riots. The continuing training and contacts over my enlistment proved to be invaluable to my thirty-four year fire service carrier with the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

During my six years of service I received additional specialized training and experience at various air force bases including my home base and Edwards, Vandenberg, Norton, McCord and Fort Lewis, Washington. By the time of my honorable discharge in December of 1970 I had achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6) assigned as a crew chief of a five-man crash truck. I still hold the treasures of friendships made there very close to my heart today.

My military obligation was one of the things that shaped my life for the better. As I look back, they were mostly fun days although I did not think so at the time as the threat of our unit activation for deployment in Viet Nam held a dark cloud over us constantly.



Mike Kniest 1967, Norton AFB



Mike & Beverly Kniest

How To Adjust Model A Brakes

The following article was originally written by Randy Bare, from the "Starved Rock Model A Club, Ottawa, Illinois

While on a club outing a fellow club member expressed a concern that his brakes were not operating at an acceptable level. This reminded me of a procedure given to me in the early 80's and one I have used several times since with exceptional results. I have never seen a procedure as simple as this printed before, so I thought I should submit it for all the other enthusiasts to use and hopefully enjoy.

This method can be performed with basic hand tools and basic mechanical knowledge. Keep in mind that the end result will always be dependent on the condition of the moving parts. I recommend inspecting all brake parts prior to beginning. Check clevis pins for wear. Make sure the cross shaft operates smoothly. Check actuating levers for wear and also verify brake linings are not excessively worn.

The hardest part of this method is rotating the devices on the brake if they have not been adjusted for a long time. If possible, I recommend soaking these areas with penetrating oil for a couple of days before beginning. Remember, ADJUST all brakes then go for a test drive. It usually takes about an hour to perform this procedure unless repairs are needed to the moving parts identified during the initial inspection.

Disconnect all brake rods at the clevises. Make sure the cross shaft is adjusted all the way to the rear or that the activating arms are in the vertical position.

Start by turning the adjusting wedge on the backing plate. Tighten until you get a slight drag while turning the wheel. Try to get all wheels equal. This is quite critical so have one person do all four wheels.

Next pull the rear brake rod forward as hard as you can and adjust the clevis so that you can just slide the pin through the holes, remove pin and lengthen the rod by two full turns. Reinsert pins and cotter keys.

Additional comments by Bob Travis

Test drive the car checking for pull to the left or right. Make adjustment as needed. After engaging the brakes several times while moving on the test drive, check the temperature of the drums using a temperature gun (available from Harbor freight). Temperature should not exceed 140 – 150 degrees. All drums should be at or near the same temperature. If not, additional adjustment is required.

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