

March 2015

# Spoken Wheels

### FICTION AND FACT

#### **General Meeting**

Friday, March 27 - 7:30 PM Arcadia Red Cross, 376 Huntington Dr., Arcadia

#### **Program**

Marlin Perry will share his experience when moving to California and how he started acquiring cars and other "collectibles". He will show us some of the interesting things he has accumulated over the years.

#### **Ponder This**

by Joe Wilson

# **Did you Forget Something?**



**How about your Dues?** Have you mailed them yet? I'll be looking for you if you didn't. They are due by March 31. After that you expire. Members who joined before 2015 owe \$22.50. New members joining this year are paid up.

And don't forget to check out the up-coming events on the following pages. Some of them require that you confirm reservations with a check to our Treasurer, Sheri Johnson. She prefers you mail them to her home address, 844 Diamond Street, Monrovia, CA 91016

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - BOB TRAVIS

The club had a very successful auction, taking in a little over \$2,200, thanks to the generosity of the membership. Thanks also to Marlin Perry and Bob Moore as assistants to the auctioneer, and to Elaine Perry, Nancy Stancil, Sheri Johnson and Carol Emanuelli who kept track of the money.

Jim Frick led us on a very interesting tour to Heritage Park. We were supposed to pick oranges; it was closed. But Jim displayed outstanding leadership by announcing we would go eat (a little early) and so off we went to a very nice Mexican restaurant in Azusa.

I want to close this message by sharing an email I received from a close friend. It contains a far more powerful message than I could ever produce. Enjoy

When I was a kid my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago my mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage, and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my mom and ask me how my day was at school.

I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember hearing my mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits."

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your momma put in a long hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides a burnt biscuit never hurt anyone!" You know, life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. What I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults and choosing to celebrate each other's differences is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

So, please pass me a biscuit. Yes, the burned one will do just fine. Drive an A everyday. Bob

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### March

27 - General Meeting

#### **April**

- 2 Lunch tour to San Antonio Winery with MARC Club, See page 4
- 6 Ladies Brunch Annia's, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
- 8 Board Meeting -7:00 PM. Temple city, City Hall
- 9 to 13 CCRG Tour Santa Maria
- 16 Men's Breakfast
- 18 Welding Seminar, See page 4
- 26 Orange County Model A's Pancake Breakfast, see page 4
- 30 Wrightwood Circle Tour see page 4

#### May

- 7 Mt. Baldy Tour, see page 4
- 9 Fullerton Airport Air Show, Diamond Tread Hosting
- 23 Salute To Veteran's Music Concert & Dinner, see page 4
- 29 General Meeting, 40th Anniversary, Recognize charter members
- 30 Orange Railway Museum Overnight Tour

#### June

- 11 San Gabriel East Fork Picnic Tour
- 28 Henry Ford Picnic, sponsored by Diamond Tread chapter
- 28 Antique Nationals Auto Club Dragway, Fontana

#### July

- 4 South Pasadena Fourth of July Parade
- 11 Quakes Night Baseball Game Outing, see page 5
- 25 Santa Paula Balloon Festival Overnight Tour

#### **August**

- 1 San Dimas Park 40th Anniversary Tour
- 22 Santa Anita A's Pancake Breakfast
- 23 San Fernando Valley Model A club swap meet
- 30 San Fernando Valley Club Swap Meet

#### September

- 13-Chapman University, Huell Howser Exhibit Tour
- 19 International Model A Day
- 26 Battleship U.S.S. lowa 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

Get well cards were sent to Pete Henderson and Bev Kniest.

# COOKIE BRINGERS ALERT

This month's Cookie Queens are: Patty Lampassi, Nancy Stancil and Olive Moore (Both Sugar free & the real kind)

### PHOTO DONORS

Sheri Johnson, Carolyn McBride, Bob Moore, Joe Wilson

### NEW MEMBERS

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



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



Mel & Maria Foye Azusa February, 2015



**Steve & Kathy Concidine** Glendora Joined February, 2015 1931 Victoria



**Terry Mills** Pasadena Joined January, 2015 1930 Cabriolet, 1931 Wagon



**Corky & Sharon Gray** Arcadia Joined January 2015 1931 Tudor Sedan



**Evalyn Ingram** Arcadia Re-joined August, 2014 '29 Shay Roadster

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### **April Birthdays**

4 - Ted Bruns Susie Lacey

6 - Richard Favela, Mickey Fruchter Norma Canzoneri **Betty Mallory** 

12 - Tom Forbes

14 - Leroy Gilbert, Terry Riker

17 - Joe Farino, Mike Harryman **Jackie Gross** Patty Lutz

19 - Helen Johnson

27 - Art Moore

28 - Jack Dawson

29 - Tracy Perry Butkas

#### **April Anniversaries**

16 - Larry & Gerry McKinney

23 - Frank & Mary Ann Sepulveda

### NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT BY BOB HARBICHT

Terry is a local boy. He grew up in Arcadia. In fact, he was a member of the first graduating class from Arcadia High School that spent all four years at the new school.



He started his working career as an aerospace engineer, at a time when aerospace was one of the major employers in the Los Angeles area. But after about ten years he went back to school and emerged a few years later as a dentist. And that's what he did for the rest of his career, practicing in Glendale, Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley at different times.

He owned two Model A's, but sold them about three years ago. He said those two cars showed him what he didn't want and gave him an idea of what he did want. So he bought a 1930 Cabriolet and a 1930 Wagon. When asked if they were already restored he replied, "I found that a Model A is a continuous restoration project." As an example, he recently spent quality time with our President Bob Travis installing a Mitchell overdrive on one of the cars. This somehow led to six new tires, powder coating the wheels, etc. We all know how that goes!

Terry entered his car in the South Pasadena "Cruising for Roses" event. He was proud to win second place in his division, but the fact that the car wouldn't start when the event was over and had to go home on the back of a tow truck took a little of the bloom off his victory. I told him I hoped he showed off his second place ribbon all the way home.

Terry has a number of other hobbies. He grows ferns and flies radio controlled model airplanes. He also dabbles in trading futures.

He is single and has a grown daughter who is a web designer in Northern California.

Be sure and introduce yourself to Terry when you see him at a meeting or one of our events.

### **COMING EVENTS**

# San Antonio Winery Lunch Tour with MARC

Thursday, April 2 by Don McBride

The San Gabriel Valley MARC/MAFCA "A"s have scheduled another delicious Italian lunch at the San Antonio Winery for Thursday April 2nd. They have invited the Santa Anita "A"s to go along. The group will meet on Huntington Drive in San Marino across from Colonial Kitchen and will leave at 10:30 a.m. Come join us!

# **Welding Seminar**

April 18 By Jack Dawson

Dawsons will host section 2 of soldering, brazing, and welding with propane and oxy-acetylene on April 18th. The first session never got around to what can be done with a torch. Gene and others gave such good presentations that we ran out of time. We will start at 9 AM and lunch will be served. You are welcome to bring things that you want to get repaired. We will either ruin it or fix it. Bring sun glasses.

# **Orange County Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, April 26

Want to see 300 + Model A' in one place while having breakfast? You can do that by attending the Orange County Model A Club's 54<sup>th</sup> annual pancake breakfast.

Motor down to Hart Park, 701 S. Gaskell, Orange, CA; same place as in past years. Breakfast will be served from 8 AM to 11 AM. A \$6.00 donation will get you pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, coffee & tea. Free entrance to park.

For more info contact: Frank Reese (714-348-2507) or Mark Schwing (714-970-1696) Check web site: www.ocmafc.org

# Wrightwood Circle Tour

Thursday, April 30

Bob Travis will lead us on a mountain tour to Wrightwood where we will find food fun and frolic. We've been to Wrightwood before but I don't remember driving in circles to get there.

The specific location of our departure point and time is under consideration and will be announced sometime before we leave. Bob will have a signup sheet at the next meeting and will tell you more if you want to know more. If you miss the meeting you can still go, but you need to tell him so. You know where to find him.

# Mostly Annual Mt. Baldy Tour Car Show, Brunch and Sundaes at the Moore's

Thursday, May 7 Bob Moore

Yes, it's that time again for the short trip to Mr. Baldy Lodge for brunch. Our day will start at 8:50 AM at Royal Oaks Retirement Center on Royal Oaks Drive North, Bradbury, home to Ken and Betty Mallory and others. Our cars will be the centerpiece of a very short car show for the residents. Actually, our cars will be the only ones in the show. Royal Oaks will provide light refreshments. May 7 is also the National Day of Prayer and the Royal Oaks minister will bless all the cars, drivers and passengers before we depart.

At 10:00 AM, we will depart for Mt. Baldy. It' is a 25 mile drive and freeways are not involved. We have always had a superb buffet brunch and if weather permits, we will sit outside on the patio. The brunch is scheduled to start between 11:15 AM and 11:30 AM.

After lunch, we will drive down the hill to Art and Olive Moore's for ice cream sundaes.

We are encouraging new members to get their Model A's on the road for this tour. Prizes will be awarded for new members joining in for the day. A new member is defined as never having been on a previous Mt. Baldy Tour.

The cost for the brunch with tax and tip included is \$20.00 per person. What a deal!!! This is important. So that we have an accurate headcount, payment for the tour must be made in advance. May 1 is last day to pay. Any questions call Bob Moore at 626-358-2027 or email <a href="mailto:bobmoore1@aol.com">bobmoore1@aol.com</a>.

# Salute to Veteran's Concert/Dinner in La Canada Outing

Saturday, May 23

A special SAA event for the labor day weekend has been scheduled which will include a musical concert and dinner. The music program is a patriotic tribute to our veterans present by professional musicians. The performance will be at the La Canada Presbyterian Church in La Canada.

by Joe Wilson

Prior to the musical program we will dine at the Mexican restaurant across the street. It will be a fixed price menu with a good variety of selections. The meal cost will include the entree, drink, tip and tax. We will meet for dinner at 5:00 PM, then walk across the street for the 7:30 PM music performance which will last about 1 ½ hours.

Cost for the performance is \$15 per person and the cost for the meal is \$20 per person, for a total of \$35.

There will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting. Reservations must be confirmed by a check to the club. Questions? Call Joe Wilson 818-790-0995.

### **MORE COMING EVENTS**

# **Quakes Baseball game**

Saturday, July 11, 2015

Sheri Johnson

We will be attending the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes (class A affiliate of the LA Dodgers) game on Saturday, July 11, 2015. The Quakes will be playing the Inland Empire 66er's (class A affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels). The game will be held at LoanMart Field 8408 Rochester Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga, CA. 91729.

A different twist this year, we will attend a night game. This will be a <u>modern car tour</u>. Please arrive at 5:30 p.m. and meet at the gate near the Pavilion. The BBQ will begin about 5:50 PM. We will be feasting on the all-you-can-eat BBQ of tri-tip or pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, corn bread, melon, cookies, soda and water. The game will begin at 7:05 p.m. followed by a fireworks show.

The price is \$24.00 per person for the BBQ and the game ticket. There is no child or senior price. This is a great event for the whole family.

I will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting. If you have any questions, please call me (626) 485-3073.

#### PAST EVENTS

# La Verne Heritage Foundation Park and Orange Picking Tour

February 21, 2015

by Jim Frick

For those of you who missed the Heritage Park tour, you missed a wonderful but relatively uneventful day. Despite Heritage Park's advertisement to being open from January through at least mid to late March, the sign on the padlocked gate read "Due to popular demand and high volume - the Park is



closed." However, it was a perfect day for a cool, nice, and easy drive out Foothill Blvd./Route 66 to La Verne. We also had a delicious lunch at Max's in Azusa that all enjoyed. Both the food and fellowship were much enjoyed by all and went

perfectly except for Bob Travis getting lost on his way to lunch.

I think this should definitely be on the tour agenda again, although due to the Heritage Park's notoriety and popularity, I'd go a little earlier next year.





# **Auction Night at the Cross**

Friday, February 27

Our annual club auction always brings in some interesting "stuff". People actually bid on these wonderful treasures and take them home. Then, there are the "traditional" items that bring in the big bucks, many associated with food: Carolyn McBride's pies, Joyce Travis's cookies and gourmet meals. Then of course there is the classical painting that members "rent" for a year and return for the next auction.

It took about two hours of hard core auctioneering by Bob Travis and his assistants, Bob Moore and Marlin Perry, who eloquently described



the objects in hand and provided in-room delivery service. Our able staff of Elaine Perry, Carol Emanueli, Sheri Johnson and Nancy Stancil kept track of all the biding action and raked in the cash from the successful bidders.

We had a good membership turnout for the auction which generated \$2,200 worth of cash for our treasury.







# PAST EVENTS -MORE

### **Tour to the Arabian Horse Show - PLUS**

Sunday, March 1 by Joe Wilson

Have you ever seen the horse show at Cal Poly? Neither have I. Bob Moore has scheduled a tour to to the event many times but for some reason it never really happens. We are told its because of rain you can that be when we are in "Climate Change" drought. Others say its because the horses don't like us.

But fear not, Bob - horseshow- Moore has rescheduled it for December 6, 2015. Isn't that during the rainy season?

# St. Patricks Day Dinner

Tuesday, March 17

A group of 38 model Aer's turned out for a St. Patrick's day dinner celebration. The Santa Anita A's were invited by the San Gabiel Valley MARC to join them in their dining out event. The "Green Diner" was in the "Green Room" at the Pepper Tree Cafe in Glendora.

It is surprising to learn how many of our members are Irish or think they are Irish. Their connection to Irish roots maybe somewhat fragile, but why not. Every one can be Irish, at least for a day. The real Irish don't seem to mind as long as you drink enough.











### OTHER STUFF

# **Hubley Derby Race Day in San Bernardino**

March By Gerry McKinney

Larry and I went out to the Hubley car races in San Bernardino last Saturday. My Fordor sedan was not very fast. I think after listening to other racers I need different tires. Mine are too soft to go fast. Larry's car was too modified (wheels were too wide for the track), but the Hubley Victoria modified to look like our car towing the teardrop trailer won Best of Show! Our Hubley teardrop trailer model was beautifully built to scale by Dean Tennis from Chula Vista, a Model A driver and builder. He has a very beautiful handbuilt teardrop he tows to gatherings. This is the only car award we've ever won .







# Thoughts for the Day

- I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a Jury - Groucho Marks
- We could certainly slow down the aging process if it had to work its way through congress - Will Rodgers
- I don't feel old I don't feel anything until noon, then it's time for my nap - Bob Hope
- I never drink water because of the disgusting things fish do in it. - W.C. Fields

# OTHER STUFF

# The Continuing Discussion About Era Fashions By Bonnie Nelson, Fashion Coordinator

Since my last article, I have been calling and visiting shops and antique malls to compile a list for our members to use as we search for additions to our fashion collections. The Internet contains many sources for some of us to research. I must share that there will not be a single source where we can find everything we need. This will probably be a long term hunt for our complete outfits.

The safari for these outfits is fascinating however. Estate Sales is one source for vintage clothing and accessories. I look at the ads in the classified sections of the newspapers starting about Thursday, each week. The Penny Saver on Wednesday sometimes lists Estate Sales. Sometimes these sales start on Thursday and Friday. They often state that vintage items are in the sale. Another clue is an ad that says 40, 50, or 60 years of accumulation. I also like sales in older neighborhoods.

The photos I have included this month are Era Handbags.
One is a pressed leather bag from the 1920's but carried through the 1940's. The second one is a Beaded Bag, beaded by my Grandmother in the early 1920's, carried by my mother and later by me. Antique stores, and antique malls are sources for bags like these.

Well, that is all for now. Let's meet here for more information next month!





# **SAA General Meeting Minutes Feb. 27, 2015** Elaine Perry, Secretary

- The meeting was called to order by President Bob Travis at 7:00 p.m.
- The flag salute was led by John McDannel
- The minutes and treasurer's report was not read since tonight was club auction night. Auctioneer Bob Travis began the auction with his helpers Bob Moore and Marlin Perry at an early time of 7:00 PM.
- The Auction Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

#### SAA General Meeting Minutes Jan. 30, 2015

**Elaine Perry Secretary** 

- The meeting was called to order by President Bob Travis at 7:35 p.m.
- The flag salute was led by John McDannel.
- Membership: Randy Harper introduced guests Mel & Maria Foye, Steve Concidine and Chuck Maugh.
- Program: John McDannel introduced Art Chmielewski who gave a very informative talk on NASA Rosetta mission. He showed pictures taken from the comet and behind the scene stories of the landing.
- Spoken Wheels: Joe asked if anyone knew who was in the picture on page 8 of the Spoken Wheels, he said the answer would be in the next Spoken Wheels on page 13.
- Tours
  - Feb. 7 Nethercutt Museum
  - Feb. 21 La Verne Heritage Foundation
  - Mar. 1 Arabian Horse Show
  - Mar 17 St Patricks Day Dinner with MARC at the Pepper Tree
  - Apr 9-11 CCRG
  - July 11 Quakes Night Game
- BREAK
- · Recall to Order
- New Business
- Change to By-laws: Bob Travis gave a short explanation on the proposed by-law changes, the change from fiscal year to calendar year and prorating on new member dues. He asked for discussion and questions. Bob Moore moved to approve the proposed by-law changes. Seconded by John Emanuelli. Bob Moore then moved to call for the question Second by Mickey Fruchter. Motion carried to approve proposed by-law changes.
- Status of Meeting Room: Bob explained about the meeting room and that Vickie Balmot was able to get the room use approved for another year.
- Minutes: The minutes of the November General meeting were approved as printed in the Spoken Wheels.
- Treasurers Report: The treasurer's report was approved as read.
- Seminars: Sign up sheet for steering seminar on March 7<sup>th</sup> on side table.
- A breakfast technical seminar is still in planning stage.
- Technical: Bob gave a short talk on the damage caused by ethanol gas. Bob showed a damaged carburetor. He recommends treating your gas with Sta-bil a gas marine treatment additive.
- Thank you to Nancy Stancil and Nancy Sharpe for refreshment set-up.
- Ladies Raffle Vickie Balmot
- Thank you to cookie bringers Gail Boekenoogen, Wilbert Smith, Judi Moore and Bonnie Nelson
- 50/25/25 winners: Robert Kincart and Nancy Sharpe \$30.50 ea.
- Name badge winners Elaine \$5.00
- Drove Model A to the meeting winner Mickey & Bea Fruchter
- Men and Ladies Raffle
- Reminder the Auction in February starts at 7:00 PM
- Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM

Respectfully submitted by Elaine Perry, Secretary

# **About Reading, Steering and Silence**

There are two articles in the current edition of the Restorer (Mar/April 2015) that I would call to your attention. The first is titled "First Books for your Model A Library". I found it to be a comprehensive presentation and a must read for any new Model A owner and wouldn't hurt for some of us "older" folks to pay attention either.

The second article is titled "A fresh look at modified Pitman Arms". I have been an advocate for using shortened Pitman arms because it will provide a least a 33% improvement in ease of steering and when combined with the F100 steering box you will think you have power steering. Up until recently if you wanted a shortened arm you had to cut and weld an original arm. And, as the article points out there is a real safety issue. The new arms are forged steel, thereby eliminating the safety issue. If you are using an old welded arm do yourself and others a favor – get rid of it!

In an adjacent article I have provided a description and discussion about a little known Model A part. This is the first technical article on the subject that I have ever seen.

#### **Seminar News**

by Marlin Perry

On March 7<sup>th</sup> our club held a seminar on modern Model A steering. Randy Gross put on the seminar. I had a modern steering at home and took it down to Jackie's home where Randy works on modern steering and drums for the Model A's. This keeps him busy on Wednesdays and Saturdays. He, like his father, is very good and meticulous with his work.

Jim Constantian brought his pickup up truck to our house and I got my hot rod roadster ready. We started at nine thirty after Elaine served us goodies with coffee and water. We split up into two groups to work on the two cars. At about 12 o'clock we stopped and had lunch. We had home-made red cabbage salad like from the Northwood's restaurant, hot dogs from our daughter's work (Papa Cantella's), chips, potato salad and ice cream bars.

We had about 22 club members and their friends. I know Jim and I are pleased with our steering. We both thank everyone that came and helped. The modern steering boxes are truly a work of art by Randy Gross. If you need a steering box he is the man to see. Once again thanks to Randy and thanks to Mel for teaching Randy for the future of modern steering.

Jim drove his truck home and I look forward to driving my hot rod Model A car.

# **Light Switch Silencer**

Submitted by Bob Travis
This article reprinted from The Ford Barnyard

The parts books show that in mid-1930 Ford introduced a small brass bushing, "A-3529 Steering gear lighting switch tube silencer". The bushing may have been used earlier (it was certainly needed) and overlooked in the parts lists. It was formed from .006" thick brass stock. Listed as 29-31, it may have been intended for the Gemmer steering box only but probably well suited to the Ford steering box as well.

The switch tube measures approximately .370" diameter. The hollow center of the Gemmer steering shaft measures approximately .387". That leaves over 1/64" for the switch tube to rattle! The compound shape of the "silencer' resulted in a springy, resilient bushing. The lower edge was rolled inward to center the switch rod with minimal pressure. The flange at the top functioned as somewhat of a thrust washer for the spring loaded switch tube assembly.

With all original parts it not only eliminates the rattle, but actually reduces binding of the switch tube. If you have a replacement switch tube you will need to be sure there are no burrs or other problems at the top of the tube



Three views showing the shape of the "silencer"



The silencer installed in the top of a steering shaft

### ODDS AND ENDS

**Low End Boys** 

by Marlin Perry & Mickey Fruchter

The Santa Anita A's have a small group of members committed to getting your Model A on the road. We have many new club members who may not be aware of the "Low End Boys". We do not restore cars, overhaul engines, transmissions or brakes, but we can recommend people and places where you could get that type of work done. If your car won't start or run we can try to help you (free of cost). You will be required to pay for any parts needed to be replaced if and when necessary. Please feel free to contact Marlin Perry at (626) 443-0638 to arrange time when we can help.

# Members Advertising on the Web

By Eric Sandberg, Webmaster

In addition to submitting a for-sale item in the newsletter for something you want to sell, consider submitting it to be included in the SAA website.

- More chances for items to be sold or want ads answered.
- Better Quality pictures and text
- You can change the ad anytime
- · Work with the webmaster to even include a video
- Our club president even sold a car with the SAA website!

P.S. don't forget to tell the webmaster to take your ad down when the item(s) is sold or the want item is found.

# **Cruising the Website**

The first step is the easiest, then it gets a little harder. But once you get used to it can be fun. I am talking about going online with your computer to the Santa Anita A's web site.

The first step is to turn on your computer. The second step is to open your browser. (You know what that is don't you?) Then you find the little box at the top of your screen where the "URL address goes" (You know where that is don't you?). Then type in santaanitaas.org and hit the enter button. (You know where that is don't you?) That should take you to our web site. Have fun cruising.

#### **Model A Ford Club of America**

Santa Anita A's is a chartered member of the Model A Ford Club of America, Inc. (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)

# For Sale

Car Capsule – CC16T (16'x72"x80") indoor CarCapsule, barely used. \$200. The indoor CarCapsule is a clear vinyl "bubble" that completely covers and protects your vehicle from dings, dirt, dust, corrosion, mildew, musty odors, rust, rodents, and even fingerprints that slowly turn it from new to old.

http://www.carcapsule.com/ http://garage-toys.com/carcapulcarc.html

I used this for about two weeks and then we moved into a house with a dry and bigger garage. It went into storage. They go for \$350 – \$379 plus shipping. You will get two (2) fan



motor/assemblies. It is missing the intake foam

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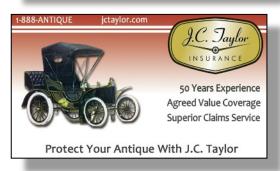


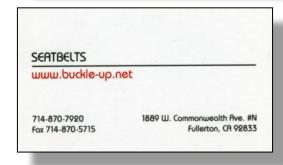




























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