



May 2015

Celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> Year - 1975 to 2015  
**Santa Anita A's**  
Arcadia, CA

# Spoken Wheels

## FICTION AND FACT

### General Meeting

Friday, May 29 - 7:30 PM

Arcadia Red Cross, 376 Huntington Dr., Arcadia

### Program

We will celebrate our 40th anniversary and honor our founding members. We will view a short video on the first 25 years of our club and then have a panel discussion moderated by Bob Moore featuring the three founding families who are still active in our club. There will be a special reception to commemorate this event. Come to the May meeting and be part of this historic event.

## Ponder This

by Joe Wilson

### Things you need to know:

1. We continue our celebration of the club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. At our meeting on May 29 we will have the opportunity to hear from the founders of the Santa Anita A's. It took us 40 years to get where we are now and now you can find out how and why it all happened.
2. Just like last year there will be a Memorial Day and this is a good time to recognize all the Santa Anita A's members who served in the armed services. See the list on page 4.
3. It's time for us to take our annual census so we can keep current on your phone numbers, email addresses and house numbers. We can only do this with your help. Please read all about it on page 7. If you don't want to do this, please send us a note saying you have neither the time or know how to do so.

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](http://www.santaanitaas.org)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - BOB TRAVIS

As I announced in the Jan 2015 Issue of the Spoken Wheels the Club is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year. A lot of marriages don't last that long! In the next 5 editions of the Club newsletter I will share with you the history of the Santa Anita A's by presenting a summary of the club's progress from its beginning to present in 10 year increments. I am proud to have been asked by the Board to do this and will do all I can to portray the great people and events that have resulted in a strong club dedicated to the preservation of the Model A Ford. So, here we go with the first installment. Until next time, drive an A every day.

### Part One - In the Beginning - 40 years ago

*Much of the following information is the result of an interview I conducted with Brad Balmot who served as the first President. We are very fortunate that Brad had the foresight to capture this history as seen through his eyes at the time.*

On May 23, 1975 eight men dedicated to the preservation of the Model A Ford met and drew up a document to petition the Model A Ford Club of America for recognition as a Chapter. They were Brad Balmot, Marlin Perry, Tom Wellnitz, Erv Dly, Doc Klechner, Gene Reinhart, Gordon Johnson, and Erin Wirtz. As a part of the petition, a club name was required. Brad shared the following remembrance of selecting a name: "There were suggestions like BALDWIN'S LUCKY A'S and HENRY FORD'S A'S. There was even the suggestion of naming our club THE BRASS NUTS. I've still got that T shirt in my closet that has THE BRASS NUTS OF ARCADIA silk-screened on the back of it. We finally agreed that the club should be called the SANTA ANITA A'S, and the first club crisis was over."

I asked Brad how the first Club officials were chosen. His reply: "Our first election was basic. After the officers were elected, (more like inducted!) the first five hands up were chosen to make up the Board of Directors. Those who didn't get their hands up fast enough ended up with jobs like Tour Director, Raffle Chairman, and Hostess. Our first paper was called THE BULLETIN and Marlin and Elaine Perry

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### May

29 - General Meeting - 40th Anniversary, Recognize charter members

### June

- 8 - Ladies Brunch - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
- 10 - Board Meeting - 7:00 PM. Temple city, City Hall
- 11 - San Gabriel East Fork Picnic Tour, see page 5
- 18 - Men's Breakfast
- 26 - General Meeting,
- 28 - Henry Ford Picnic, sponsored by Diamond Tread chapter, Page 5
- 28 - Antique Nationals - Auto Club Dragway, Fontana, see page 5

### July

- 4 - South Pasadena Fourth of July Parade, see page 5
- 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

### 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

## OFFICERS, BOARD & CHAIRS

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### SUNSHINE LADY - JOYCE TRAVIS

Get well cards were sent to: Diana Lohr, Louie Formia, Mary Gadino, Sally Baquet, Marlin Perry.

Sympathy card sent to: Carole Parrish - death of her husband Jim

### COOKIE BRINGERS ALERT - CAROLYN MCBRIDE

This month's Cookie People are:

Joy Wilson, Joyce Travis, Carolyn McBride 1(sugar free) and Carolyn McBride 2 (the real thing).

### PHOTO DONORS

Bob Moore, Bev Kniest, Jim Kroeger, Joe Wilson

### Think About It

1. It's not whether you win or lose, but how you place the blame.
2. We have enough "youth". What we really need is a fountain of "smart".
3. When blonds have more fun do they know it?
4. Xerox and Wurlitzer are planning to merge and produce a new line of reproductive organs.

## 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



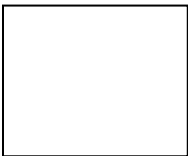
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Joined Feb., 2015



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Joined January 2015, '31 Tudor Sedan



**Kevin Brown**  
El Monte  
'29 Sedan  
Joined April 24, 2015

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### June Birthdays

4 - Bob Harbicht  
9 - Cliff Mount  
12 - Joe Guarrera & Bea Fruchter  
13 - Dan Boardman, Cory Gray & Larry McKinney  
15 - Sharon Gray  
18 - Diana Lohr  
20 - Patsy Harbicht  
21 - Barbara Voors  
24 - Louie Formia  
27 - Gail Boekenoogen

### June Anniversaries

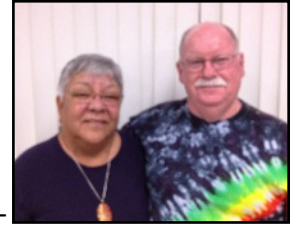
4 - Steven & Sondra Kurtz  
9 - Joe & Joy Wilson & Gene & Julie Reinhardt  
15 - Jim & Jan Roderick  
17 - Bob & Joyce Travis & Dick & Norma Canzoneri  
18 - Robert & Diana Kincart  
24 - Don & Carolyn McBride

*I noticed there are two couples (husband & wife) that have their birthdays in the same month and 8 couples whose husband and wife both have their anniversaries in the same month.*

## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT BY BOB HARBICHT

### Mel and Maria Foye

(The Foye story according to Mel)



I don't recall cars being a big thing to me until we moved from the "big city", Des Moines, to a very rural farm in northern Minnesota (Rural as in – the nearest town had 57 people). On my second day there I was put on a tractor at age 11 and plowed for the rest of the day. I was hooked on being "mobile". By the end of the first week I was also driving a 1949 Ford and a 1947 Chevy 1½ ton truck. I learned that driving was great but farming sucked!

My first car was a '46 Ford 6 which, when I first opened the trunk, I found potatoes growing in there. Next up was a '49 Ford V8, then a '54 Ford with a very loud split exhaust that gave me several chances to work on my "Good evening officer" greeting.

Just prior to moving to California in 1962 I moved to the dark side when I left Ford and bought a '58 Chevrolet. I took a job as a commercial insurance underwriter and was in that profession for 30 plus years.

In 1963 I bought a '62 Vette and in 1966 added a '56 Corvette. The '56 was turned into a drag race only car. The '62 was a combination daily driver and drag racer. I later spent some time racing on the old Riverside road course and several high speed, 12 hour Monte Carlo type runs to Vegas, Mexico, etc. I still have both cars. Drag racing gave way to racing oval tracks and living long enough to beat the heck out of my son's '67 Camaro with a NASCAR set up on road courses.

While selling our '67 Camaro in Iowa in 1993, I came across a '30 Ford chopped, channeled and Zed frame, non-running real project car; it was a mess but it was a hot rod. I needed something to tow it home so I bought a '57 Chevrolet. You get a lot of positive attention in 2,100 miles of towing a '30 hot rod with a puke yellow '57!

Until I could get to work on it a "little later" the '30 Ford hot rod went into my semi-trailer at a friend's shop 60 miles away from Azusa where I live. "Later" became 17 years before any work was started on the car. She ain't nice yet, she ain't done yet but the '302 Ford pulls her and the disc brakes stop her. I'm almost to a point where I can get her home and that will speed up matters.

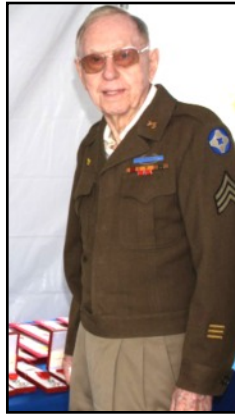
Maria and I have six grand-kids, six great-grand kids and three great-great-grand kids. Maria still works as an insurance broker. We enjoy theater and traveling to historic places.

It goes without saying that being married to Maria for 39 years, her love and support makes this whole pony ride possible. Joining this club, learning from the members and being around hands-on guys has been a real plus for me: one of my smarter moves.

## BREAKING NEWS

### Ken Mallory receives award on 70th Anniversary of V-E Day

Ken Mallory was awarded the French Legion of Honor Medal for his service in France during WWII at a ceremony held aboard the Battleship USS Iowa on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Ken was among twenty servicemen from southern California honored at the event. The Legion of Honor is France's highest award. It is conferred upon men and women, either French citizens or foreign nationals, for outstanding achievement in military or civilian life. The award was created by Napoleon in 1802.



"It was a big day for me" Ken said. "It was the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of V-E day. Along with 19 other servicemen I was awarded the French Legion of Honor Medal. It was awarded to those of us who had been active in eliminating the German army in France. Mr. Axel Cruau, the Council General of France made the award. The recipient of the award must be alive and over 90 years of age. Lunch and a military flyover was part of the presentation. It really was a special day for me".



Ken served in the US Army from March 1943 to October 1945. He first served in the Aleutians then deployed to Europe where he participated in the "Battle of the Bulge". Ken is a member of the Los Angeles chapter of the National Organization, "Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge".

Family members attending the event were: Judie Miller - Daughter Andrew Miller - Grandson, Ken and Betty Mallory, Jim Mallory -Son

Axel Cruau - Counsel General of France, Los Angeles, Justin Miller- Grandson, Mason Miller - Great Grandson.



### Memorial Day - Monday, May 25.

Let's celebrate memorial day by recognizing those Santa Anita A's Members who served in our Armed Services. This is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day. We have 3 members who served in WWII, another served 30 years & another served from 1939-1946. One member served both in the Navy and the Merchant Marines

#### Members who served in the Armed Services

##### Air Force



DePew, Jon	65-67
Emanuelli, John	60-66
Formia, Louie	50-54
Kniest, Mike	64-70
McDannel, John	61-65
Phillips, Rick	59-61
Rummens, Larry	65-69
Sais, Andy	
Wiley, Walt	64-68

##### Army



Bruns, Ted	60-63
Farino, Joe	62-64
Fruchter, Mickey	62-64
Johnson, Tom	64-66
Lohr, Charles	67-69
Lutz, David	65-67
Mallory, Ken	43-45
Metz, Larry	65-67
Nielsen, Doug	69-71
Roderick, Jim	
Sharpe, Chuck	50-52
Travis, Bob	52-82
Wickersham, Chris	62-64
Wilson, Joe	56-58

##### Marines



Fant, John	56-59
Johnson, Gordon	43-45
Spielmann, John	53-55

##### Navy



Anthony, Hal (Res.)	
Bishop, Bailey	
Chandler, John	65-68
Endy, Tom	53-57
Gilbert, Leroy	52-56
McBride, Don (Res.)	53-64
Reinhardt, Gene	
Solomon, Soli	67-70

##### Merchant Marines



Giocomarra, Joe	39-46
Solomon, Soli	74-86

##### National Guard



Catropa, Tony	63-69
Dawson, Jack	49-53
Kennedy, Don	69-92

## COMING EVENTS

### East Fork of San Gabriel Picnic Tour

Thursday, June 11

Bob Moore

We are going on a picnic to the East Fork of the San Gabriel River in the Angeles National Forest. Unfortunately for some, it is on a weekday as the river area is extremely busy on weekends.

We will assemble at the northwest corner of the Walmart Parking lot in Duarte at 9:50 AM and depart at 10:00 AM. You need to bring everything that you will want to eat and drink, something to share and utensils if needed. The club will provide table cloths and dessert. The picnic area we have used in previous years is very shady, has toilets but no running water.

A parking permit is required. Either a Golden Eagle Pass displayed signature side up on the dash or a purchased Daily Adventure Pass. You can purchase a Daily Adventure Pass at the Angeles National Forest headquarters on Santa Anita Avenue just south of the 210 Freeway or any of the dozen locations that are listed on the Angeles National Forest website. The 20 mile one way trip will be on surface streets. The drive has a few minor hills but nothing very serious.

You must sign up at the May 29 meeting or let Bob Moore know before June 10. His phone number and email address are in the roster.

### 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 28<sup>th</sup>.

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.

### 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 45<sup>th</sup> 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.

### SOUTH PASADENA 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE

Probably Saturday, July 4

by the Perry's

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

**RSVP:** Parade participants **must** be pre-registered. Deadline is June 10<sup>th</sup>. We also need a head count for the lunch by June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**For info:** Call Marlin Perry (626) 443-0638. We need cars to carry dignitaries in the parade. Please consider this and volunteer.

### 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 game will be held at LoanMart Field, 8408 Rochester Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga, CA. 91729.

This year, we will attend a night game and will be a modern car tour. Please arrive at 5:30 PM 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, soda and water. The game will begin at 7:05 PM followed by a fireworks show.

The price is \$24.00 per person for the BBQ and the game ticket. No discounts for children or seniors. 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

### Welding Seminar

Saturday, April 18

by Joe Wilson

This was the second in a series of workshops presented by Jack Dawson on welding, heating and fastening things together. This session focused on gas welding. We had a good turn out. Food was provided to all survivors. No big fires were started and no attendees were injured.



### Wrightwood Circle Tour

Thursday, April 30

by Joe Wilson

Twenty members successfully conquered the San Gabriel mountains, some making a complete circle, others taking a shortcut by back-tracking down the mountain. Starting at McDonalds in La Canada we made our way to Newcomb's Ranch where we stopped for coffee and donuts. Then after climbing to near 8000 feet we glided into Wrightwood for an excellent lunch. No one was reported lost or damaged.



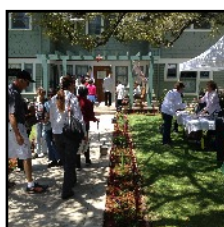
### Monrovia Old Home Tour

Sunday, May 10

by Joe Wilson

Touring the houses on the Monrovia Old Homes Tour is an excellent way to spend Mothers Day even if you aren't one.

We had about 24 SAA members touring through Monrovia checking out all the homes which varied from craftsman style to modern. As usual Jim Constantian was on hand with one of his antique "record players" playing music for the crowd.



### O.C. Pancake Breakfast the Winning Ticket!

April 26

by Jim Kroeger

Ten Model A's carrying sixteen passengers headed out early on April 26<sup>th</sup> to attend the 54<sup>th</sup> annual Orange County Model A's Pancake Breakfast at Hart Park. As usual this event did not disappoint with over 200 Model A's in attendance, a hearty breakfast and a large raffle.



The Santa Anita A's brought lady luck with them as they won nine prizes during the drawings. Winners included: Mickey and Bea Fruchter with two automobile tote bags, a Braton's gift certificate and a AAA tour basket, Chris Wickersham with a Mac's gift certificate, Jim Kroeger with a fender cover, Joe Farino with a rear end gear, Vicki Bartlett with a bath gift basket, Steve Newton with a wooden tool chest and Mike Kniest with a set of tires.



Others in attendance included the Johnson's and Lohr's, as well as Janet Beggs, Leroy Gilbert, Joe Principe, Nancy Stancil, Bob Moore, Tom Endy, Jim Frick, Joe Wilson, Warwick Nethercoat, Art and Olive Moore and Steve Voors. Congratulations to all the winners!



## **IMPORTANT OTHER STUFF**

### **SAA General Meeting Minutes**

**April 24, 2015**

Elaine Perry Secretary

- The meeting was called to order by President Bob Travis at 7:33 p.m.
- The flag salute was led by John McDannel
- Membership: Bob Moore introduced guests, Mark Gollhardt, Kevin Brown and Brian Thompson
- Tours: Jim Kroeger announced the following tours
  - Apr. 26 Orange County Pancake Breakfast
  - Apr 30 Wrightwood Circle Tour
  - May 7 Mt Baldy Tour
  - May 9<sup>th</sup> Fullerton Airport Tour
  - May 10<sup>th</sup> Monrovia Mother's Day Homes Tour
  - July 11<sup>th</sup> Quakes Night Game
- Joe Wilson also reminded everyone about the Salute to Veteran's Concert May 23<sup>rd</sup> the cost of the concert is free, this is being funded by a benefactor so the cost to members is \$20.00 for dinner.
- Mickey passed around tire tread depth gauges from Coker Tire.
- Rick Phillips announced that Gene Reinhardt is having a Model A parts moving sale Sat. April 25<sup>th</sup> starts at 8:00AM
- Vickie Bartlett said that a Diamond Tread member has a 1928 Pickup for sale.
- Program: Bob Travis introduced Tom Endy to present a program on the Model A Shift Tower. Tom showed the members techniques for the restoration and showed several samples of shift towers.
- Bob reminded the members to be sure and look at the technical articles on our Web Site written by Tom Endy.
- BREAK
- Recall to Order
- Minutes: The minutes of the March General meeting were approved as printed in the Spoken Wheels
- Treasurers Report The treasurer's report was approved as read.
- Ladies' Brunch: Bea reminded the ladies about the monthly ladies brunch at Annia's, next brunch is May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Spoken Wheels: Joe Wilson said that there would be no new roster until the first of next year. Updates of new members can be found in the members only section of the SAA web site. Joe also thanked the members for sending in pictures and articles for the Spoken Wheels.
- Sunshine: No report
- Seminar: Marlin reported that he went to the first meeting for the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. He presented Bob with a pin from the mayor of South Pasadena. Sign up sheet at next meeting in May.
- Thank you to cookie bringers Elaine Perry, Bea Fruchter, Dorothy Knox and Nancy Sharpe. Thank you to Patti Lampassi for 50/25/25 raffle ticket selling Thank you to Nancy Stancil and Nancy Sharpe for refreshment set-up.
- 50/25/25 winners: Steve Newton & Sheri Johnson \$26.00.
- Name badge winners Mickey and Bea Fruchter
- Drove Model A to the meeting winner Jim Frick.
- Men's and Ladies' Raffle
- Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

## **Time to Update your Information - Please!**

Every year about this time we ask members to tell us if the information we have in the club's roster is still correct. I know you are not concerned about your own information but you are concerned about the other members. Before you can tell us if your information is correct, you need to know what we have on file. To do that we invite you to go online and check out our web site. That is where you will find a current Roster. Tell us if it is not correct. Instructions on how to do that are shown below. We will not be printing a new Roster this year so it is important that we get it correct on our web site. If all else fails, ask for help. Also, this is the time to replace your old obsolete photo with one that looks more like you now.

## **How to access and use the SAA web site**

### **To access web site:**

1. Enter the SAA web site address on your browser address line (santaanitaas.org). The SAA home page will appear.
2. Click on the Section you wish to view. A sub menu will appear.
3. Select the option you wish to view.

### **To enter the Members Only section of the Web site:**

1. Open the web site (see above) and select the Members Only Section. A menu will appear asking for a password.
2. Enter the password (ask someone) using all capital letters. A menu will appear.
3. Select what you chose to do: (a) View Roster,
4. (b) Correct Roster, (c) view parts for sale.

### **To confirm, correct or change the information shown in the Roster under your name:**

1. Open the SAA web Site and select the "members only" tab.
2. Enter the password if requested (ask someone).
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**Model A Grounding System**

A poor ground circuit can be an invisible troublemaker on the Model A, probably more so than most realize because it is usually intermittent.

The battery ground cable is connected to the center frame cross member. With rusty, greasy, or freshly painted components, the ground path to the engine can be interrupted. With the generator or alternator anchored to the engine it is imperative that the ground circuit be there.

When the Model A was new the ground path could travel along the frame rails and through the front or rear springs. The front spring connected to the wishbone assembly, which provided a path to the clutch housing was a good connection to the engine. The rear spring provided a path through the differential housings, then up through the torque tube to the transmission and finally the engine.

With age, rust would form on the springs and a build up of mud and grease on and between connecting components, creating the potential for ground interruption. Additionally, on a fresh restoration, if the springs are given several coats of paint, ground continuity can be interrupted.

The rear engine mounts do not provide a good ground path because of the rubber pads that insulate them from the frame. Float-A-Motors are even worse because of the rubber donuts used. There is some grounding potential from the gas line to the gas tank and subsequently through the body bolts, but this path has a lot of room for deterioration.

Aside from all these factors, all new Model A's came with engine splash pans. These pans provided an excellent path for ground to reach the engine. If you choose not to install these pans on your Model A, then you should definitely install an extra ground cable for assurance that you always have ground at the engine.

This can be accomplished by purchasing a 24" ground or battery cable with eyelets on each end. (A 12" cable is better but harder to find.) Attach one end to the center cross member using the same bolt that fastens your regular ground cable. Attach the other end to one of the bolts that holds the cover on the transmission. Or, fasten one end of the cable to a front frame rail in one of the holes provided for the engine splash pans and the other end to one of the engine pan bolts.

If you have had problems with generator or alternator failure this is an easy and inexpensive supplement to your ground system and you can rest assured that your ground circuit integrity will always be secure.

*My thanks to the Witchita A's for this article.*

First I want to thank Jack Dawson and all those that contributed to the seminar on welding April 18<sup>th</sup>. Also thank you to Jack and Barbara for the nice lunch after the seminar.

Next, I thank you all for the kindness and cards during the 3 weeks of my kidney problem. Your thoughts and encouragement are greatly appreciated.

I want to let the members know that one of the Low End Boys, Gene Reinhardt, has moved to Colorado. The Low End Boys will miss him and I am sure all of our club members will miss him as well. Good luck Gene.

*President's Message continued*

were the club's first editors." Brad continued: "We got better organized and started to grow. We all got out and brought in new members. There was a rumor in the club at that time that if you were a board member and didn't bring in at least one member each month you would get one of your windows in your A broken. We got a lot of members. There were no broken windows. We finally got enough members to need jacket and patches so that we could be identified as a group. Another crisis! After much discussion we decided on the gold jackets we have now. The next problem came in trying to get them from Penney's. They never did have enough of the small size. The club patch was designed by Tom Grabowski. We shopped around until we found someone who could produce the patch at a price we could afford. One interesting thing is that on the original design by Tom, the patch had a peacock on top of the car, because the bird is the symbol of Arcadia. The club felt the bird looked too much like a turkey, so it had to go. The patch was finalized and we had the best looking emblem in the area. Thanks Tom."

I noted that in Brad's reply he indicated that the Club's paper was called THE BULLETIN which prompted me to ask how the name change to SPOKEN WHEELS came about. He answered: "During the second year of operation a contest was held to change the name. The prize was \$25 or a skateboard. Club member Jim Graham was the winner by suggesting SPOKEN WHEELS. During this same year we ran a concession stand at a major swap meet. Marlin Perry was in charge and we made a bundle which is how the Club treasure got its seed money for future growth."

In concluding the interview I asked Brad if he could identify the first Board of Directors. With a big smile he said, "No Problem -" President, Brad Balmot; Vice President, Reese King; Treasurer, Tom Wellnitz; Secretary, Pat Balmot; Board Members: Erin Wirtz; Gene Reinhart; Gordon Johnson; Marlin Perry and Erv Sly. On the 27th of June 1975 at the Club's first General Meeting, the Club's Chapter Charter was presented by a MAFCA Board of Director. The Club was in good hands and off to a good start. Thanks Brad.



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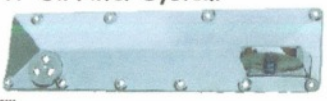
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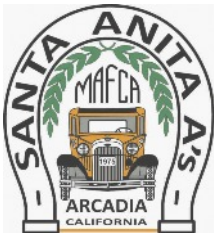
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