



November, 2015

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

Spoken Wheels

FICTION AND FACT

General Meeting

Friday, November 20 - 7:30 PM
Arcadia Red Cross, 376 Huntington Dr., Arcadia

Program

This month's program will be a demonstration of the democratic process of electing leaders. All SAA members attending the meeting will participate by casting votes to elect Santa Anita A's officers and board members for the calendar year 2016.

It's Election Time

by Joe Wilson

The November General meeting of the SAA's is designated as the official annual meeting whose purpose is to elect Officers and Board members for the following year.

Members nominated for officers are:

President - John McDannel
Vice President - Ken Mallory
Secretary - Elaine Perry
Treasurer - Sheri Johnson

There are a total of five board member positions, one of which, by our bylaws, is designated as the immediate past president. This year that will be Bob Travis. There are six nominations for the four open board member positions:

Jim Kroeger, Jim Frick, Steve Concidine, Rick Phillips, Carol Emanuelli and A.C. Byrd.

You will be provided ballots at the meeting.

The elected officers and board members will assume their duties at the January board meeting and formally recognized at the installation banquet in January.

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



Cars visit the Shakespeare Club in Pasadena, venue for the SAA Ruby Anniversary Gala on November 21. Visiting Cars provided by Rick Phillips, Jim Kroeger and Joe Wilson. Photo by Wilbert Smith.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - BOB TRAVIS

By the time you are reading this our great nation will have celebrated Veteran's Day in which we honor all those who have served to make us free. I am especially proud of the club's initiative to pay tribute to our veterans by featuring their service in the newsletter. Thanks to Tom Endy and Joe Wilson, their contributions can be told.

I thought it appropriate that the history of Veterans Day also be told. I invite you to read the article on page 6 which tells "The History of Veterans Day" along with "The Origin of America's Thanksgiving".

These holidays are both celebrated by giving thanks. Both were celebrated on various dates before agreement was reached to celebrate Veterans day on November 11 and Thanksgiving on the third Thursday of November.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

- 19 - Men's Breakfast, Annia's, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM
- 20 - General meeting - Note date change, one week early
- 21 - Spectacular Ruby Anniversary Gala, see page 4

December

- 6 - Arabian Horse show tour at Cal Poly, see page 4
- 12 - Christmas Party, see page 4
- 14 - Ladies Brunch, Annia's, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
- 16 - Holiday Lights tour, see page 4
- 17 - Men's Breakfast, Annia's, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM
- 25 - December meeting canceled by Santa Claus
- 27 - Holiday Motor Excursion, see page 4

January

- 10- SCRG Meeting (MAFCA, S. CA Regional Group) at Perry's
- 11- Ladies Brunch, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
- 13- Board Meeting, Temple City City Hall, 7:00 PM
- 17- Installation Banquet, details TBA
- 21- Men's Breakfast

Get Ready Dues will be doable on Jan 1, 2016

Dues for the year 2016 will be due and payable by January 1, 2016. You will receive an email invoice in early December for \$30.00. Dues will be past due after January 31.

Ladies' Brunch

The Santa Anita A's ladies will meet for brunch at 11:00 AM on Monday, December 14, 2015 at Annia's Restaurant on Santa Anita Avenue in El Monte (at the airport). New club members please call Bea Fruchter at (626) 797-2048 for more information about this monthly get-together open to all ladies (and guests). We talk about kids, grand kids, vacations, medical problems, food, men, and almost anything that doesn't include Model A's. The food is good and they give us 'separate checks' with no hassle.

Santa Anita A's Holiday Food Collection

Each year our club collects and donates food items for the Foothill Unity Center, Inc. They provide food items for families in the San Gabriel Valley who are in need. Again this year, we are asking our members to donate non-perishable food items (canned or boxed) to bring to the November General Meeting and/or to our Holiday Party. These items can be cereal, mac & cheese, canned goods, etc. and even candy to help make the holidays happier for those in need.

The Center makes up family food boxes and then distributes them appropriately. Thanksgiving and Christmas are times when we especially want to help the less fortunate.

Thank you for helping our club continue an old tradition.

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Bob Travis	626-574-0665
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John McDannel	626-791-3221
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Think About It

On second thought, don't even think about thinking about it.

SUNSHINE LADY - JOYCE TRAVIS

A "Get Well" card was sent to Bob Moore.
A "Speedy Recovery" card was sent to Marlin Perry.
"Thinking of You" cards were sent to Leroy Gilbert and Louie Formia".

COOKIE BRINGERS ALERT - CAROLYN MCBRIDE

Gerry McKinney, Kathy Concidine, Karen Gollhardt, Mary McDannel (sugarfree)

PHOTO DONORS

Wilbert Smith, Jim Kroeger, Joe Wilson, Bob Moore, etc

NEW MEMBERS

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



Dave Galassi & Deborah Symons
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Joined July, 2015

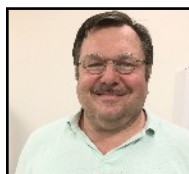


Mark & Karen Gollhardt
626-335-2003
1155 E. Plymouth St., Glendora, 91740
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Joined July 2015 1929 Closed Cab PU

Larry & May Pare
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Joined July 2915 1931 Victoria



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Joined Sep. 2015



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Joined Sep. 2015 1931 Coupe

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

December Birthdays

3 - Don Kennedy	16 - Gerry McKinney
3 - David Lutz	16 - Joe Blaylock
3 - Ken Mallory	17 - Dave Hancock
7 - Doug Nielsen	17 - Gracie Fant
8 - Kathy Concidine	17 - Barbara Farino
11 - Rick Phillips	19 - Thurston LeVay
11 - Andy Sais	22 - Marco Marquez
12 - Joann Smith	28 - Richard Loe
15 - Jerry Lampassi	31 - Joe Principe
16 - Eric Sandberg	31 - Carl Rogers
16 - Debbie Rodriguez	31 - Elaine Perry

December Anniversaries

8 - AC & Josie Byrd	16 - Chuck & Nancy Sharpe
12 - Mike & Amy Sriro	18 - John & Dorothy Knox
16 - John & Sue Chandler	20 - Thurston & Ruth Ann LeVay

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT BY BOB HARBICHT

Corky & Sharon Gray

Up until a year ago Corky & Sharon didn't own a Model A. Now they own two of them! Sound familiar to anyone? About a year ago they purchased a 1931 Tudor, becoming only the third owner of the car! Although the interior has been redone, it has the original paint job, with an 84 year-old patina.



About four months ago a friend told them of a relative who had passed away leaving two Model A's as orphans. Corky & Sharon took pity on them and acquired a 1930 Pickup in very nice condition.

Corky worked for the Pasadena Police Department before he retired. He was a training officer for photo radar, used to apprehend speeders.

One of Corky's hobbies is martial arts, a skill he puts to use in his business as a bodyguard. He works with clients such as Alicia Keys, the Jacksons, Rhiana, Toby McGuire, etc. His clients travel regularly and he, consequently, does a lot of traveling also.

Sharon retired from the City of Pasadena after 35 years. But "retired" has a different meaning for Corky & Sharon. They own Eaton Dam Stables, where they keep their own seven horses and about 30 others for customers. I asked him if this was a part-time job and he replied, "I wish!". The horses require twice-a-day care so they are very busy with their stables.

Sharon's hobby is "reining," a horse discipline. She trains horses for reining and also competes in horse shows. She travels the west, Las Vegas, etc., competing in reining competitions. What is "reining" you ask. So did I. It is a competition where horses are led through a "cowboy" pattern, making circles of different sizes and speeds, stopping suddenly where their rear end goes to the ground, etc.

They have a 20 year-old son who does security work with Corky and attends PCC.

Both Corky & Sharon are California natives. In fact, Corky was born in Arcadia and still lives there.

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)

COMING EVENTS

Ruby Gala

Saturday, November 21

by Janet Beggs

Purportedly the largest A's event EVER, the Ruby Gala has just under 100 people dusting off their dress-to-impress wardrobes for the upcoming event at The Shakespeare Club (171 N. Grand, Pasadena) on Saturday, November 21.

The Singers-in-Law are in rehearsals several nights a week and the "girl singers" are excited about new dresses for the occasion. The gentlemen have even postponed theater tickets and family trips to perform for you. I mention this because they are graciously performing for free for the promise of an enthusiastic audience. I know you will really enjoy their upbeat swing style. What a show!

Doors open at 4:00 PM. The parking spots in the lot are given preference to Model A's but there is plenty of safe street parking. Cocktails will be on the Terrace and the Ballroom will open at 5:00 p.m. We are all looking forward to this great occasion to celebrate our decades of friendship and enthusiasm for the Model A.

Christmas Party

Saturday, December 12th

by Elaine Perry

It is time again for the Santa Anita A's Annual Family Holiday Party which includes a fine buffet dinner and entertainment by the Arcadia High School Chanteurs, directed by Dr. Steven Pu. As usual we will have a special guest, Mr. Santa (North Pole) Claus.

RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY! Please sign up at November meeting or call Elaine Perry (626) 443-0638. Deadline for reservations is December 1st.

The price for members and non-members will be \$12.00 per person for adults and \$5.00 for children 11 and under. Make checks payable to Santa Anita A's and give or mail it to Sheri Johnson.

When: 5:30 PM Appetizers, 6:00 PM Dinner, 7:00 PM Entertainment & Santa.

Where: Arcadia Presbyterian Church, 121 Alice Street, Arcadia (SE corner of Alice & First St.)

Bring a wrapped gift for your child for Santa to hand out when he arrives.

Holiday Motor Excursion and Car Show

Sunday, December 27

by Joe Wilson

The 60th annual excursion and car show sponsored by the Horseless Carriage club will be held again at the Irwindale Speedway. This event features hundreds of cars of all ages. Cars built prior to 1932 are eligible to participate in a driving excursion mapped out to include the surrounding area. The event is held from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Irwindale Speedway, 500 Speedway Drive, Irwindale.

Three Times a Charm Arabian Horse Show Plus

Sunday, December 6

by Bob Moore

Rain or shine, we will tour the W.K. Kellogg Home at Cal Poly Pomona followed by a lunch at Kellogg West Conference Center and Hotel. If there is **shine**, we will see the Arabian Horse Show. If there is **no shine**, we will have a docent who will take us through the horse barns.

If there is a horse show, which will start at 2:00 PM, we will be there. If time permits, we will stop at the Farm Store.

We plan on departing Marlin and Elaine's house at 9:45 AM on Sunday, December 6, rain or shine. It is 16 miles each way on surface streets. Contact Bob Moore. 626-358-2027.

Annual Holiday Lights Tour

Wednesday, Dec. 16

by Joe Wilson

This year we have been invited to feature the home of club members Steve and Kathy Concidine on our annual "lights tour". The Concidines who live in Glendora have a tradition of aggressively decorating for the holidays and want to share it all with our club members. We will find 15 to 20 fully decorated Christmas trees throughout their home.

Following our visit to the Concidine's home we will proceed to Judi and Bob Moore's home for socializing and a sharing of desserts. Everyone participating is invited to bring some sort of edible, be it cookies, cakes or ? If yours is a homemade specialty, bring the recipe along to share with the others.

We will depart at 5:30 PM from the parking lot at Buena Vista Avenue and Huntington Drive (Buena Vista Market Place) where Ralph's Supermarket used to be, for an 8.1 mile drive using a non-freeway route to the Concidine's home. Directions for the tour will be handed out at the starting point. If you can't join us on the "lights tour" you can go directly to the Moore's at 529 Winston Ave., Bradbury and meet us there at 7:30 PM.

2016 CCRG Jamboree Clovis, CA

April 12 - 18, 2016

by Bob Moore

The Central California Regional Group (CCRG) is holding the 2016 Jamboree in Clovis on April 15 - 17. This year's Jamboree is hosted by the Sierra Model A Ford Club. The CCRG Jamboree is an annual event conducted by one of MAFCA's Model A clubs in the central region of California. The Clovis event is the perfect opportunity for a Model A tour. Current plan ideas are to leave on April 12 or 13 and be home on April 18. On the way to Clovis, we will visit some interesting places. If you have never attended a CCRG, this is a great opportunity to be with fellow club members on a non-freeway tour. Let Bob Moore know if you may be interested in attending. He suggests that we make room reservations now!

PAST EVENTS

Halloween Meeting

October 30

by Joe Wilson

Not your normal everyday meeting! We were greeted by costumed trick or treaters, stared at by hollow pumpkins and lectured by an agent from Homeland Security.

Program: Louis Skenderis, a special agent with Homeland Security Investigations assigned to the Los Angeles Border Enforcement Task Force shared stories of his experiences in tracking down high profile illegals and how they confiscated their cars and money.



Costume Contest: We had 13 members come in costume. The winners were Charlie & Diana Lohr as a devil and an angel. There was Mark Gollhardt & Karen, new members, dressed as Mr & Mrs Potato Head. Chuck &

Nancy Sharpe dressed appropriately as the patient and the doctor. Congratulations to all.



Pumpkin carving Contest:

There were three carved pumpkins this year and each with their own personality. The winner was Elsie Johnson.



Carol Emanuelli



Sheri Johnson



Elsie Johnson

A's Visit Graber Olive House

November 7

by Jim Kroeger

Have you ever wondered how those olives in jars or cans, that end up on your pizza or in your salad, are processed? Thirty-six members of the Santa Anita A's found out as we toured the historic Graber Olive House in Ontario.



Twelve Model A's made the trip on a gorgeous fall day as we headed out on Arrow Highway to our destination. Upon arrival we split up into two groups and had to don blue hairnets to adhere to the health code. Once everyone was covered up, and Steve Concidine's beard was safely tucked away, we headed in for the tour.



We toured the selection, curing, canning and packing rooms and visited the large boiler that supplies steam for the plant. They still process olives the old-fashioned way here and you could really taste the difference as we tried a few samples in the gift shop.



After the tour we headed up to Molly's Souper in Upland for a fantastic lunch to end the day. All in all it added up to a wonderful tour.





The origin of America's Thanksgiving Day

Arriving in Massachusetts in late November, the Pilgrims sought a suitable landing place. On December 11, just before disembarking at Plymouth Rock, they signed the "Mayflower Compact"—America's first document of civil government and the first to introduce self-government.

After a prayer service, the Pilgrims began building hasty shelters. However, unprepared for the starvation and sickness of a harsh New England winter, nearly half died before spring. Yet, persevering in prayer, and assisted by helpful Indians, they reaped a bountiful harvest the following summer.

The History of Veterans Day



President Eisenhower signs HR7786, officially changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

November 11, or what has come to be known as Veterans Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor Armistice Day - the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. President Woodrow Wilson honored the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

In 1954, Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, struck out the word "Armistice" and inserted the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Between 1968 and 1975, Veterans Day was moved around on the calendar, sometimes even appearing on the last Monday of October. Finally on September 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.



The First Thanksgiving 1621, oil on canvas by Jean Leon Gerome Ferris (1899). The painting shows common misconceptions about the event that persist to modern times: Pilgrims did not wear such outfits, and the Wampanoag are dressed in the style of Native Americans from the Great Plains.

The grateful Pilgrims then declared a three-day feast, starting on December 13, 1621, to thank God and to celebrate with their Indian friends. While this was not the first Thanksgiving in America (Thanksgiving services were held in Virginia as early as 1607), it was America's first Thanksgiving Festival.

In 1789, following a proclamation issued by President George Washington, America celebrated its first Day of Thanksgiving to God under its new constitution. That same year, the Protestant Episcopal Church, of which President Washington was a member, announced that the first Thursday in November would become its regular day for giving thanks, "unless another day be appointed by the civil authorities." Yet, despite these early national proclamations, official Thanksgiving observances usually occurred only at the State level.

Much of the credit for the adoption of a later annual national Thanksgiving Day may be attributed to Mrs. Sarah Joseph Hale, the editor of *Godey's Lady's Book*. For thirty years, she promoted the idea of a national Thanksgiving Day, contacting President after President until President Abraham Lincoln responded in 1863 by setting aside the last Thursday of November as a national Day of Thanksgiving. Over the next seventy-five years, Presidents followed Lincoln's precedent, annually declaring a national Thanksgiving Day. Then, in 1941, Congress *permanently* established the fourth Thursday of each November as a national holiday.



Santa Anita A's Veteran



Gordon N. Johnson USMC 1944-1946

The San Gabriel area is where I grew up. I had graduated from Alhambra High School just before I entered the Marines Corps. I was 18 when I entered the USMC on January 10, 1944. Boot camp was in San Diego, with mortar training at Camp Pendleton. My unit, the Third Marine Division shipped out to the Pacific on September 1, 1944; with a two week stop over at Pearl Harbor. We then continued on to the Marianas Island campaign. After the initial invasion of Guam on July 21, 1944, my unit went in for the mop-up operation with a lot of jungle patrolling and constant intensive training at an outpost in the middle of the jungle.

On February 19, 1945 the 3rd Marine Division took part in the invasion of Iwo Jima along with the 4th and 5th, Marine Divisions, each landing in different sectors at different times. We watched from onboard transport ships as battleships further out shelled Iwo before the amphibious landing of the Marines began. The battle there was during cold and rainy weather. When the Island was secured those of us who survived were returned to Guam in April 1945. The 3rd Division was now being trained for the invasion of Japan. However, on August 14 the Japanese surrendered, with the official signing of the surrender on September 2, 1945.

On October 10, 1945, twenty four of us were volunteered from the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, and were landed on the island of Chichi Jima. Our purpose was to secure the island and collect war crime prisoners. Our squad of eight Marines captured one Japanese general plus five other high ranking officers. We held them until reinforcements arrived two weeks later and a stockade was built. In May 1946, the same 24 Marines brought these six war crime prisoners back to Guam to stand trial. It was our duty to escort the prisoners to and from the court room plus guard them during the trial proceedings.

At the end of May 1946 I had enough points for discharge and was returned to the United States on a former Italian luxury liner converted to a troop ship and disembarked at Treasure Island, San Francisco and from there taken by another ship to San Diego where I was discharged on June 5, 1946 with the rank of corporal.

When I returned from the war I went to work for my father who was in the construction business. Later I obtained a contractor's license and went into business for myself. I have been retired for the past 25 years. My first wife died in 1973; we had one son. My current wife, Helen, and I have been married for over 40 years and we are charter members of the Santa Anita A's.



Japanese General Yoshio Tachibana captured on Chichi Jima at wars end in October 1945 by Gordon Johnson (right) and his squad of eight Marines. Tachibana was tried for war crimes and executed on Guam on September 24, 1947.



Gordon Johnson USMC 1944

This month found us busy as usual working on cars. Bob Travis and myself worked on Dick Homet's car again. This is the fourth time for us along with Louie Formia three of the times helping Dick with his car. It looks like Bob Travis will go back one more time.

Chris Wickersham, Mickey Fruchter and myself went to the home of a gentleman by the name of Nelson Price to help him with his car. I will tell you more about this experience next month.

Our club did two half time ball games this year. We carried the Royal Court around the football field during the half time program at the High Schools. Our first game was at South El Monte high School and those that participated were Jim Frick, Jim Constantian, Bob Moore and myself. Our second game was at Arroyo High School where we had seven cars out that night. Members driving that night were Jim Constantian, Bob Travis, Joe Farino, Bob Moore, Jim Frick, Larry Butkus with his uncle Jay as guest and myself.



After both games Elaine provided pie and coffee for the drivers, the first game we had no sugar added Razzleberry and Double Lemon Cream. The second game we had French Apple, Coconut and

no sugar added Razzleberry. Unfortunately the last game was also meeting night so we missed the costume contest and pumpkin-carving contest.

One last note. A big Thank You to Jim Kroeger for the great tour to the Graber Olive Factory; good directions and a great place for lunch. I am sure everyone had a great time.



Happy Model A'nnon

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President John McDannel at 7:30 PM. The flag salute and singing of God Bless America was led by Jack Dawson.

MEMBERSHIP - Randy Harper has badges for the new members.

TOURS - Jim Kroeger gave updates on the following tours.

-November 7 – Graber Olive House Tour will meet at Citibank in Arcadia at 9 AM. We will travel by surface streets only.

-December 6 – Arabian Horse Show will commence rain or shine.

NEXT CLUB MEETING – John McDannel reminded all that the November club meeting will be a week earlier. It will be held on Friday, Nov. 20.

ELECTION NIGHT – Mickey Fruchter introduced the slate of officers and board members running for the executive positions. He read the names of the members who volunteered for the many jobs that are needed to run our club. He reminded everyone that the November meeting will be election night.

RED CROSS – Vicky Balmot thanked the club for their donation of \$100.00 and the individuals who also donated to the Red Cross Community Challenge Dinner. She said that the total collected so far was \$43,000.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HILL CLIMB – Art Moore said the Hill Climb was going to be this Sunday, November 1, in Murrieta and the event is open to Model A's, Model T's and speedsters.

AUCTION – John said to start saving your items for the January meeting because that will be Auction night for the club.

EASTERN STAR & MASONIC TEMPLE – Nancy Sharpe informed us of the Eastern Star installation being held on Sunday, November 1. The Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both women and men may belong. There are over 500,000 members world wide. She invited anyone who was interested could go to the installation. John McDannel also invited anyone who was interested in attending his installation as Master of the Lodge, in Pasadena. His installation will be held Tuesday, December 1, at the Pasadena Masonic Temple located at 200 South Euclid Avenue. The Grand Master will install John and the rest of the officers. You will be John's guest so please RSVP if you would like to attend.

IN MEMORY – We were asked to mention the death of Lyle Umenhoffer. Lyle was a survivor of World War II. He was one of our speakers in the earlier this year. We enjoyed his stories and he was a delightful man to know.

PROGRAM – Our speaker tonight was Louis Skenderis who is a Special Agent with Homeland Security Investigation. He had many interesting stories to tell us and was gracious in taking many questions from our club members.

BREAK

MINUTES – The minutes of the September General meeting were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The treasurer's report was approved as read.

ROSTER & SPOKEN WHEELS – Joe Wilson requested pictures of the new members in order to complete the 2016 Roster. He also mentioned that if you find errors in the Spoken Wheels you can check the Website because it has the corrected information.

RUBY GALA CELEBRATION – We were reminded that the Ruby Gala Celebration is Saturday, November 21, the night after our November 20 club meeting. Tonight was the last night to pay and it was stated that we have 90 people attending this event.

COSTUME CONTEST – We had 13 members come in costume. The winners were Charlie & Diana Lohr as a devil and an angel, guess who was who. There was Mark Gollhardt & Karen, new members, dressed as Mr & Mrs Potato Head. Chuck & Nancy Sharpe dressed appropriately as the patient and the doctor. Congratulations to all.

PUMPKIN CONTEST – There were three carved pumpkins this year and each with their own personality. The winner was Elsie Johnson.

REFRESHMENT THANK YOU – Thank you to Nancy Sharpe and Nancy Stancil for set-up. And thank you to Chuck Davies, Sheri Johnson, Patty Lampassi and Carolyn McBride for the delicious cookies.

RAFFLE THANK YOU – To Bea Fruchter for the Ladies Raffle and to Marlin Perry for the Men's Raffle.

50-25-25 RAFFLE – The winners of \$26 each were Joe Principe and Gerry McKinney.

BADGE PRIZE – Winners were John & Mary McDannel.

CAR PRIZE – Winners were Tom & Sheri Johnson.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Using your cell Phone can be Dangerous

The Shell Oil Company recently issued a warning after three incidents in which mobile (cell phones) ignited fumes during fueling operations.

In the first case, the cell phone was placed on the car's trunk lid during fueling; it rang and the ensuing fire destroyed the car and the gasoline pump.

In the second, an individual suffered severe burns to their face when fumes ignited as they answered a call while they were fueling their car.

And in the third, an individual suffered burns to their thigh and groin as fumes ignited when the phone, which was in their pocket, rang while fueling their car.

You should know that: Mobile Phones can Ignite fuel or fumes.

Mobile phones that light up when switched on or when they ring release enough energy to provide a spark for ignition. Mobile phones should not be used in filling stations, or when fueling lawn mowers, boat, etc.

Mobile phones should not be used, or should be turned off, around other materials that generate flammable or explosive fumes or dust, (i.e., solvents, chemicals, gases, grain dust, etc...)

To sum it up, here are the Four Rules for Safe refueling:

- 1) Turn off engine
- 2) Don't smoke
- 3) Don't use your cell phone - leave it inside the vehicle or turn it off
- 4) Don't re-enter your vehicle during fueling.

Bob Renkes of Petroleum Equipment Institute is working on a campaign to try and make people aware of fires as a result of "static electricity" at gas pumps. His company has researched 150 cases of these fires.

His results were very surprising:

- 1) Out of 150 cases, almost all of them were women.
- 2) Almost all cases involved the person getting back in their vehicle while the nozzle was still pumping gas. When finished, they went back to pull the nozzle out and the fire started as a result of a static spark from their bodies from sliding out of the vehicle.
- 3) Most had on rubber-soled shoes.
- 4) Most men never get back in their vehicle until completely finished. This is why they are seldom involved in these types of fires.
- 5) Don't ever use cell phones when pumping gas.
- 6) It is the vapors that come out of the gas that cause the fire, when connected with static charges.
- 7) There were 29 fires where the vehicle was re-entered and the nozzle was touched during refueling from a variety of makes and models. Some resulted in extensive damage to the vehicle, to the station, and to the customer.

8) Seventeen fires occurred before, during or immediately after the gas cap was removed and before fueling began.

Mr. Renkes stresses to NEVER get back into your vehicle while filling it with gas. If you absolutely HAVE to get in your vehicle while the gas is pumping, make sure you get out, do not touch the door TOUCHING THE METAL, before you ever pull the nozzle out. This way the static from your body will be discharged before you ever remove the nozzle.

As I mentioned earlier, The Petroleum Equipment Institute along with several other companies now, are really trying to make the public aware of this danger.

I ask you to please send this information to all your family and friends, especially those who have kids in the car.

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2. Now is the time to order your SAA shirts, hats and jackets for Christmas. The Christmas holiday sale is going on right now. Check out the Clothing Catalog on the SAA web site (www.santaanitaas.org) and make your selection. Call Joe Wilson and place your order for delivery before Christmas. Credit cards accepted at your major retail store but not here.



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