

October 2013



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, I guess I should wish everyone a Happy Halloween, but I never felt that Halloween was much of an event to get excited about. One thing for sure, it does signal that fall has arrived. Don't forget to wear your Halloween costume to the meeting.

Many of you remember a movie called, "Bridges of Madison County". A very large group got treated to the "Bridges of Los Angeles County" thanks to a super tour planned and executed by Jim Kroeger and his assistant, Janet Beggs.



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GENERAL MEETING - Friday, October 25 at 7:30 PM - Arcadia Red Cross, 376 Huntington Dr., Arcadia.

Halloween Meeting - Come dressed Appropriately

PROGRAM - Is Seeing Believing?

Our guest speaker is Jim Hoerricks - Senior Forensic Video/Image Analyst - Los Angeles Police Department who will give a real life crime scene investigation presentation. He will explain what happened when, after arresting a driver during a "Routine Traffic Stop", the defense attorney presented a video which "would prove" the officers lied during testimony. The officers' careers were in jeopardy, a perjury conviction would mean instant termination. Find out what happened

BOARD MEETING - Wednesday, November 13, 7:00 PM - Travises' home, 2334 S. Third Ave., Arcadia. Come join us and participate in the exciting discussions.

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SAA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

- 24 Oktoberfest Lunch Tour to Alpine Village in Torrance. See Page 4
- 25 General Meeting Halloween dress up time
- 30 San Antonio Winery lunch Tour with SGVMARC Club, See Page 4

November

- 7 Tour to Wrightwood, See Page 4
- 11 Ladies' Brunch Annia's, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
- 13 Board Meeting 7:00 PM, Bob Travis' house
- 21 Men's Breakfast Annia's, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM
- 22 General Meeting

December

14 - Christmas Party & Lights Tour, Details TBA

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

17 - Marlin Perry

19 - Wilbert Smith,

Sue Guarrera,

Joe Wilson

21 - Susan Bennett

28 - Carol Emanuelli,

Marianne Spielmann

20 - Scott Bonner

26 - Judi Moore

November Birthdays

- 3 Jim Austin, Bob Moore
- 5 Mary McDannel
- 9 Robert Kincart
- 10 John Knox
- 11 Elsie Johnson
- 12 Steve Newton
- 14 Don McBride
- 15 Gil Gonzalez, Frank Sepulveda
- 16 Stan Ingles

November Anniversaries

- 1 Tracy & Larry Butkus
- 15 John & Susie Lacey
- 17 Louie & Jo Ann Formia
- 20 Kieth & Joann Smith
- 21 John & Gracie Fant
- 22 Steve & Barbara Voors
- 25 Chuck & Gail Boekenoogen, Ted & Paulette Bruns
- 27 Cliff & Alice Mount

OTHER CLUB SPONSORED EVENTS

I didn't find any

Get Well Cards sent to:

Jim Constantian

Sympathy card sent to: Anne Hurst

NEW MEMBERS

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



Marc & Jamie Pinto

Arcadia, Joined August 2013 1930 Coupe



1950 Coupe

Steve Newton

Culver City, Joined July 2013 '30 Tudor Police Car, 30 Pony Express PU, 29 Hi-Boy Pickup



Gil & Eva Marie Gonzalez

San Dimas, Joined June 2013 Just bought a 1929 Town Sedan

THE SUNSHINE LADY - JOYCE TRAVIS



Bonnie Nelson

Temple City, Joined April 2013 1930 Briggs Fordor Deluxe Sedan



John & Susie Lacey

La Puente, Re-joined July 2013 1929 Fordor Sedan

FICTION & FACT

Ponder This

by Joe Wilson

What do you do when you aren't looking at your Model A?



Last month I published an article about Olive Moore's Gourds which she exhibited at the LA County Fair where she won several prizes. After I ran that story I was told that Jo Ann Formia was also at the Fair and participated in a water color demonstration. I asked Jo Ann to write a story about this event which appears on page seven in this issue of Spoken Wheels.

I found both of these interesting stories, which caused me to wonder if other members have talents and activities with stories that should be shared with our members.

Yes, it is a Model A Club with a focus on the Model A automobile, but there is a social aspect to our organization and long term relationships have developed over the years. At the same time, as our club membership grows, it it more difficult to keep up with everyone's activities. This is particularly true for our newer members.

I would like to continue to report on our member's hobbies and passions beyond our Model A's. I understand that most of us are reluctant to comment on these things, but I encourage you to do so. Perhaps an easy way to "uncover" these stories is for those of you who now know or may find out about another member's "secret activity" is for you to make me aware so that I can then ask them to share their story.

So, here is my invitation for each of you to identify one person in our club that you think has a story to tell. I will then approach them and ask them to share the story with the rest of us. Don't let them tell you "My story isn't that good"; that is the easy way out. If it really isn't exciting enough, we'll make up something to make it so.

Think About It : In hotel rooms I worry a lot. I can't be the only guy who sits on the furniture naked.---- Johnathan Katz



This month's photographers include:

Nancy Stancil, Bob Moore, Joe & Joy Wilson, AC Byrd, and professional Photo journalist Gary Leonard

Cookie Bringers of the Month Club

Ruth Ann LeVay, Judi Moore & Joy Wilson

New Member Spotlight On -Steve and Sondra Kurtz

by Ken Mallory

Steve and Sondra Kurtz joined the Santa Anita A's in January of 2012. They had been members of the San Fernando Model A club club for some time, then joined the SAA's and have participated in several of our tours.

They are a "His and Hers" Model A family. Steve has owned his 1931 Tudor sedan for over 50 years. It was an original car and ran well for over 34 years until the engine gave up. It now has a new engine and has been outfitted with a Mitchell overdrive.

Sondra has her own 1931 Sport Coupe. When she drives, Steve goes along and does the waving.

In their earlier years, Steve's Model A was their official second car which both drove as needed. Sondra was once stopped by a Highway Patrol check point and asked to demonstrate some of the car's functions, such as "turn on the lights". Her reply was, "I Only drive in the daytime, I don't know where all this stuff is".

They have owned and operated a company for twenty years that sells fine reproductions of 18th and 19th century English and French country furniture. They serve clients both internationally and throughout the U.S. Their show room is on Ventura Blvd., near their home in Woodland Hills.



Ellis Hurst Passes

Ellis Hurst passed away on October 5. He had been a member of the Santa Anita A's since January 2005.

He was born in Norman, Oklahoma, retired from the Xerox company where he worked as a machinist in the prototype department. He and his wife, Anne, were married for 37 years and lived in Temple City. He is survived by 2 sons, 3 step-children, 5 grand children and 8 great-grand children.

Ellis had restored a number of vehicles including a TT Truck and a 1950 Cadillac. He was active in racing V8 Fords in his early years in Oklahoma.

A memorial service was held on October 12th at Cabot & Sons in Pasadena.

COMING EVENTS

Oktoberfest at the Alpine Village

Thursday, October 24

We have scheduled an Oktoberfest tour to Alpine Village and a visit to the Cornwell & Sheridan private car museum. The food will be German in flavor. The cars in the museum collection are routinely provided to the movie industry for filming.

This will be a modern car driving tour. We will all meet at the Alpine Village restaurant at 11:30 AM. Car pooling is suggested. The Alpine village is located at 833 W. Torrance Blvd., Torrance. Driving South on the Harbor Freeway, exit at Torrance Blvd., then go west one block.

After lunch, at 1:00 PM we will depart for the car museum which is a few miles from the Alpine Vllage. At this time we have about 24 people participating. If you want to join the group, just show up.

Bob Travis is the Tour Meister for this event.

San Antonio Winery Tour

Wednesday, October 30

by Nancy Stancil



The San Gabriel MARC Club has invited the Santa Anita A's to tour with them to the San Antonio Winery on Wednesday, October 30.

We will meet and depart across the street from the Colonial Kitchen Restaurant

in San Marino at 11:00 AM sharp in order to arrive at the winery by 11:30 AM, before the rush hour. The Colonial Kitchen's address is 1110 Huntington Dr., San Marino.

Sign up at the next general meeting or, contact the Tour-Meister, Nancy Stancil (626-448-0457)

Wrightwood Mountain Tour

Thursday, Nov. 7

This a Model A driving tour to Wrightwood. We will meet at McDonalds in La Canada at 9:00 AM for a 9:30 AM departure. We will have a rest stop at Newcomb's ranch as we go over the mountain. We will have lunch at the Grizzly Cafe in Wrightwood. A sign-up sheet will be on hand at the meeting. Bob Travis is the Tour Meister for this event.

PAST EVENTS

Oak Glenn Apple & International Ford Day Tour September 25 by Joe Wilson

There were apples at the Orchard this year. Some were picked and some were made into real apple cider by our very own SAA's members. It all happened at Riley's Apple Farm when a group of 14 members made their way out the 210 Freeway to Oak Glen, near Yucaipa. Jerry Lampasi was our Tour Meister for the event.





In addition to making cider, we threw knives, axes and arrows at appropriate targets. After all that exercise we then moved down the road to the "Hawk's Head Public House" where we dined in an 18th century-themed restaurant.





The food was good and there was great merriment for all as we acknowledge that this very day, throughout the world, others were also celebrating International Model A Ford Day.

A short drive from the restaurant took us to the Oak Glen School which was built in 1927. This one-room school house served the area for many years. A docent was on hand to share the buildings history.

Participating in the tour were: A.C. Byrd, Louie and Jo Ann Formia, Mickey and Bea Fruchter, Jerry and Patty Lampassi, David and Patty Lutz, Joe Principe, Nancy Stancil, Bob Travis, Joe and Joy Wilson.





PAST EVENTS - CONTINUED

Bridges of Los Angeles County Tour

Saturday, October 5

by Jim Kroeger

Under a bright blue sky with the majestic San Gabriel Mountains as a backdrop, SAA's members met for the inaugural Bridges of Los Angeles County Tour. We had a huge turnout with 22 Model A's participating!

This event was designed as a "driving tour" to specifically test our Model A driving skills. From long stretches of roadway to tight turns in the foothills,



drivers had to be extremely focused as they drove the 34 mile, one-way route. All-in-all we crossed over and under 15 historic bridges.



The day started off at the Kroeger home where group leaders were given instructions and route directions were passed out. Refreshments were provided to help members from becoming dehydrated due to the warm day. We also had a special guest along for the ride. Lyle Umenhoffer, who spoke at last month's meeting as a survivor of the sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis during World War II, was named honorary tour captain. He rode in the Kroeger Town Sedan.

Photo journalist Gary Leonard was on hand to photograph our cars at the start and along the route. Once final instructions were given it was literally off to the races!



The tour headed east on Orange Grove Blvd., passing such sites as the Gamble House and the Rose Bowl before hitting everyone's favorite, the Colorado Street Bridge. Model A's were captured on camera by Gary



as we headed across this historic bridge. From there we meandered down through the Arroyo Seco and ended up in the Los Feliz hills at a little known bridge called the Shakespeare Bridge. Its four "aedicule's" which look like sentry gates, give this bridge a one of a kind look.

From there it was on to Riverside Drive as we headed downtown for the many historic bridges that cross the Los Angeles River. The Riverside Drive, San Fernando, Spring

> Street, 1st, 4th and 6th Street bridges were all crossed as we headed toward our surprise destination- the bottom of the Los Angeles River!

Underneath the 6th Street bridge lies a tunnel big enough to drive a car through, and that's just what we did. Members were able to drive into the river, get out of their cars and take as many photos as they wished.

The 6th Street bridge is scheduled for demolition soon and they probably won't include a tunnel in the new rendition so this was truly a once in a lifetime photo opportunity.



PAST EVENTS - CONTINUED



Following the river-bed stop, the club headed to Philippe's for a famous French dip sandwich. The restaurant had a special room reserved upstairs for us as we ate and chatted about the just completed tour. Following lunch, a group of seven Model A's headed back down to the river while Gary Leonard took more photos of our cars in action.

Besides our SAA's members, Valerie and Carroll Vaughn from the San Fernando Valley Model A's joined us. Thanks for coming out and braving the tour. I'd like to send a special shout out to Marlin Perry and Bob



Travis for coming out two nights before the tour to fix a mysterious electrical problem in the Kroeger Town Sedan. It turned out a faulty main electrical switch was the culprit and was replaced just in time for the tour. And, last but not least, I'd like to thank Janet Beggs for her many hours of work on those fancy tour guides with all of the pictures and easy to read directions. Thanks again for making this tour one to remember. Hope to see everyone on the next tour.







OTHER STUFF

My Garmin

For those who have or don't have a GPS in their car - This is priceless.

I have a little Garmin It sits there in my car A Garmin is a driver's friend It tells you where you are.

I have a little Garmin I've had it all my life It's better than the normal ones My Garmin is my wife.

It gives me full instructions Especially how to drive "It's thirty miles an hour", it says "You're doing thirty five".

It tells me when to stop and start And when to use the brake And tells me that it's never ever Safe to overtake.

It tells me when a light is red And when it goes to green It seems to know instinctively Just when to intervene.

It lists the vehicles just in front And all those to the rear And taking this into account It specifies my gear.

I'm sure no other driver Has so helpful a device For when we leave and lock the car It still gives its advice.

It fills me up with counseling Each journey's pretty fraught So why don't I exchange it And get a quieter sort?

Ah well, you see, it cleans the house, Makes sure I'm properly fed, It washes all my shirts and things And - keeps me warm in bed!

Despite all these advantages And my tendency to scoff, I do wish that once in a while I could turn the damned thing off!

MORE OTHER STUFF

Jo Ann Formia Demonstrates Painting at LA County Fair by Jo Anr

by Jo Ann Formia

2013 was my 6th year demonstrating at the Los Angeles County Fair. I demonstrate watercolor and mixed media in the Millard Sheets Art Gallery. It is fun because the school children come through on field trips and they get to ask questions and see the different painters at work. Some adults ask questions too. There are usually 10 painters, wood carvers, printers and others each day of the fair.



Every year Tony Sheets, Millard Sheets son, comes up with outstanding themes for the gallery. He has already begun the 2014 theme and, as usual, it will be different and unique. Tony is a very fine and creative painter and sculptor.



Here are a few photos to show what I have been doing.

Pier at Avila Beach

San Diego Watercolor Society



2013 Watercolor West International Exhibition

SAA General Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2013

by Sheri Johnson

Tonight was the semi-potluck dinner. President Bob thanked Tracy Perry, Marlin & Elaine Perry and all the volunteers who helped.

- The meeting was called to order by President Bob Travis at 7:30 PM.
- The flag salute was led by Jack Dawson.
- Sunshine a get well card was sent to Jim Constantian.
- The treasurer's report was read and approved.
- The minutes were approved as published in the Spoken Wheels.
- There were three guests: Bill Aman, John Moffitte and John Schmidt.
- The speaker was Lyle Umenhoffer, a WWII survivor of the USS Indianapolis.
- Mary Garduno, a long time member, attended the meeting. Her brother was a casualty on the USS Indianapolis.

New Business

• At the October meeting we will be celebrating Halloween. Wear your costume and win a prize.

Technical/Seminars

• Bob Travis spoke about filling your gas tank safely; Marlin spoke about timing gears, shoulder bolts and oil drain tubes

<u>Tours</u>

- Oct. 5 Bridge tour and Philippe's for lunch
- Oct. 10 5 Paso Robles tour
- Oct. 14 Ladies' Brunch
- Oct. 17 Men's breakfast
- Oct. 19 Temple City Car Show
- Oct. 24 Oktoberfest celebration at Alpine Village, including Oom Pah Bands
- Oct. 30 San Antonio Winery lunch with MARC club
- Nov. ? a trip to Wrightwood
- Bob Travis thanked Patty Lampassi for bringing the ladies raffle prizes and Jerry Lampassi for bringing the men's raffle prizes.
- Bob also thanked Bonnie Nelson, Jackie Boardman, Elaine Perry, Carol Emanuelli, Leroy Gilbert, Bea Fruchter and Gail Boekenoogen for the refreshments.

Name badge winner - Jerry Lampassi Jr. - \$5.00, Drive a Model A to the meeting winner - Joe Principe, \$10.00, 50/25/25 winners: Jo Ann Formia & John Spielmann - \$42.00 each

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM Respectfully submitted, Sheri Johnson, Secretary

FROM THE SHOP BENCH by Bob Travis



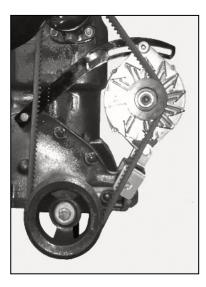
Club member Terry Riker and his friend Mike Wasser came up with a clever design for mounting modern alternators to our engines. Their design provides a way to securely mount the alternator and properly align the alternator with the crank and water pump pulleys. Below is the information contained in their promotional flyer.

Mounting Bracket for installing GM Style Alternators on Model A & B Engines

Installing modern 12 volt high output alternators on Model A and B engines solves many of the problems associated with 6 volt, unregulated low output generators. A special mounting bracket is required to mount an alternator on the A and B blocks. A variety of mounting and adjusting brackets have been used but they have not provided the means for correcting pulley misalignment.



The GM style alternator is the one most commonly used when making the conversion. There is a wide variety of GM alternators suitable for use in the 12 volt conversions, however some may not provide the correct pulley alignment. The location of the pulley centerline relative to the alternator mounting bracket varies, depending on the original application. Simply installing "just any" GM alternator may create a significant alignment problem. This misalignment can cause premature belt wear and, if extreme, possibly cause the belt to "jump" off the pulley. This new alternator mounting bracket is design to provide the means to easily adjust the location of the alternator's pulley so that it can be properly aligned with the crank and water pump pulleys. Included in the mounting kit is a bracket which securely positions the alternator for the proper belt tension. Brackets designed to adjust the belt tension by pushing against the back of the alternator tend to "twist" the alternator, causing the alternator pulley to run at an angle to the other pulleys.



The location of the "adjustment" bolt on top of the alternator makes belt tension adjustments quick and easy.

The unique system used to clamp the alternator to the mounting bracket utilizes a sliding sleeve that assures the alternator is rigidly secured in the proper position.

These heavy duty brackets will keep your alternator

where it should be - attached to the engine.

For additional information contact Terry Riker at: 626-355-2926



MARLIN'S MUSINGS By Marlin Perry



SEMINAR NEWS

Well this month found the Low End Boys knees deep in front end problems. What surprises me is it's not king pins, it is toe-in and toe-out. Lucky for our club Mickey Fruchter can deal with them. We worked on Don Kennedy's car and Jack Conway's pick up. Brad and I worked with Mickey and I must say I watched and, like I said, Mickey is the man.

We as Low End Boys stepped up with our Technical Director Bob Travis and I went to Jim Kroeger's home and worked on his nice Sedan. It turned out that his main cutoff switch was bad.

On our big 6 day trip to Paso Robles, AC got the feeling we have all had when our cars break down. He just bought a beautiful 4 Door Sedan and the first thing to be replaced was the coil, and then after a lot of love and attention it had its fuel pump replaced thanks to Joe Wilson who had a spare one. Also, Bob Moore put a fuel pump in his car. I am not sure, but it seems fuel pumps go out with these nice Weber carburetors. So far three have been replaced.

Not being seminar news, but good news, I am happy to say Jim Constantian and Louie Formia are doing good after time in the hospital. They both are good and great members of the Santa Anita A's. Yeah for both of them.

Sincerely, Low End Boys

FOR SALE

Late 1931 Model A Ford Closed Cab Wide Bed Pickup

with indented firewall. Six volt electrical system with alternator, twin LED tail lights, turn signals and push button start, new Mitchell synchro 15% over transmission with Borg Warner overdrive and 4:11 rear ratio, 100% brake rebuild with Flathead Ted floaters, new gas shut-off valve, new Brassworks heavy duty radiator, new clutch, new outer roof material, F-100 steering box with shortened pitman arm, wind wings, seat belts, side boards and float-A-motor motor mounts. Excellent Firestone tires (except spare) and decent paint(green). Front fenders are fiberglass, otherwise all steel sheet metal. \$19,500 dollars-FIRM.

Contact Bob Travis - 626-574-0665

President's Message continued from Page 1 What a beautiful tour brochure she designed. Hopefully, our editor will be able to publish some of the material in future issues of the Spoken Wheels. We all thank you, Janet and Jim for a great tour.

Early in my presidency I promised to keep you informed of significant action taken by your board. Thanks to the hard work of Joe Wilson and Jerry Lampassi the board approved a comprehensive clothing program which will encompass several articles of clothing of similar design for purchase. These include a Polo style shirt with and without pockets for men and a ladies style, a collard shirt, a wind breaker and a baseball cap. These articles of clothing may be adorned with the club logo front and back with a combination embroidery and silk screening. There are some details still to be worked out, but hopefully orders can be placed at the November meeting. They might make nice Christmas gift ideas.

Unfortunately I won't be with you for the October meeting as several of us are participating with our cars at a high school homecoming event.

1931 Ford PU Truck for Sale at Auction

This truck will be offered at an auction held by the County of Los Angeles at 9:00 AM on December 14, 2013. The action will be held at 16610 E, Chestnut Street, City of Industry, CA



Additional information can be obtained by going to the Auction Company's web site: cwsmarketing.com On that site you will see a photo of the Model. Click on the "Learn More Now" which will take you to the LA County Auction information page which contains detailed information on the auction.

FOR SALE Intake Manifold With Stromberg 97 Carburetor - \$200



New aluminum Ansen intake manifold with used carburetor. Car not included.

Contact : Cliff Mount Cell: 626-833-8991, 626-918-8991





NEXT GENERAL MEETING - Oct 25 ARCADIA RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS

Important Things to Do and Remember:

ATTENTION! Wear someone else's clothes to the next meeting

It is a Halloween Meeting



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