



October 2014

SPOKEN WHEELS



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Bob Travis

My message this month is a little different. As many of you know I, along with several members just completed a 14 day tour of Southern Utah, visiting the National Parks and Monuments. So, I feel a little disconnected from the club but promise to get back into the groove. I also plan to make a presentation on the trip with great pictures. Therefore, for this month you will just have to live with some good humor, thanks to Joe Blaylock.



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GENERAL MEETING - Friday, October 31 at 7:30 PM - Arcadia Red Cross, 376 Huntington Dr., Arcadia

PROGRAM - A special program has been arranged for this evening. I can't tell you what it is, but it does involve your personal patience, planning, preparation and purposeful participation. See page 3, column 2 for a hint.

BOARD MEETING - Wednesday, November 12, 7:00 PM - Temple City, City Hall.

Come join us and see what is really going on.

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SAA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

31 - General Meeting - Special Halloween night

November

- 2 - Horse Show - Cal Poly Pomona - see page 4
- 8 - Technical Seminar - See page 4
- 10 - Ladies Brunch - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
- 11 - Veteran's Day - see page 4
- 12 - Board Meeting - 7:00 PM, Temple City, City Hall
- 15 - Arcadia Band Review - see page 4
- 20 - Men's Breakfast - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM
- 28 - General Meeting

December

13 - Christmas Party - see page 4

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

November Birthdays

- 3 - Jim Austin, Bob Moore
- 5 - Mary McDannel
- 9 - Robert Kincart
- 10 - John Knox
- 11 - Else Johnson
- 12 - Steve Newton
- 14 - Don McBride
- 15 - Frank Sepulveda
- 16 - Stan Ingels
- 17 - Marlin Perry
- 19 - Wilbert Smith, Joe Wilson, Sue Guarrera
- 20 - Scott Bonner
- 21 - Susan Bennett
- 25 - Jim Skalicky
- 26 - Judi Moore
- 28 - Carol Emanuelli, Marianne Spielman

November Anniversaries

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

OTHER CLUB SPONSORED EVENTS

November

2 - Hill Climb - Murrieta, Sponsored by FAST,
Call Art Moore for details at 909-982-7790

April

9 to 13 - Central California Regional Group,
Tour to event in Santa Maria - see page 4

THE SUNSHINE LADY - JOYCE TRAVIS

Get well cards were sent to:

Bea Fruchter and Chuck Sharpe

Cookie Bringers of the Month Club

Norma Canzoneri, Carol Emanuelli, Vicky Bartlett,
Joy Wilson

This Month's Photographers Include:

Olive Moore, Sheri Johnson, Elaine Perry, Bob Moore,
Joe Wilson and others.

Ladies' Brunch

The Ladies' Brunch will be on the second
Monday of the month, November 10.

Newer members, come and get to know
other ladies in the club. The food is good.

Separate checks. The group meets at Annia's which is located
at the El Monte airport, 11:00 AM. Call Bea Fruchter (626-
797-2048) if you are confused.



NEW MEMBERS

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



Evalyn Ingram

Arcadia
Re-joined August, 2014
'29 Shay Roadster



William Peet

Sierra Madre
Joined June 2014
1931 Sport Coupe



James & Lan Skalicky
LaVerne
Joined April 2014
'28 AR Phaeton



Ponder This

by Joe Wilson

The Big and Little of it All



As I gathered the information in preparation of this newsletter I became aware that our club really does participate in a wide variety of tours and events using our faithful (sometimes not so) Model A's.

This issue of the Spoken Wheels includes a report on six events/ tours that have taken place since last month's newsletter. Sheri Johnson reported on what might be called a "flash tour", a small event, not on our official schedule but the result of an invitation to exhibit cars at the Sierra Madre Congregational church. Also included is a report on the Model A Touring Club's just completed "Utah Great Circle Tour" which covered two weeks and 1,500 miles of Model A driving. Big tours, little tours, big events and little events - something for everyone.

Last month I wrote about "Communication" and the importance of its proper use. I want to comment, and again thank everyone for the input I receive from members which provides the information necessary to prepare the newsletter. Keep the facts coming.

All of you email participants were included in the redistribution of the "field reports" on the Utah trip which were prepared by Pat Burbank. The intent was to communicate our progress during the trip. I want to thank Randy Harper for the idea and making it happen. I hope you enjoyed reading her reports.

Think About It

- Enjoy life. It's not a dress rehearsal.
- The reason worry kills more people than work is because more people worry than work.
- No one is ever too old to learn but most people keep putting it off.



Excepts from one of the reading books we found placed at tables in many Utah restaurants during the recent Utah tour.

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)

Halloween at the October General Meeting

The reason Halloween was scheduled for the same night as our general meeting was to provide an opportunity for some special events. And they involve you.

1. Yes, the dress code for the evening specifies a deviation from your normal attire. A costume of some sort is encouraged. If nothing else, at least wear a hat and put on some socks that don't match. Name tags are still required and they must agree with the name on your driver's license. We will have judges on hand.
 2. Have you ever carved or otherwise created a Halloween pumpkin? Sure you have and we invite you to bring your creation to the party for sharing with others. We are serious. Don't be the odd one that arrives pumpkin-less. We will have judges on hand.
 3. Are you too old to be frightened by a movie. If so, pretend you are a kid again so you can fully enjoy a special horror movie to be shown at the meeting. The short Disney movie features characters from the "Toy Story" movies. The plot shouldn't be too complicated so you should be able to follow along. We will have judges on hand.
- Don't miss this opportunity to participate so we won't have to repeat the program at the next meeting.

Football Games

Yes we do half time parades for the Queen's of various High Schools. This year we have South El Monte High School and Arroyo High. Those participating in them are Jim Constantian, Bob Moore, Bob Travis, Joe Farino, Marlin Perry and Ken Mallory.

SAA's 40TH Anniversary to Be Celebrated

By Mickey Fruchter

A planning committee has been organized by your Board of Directors to plan for our 40th anniversary to be celebrated next year. The committee is looking for suggestions from the membership re: tours, picnics, banquets, activities and souvenirs to celebrate this occasion.

Please give your ideas and suggestions to committee members: Carol Emanuelli, Mickey Fruchter, John McDannel or Bob Moore.

Help make this special event memorable by providing us with your input.

COMING EVENTS

Armistice Day Became Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 11

World War I officially ended on June 28, 1919, with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles. The actual fighting between the Allies and Germany, however, had ended seven months earlier with the armistice, which went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. Armistice Day, as November 11 became known, officially became a holiday in the United States in 1926, and a national holiday 12 years later. On June 1, 1954, the name was changed to Veterans Day to honor all U.S. veterans.

In 1968, new legislation changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

Comment- November 11 is Veterans Day. Thanksgiving is November 27. Let's recognize them both as more than just a day off work.

Model A Tour - Arabian Horse Show

Equestrian Center on the Campus of Cal Poly Pomona

Sunday, November 2

by Bob Moore

On Sunday, November 2, we will travel on surface streets to the campus of Cal Poly Pomona for their famous Arabian horse show. We will depart Marlin and Elaine Perry's home at 11:15 AM. The Perry's address is 5528 N. Lenore, Arcadia. Our first stop will be for lunch near the Equestrian Center at a small shopping center located at 1253 North Grand Ave. in Walnut where there are several places for lunch. You will have a choice of Mexican, Asian-fusion, Vietnamese-American, Pizza, Subway & Jack In the Box. After a 45 minute stop for lunch we will visit Cal Poly Pomona's Farm Store on the way to the Equestrian Center. We will depart from the Farm Store at 1:25 PM. The show starts at 2:00 PM. Cost is \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors and children under 5 are free. Parking is \$3.00. Drive your Model A or other. Sign up at the September meeting. Call Bob Moore (626-358-2027) for more info.

Technical Seminar

November 8

by Marlin Perry

Everything you wanted to know about welding, brazing and other methods of joining metal conducted by Jack Dawson, assisted by Gene Reinhardt and Marlin Perry. Meet at Dawson's home at 10:00 AM, 5278 La Canada Blvd., La Canada, CA. Morning snack and lunch will be provided by the Dawsons. Sign up at meeting or call Jack Dawson (818-790 6592).

Arcadia Band Review

Saturday, November 15

Arcadia High School will be hosting their 61st annual band review which features 40 plus high school bands from Southern California. The opening event is a short parade on Baldwin Avenue in which we have participated in the past as individuals. This year the Santa Anita A's will do so officially as a club.

Bob Travis needs 10 open cars to carry dignitaries in the parade which will be followed by the school bands. SAA members participating will meet at a restaurant on Baldwin Ave. at 8:00 AM, prior to the parade which starts at 8:40 AM. If you wish to participate, contact Bob Travis (626-574-0665).

Christmas Party

Saturday, December 13

by Elaine Perry

It is time for the Santa Anita A's Annual Christmas Party. This is for club members and their families. RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY! Please sign up at the October or November meeting or call Elaine Perry (626-443-0638). The deadline for reservations is December 2nd. Make check payable to Santa Anita A's and give to Sheri Johnson.

BUFFET DINNER - The price for members and non-members will be \$12.00 per person for adults and \$5.00 for children 11 and under.

New Place - Arcadia Presbyterian Church. Time: 5:30 PM
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.

Tour to the CCRG in Santa Maria

April 9 – April 13, 2015

by Bob Moore

The Santa Maria Model A Club is hosting the 2015 CCRG (Central California Regional Group) weekend event. The CCRG is comprised of Model A Clubs in the central portion of California. A CCRG event is held annually and the Santa Maria Club is the host in 2015 from April 10 -12. Our club attended the CCRG hosted by the Bakersfield Club in 2012 along with over 250 members from other clubs. Because Santa Maria is relatively close, I thought that our club could add a day or two to the weekend event, take our time and visit some interesting places including the Guadalupe State Park Beach for coffee and donuts. More details will follow when the Santa Maria Club provides information on the hotels and their planned tours. Please keep these dates open. This is a great opportunity to tour in a beautiful part of the state and participate in a weekend planned for Model A'ers. When available, Bob Moore will provide more information.

PAST EVENTS

Santa Anita Retirement Center

September 21

by Joe Farino

There was a car show at the Santa Anita Retirement Center in Temple City. The Entertainment was Mexican dancers. Lots of good food was provided. Over 20 cars were shown. The event was well attended.

Members attending were Rick Phillips, Brad Belmont, Sheri & Tom Johnson, Marlin & Elaine Perry, Bob Moore, Joe Principe, Richard Favela, Nancy Stancil, Jim Kroeger & Janet, John Emanuelli, Leroy Gilbert, Bob Travis, Don McBride, Joe & Barbara Farino & Lorie Farino.

Duarte Route 66 Parade

September 27

by Ken Mallory

The Duarte parade took place again this year. Support for the parade was provided by Santa Anita A's members Ken Mallory, Chuck Davies and Jim Skalicky.

Walk of Fame

September 27

by Sheri Johnson

A celebration on Saturday, September 27, 2014 marked the culmination of a dream that three women had more than 20 years ago. It marked the official opening of the Thoroughbred Racing Walk of Champions in Arcadia.



The walk with 67 24" x 24" bronze markers in the sidewalk celebrates the many horses, owners, trainers and jockeys who have made thoroughbred racing history. Instead of stars like the Hollywood Walk of Fame, these honorees have horseshoes in the walk. The markers can be found on the sidewalks along Huntington Drive from Santa Anita to just beyond

Second Avenue on both sides of the street, as well as on First Avenue from Huntington Drive up to the Gold Line station. "Lucky" Baldwin's marker is at the Northeast corner of Santa Anita and Huntington Drive looking toward the Santa Anita Race Track. It was Baldwin that brought horse racing to Arcadia.

The celebration featured guided and self-guided tours of the walkway. Along with live appearances from legendary retired Hall of



Fame jockeys Eddie Delahoussaye and Laffit Pincay, Jr., we were treated to a 50's – 60's live band, cake, popcorn, cookies, and bottled water.



Our six model A's made up the vintage car show. A few of the local Arcadia businesses, including The Book Rack, and Matt Denny's Ale House Restaurant were represented

as well as a representative from the Gold Line and representation from the Arcadia Historical Society.

Participating in this historical event were the antique car owners organized by past Arcadia Mayor Bob Harbicht and his wife Patsy, Ken Mallory, John Emanuelli, Jim Constantian, Rick and Carolyn Phillips and Tom and Sheri Johnson.



MORE PAST EVENTS

Car show at Sierra Madre Church

October 5, 2014 by Sheri Johnson

We were invited to attend an event held at the Sierra Madre Congregational Church in Sierra Madre from 3-6 PM on October 5th. There was a small car show, food, a live band and games for the kids. Jim Constantian brought his 30's, 40's and 50's music. All the proceeds went to the Sierra Madre schools



Participants were Jim Constantian, Ken Mallory and Tom & Sheri Johnson.

It was a little warm but we kept well hydrated and relaxed on a lazy Sunday afternoon.

TEMPLE CITY CAR SHOW

October 18

by Marlin Perry

The car show was started 25 years ago by Sig Caswell, a real go-getter. The last 7 years have been organized by the Santa Anita A's and San Gabriel MARC members.

Debbie Ingram is our leader for the City of Temple City along with her husband as a big worker. Debbie starts at 7:30 AM getting everything ready and set up. Some club members also start at 7:30 AM and by nine we have a full crew. The show brings in every type of car, you name it and we had it.



Gorgeous cars - We were happy with John Emanuelli's Best in Class Antique, Rick Phillips Collector's Choice Antique, Pete Henderson's Collectors' Choice Classic Modified and Joe Farino's Mayor's Choice.

Of course we all know Joe never wins a trophy or a raffle prize. He won both on Saturday. If you know Joe, that's his story. Oh well, Joe, tell us more. We want to thank everyone that helped put the show on. It was fun and Sig, we think about you and your show.

MORE PAST EVENTS

Utah Great Circle Tour

September 25 - October 8

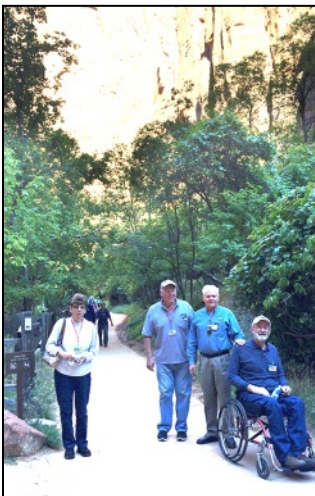
by Joe Wilson

Things look different when you are driving in a Model A. And that certainly was true during the recent tour of Southern Utah organized by the Model A Touring Club.

A group of 33 cars, including 13 from the Santa Anita A's, visited five National parks, four National Monuments and various state parks. We traveled 1,300 to 1,500 miles, depending which of the optional routes you took. The Utah Great Circle Tour was organized by Bob Travis, assisted by Bob Moore.



The Model A Touring Club is an international organization of Model A owners who want to participate in major driving tours to interesting places. Their tours have included Europe, Mexico, Canada, Australia, Hawaii, Alaska and various states in the continental US.



Although many of the participants were from Southern California, cars came from Nevada, Arizona, Texas, South Dakota, Canada and Arcadia.

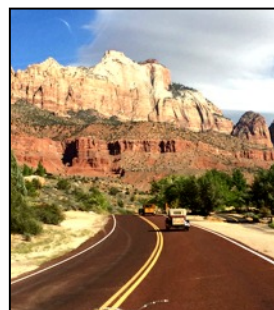
The tour actually started in Mt. Carmel Junction, just outside of Zion National Park, although most of the SAA group stayed in St George the night before, then joined the rest of the tour group in Mt. Carmel. Six of us shipped our Model A's. Others towed their cars to St. George where we stored our modern cars. The storage facility for our cars was a man made cave carved out of a mountain.

Bob Travis's daughter and son-in-law drove a "trouble trailer" towed by Bob's Ford Excursion which was put to use several times. Several break downs, including the "trouble trailer's" tow vehicle resulted in a number of vehicle substitutions during the trip and caused Bob to drive many more miles than the rest of us.

Bob had organized the tour in such a way that it provided everyone the flexibility of selecting optional additional destinations, deciding our departure times and choosing our lunch, refueling and other "necessary" stops. We usually traveled in groups of 4 to 6 cars and not always with the same people.

Picking a most favorite place or event would be difficult. In addition to the wonderful scenery, we had some unique "special events" which included an evening "Light show boat tour" and driving our individual ATV vehicle's through the sand dunes.

It was a great trip; fun people, a well organized tour and good weather (except for the hailstorm early on).



SAA members participating were: Bob Travis, Chris Wickersham, Joe Principe, Nancy Stancil, Rene Werder, the Bob Moores, the Art Moores, Bennetts, McBrides, Perrys, Canzonaris, Smiths, Blaylocks, Kurtzs, Wilsons and the Crismers (Travis's daughter and son-in law driving the "troubled trailer and tow vehicle).

FROM THE SHOP BENCH
by Bob Travis



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If my Body Were a Car!

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model.

I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint is getting a little dull... But that's not the worst of it.

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close.

My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.

It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed.

My fuel burns inefficiently.

But here is the worst of it. Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!

Anonymous

Below is an article I borrowed from the October 2014 "Cowlite Valley A's newsletter. Interesting.

A Tale Of Two Clutches by John Carine

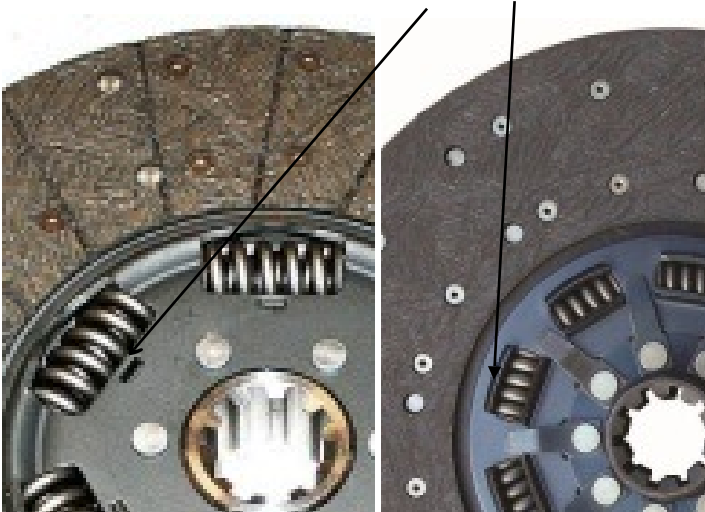
Eddy and Terry Pitts, Lynn and Marilyn Elvestrom and Diana and I were returning home from Tillamook, Oregon in our Model A's when we stopped at a light in Clamas, Oregon. Mike had attempted to downshift his overdrive to slow for the light. He made it to neutral, but it would not engage in low. He found his clutch would not disengage.

We pushed his 30 Tudor into a nearby gas station. After taking the ladies home in the remaining Model A's we hooked up my trailer to Lynn's Expedition and gave Eddy's Model A a ride to my shop.

I spoke to Jerry Lane about the symptoms and he said he had the same thing happen to his Model A some years before. He said a spring in his clutch plate had come loose and lodged between the plate and the flywheel. Jerry said there had been a clutch manufactured in the past under the name "Nova" which captured the springs so they could not come loose. It appeared the Nova clutch was no longer available. After digging through my huge pile of "too good to throw away stuff," we found a like new Nova clutch plate. The springs on this clutch were caged so they could not slip out and cause trouble. We put the Nova clutch in Eddy's car and all is well.

Eddy, who has many years of experience as a procurement manager, did some detective work and found the Nova brand had been purchased by a Baltimore Maryland company who still made clutches. He called our good friends at Bratton's Antique Auto Parts in Mount Airy, Maryland, and sure enough, the springs in the Model A clutch they sell have caged springs just like the Nova.

I don't know how common a failure this is. These are the only failures I know of, but in the future when I replace a clutch I will replace it with caged springs.



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Santa Anita A's General Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2014

The Good and Bad of Utah

This trip started out with 33 cars getting to Saint George Utah. Some by trailers or carrier truck and some driven. On the third day Elaine and I were climbing 10,620 up a mountain and as we came off the mountain in our Woody it started to go clack and bang-bang. No it was not the muffler, it was about the engine. Bob Travis' daughter and husband put our Woody on Bob's trailer and off to St. George for storage in a man made cave.

After this fun thing happened Chris Wickersham loaned us his GMC truck for the rest of the trip and it had air conditioning. Everything we saw in Utah was beautiful. I never have seen so many rocks. No matter what shape it was, it was just beautiful.

Thanks to Bob Travis, Chris Wikersham and Art and Olive Moore, our Woody is in our home garage waiting on a heart transplant. Thanks again to all.

PS - Chris worked on most all Model A's in our group. Bob Travis also lost his transmission in his modern Ford Expedition. It is still in Utah.

Low End Work

This month found us having Wilbert Smith's car towed by the Auto Club to my home in Arcadia. New parts for Wilbert's car include modern distributor, battery box, 2 hood hold-downs, and ground battery cable, air in tires, wiring, and distributor cable. Maybe more to come, like 2 hubcaps. Chris Wickersham is helping to get it all together. All this and we shall send his car home. Jim Constantian's truck and Nancy's sedan are on the list for work.

Low-end boys
Marlin and Chris



The meeting was called to order by our guest speaker Jimmy Weldon at 7:30 PM with a poem of our flag. He then led us in the flag salute and the singing of God Bless America. Vice-President John McDannel then continued with the meeting.

The minutes from the August meeting were approved as printed in the Spoken Wheels. The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Birthday wishes were given to Barbara Dawson and Jim Frick. Good news regarding Bea Fruchter, she is at home. Sad news Billy Andrews, a fellow Model A'er, past away. More good news, Vicky and Brad Balmot became grandparents again.

Low-End Boys - Mickey Fruchter replaced a gas gauge for John Lacey. Gene Reinhardt commented that the Low-End Boys installed John Spielmann's motor. Jack Dawson thanked the Low-End Boys for their work replacing the ignition switch on his car.

Seminar

Jack Dawson with the help of Gene Reinhardt & Marlin Perry will be conducting a seminar in Nov. on "joining metal".

Thank you to cookie bringers: Vicky Bartlett, Barbara Dawson, JoAnn Formia and Diana Kincart.

Thank you to refreshment hostess' Nancy Sharpe and Elsie Johnson.

Thank you to Sheri Johnson for Ladies' Raffle.

Program

Jimmy Weldon gave an inspirational presentation titled "Attitude is Our Greatest Asset". He gave us quips such as "Better Keep in Touch", "Spend time wisely cause you can't save it", and "Attitude is our greatest asset". His book is entitled "Go Get'em Tiger (Becoming the person you want to be)".

New Business

Sheri Johnson gave an up-date on our Utah Model A'ers.

Sheri Johnson also read a letter from MAFCA congratulating Mickey and Bea Fruchter for their accomplishment of reaching 100,000 miles driven in their Model A.

Winners


50/25/25 - \$26.00 each to Barbara Dawson & JoAnn Formia.
Name Badge - \$5.00 each to Sheri & Tom Johnson.
Drove Model A to the meeting - \$10.00 to John Emanuelli.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM

Submitted by Carol Emanuelli, Secretary Pro Tem

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