



October 2017

# Spoken Wheels

## THE NEXT MEETING

**General Meeting - 7:30 PM**, Friday, October 27, Arcadia  
Red Cross Building, 376 Huntington Dr. , Arcadia

**Program** - This month's program will be presented by Michael Vercillo, Community Services Officer, Arcadia Police Department. Mike will have an interesting presentation about how to keep ourselves and our homes safe in these times. His years of experience will provide an interesting and educational experience.

## NEWS BITS

### Election set for December 1 General Meeting

Elections for the 2018 SAA's club officers and board members will be held at the November General meeting (rescheduled to Dec. 1). Here are the candidates submitted by the Nominating Committee.

<b>President</b> Bob Travis	<b>Vice President</b> Tracy Butkus
<b>Secretary</b> Elaine Perry	<b>Treasurer</b> Sheri Johnson
<b>Board Members</b> (Membership will vote for 4)	
Carol Emanuelli, Jim Frick, Jim Kroeger, Chuck Mauch	
Past President serves on the Board of Director's for one year - John Mc Dannel	

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the October meeting. Any club member who wishes to serve as an Officer or on the Board of Directors should submit their name to the Nominating Committee Chair. If you wish to nominate a member they must be present at the meeting to accept the nomination. If they are not able to attend the meeting you may submit a signed letter to the nominating committee chair giving you permission to submit his or her name. All candidates will be on the ballot. Election of officers and board members will take place at the general membership meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Nominating Committee thanks all those who have volunteered to serve the club in 2018.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JOHN MCDANNEL

### It's Time to Step up to the Plate

We have all experienced another great year for our Model A Club. We have enjoyed great attendance at our general meetings, our men's breakfasts, special events and our tours.

Our tour director Jim Kroeger has taken us to some very interesting venues that many of us have never seen or heard of before. Jim - thanks for arranging such interesting tours. You have introduced us to some very interesting sites.

As you already know Jim Kroeger and Janet Beggs have recently arranged for all of us to enjoy a fine Christmas/Installation party at the Shakespeare Club in Pasadena. We are all looking forward to another great experience at this wonderful venue.

The Pasadena High School Model A Club is off to a great start due to the hard work by Wilbert Smith, John Emanuelli, Jim Frick, Chuck Davies and Richard Favela. The PHS 1928 Model A Ford Phaeton is nearly ready to go on display and is looking very good. We are hoping to sell more raffle tickets. But, the important thing is what the high school kids are learning right now from this experiment. They have operated as a team and have learned a lot about restoring a Model A. This is what I call a first rate practical education. These young people will no doubt revisit their club experience at each of

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Pasadena High School Model A Club's restoration project nears completion

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### October

- 27 - General meeting
- 29 - Walkathon, Pasadena City College, see page 3
- 29 - Wings and Wheels Car Show, see page 3

### November

- 4 - Mystery Tour, see page 3
- 5 - So. California Hill Climb, see page 4
- 8 - Board meeting, , 7:00 PM, Temple City - City Hall
- 13 - Ladies' Brunch, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
- 16 - Men's Breakfast, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM

**Note:** November General Meeting moved to December 1

### December

- 1 - General Meeting , Arcadia Red Cross Bldg. (Note Change)
- 2 - Candy Factory Tour, see page 4
- 16 - Christmas Party and Officer & Board Installation , see page 4

## BIRTHDAYS & ANIVERESARIES

### November Birthdays

- 2 - Larry Pare
- 3 - Jim Austin
- 3 - Bob Moore
- 4 - Adele White
- 5 - Mary McDannel
- 9 - Mark Gollhardt
- 9 - Bob Kincart
- 10 - John Knox
- 11 - Elsie Johnson
- 12 - Steve Newton
- 14 - Don McBride
- 15 - Frank Sepulveda
- 17 - Marlin Perry
- 19 - Sue Guarrera
- 19 - Wilbert Smith
- 19 - Joe Wilson
- 20 - Scott Bonner
- 21 - Susie Bennett

### November Birthdays (cont.)

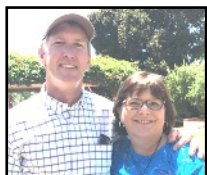
- 24 - Maria Foye
- 24 - Mary Pare
- 25 - Jim Skalicky
- 26 - Judi Moore
- 28 - Carol Emanuelli
- 28 - Marianne Spielmann

### November Anniversaries

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

## NEW MEMBERS

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



**Howard & Adele (Baquet) White**  
626-355-5560  
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Joined May 1, 2017 No Model A



**Michael Higgins**  
626-618-4001 cell  
P.O. Box 93613, Pasadena, CA 91109  
[michael@pilotmichael.com](mailto:michael@pilotmichael.com)  
Re-joined May 1, 2017 1930 Coupe

## OFFICERS, BOARD & CHAIRS

### OFFICERS

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### COMMITTEE CHAIRS - Continued

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Sunshine Lady - Judi Moore, Miss Sunbeam

- Carolyn Mc Bride - Get well - had a short stay in hospital
- Marlin Perry - Get well - had a fall
- Nancy Stancil - Get well - had knee replacement
- Chris Wickersham - Get well - had eye surgery

### Cookie Bringers - Gerry McKinney, Head Cookie

Bonnie Nelson, Jean Ware, Vicky Bartlett, Elaine Perry

### Photo Donors - Susan Homet, Bob Moore, Joe Wilson, John Emanuelli

### 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](http://www.mafca.com))

## MORE NEWS BITS

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### SAA's Meeting Time and Location Change

Members are reminded that beginning with our January, 2018 meeting we will gather at Live Oak Park in Temple City and our start time will be 7:00 PM rather than 7:30 PM. Mark your calendars and write yourself a note.

### Bylaw Change

The membership vote on the club's by-law change to New Members Dues had been rescheduled from the September general meeting to the October general meeting. All members will receive in the mail a letter which spells out the wording of the current bylaw relating to the new members dues and the wording of the proposed bylaws. The bylaw change must be approved by a 2/3 vote of members in attendance.

### Donation to Walkethon

The Board of directors voted to donate \$100 to the "Walk to End Alzheimer's" event scheduled for Sunday October, 29.

### Club to provide door prize for Christmas party

The board voted to purchase a raffle ticket for the Pasadena High School Model A Club car being raffled off and donate it as a door prize at the club's Christmas party.

### PHS Model A Club to be featured in next Restorer Magazine

An article on the Pasadena High School Model A Club written by Wilbert Smith will appear in the next issue of the Restorer magazine.

## COMING EVENTS

### Walkethon

Sunday, October 29

by Tracy Butkus

I will be doing the "Walk to End Alzheimer's" for the San Gabriel Valley again this year which will take place at Pasadena City College. All funds raised through Walk to End Alzheimer's will further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association.

I want to remind those members who have volunteered to exhibit their cars at the Pasadena City College to arrive in front of the campus on Colorado Blvd. by 7:30 AM. We should be done by 11:30 AM. There will be vendors there giving away free food and beverages. If you have any questions contact me, Tracy Butkus at 323-646-7153.

### Wings and Wheels at San Gabriel Valley Airport

Sunday, October 29

by Joe Wilson

We have been invited to participate in the annual Wings and Wheels Air Show at the San Gabriel Airport in El Monte. The event will feature a variety of older aircraft as well as a "Super Scooper" and a B-25 WWII Bomber. Our cars will be on display along with the aircraft. Food vendors will be on hand for food and drinks as well as Annia's restaurant (Participants will get lunch at half price). The event runs from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Our cars will need to arrive before 9:00 AM so they can be in place when the event starts. We will enter at the Bryant Street entrance on Santa Anita Blvd. which is south of the entrance to Annia's restaurant.

This event will take place on the same day as the Walk for Alzheimer's at PCC. Arrangements have been made for our cars participating in that event to leave early so they can also participate in the Wings and Wheels event.

We want to support this event as a thank you to the airport for their generosity in allowing our club to use the conference room for our tech seminars following our monthly men's breakfast.

We need to provide the organizers a head count on the number of our cars participating. There will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting. Or, contact Joe Wilson (818-790-0995).

### Mystery Tour

Saturday, November 4

by Jim Kroeger

For those of you who like surprises then this is the tour for you. We are encouraging all members to drive their Model A's and join us for a mystery tour followed by brunch on Saturday, November 4th.

This tour is designed for those whose Model A's are collecting dust in their garages or for new members who are looking to get some touring experience.

We will meet at the Perry's, located at 5528 N. Lenore Ave. in Arcadia at 9:15 AM. We will travel only via surface streets to our secret destinations. Sign up at the next general meeting. Hope to see you on tour.

If you haven't grown up  
by age 50,  
You don't have to.

## COMING EVENTS - MORE

### So. California Hill Climb

Sunday, Nov. 5

by Joe Wilson

This annual hill climb sponsored by the F.A.S.T. Organization is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 5 at Murriets, CA. This event is limited to pre 1935 4 cylinder Model A, B or T engines. Spectators entrance fee is \$2. Participants fee is \$30 for F.A.S.T. Members and \$35 for non-members. Location of hill climb is 30300 Commerce Ct., Murriets, CA. For information contact Art Moore (909-732-8567).

See registration form on page 12 for details.

### Christmas Party

Saturday December 16

by Joe Wilson

This will be special and a first — this year we will be combining our Christmas party with the installation of our 2018 club officers and board members. And, to make it even more special the event will be held at the Shakespeare Club in Pasadena. This is the same venue where we celebrated our club's 40<sup>th</sup> "Ruby" anniversary.

We will begin the evening at 5:30 PM with a social hour of drinks and snacks followed by a "sit down dinner" where you will be served right there at your very own table with no movement required on your part. We will be entertained during the evening by a trio of madrigal singers. Additional entertainment will be provided later in the evening during the installation of our 2018 club officers and board members; perhaps by Santa Claus.

Participation by members will automatically make you eligible for the door prize which is a free \$100 raffle ticket to win the Pasadena High School restored 1928 Model A Phaeton. Winners must be there, sober and awake the entire evening to be eligible.

Over 60 club members have already signed up to go to this extravaganza. To assure you have a place at the table, a chair and a food serving, it is necessary that your name appear on the invitation list. To add your name to this list simply give or send a check for \$25 per body to Sheri Johnson (844 Diamond St., Monrovia, CA 91016). A sign up sheet will be available at the October meeting. Bring a check. Cash accepted.

### Candy Factory Tour

Saturday, December 2 (maybe)

by Jim Kroeger

For over 75 years Logan's Candies of Ontario has been making that all time Christmas classic—the candy cane. Once a year they offer candy cane making demonstrations during the month of December. They have had over 500 requests for tours and we are waiting to find out our date from the factory. We will let you know of that time and date in the near future. You will be able to sign up at the October 27th or December 1st general meetings.

## PAST EVENTS

### Irwindale Speedway Tour

Saturday September 23

by Jim Kroeger

Irwindale Speedway might be going the way of the wrecking ball soon but this did not dampen the spirits of the Santa Anita A's. On a beautiful fall day, ten Model A's along with twenty members made the short trip from the Perry's to the speedway for an afternoon of everything racing.

We were escorted into the speedway grounds and set up camp next to a Camaro car club. Here we socialized, were able to purchase food and beverages,



and waited to be brought into the infield. Those new, modern cars looked nice but our A's stole the show as usual.



The time came to fire up our motors, drive onto the track and line up in the infield in front of the grandstands. Immediately following, over 40 race cars entered and parked on the racetrack near the start/finish line. This was a chance for all the car owners to meet and participate in an autograph session. Unfortunately, Jim Frick forgot his pen so no one got his autograph.

Once the meet and greet session was over the race cars exited the track and we lined up behind a pace car. Off we went for a couple of laps around the track with Joe Wilson leading the way near the front in his 1931 Slant Window Sedan adorned with two giant American flags. Though we could only drive as fast as the pace car permitted it was thrilling approaching the start/finish line out of turn four in front of the grandstands packed with fans.

We exited the track and were invited to stay for the evening's events if we so chose. All in all it was a fun afternoon of Model A fellowship in the racing world.



## Temple City Car Show

Saturday, October 14

### Ticket to the 20's

Sunday, October 8

by Joe Wilson

None of us were around at the time to personally experience the flavor of the 1920's but we were able to come close as we traveled to the annual "Ticket to the Twenties" event at the Homestead Museum in the City of Industry.

There we found people seriously dressed in vintage clothing for the occasion; wearing all types of clothing from sporting to casual to formal attire. The event included vintage Jazz music, dancing, a fashion show and vendors offering period clothing and accessories. We were part of the show as many well dressed ladies caressed our cars, posing for photos. Jim Constantian was on hand cranking out period music on his old record playing machine.



Our own club Fashion Editor, Susan Homet was there dressed to the "nines". Be sure to check out her fashion report on page six.

Five cars from the Santa Anita A's participated in the Temple City car show this year. We have supported this show in appreciation of the city providing a conference room for our use to hold monthly SAA's board meetings.



Marlin Perry won a 1<sup>st</sup> prize for best antique car in the show with his fender-less roadster. Tracy Butkus, Sheri Johnson, Elaine Perry and Carol Emanuelli 'womaned' the registration table for the show participants.

Wilbert Smith had the Pasadena High School restoration project car on display offering raffle tickets for sale to potential winners.



Participants included: Bob & Judi Moore, Susan Homet, Bob & Joyce Travis, John & Mary McDannel, Pat & Martha Utter, John & Carol Emanuelli, Joe & Barbara Forino, Jim Constantian, Joe & Joy Wilson.



## Era Fashion and Fun

This past Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> our Santa Anita A's Model A club enjoyed attending a trip back in time (so to speak), at the Workman Temple Homestead Museum in the City of Industry. The event, held once a year in October, is called, "Ticket to the Twenties".

I am to write articles about Model A era fashions for this column, I figured that a way to write something interesting this month would be to grab this opportunity and go to the event! I was aware that the event included a fashion show of costumes from the twenties. I set forth to venture into a Hollywood vintage fashion store by the name of "Paper Moon Vintage". I conferred with Nicile Marasak, the owner. She assisted me in selecting a vintage 1920 dress, hat, purse and lipstick. The lipstick must be red and of a certain shade. She gave me some make-up tips as , to get the correct "look". The use of powder for the face, and "smoky" eye liner on both upper and lower eye lids. I found out that Nicole would be one of just two of the judges of the costume fashion show contest.

Sunday arrived and I donned my "new" costume, and far too much make-up. I resembled a raccoon around the eyes I thought about my eyes and about the raging popular era favorite raccoon coat and cloche hats. Oh well, I didn't have enough time to try it again. It would just have to do. I started up my Shay Model A and took off for an adventurous afternoon. When I got there I found the parking area with all of the era period cars parked along with the rest and went to find our group. They were mostly seated under some nice shade trees along the edge of the festivities. After spending a bit of time with the group I headed out to explore and to find the fashion show.



As I meandered along the pathway under the cool shady canopy of trees I could hear sounds of music from the twenties sifting through the airways. The music was coming from across the lush

green lawns and I could just see a band playing by a wooden platform dance floor filled with frenzied fox trotting folks dressed mostly in twenties fashions. I was delighted.

Continuing along the path I was pleased to see many vendors displaying all sorts of delightful things from the era for sale. There were glass topped cases filled with assortments of jewelry trinkets. Hats were on display everywhere along with racks upon racks of vintage clothing.

Another layer of distraction wafted through the air carrying mixed aromas of various cuisines making me feel weak with hunger. I swear I could almost taste the food. I didn't linger long at the display of tempting things. I had a fashion show to attend.

I located the fashion show where I could see quite a large audience already seated under a circus style tent awaiting the show. The Los Angeles Art Deco Society of Los Angeles was putting on the show. They had several large tables set up staffed by members of the club. They were ,of course, all dressed splendidly in era appropriate 1920 vintage finery. I signed in as directed and noticed that Nicole Marsak and one other judges were standing at the podium having the microphone set up.

Soon the costume fashion show could begin in earnest. I looked around to see the contenders. There were flappers, house wives, men in period suites complete with hats, spats, suspenders and cigars. Many children were running around all dressed up in their 1920's outfits as well. Quite a crowd actually. It was neat seeing all the strings of pearls and beads, hats and period shows on display. The excitement was palpable. Everyone was getting ready to start on that runway to show off their stuff! They did just that too. The music started to play and they all lined up for their turn on the runway. Each model, or group of models strutted along showing off in real model runway style. They all appeared to be trained models! There were mothers with children, some too small to walk so were carried along. They were all in period costume dress. There was a model in a period swimsuit and parasol. Another was wearing beach pajamas, another in tennis togs complete with an old racket There were men in business suits, and one wearing, an evening costume. Everyone was having, a really great time, the festivities had an air of electricity.

When it was all over the judges retired to the dressing tent to make their decision. We all waited nervously. They came out and returned to the lectern, and speaking into the microphone gave the waiting crowd their decision. They complimented several then announced the winner. Upon announcement a mature Lady in flawless flapper garb with the legs to match cried out in ecstatic excitement, I WON, I WON! The moment was captured in film, as they used to say, for posterity!



## SEMINAR NEWS

**Seminar at Mickey Fruchter's** - A very successful seminar on installation of a Model A engine and transmission was conducted at the home of Club member Micky Fruchter on Saturday September 2nd. The seminar was presented by Bob Travis and assisted by Chris Wickersham. Primary emphasis was placed on assembly of the major components: flywheel, clutch pressure plate and disc, flywheel housing, transmission to bell housing and the attachment of bell housing to the engine, followed by the actual of the completed assembly into the engine bay.

Mickey provided coffee, cold drinks and donuts for the eighteen members in attendance: Bob Travis, Micky Fruchter, Chris Wickersham, Rick Phillips, Brad Balmot, Larry Pare, Larry Butkus, Jack Dawson, Marlin Perry, Lyle Eddington, Don McBride, Bill Peet, Tom Endy, Byran Thompson, Warrick Nethercoat, Pat Utter, John Emanuelli and Ron Martinez.



*Bob Travis and his helpers contemplate the installation of Mickey's engine. Is it all there? Are the screws tight? Will it fit?*

**Breakfast Mini Seminars** - For several months mini-seminars have been conducted after the Men's breakfast at the airport on the third Thursday at 9 AM. These have been well received and a different topic is covered each month along with open discussion on Model A problems in general. Everyone is invited to attend and bring suggested topics for future seminars. Last month Bob Travis presented "lubricating the Model A Ford". He placed special emphasis on the use of the proper grease at three points (front wheel bearings, rear wheel bearings and the universal joint).



*How many SAA's members does it take to install an engine (1-10)?*

Bob is offering a new service to Club members. He will lubricate these three points at his shop upon request. The only cost will be for the new rear seals at \$3 each. For more information and or appointment contact Bob at 626 574 0665.

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their future high school reunions and some may eventually purchase a Model A.

Our club has been blessed with some real experts that have given us some great and meaningful seminars. Recently we have gone one step further. Professors - Bob Travis, Chris Wickersham and Jim Frick have stepped up our seminar activity another notch. The San Gabriel/El Monte Airport seminars have been well attended and appreciated by all. Jim Frick has also introduced us to a brief seminar at our general meetings. I think we are on a roll!

One remarkable service that this club provides to our members is the Low End Boys. We have a group of devoted volunteers that go to our homes to help us rescue our ailing and aging automobiles. Mickey Fruchter and his team of Chris Wickersham, John Emanuelli, Marlin Perry & Chuck Davies are the men of the hour. If you have any interest to learn about your Model A, then please step up and volunteer to help these Low End Boys out. You will no doubt learn a lot about the mechanics of your Model A.

The programs at our general meetings have been arranged by our VP Bob Harbicht. Even though Bob and Patsy have been hard at work traveling the world, Bob still finds time to arrange for our speakers each month. I believe that our speakers are an essential part of why our general meetings are so well attended.

Our club fellowship is greatly enhanced when we go to break after our speaker. It is rewarding to see a lot of visiting going on among our members. Our volunteer cookie bringing committee deserves sincere recognition for providing the treats and drinks that add so much flavor to our general meetings. We need everyone to take a shot at volunteering to help provide treats and helping man this table during our break. Thanks Gerry Mc Kinney and your team for all of the treats that you share with all of us.

Our raffle program continues to offer great gifts to choose from. A loyal group of raffle supporters have fun with the drawings and the accumulation of parts, tools, and other gifts for both the men and women of our club. We have Bea Fruchter and Tom Johnson to say thanks for their volunteer work.

As you can see, all of these vital club functions are available only if you the members are willing to step up to the plate and volunteer to help or head a committee. Your nominating committee has been hard at work trying to find volunteers to fill these important positions. So be willing to raise your hand and help!

Your nominating committee has offered you a new slate of officers to run our great Model A club. Let's give them all our support and thank them for **stepping up to the plate.**

John McDannel

## Does your Model A keep its cool?

This month we will discuss the Model A fan. Having a good fan installed on the end of the water pump shaft will help to keep your engine cool. Under some driving conditions however, it is not absolutely necessary to even have a fan at all. When a Model A is running along at a reasonable speed of say 25 MPH or more and it is not extremely hot, there will be enough air passing thru the radiator to keep the engine cool. A fan is necessary in stop and go traffic or when going up a long steep hill but most of the time, the fan does little to actually keep the engine cool.

A few years ago on a tour, one Model A had a fan blade break off which caused a severe vibration. This happened on a very busy highway with little room on the shoulder to get over and make repairs. As an emergency measure, we just broke the other fan blade off and the driver continued on his way. He not only continued for the rest of the day but for the rest of the tour, a distance of about 500 miles. The only problem encountered was when he became stuck in traffic and the coolant temperature started to climb. A brief wait on the shoulder of the road allowed the engine to cool down enough where he could continue on his way.

Let us now consider the best fan to use. There are several choices that you should consider using and a few you should stay away from.

First is the original 2 blade fan that would have been installed at the factory. If you currently are running an original 2 blade fan on your Model A, PLEASE do not drive your car until it has been replaced. These fans, while being a very efficient design, are VERY prone to failure. Corrosion will start to take place between the 2 pieces of metal that make up the blades which will eventually lead to failure, often with little or no notice. This is what took place with the Model A on the tour when a fan blade broke off. These fans are only good for display on the wall of your garage.

The fan I like to use is an original Ford Factory replacement 4 blade fan. These fans work very well and still have a "Vintage" look to them. Just be sure you purchase a good one that is not rusty, pitted or damaged. Any fan that is rusty or pitted should not be used. The blades will fatigue and fail where they meet the hub.

Please note that currently available aftermarket 4 blade fans with blades secured to the hub with bolts is a very poor design and should not be used. They are not very efficient and the blades are weak and prone to failure.

Another good choice is a new reproduction aluminum 2 blade fan. These closely resemble the original Model A Fan but are new and do not have the corrosion and potential failure problem. Many of your fellow Model A owners are using these fans with good success.

You may also want to consider a multi blade plastic fan with a separate steel hub and pulley. While these look more modern, they work well and are reliable. Both the Aluminum reproduction and multi-blade fans are available from most major suppliers.



Ford factory 4 blade fan



Reproduction aluminum 2 blade fan



Replacement plastic multi blade Fan

### Tech Tip

Be sure the fan on your Model A is tight on the water pump shaft. This is especially important when using an aluminum fan or a fan with an aluminum hub. Always use a flat washer under the nut to keep the nut from wearing into the aluminum. Adjust the fan belt so it is snug but not too tight. An excessively tight fan belt will add unnecessary stress to the fan hub, shaft and front water pump bearing which could cause the fan to become loose on the shaft or the front bearing to prematurely fail.



## MEETING MINUTES

### SAA General Meeting Minutes September 29, 2017

- The meeting was called to order President John McDannel at 7:31 PM
- The flag salute was led by David Lutz.
- Minutes - The minutes were approved as read.
- Treasure's Report - The Treasurer's report was approved as read.
- Membership: John McDannel report there were no visitors.
- Tours: Jim Kroger told about the following tours:
  - Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> Ticket to the Twenties
  - Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> Mystery Tour
- Events:
  - Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> Mt View Ballgame (fundraiser)
  - Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> SMHS Parade (fundraiser)
  - Oct 20<sup>th</sup> El Monte HS Ballgame (fundraiser)
  - Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> Alzheimers Walk @ PCC 7:30AM – 11:00AM car display
- Past Events
  - Sept 16<sup>th</sup> International Model A Day
  - Sept. 23 Duarte Parade
  - Sept. 23 Irwindale Speedway
- Election: Elaine announced that she needs three more volunteers for nominating committee: thanks to Bob Travis, Mickey Fruchter and John Emanuelli for volunteering. Elaine also asked members to please fill out the information sheets for club jobs that need to be filled for 2018.
- Car display - Bob Travis said that San Gabriel Valley Airport is asking for cars to be on display Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. The airport is supplying a room for the monthly men's seminars at the men's breakfast each month. He asked members that will have their cars on display for the Alzheimers Walk to please display their cars at the airport after the Walk. They will give drivers a free lunch.
- Holiday Party/Installation - John McDannel outlined the details for the Holiday Party and Installation Dinner on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Sign up and pay tonight. Election voting will be on Friday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> due to Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Low End - Mickey reported he has been working on his car with clutch problems Thurston LeVay needs help with a battery installation and Larry needs help with turn signals.
- Program - Vicky Bartlett introduced tonight speaker Gene Glasco who gave a video presentation and talk on restaurants that were in and around Arcadia in past years.
- Men's Breakfast seminar - Jim Frick presented a short summary of the topics covered at the men's breakfast seminar.
- Thank you to Cookie Bringers Cathy Concidine, Barbara Dawson, Carol Emanuelli, Bonnie Nelson and Josie Byrd.
- Break
- 50/25/25 Elsie Johnson and Nancy Sharpe \$21.00 each
- Name Badge - Rick & Carolyn Phillips
- Drive Your Model A - Tom & Sheri Johnson
- Raffle
- Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Perry, Secretary

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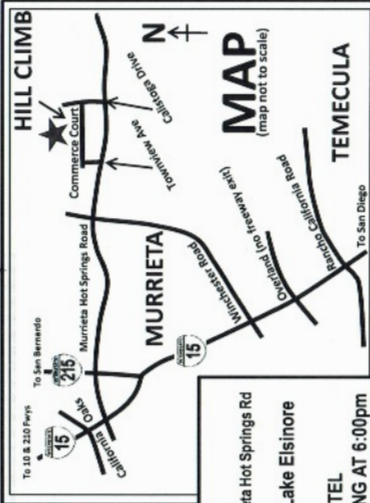
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