



September 2013

SPOKEN WHEELS

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

According to my calendar, September 21st is the first day of fall! It sure doesn't feel like it because of the hot weather we have been experiencing. But, we are lucky to live in sunny California where we can drive our Model A's the year round without too much discomfort. The weather man has promised a break in the heat. We shall see if he can deliver.



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GENERAL MEETING - Friday, September 27 at 7:30 PM - Arcadia Red Cross, 376 Huntington Dr., Arcadia.

Semi - Potluck Dinner before Meeting

PROGRAM - Our speaker for the Santa Anita A's September meeting will be Lyle Umenhoffer who served on the heavy cruiser, USS Indianapolis during World War II. The ship was torpedoed and sunk on July 30, 1945 while sailing from Guam to Leyte. Of the crew of 1,196, only 317 ultimately survived; Lyle was one of them. He will tell his story of surviving the worst shark attack on humans in history. Lyle is now 90 years old and now lives in San Gabriel.

BOARD MEETING - Wednesday, October 9, 7:00 PM - Bob Travis's home, 2334 S. Third St., Arcadia, CA
Come join us and participate in the exciting discussions.

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SAA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 25 - International Ford Day/Oak Glen Apple Tour, see page 4
27 - Dinner at the Cross, Potluck dinner before meeting.
See page 4 for instructions.

October

- 5 - Bridges of LA County Tour, See page 4
9 - Board Meeting - 7:00 PM, Bob Travis's, 2334 S. Third St., Arcadia,
10 to 15 - Tour to Paso Robles, Bob Moore, Tour-Meister
14 - Ladies' Brunch - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
17 - Men's Breakfast - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM
19 - Temple City Car Show
24 - Oktoberfest Lunch Tour to Alpine Village in Torrance. Details TBA
25 - General Meeting - Halloween dress up time
30 - San Antonio Winery lunch Tour with SGVMARC Club, See Page 5

November

Sometime early in the month - Tour to Wrightwood, Details TBA

December

- 14 - Christmas Party & Lights Tour, Details TBA

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

October Birthdays

- 1 - Tony Catroppa
2 - Kathy Catroppa & Toshiko Favella
7 - Larry Butkus & Ruth Ann LeVay
8 - John Chandler
12 - Alan Bennett
16 - Mary Ann Sepulveda
17 - Ann Peterson Pam
20 - Tony Cortese
21 - Vicky Bartlett
25 - Sue Chandler, Anne Hurst
28 - Lisa Henzel
30 - Jim Frick & Arthur Killian

October Anniversaries

- 4 - Pete & Gloria Henderson
8 - Andrea & Camille Favilli
19 - Gordon & Helen Johnson
20 - Eric & Jennifer Sandberg
25 - Tony Cortese & Robin Asquith

OTHER CLUB SPONSORED EVENTS

September

- 29 - Paradise Valley Swap Meet, Contact John Benson (909-875-4545)

October

- 6 - Frazier Park annual Potluck & Meet
Contact Stu Slattery for details (661-589-8677)
12 - Central Coast Model A Roundup - Santa Maria
Contact Jay McCord, 805-598-8133

THE SUNSHINE LADY - JOYCE TRAVIS

Get Well Cards sent to:

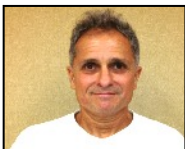
Sally Baquet, Ellis Hurst, John Chandler, Art Moore,
Gerry Green, Joy Wilson and Caroll Emanuelli

Sympathy card sent to:

Sheri Johnson

NEW MEMBERS

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



Marc & Janie Pinto

Arcadia, Joined August 2013
1930 Coupe



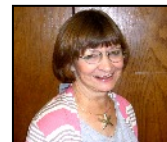
Gil & Eva Marie Gonzalez

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



Steve Newton

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



Bonnie Nelson

Temple City, Joined April 2013
1930 Briggs Fordor Deluxe Sedan



John & Susie Lacey

La Puente, Re-joined July 2013
1929 Fordor Sedan



Victor Cohen

Valley Village, Joined March 2013
No Model A

FICTION & FACT

Ponder This

by Joe Wilson

What the Dogs Said



I was talking with our dogs the other day and I asked them what they thought about the Santa Anita A's. They keep up on our club activities, read the Spoken Wheels, check out the Model A web sites just like all our members do, so they have a pretty good perspective of what's going on.

They made an interesting observation. They said we have a very active club; lots of things going on, and lots of members involved. However, they added, perhaps not everyone in the club understands what our Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairs actually do and the amount of time involved.

I then looked at the "jobs" listed on the front page of the Spoken Wheels newsletter - there are 48. The titles may describe in general what they do, but they don't tell the whole story. Some people hold more than one position, but they all provide a service and direction for our club.

My dogs then offered some suggestions. One said "Why don't your members pick out one of the names on the committee list and ask them to explain what they do and ask that they share some of their experiences doing their job". The other one recommended that the committee chairman should encourage our new members to help them out on some of their projects.

I mentioned to them that the work done by some of our members is not always as obvious as others. We hear from many of the committee chairpersons at our meetings but much work is performed "behind the scenes". Both dogs agreed that an effort should be made to recognize these activities. As an example, they pointed out that every issue of the Restorer Magazine includes a report on the recent Santa Anita A's activities, written by Keith Smith. We should thank him and all the others doing the many "quiet" things.

Those are smart dogs, if I may say so!

Think About It : To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism, to steal from many is research.



This month's photographers include:

Wilbert Smith, Nancy Stancil, Bea Fruchter & Olive Moore

Cookie Bringers of the Month Club

Gail Boekenoogan, Jacki Boardman, Suzy Rummens and Carol Emanuelli.

Lost Anniversaries & Birthdays Found

It was discovered that a number of members could not celebrate their September birthdays or anniversaries because they were "lost" and not listed in the August newsletter.

For very highly technical, unexplainable, computer related reasons, these names were "hiding in the computer". These missing persons have been located and are listed below.

The editor apologies for delaying their celebrations and suggests that they utilize the appropriate day in the Month of October instead. Those of you who proceeded to celebrate in September anyway will be required to celebrate again in October.

September delayed Birthdays:

Helen Cortez

Mary Garduno

Vicky Balmot

September delayed Anniversaries:

Hal and Susane Anthony

Joe and Karen Blaylock

John and Carol Emanuell

New Member Spotlight

by Randy Harper

The new Member Spotlight is on Bonnie Nelson

Bonnie moved to Temple City from San Bernadino when she was 9. Bonnie and her second husband lived in Pasadena and knew Chris Wickersham. Bonnie bought her Model A from Chris' father. She enjoyed working on the car, and drove it quite a bit. Bonnie originally joined our club in the 80's. Someone in the club that was very good with wood, helped her rebuild and restore the top. Currently, Bonnie's car is sanded, primed and ready for paint. Bonnie has 2 children, 6 grandchildren and 2 ½ great grandchildren. Welcome back, Bonnie.

Thank You

Thank you to the many Santa Anita A's members that sent cards and called me during my recent illness. Your kindness and thoughtfulness brightened my day.

Sally Baquet

COMING EVENTS

International Ford Day/ Oak Glen Apple Tour

Wednesday, September 25

by Jerry Lampassi

This is a double-duty tour. We will celebrate International Ford Day by driving to Oak Glen to visit an apple farm. International Ford day is really Saturday, September 28th, but we want to get an early start and avoid the weekend apple crush.

We will visit Riley's Apple Farm where we have booked a two-hour tour of fun, entertainment and activities which include throwing, shooting and crushing things.



Following that, we will drive a short distance to the next farm owned by Cousin Riley where we will lunch at the Hawks Head Public House. The "Public House" is an 18th century themed rustic restaurant with period costumed waitresses. We will order off a special menu which includes a variety of economical meals and desserts from their adjacent bakery. This is a really interesting, fun place.

We will depart from the Walmart parking lot in Duarte at 8:00 AM and travel by freeway with a stop at McDonald's, then on to Oak Glen for a 10:00 AM visit to Riley's Apple Farm.

There will be a brief ceremony honoring International Ford Day in Oak Glen. Following lunch we will make a brief stop nearby at the Old School House Museum.

Cost for the two-hour tour through the Apple farm is \$10.00 per person. Send your check to Carol Emanuelli, Santa Anita A's, PO Box 660904, Arcadia CA 91006 in order



to confirm your reservation. We will pay for our own meals at the restaurant.

We need to advise both farms how many will be participating.

Jerry Lampassi is the leader of the tour (Tour-Meister). In desperation you may call him to answer your questions and place your reservations (909-899-6015).

Meeting and Dining at the Cross

Friday, September 27

by Elaine Perry

It is Pot Luck time again at the September 27th Club Meeting. The food will start at 6:00 PM and the meeting will begin at 7:30 PM. There will be Hot Dogs and drinks provided by the club. Those participating are asked to bring food, either a hot dish or salad:

- If your last name begins with the initials A through J - bring a hot dish for 10.
- if your last name begins with the initials K through Z, or if you have no initial - bring a salad for 10.

Desserts will be provided by the assigned "cookie bringers".

Remember - If you plan on eating, you must sign up first and bring food. Call Elaine Perry (626-443-0638).

Starting times:

6:00 PM for those bringing food.

7:30 PM for those who don't want to eat before the meeting.

Bridges of LA County Tour

Saturday, October 5

by Jim Kroeger

October is fast approaching and that means the "Bridges of LA County Tour" is just around the corner.

Did you know there is a bridge in LA named after that famous English playwright William Shakespeare? That's correct. Even the "Bard" has his own bridge and we will seek out the location of it and twelve others on Saturday, October 5th.

This will be a local tour that will meander through the streets and hills of Los Angeles, so driver's make sure your



co-pilot is great at following directions. Remember to bring your cameras as there is a surprise stop along the way, site permitting.

The day will end in downtown Los Angeles at Philippe's for a French dip sandwich. We will be meeting at 10:30 am at the home of Jim Kroeger, 2669 E. Villa Street in Pasadena.



A sign up sheet will be at the September 27th general meeting, or you can call Jim at 626-449-6917 for more information. Hope to see you on this tour.

COMING EVENTS - CONTINUED

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.

The winery is located in the heart of Los Angeles and is a great place to visit for both great food and award winning wines. Operating since 1917, the winery is located in the Lincoln Heights district on the east side of downtown Los Angeles on Lamar St., just north of Main St.



In addition to good food and wines, they also have a lovely gift shop with many interesting items for purchase.

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.

Colonial Kitchen's address is 1110 Huntington Dr., San Marino. Their telephone number is 626/289-2449. The winery is located at 737 Lamar St., Los Angeles. Their telephone number is 323/223-1401.

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

PAST EVENTS

Mount Wilson Tour

August 24

by Joe Wilson

Although they are older than us and our cars, the two large telescopes at Mount Wilson are alive and well. The observatory contains two historically important telescopes: the 60 " Hale telescope built in 1908 and the 100" Hooker telescope, finished in 1917. The Hooker was the largest in the world until the telescope on Mt. Palomar was completed in 1948.

We had 37 total participants, driving 10 A's and 3 Modern cars. Arrangements were made for a private tour which enabled us to get inside, on the floor of both telescopes for an up-close view of these historic telescopes. We were divided into two groups, each led by volunteer docents who were well-versed in the history of the facility. We started our tour in the Visitors Center with a presentation on the history of the facility. We then moved on to the Solar Telescope, the 60 inch telescope and the 100 inch telescope. We concluded our visit at the Sonic Cafe for our picnic lunch.

Only one minor mechanical problem during the trip; overheating due to a slipping fan belt which was quickly solved. An ice cream stop was scheduled at the Wilsons' house after our descent from the 5,715 foot peak. It was a good day.



PAST EVENTS - CONTINUED

“Ticket to the Twenties” tour to Workman and Temple Family Homestead Museum

September 14, 2013

by Nancy Stancil

This is one of our traditional annual tours that took us to the beautiful Workman and Temple Family Homestead Museum which is located on a six acre historic site dedicated to the history of Southern California from 1830 to 1930. Located on the property is La Casa Nueva. This exemplary Spanish Colonial Revival mansion was completed about 1927 for the Walter P. Temple family and has been restored by the City of Industry.

The tour started from the Perrys' at 1:15 PM with five Model “A’s” and one modern car. We arrived at our destination at 1:45 p.m. without any problems. We parked in the shaded area along the path where we were met by two other modern cars and one Model A.

Many of you will remember one of our old members Mike



Williams, who drove his Model A from the desert to spend the day with us. He brought his wife Susie and their adorable son, Kyle who is almost three years old now. Where does the time go? The Homestead personnel provided our members with water and treats.

For most of the day we had a nice breeze blowing through our area. It was much cooler than I had anticipated. A great place for “people watching” and many people in great era clothing passed us by all day long. People love the Model “A’s” and took many pictures with them.

Some members went to see the old times movies (the room was air conditioned). Others toured through both homesteads. Several members played a form of museum bingo and won a so/so prize. Many enjoyed the bands and dancing. The food trucks cooked stuffed hamburgers, red beans and rice, and cream puffs for dessert.

Quite a few of us stayed for the entire time. This was a first time for some of our new members to attend this well-planned event and to experience local history right here in the San Gabriel Valley.

Joint attendance included: Vicky Barlett, Joe, Barbara and Lori Farino, Jim and Jamie Frick, LeRoy Gilbert, Elsie Johnson, Jim Kroeger and friends, Bonnie Nelson, Marlin and Elaine Perry, Rick and Carolyn Phillips, Joe Principe, Nancy Stancil, Mike, Susie and Kyle Williams.

As we were leaving, a Model A driverless truck was running around in circles with a fake wind up paddle in the rear. We all stopped and enjoyed a little humor on our way home. I hope many more of you will take part in this fun and easy tour next year.



OTHER STUFF

MAFCA News

by John Emanuelli



While our MAFCA members receive the magazine known as the Restorer and read the many articles of interest to Model A owners; those who do not receive the magazine may want to know about the upcoming National Convention.

The National has its Convention every two years and in 2014 it will be held in Puyallup, WA. The last time it was held in Washington was 1994. This convention is only 1100 miles from us and well worth your consideration for attendance.

There will be technical seminars, Hubley races, ice cream social, swap meet, and car games. Normally there would be over 350 Model A's attending. There are also museum tours and as always many interesting sites on the way to and from the Convention. I recommend signing up for the Early Bird Newsletter at www.2014mafcanational.org. This will give you first choice when it comes to registering. The "Early Bird" will also advise you of other facts about the venue.

I would like to draw your attention to page 30 of the Sept/October issue. There are some great examples of the era clothing Model A'ers wore while driving to and from events of the time period. Our Club has lagged behind for several years; it may be time for us to resume this aspect of the hobby.

Lastly, I happened to be in Sacramento this weekend and stopped at one of the finest parts houses, Sacramento Vintage Ford. There you can buy malts and burgers along with your other needs. This is a must see for yourself, if you ever get in the neighborhood.

Olive's Gourds Win at LA County Fair

Olive Moore has been exhibiting her handicraft work at the LA County Fair for over 30 years. She has participated in the Quilting, Table Setting and Gourd Carving competition during that time, but in recent years has concentrated on Gourd Carving in the "Tapestry" (home crafts) competition.

This year she entered five pieces and won two Firsts Places (Blue Ribbons), two Second Places (Red Ribbons) and one Third Place (White Ribbon).

The Fair opened on Labor Day and will close on September 29. During that time she put on Gourd Carving demonstrations twice a week.

Olive also participates in the Orange County Fair every year with her Gourd Carving Club which puts on two scheduled demonstrations each day.

Olive does beautiful work and we congratulate her for winning these awards.



MORE OTHER STUFF

President's Message continued from Page 1

Many of you are aware that most of our National highways and Interstates have mile markers. You know, those little posts along the edge of the pavement indicating when a mile has been passed. Have you ever asked - "how did the mile markers come into use?" Well, during the Roman Empire their roads had mile markers! The Roman soldiers, when required to march, were allowed to force civilians to carry their heavy backpacks - but, only for one mile. That's how the mile markers came about. That's my story and I am sticking to it.

Most of you know that our club is a member of the Association of California Car Clubs (ACCC). Sig Caswell was a past President of the ACCC and I have been the club representative for several years. Therefore, I receive the ACCC quarterly newsletter which I review for news of importance to our car hobby. The ACCC is a watchdog organization operating in Sacramento looking for legislation that might not be in our best interest. For instance, they continue to monitor the E-15 ethanol threat. E-15 ethanol survived a Supreme Court test recently and therefore the EPA can continue to push its use. However, new legislation has been introduced in congress to kill E-15 ethanol. I suspect there will be a long fight. I will keep you posted.

Until next time - drive those A's.



A Model A and Driver in Repose



General Meeting Minutes

August 30

Sheri Johnson

- The meeting was called to order by President Bob Travis at 7:30 p.m.
- The flag salute was led by Ken Mallory.
- The treasurer's report was read and approved.
- The minutes were approved as published in the Spoken Wheels.
- There was one guest: Marc Pinto – He joined tonight.
- Two representatives from the Specialty Ins. Products department at the Auto Club spoke.

New Business

- Marlin Perry presented Bob Travis the trophy that the SAA's won at the South Pasadena parade.
- Joe Wilson omitted some birthdays and anniversaries from the Spoken Wheels. He apologized to those members.
- Program next month will be a friend of Art Moore's who was in WWII on the USS Indianapolis.
- Sign up tonight for the September 27 potluck.
- Sign up tonight if you are interested in attending meetings relating to the Tacoma meet in 2014.
- A date will be set soon for a tour/luncheon with the MARC club at San Antonio winery

Tours

- Sept. 14 - Ticket to the Twenties
- Sept. 25 - Oak Glen tour - pay tonight
- Oct. 5 - Bridge tour and Philippe's for lunch
- Oct. 10 – 15 - Paso Robles tour

- Bob Travis thanked Sheri Johnson for bringing the ladies' raffle prizes and Dick Homet for bringing men's raffle prizes.
- Bob also thanked Karen Blaylock, Sheri Johnson, and Betty Mallory for the refreshments.

Name badge winner - Randy Harper - \$5.00

Drive Model A to the meeting winner - Hal Anthony - \$10.00

50/25/25 winners: Chuck Sharpe & Gil Gonzales - \$38.00 each

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Johnson
Secretary

FROM THE SHOP BENCH

by Bob Travis



MARLIN'S MUSINGS

By Marlin Perry



This article appeared in the September issue of the Desert A club newsletter and was written by Lynn Sondena.

Testing for Vacuum Leaks on the Model A

To properly test for vacuum leaks the Model A engine needs to be at operating temperature and idling. The vacuum leak can be found by spraying an igniter fuel. The igniter fuels that can be used are: propane (safest), starting fluid, and brake cleaner.

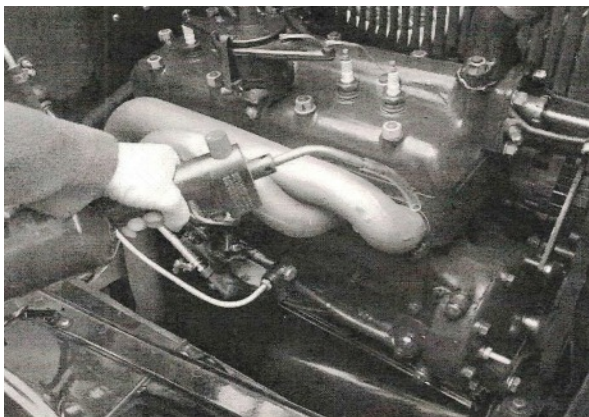
Remember that these are all highly combustible so use caution on how much is sprayed and where it is sprayed. Be sure to keep the spray away from the air filter or carburetor choke opening.

The carburetor will draw in the igniter fuel and this will speed up the engine giving false test results. Test spray by each of the following areas:

- Exhaust manifold/block
- Intake manifold/block
- Carburetor mount to intake manifold
- Vacuum plug or line on the intake manifold

If the engine speeds up there is a vacuum leak. By doing the test in steps, it is easy to locate leaks. Leaks are usually due to loose bolts or nuts, deteriorated gaskets, or, sometimes, warped manifolds.

I use propane because it is the safest. I place a small piece of rubber hose over the torch nozzle to extend its length and make it more flexible. (Fig. 1) Turn on the propane, but **do not** light it. Move the rubber hose slowly across each of the areas listed. This process should be done outside with no wind and no open flames present. Again, if the engine speeds up that will indicate that there is a vacuum leak in that area. Hopefully you will find this a quick and easy test for finding vacuum leaks.



SEMINAR NEWS

The first thing I want to say this month is - the Low End Boys and myself want to thank our President and Technical Director, Bob Travis for his expertise on John Knox's car. I have had his engine and clutch out and back in once already. Bob had to show me the magic to line up John's motor mount holes. He has a home-made set-up on the bell housing and Bob has worked on the car in the past. I even stood on the engine trying to line up the bell housing holes. As I said, thanks Bob.

As for John's clutch and pressure plate, they have been replaced with new ones and Chuck Sharpe is working on the rods and oil leak. When Chuck is done it all goes together and back into the car.

This month found Mickey replacing a Distributor in John Spielmann's pickup - all new parts. John is purring again.

This month also found us at Jack Conway's home. He had front-end problems. With two-yard sticks, Mickey managed to get the toe-in and toe-out lined up. No, Mickey wasn't doing a dance, just toe-in and toe-out.

One of our newest members, John Lacey, got a visit from the Low End Boys. His battery keeps going dead. We had Brad Balmot, Mickey Fruchter and Marlin look over the problem. After many tests we did not find any major problem. We are hoping it is the battery. We will soon know. Cross your fingers.

The Low End Boys want to thank guys like Jim Frick who works with Chuck Sharpe at his shop. At this time Chuck has five model A engines in his shop.


Sincerely,

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Important Things to Do and Remember:

ATTENTION

You have not finished reading the news letter until you look at pages 10, 11 and 12.

There will be a pot luck dinner before the September meeting.

**You are qualified to participate if you sign up
and bring you share of the "Pot" as in "Potluck Dinner"**

See page 4 for more details



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