



September 2017

Spoken Wheels

THE NEXT MEETING

General Meeting - Friday, September 29, Arcadia Red Cross Building, 376 Huntington Dr. , Arcadia

Program: The program for the September Model A meeting will be presented by Gene Glasco who will talk about "Arcadia before the Big Mac." He identifies restaurants that were in and around Arcadia in years past. He has pictures and some interesting history. Gene is a long-time Arcadian and serves as Arcadia's elected City Clerk.

NEWS BITS

Gordon Johnson Dies

Santa Anita A's club member Gordon Johnson passed away on September 14 at the age of 91.

Gordon was a charter member of the Santa Anita A's when it was founded in 1975. He and his wife Helen were active members in the early days of our club. Gordon was President in 1997. He was a member of both MAFCA and MARC and owned a 1929 Fordor Sedan and a 1931 Pickup.



Gordon was interviewed early on in our series of reports on veterans. His story about his experience during WWII appeared in the November 2015 issue of the Spoken Wheels. That story is reprinted in this issue, appearing on page 7.

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JOHN MCDANNEL

Yule Tide Greetings - So Soon You Say!

What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa? That's right- A rebel without a Claus! As you all probably know, "Yule Tide" is an archaic term for Christmas.

Your Santa Anita A's Board of Directors has approved to hold this year's traditional Christmas Party at a very special place in Pasadena, the Shakespeare Club. Arrangements were made by club member, Janet Beggs who is President of the Club. As you know, we held our 40th anniversary gala at this facility. It was a wonderful and memorable event. So be certain to drive your Model A and park in front of the building to celebrate the Christmas spirit and our international hobby as you did for our "Ruby Gala". Janet Beggs has arranged to have all of the Christmas decorations to be in place for us to enjoy this year's great Christmas Party.

To further enhance the holiday spirit, we have arranged for a trio of Old Fashioned Carolers dressed in Dickens clothing to entertain us. They will greet us at the door and provide some musical entertainment during our traditional Christmas dinner.

Following dinner, we will honor our Board of Directors and our volunteers that have helped this club provide such great service to our members. That is right, we are combining our Christmas dinner with our installation of officers.

Here are the details of this event:

Date : Dec. 16, 2017
Arrival Time: 5:30 PM Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres
Dinner: 6:30 PM Fresh Green Salad, Turkey, Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Cooked Vegetables, Freshly Cooked Cranberries & Pumpkin Pie for Dessert, accompanied by coffee and wine at your table. We will also have waiters serving our dinners at the table.
Installation: 7:45 PM Out with the old and in with the new.
Cost: \$25.00 per plate – FYI, Your club is subsidizing a portion of the cost of this event.

Please be sure to make your reservation with John Mc Dannel, Sheri Johnson or just sign up at our next general meeting. And please don't forget to pre-pay for your reservation.

Ho, Ho, Ho John Mc Dannel Chief Dwarf & Santa's Helper

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 23 - Irwindale Speedway Tour, see page 4
29 - General Meeting, Arcadia Red Cross Building

October

- 8 - Ticket to the Twenties, see page 4
9 - Ladies' Brunch, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
11 - Board meeting, , 7:00 , Temple City - City Hall
14 - Temple City Car Show, see page 4
19 - Men's Breakfast, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM

27 - General meeting
29 - Walkethon, Pasadena City College, see page 4

November

- 4 - Mystery Tour, see page 5

December

- 16 - Christmas Party and Officer & Board Installation

BIRTHDAYS & ANIVERESARIES

October Birthdays

- 1 - Tony Catroppa
2 - Toshiko Favela
2 - Kathy Catroppa
7 - Ruth Ann LeVay
7 - Larry Butkus
12 - Alan Bennett
16 - Mary Ann Sepulveda
17 - Chuck Davies
17 - Ann Petersen Pam
21 - Vicky Bartlett
22 - Trang Weber
25 - Sue Chandler
25 - Joyce McCullah
25 - Jean Ware
27 - Gary Weber
28 - Lisa Henzel
30 - Jim Dolan
30 - Jim Frick

October Anniversaries

- 4 - Pete & Gloria Henderson
4 - Gary & Tang Weber
20 - Eric & Jennifer Sandberg
22 - Charles & Myriam Davies

Birthday Error

Vicky Balmot's Birthday, September 29, was not included. in the August newsletter listing.

My apologies to Vicky; she is now one year older than she thought she was.

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)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Sunshine Lady - Judi Moore, Miss Sunbeam

Thinking of you cards sent to Tom Endy and John Spielman who have been under the weather.

Get well cards were sent to Sheri Johnson who had surgery and Mary Ann Sepulveda who is not recuperating quickly from surgery.

A condolence card was sent to the family of Gordon Johnson

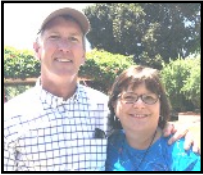
Cookie Bringers - Gerry McKinney, Head Cookie

Vicky Bartlett, Mickey Fruchter, Elsie Johnson, and sugar free Bonnie Nelson

Photo Donors - Sheri Johnson, John Emanuelli, Joe Wilson and no doubt others

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
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Re-joined May 1, 2017 1930 Coupe

MORE NEWS BITS

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Men's Breakfast Tech Seminars

Technical seminars are now being held following the men's breakfast on the third Thursday of every month. The monthly men's breakfast gathering draws a large number of SAA's members and a large portion of them are now participating in these seminars which are held immediately after the breakfast. These seminars are presented by Chris Wickersham, our Technical Director and Bob Travis, our Seminar Director.



Bylaw Change

The membership vote on the club's by-law change in new members dues has 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.

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT BY BOB HARBICHT



Howard and Adele White

Adele is the daughter of long-time Santa Anita A's members Harold & Sally Baquet. When Harold passed away his model A's went to his two sons. Sally, although no longer an owner of a Model A, has remained an active member of our club and participates in club activities.



Howard and Adele joined to support Sally and help her with some of the club functions. In fact, in our recent Poker Run, Adele was passing out cards at one of the stops near her home in Sierra Madre.

They don't own a Model A and have no plans to buy one. Maybe being around our club members will infect them with the Model A bug, you never know.

Howard is a substitute teacher in the Anaheim High School District. Adele is also in education, a speech pathologist in the Covina schools.

Howard grew up in Temple City and Adele grew up in Rosemead. Interestingly, they had met through mutual friends while teenagers, but did not become an "item." A number of years later – in their thirties – they again met through mutual friends while both were living in Sierra Madre. This time sparks flew and they eventually married.

Howard is an avid bicyclist, regularly riding for exercise. Rides of 50 miles a day are not uncommon for him and he once rode across the continent. He rode up to Canada, hung a right, and ended up in Maine.

Adele gets her exercise walking. She used to bicycle but hasn't done much lately. The two of them did the M.S. fundraising ride for many years.

Along with her walking, Adele enjoys gardening, reading and was once a singer. Perhaps this sparked their shared interest in musicals and plays.

Thanks for your help with the Poker Run, Adele. We hope to see you both at other club events.

Christmas Party and Installation Banquet

This year we will combine our Installation Banquet with our annual Christmas Party. The event will be held at the Shakespeare Club in Pasadena on Saturday, December 16 and is sure to be a real extravaganza. Put it on your calendar as this will be a do-not-miss event. Details will appear in future Spoken Wheels.

COMING EVENTS

Irwindale Speedway Tour

Saturday September 23

by Jim Kroeger

I probably know the answer to this question but how many of you have driven your Model A on a racetrack? I would guess very few if any at all. That's all about to change as we head out to Irwindale Speedway on Saturday September 23rd.

The speedway will be honoring our fabulous Ford's as we travel to Irwindale in the afternoon. We will park as a group and then be escorted to the Fan Concourse display area between the grandstands and the pits for our own unique car show. Bring a chair if you wish. After the show we head to the track's infield to take part in an on-track autograph session. This just means we get to strut our stuff in front of the crowd.



We then line up our cars and take two laps of honor around the half-mile Nascar track behind a pace car and are escorted back to the display area. The rest of the time is for our members

and their guests to enjoy the real racing in reserved grandstand seating. There is no cost for the event.

We will meet at the Perry's, located at 5528 N. Lenore Ave. in Arcadia at 3pm.

If you haven't already signed up for the tour, call Jim Kroeger, 626-710-6592, to guarantee your spot. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to drive Irwindale Speedway as it is set for demolition in the immediate future. Don't miss out.

Temple City Car Show

Saturday, October 14

by Elaine Perry

The Santa Anita A's will again assist the City of Temple City with their annual car show. Members are requested to help Marlin with set-up, car check in, and teardown. If you are available to help please call Marlin at 626 443-0638.

You may also sign up at September meeting to help. If you did not get a registration form mailed to you, Marlin has some extra forms.

Santa Anita A's may register for the Temple City Car Show under a \$12 modified fee. The \$12 will include their lunch – make selection of 3 options on the entry form. All cars must register under the \$12 option.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO SAY ON YOUR REGISTRATION THAT YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE SANTA ANITA A'S and make sure to make your lunch selection.

Check in for cars begins at 9:30 AM. All cars must be in place by 12:00 noon.

Ticket to the Twenties

Saturday, October 8

by Jim Kroeger

When one mentions the Roaring 20's we usually think of baseball's Babe Ruth, the dance the Charleston or prohibition. For our club, it's the Model A.



We will travel on Sunday, October 8th to the Homestead Museum in the City of Industry for "Ticket to the Twenties". Come experience the excitement of the 20's featuring vintage jazz with Janet Klein and Her Parlor Boys, dancing, fashion and silent films. Admission is free.

We will meet at the Perry's, located at 5528 N. Lenore Ave. in Arcadia at 1:30 PM. We are encouraging people to drive their Model A's to lend more authenticity to the festival.

Special parking is provided for those who wear era fashion, so do so and join us. Fold out chairs are recommended. Sign up at the next general meeting or call your tour leader Bob Moore at 626-358-2027 for more information.

Walkethon

Sunday, October 29

by Tracy Butkus

Hi Everyone, I will be doing the Walk to End Alzheimer's for the San Gabriel Valley again this year. All funds raised through Walk to End Alzheimer's further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. This event is very near and dear to my heart. The Walk will take place at Pasadena City College on 10-29-17. I was hoping I could get 10 cars to volunteer that day to display their cars on the campus. You will need to arrive by 7:30 AM and should be done by 11:30 AM. There will be vendors there giving away free food and beverages. I will have a signup sheet at the Sept meeting. I hope you can be a part of this special day. I would like to thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 323-646-7153. Tracy Butkus.



COMING EVENTS

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.

PAST EVENTS

Running Horse Tour

August 20

by Jim Kroeger

If you were one of our members that attended the Running Horse Tour your next carousel ride should be something extra special.



Forty-five Santa Anita A's assembled for a discussion of the history of the carousel at Running Horse Studios in Irwindale. Our host, Lourinda Bray, held court under the big top so to speak by bringing the carousel to life with her vast knowledge of its history and the process used in restoring its wooden figures. She began acquiring wooden horses in 1980 and it has grown into one of the world's largest collections. After a question and answer session, it was off to the races as we explored more than 400 figures in the studio.



Of course no Santa Anita A's tour is complete without the traditional meal stop. We headed to Max's in Monrovia for some Mexican cuisine washed down with tasty margaritas and beers. For those who made lunch, we were



rewarded with, fittingly, a box of animal crackers compliments of Elsie Johnson. Do I foresee a tour to the Griffith Park carousel in the future?



International Model A Ford Day

September 16

by Bob Moore

Twenty-Two Model A's with fifty-six members of the San Gabriel Model A Restorers Club, the Santa Anita A's and the Diamond Tread Chapter of MAFCA gathered at Elaine and Marlin's home to kick off the celebration of International Model A Ford Day. On a weather perfect day, the celebration, hosted by San Gabriel MARC started with sweet rolls, sugar free rolls, Danishes and coffee.



When the eating was over, Elaine Perry explained the rules of the Poker Run and together with Tracy Butkus and Sheri Johnson, handed out a copy of the rules, four consecutively numbered envelopes (containing directions and questions) to be opened in

sequence as each of the three destinations was reached. One player per car. The navigator of each car also drew two playing cards. Elaine Perry, Sheri Johnson and Tracy Butkus had worked for several months in planning the routes, questions to be answered along the route and assembling the individual packets for each car. There were three different routes that the cars would take to get to the destinations where another playing card would be available. And with each new set of directions, there were questions to answer about places along the route. The first envelope was opened at the start of the run.

Sally and Bill Baquet manned the station in Rosemead, Adele Baquet White in Sierra Madre and Elsie Johnson and Nancy Stancil at the Par 5 Golf Course in Arcadia. At each station, the navigator or driver selected a playing card. Upon arriving back at the Perry's for lunch, each navigator was handed two additional playing cards, making a total of 7. In addition to answering the questions, each driver and navigator had to identify which of 20 printed names on a sheet represented different makes of old cars.



Richard Favela was the chief judge of the poker hands using stud poker rules. The winner was the Sandberg's with a full house, sevens and queens. The Harbicht's were second with a full house, fives and eights. JC Stevenson of Diamond Tread was third with a full house with fives and twos. Lowell Wilson also from Diamond Tread had a straight. The final prize went to Tom Johnson for correctly identifying the names of the old cars.

And what Model A event would be complete without food. There was a freshly prepared taco lunch with rice, coleslaw, and all the trimmings and Klondike bars for dessert. Our hats are off to Elaine, Tracy and Sheri for all efforts in making the day run so smoothly and be so much fun.

We begin our investigation into men's shoe styles from the Model A Era by thinking: "Great Gatsby", '20's gangsters and "Downton Abbey". These afford us some possible mental images.

The shoes, well, they came primarily in brown or black cap toe oxfords for office wear. They came in spunky white leather nu-buck for sports, and casual wear. They were also known as summer lace ups.

Back in the days of our Model A Era women were losing their one go to style of the lace up boots so familiar until the twenties. New styles were gracing the shelves in finer shoe shops everywhere. Men's shoes were close on their heels and were now including more styles than just the cap toe lace up boot! An add-on to the boot style transformed ordinary boot styles through the addition of "spats". Spats were first popularized by gangsters as well as fashion savvy men. Spats were usually made of wool or linen fabric. The wearing of spats, some sporting buttons on the sides really dressed up a suit and screamed "fashionista"! They were very popular indeed. They added a decorated element to traditional fashion suiting looks.



The 1920's oxford maintained a plain clean style through much of the 1920's with black, red-brown and dark brown options. Oxfords were like old cap toe lace up boots, without the portion covering the ankle. One thing was changed, now the soles and heels were made with rubber rather than leather. Two tone oxfords became extremely popular during this time, offering a mix of formal and casual details. Another variation on the oxford was the more exciting Wingtip style Trading off the oxford's straight toe, Wingtips had a curved line that looked like a "W". They were primarily selected to wear with formal attire such as an evening suit. Wingtips were worn for "steppin' out in style". During the twenties the movies portrayed men in popular, vogue styles. The general public copied them. One style called the "Hollywood Boulevard Style" was trendy. Men wore a finely tailored vest along with spats and were considered to be "dressed to the nines".

Men appreciated the roomier toe of the era's shoes. They eschewed the previous era's comparatively sharper and pointed toes. The new styles were replaced with round toe, or wide box toe oxfords.

In 1917 "Chuck Taylor All Stars", also known as "Converse", and were originally designed to be tennis shoes. The Chuck Taylor signature was added circle patch in 1923, and he was recognized for taking the shoe to athletes everywhere, but especially to basketball. The 1920's version of the sports shoe was white high top, or black or brown rubber gum crepe soles, with a round seal over the ankle. These were worn for many sports including hiking.

Men's shoe styles in the era were definitely different from the shoes of a few years previous, and much more fun! Just like the Model A Fords we all love.



Santa Anita A's Veteran



Gordon N. Johnson
USMC 1944-1946

The San Gabriel area is where I grew up. I had graduated from Alhambra High School just before I entered the Marine Corps. I was 18 when I entered the USMC on January 10, 1944. Boot camp was in San Diego, with mortar training at Camp Pendleton. My unit, the Third Marine Division shipped out to the Pacific on September 1, 1944; with a two week stop over at Pearl Harbor. We then continued on to the Marianas Island campaign.

After the initial invasion of Guam on July 21, 1944, my unit went in for the mop-up operation with a lot of jungle patrolling and constant intensive training at an outpost in the middle of the jungle.

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

The 3rd Division was now being trained for the invasion of Japan. However, on August 14 the Japanese surrendered, with the official signing of the surrender on September 2, 1945.



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

On October 10, 1945, twenty four of us were volunteered from the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, and were landed on the island of Chichi Jima. Our purpose was to secure the island and collect war crime prisoners. Our squad of eight Marines captured one Japanese general plus five other high ranking officers. We held them until reinforcements arrived two weeks later and a stockade was built.

In May 1946, the same 24 Marines brought these six war crime prisoners back to Guam to stand trial. It was our duty to escort the prisoners to and from the court room plus guard them during the trial proceedings.

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

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



Gordon Johnson USMC 1944

This story originally appeared in the November, 2015 issue of the Spoken Wheels. Gordon died on September 13, 2017.

The Best Operating Temperature for Your Model A Ford

Years ago, most Model A owners did not give much thought to the temperature of their engine just as long as the radiator did not boil over. Henry did not include a temperature gauge in the Model A so unless an accessory temperature gauge had been installed, the only way the driver knew if the engine was running too hot was the appearance of steam from the radiator cap or water on the windshield when the radiator started to boil over.

Today a lot of owners have installed a temperature gauge that allows easy monitoring of the engine temperature. This is especially important for those who use their cars for long distance touring.

A temperature gauge is also very useful for knowing if your Model A is running too cold. On a cold day, especially when using a heavy duty radiator, the engine may not come up to a good operating temperature. Now, you may ask "What is the problem with the engine running too cold? As long as the radiator is not boiling over, that should be good enough." Model A engines run best if the coolant temperature is between approximately 160 and 180 degrees. The carburetor can be run a little leaner which promotes more complete combustion and a cleaner more efficient engine. It is also very important, the oil will get completely warmed up so the accumulated moisture within the engine will be evaporated. Allowing moisture to accumulate inside the engine will promote the formation of sludge and cause corrosion.

Along with a temperature gauge, a thermostat is strongly recommended. Good quality 160 deg. thermostats are available from most parts suppliers. Now, some people say that the addition of a thermostat will make the engine overheat. This is not true. If there is a problem with your Model A running too hot, adding a thermostat will not make the problem worse. The problem is with the cooling system itself and not because a thermostat had been installed.



Temperature gauge with "short sweep" dial



Thermostat for installation in the upper radiator hose

A thermostat will help maintain a more even coolant temperature, especially on a cool day. When going uphill, the engine has to work harder and the coolant temperature will increase. When going downhill with little load on the engine, the coolant temperature will go down. A thermostat in the system will help even out these changes in the coolant temperature.

You will find that installing a 160 degree thermostat and a good temperature gauge will allow your Model A engine to warm up quicker after a cold start and operate more efficiently. A good quality temperature gauge will allow you to monitor the temperature of the coolant.

Happy motoring in your Model A.



Water outlet with "boss" for installing water temperature sensor

Tech Tip

The best temperature gauge to use

A good quality mechanical gauge is preferred for your Model A. Mechanical gauges are more accurate and have better resolution than most electric gauges. Temperature gauges with a full 270 Deg. sweep of the dial offer a longer scale which makes it a lot easier to see the actual gauge reading. Some gauges have such a short scale you cannot tell if the temperature has changed by just a little or a lot.

Thermo gauges in the radiator cap (Moto-Meters or Thermo Quails) are not of much use. To operate correctly, the sensing bulb must be in the coolant, not just positioned above it. Most of the time, when these devices indicate the engine is running hot it is too late as the coolant is already boiling.

Knowing the temperature of your engine is a good thing. If you do not already have one, install a temperature gauge in your Model A.



Mechanical temperature gauge with a 270 degree "sweep" dial

MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 25, 2017

- The Meeting was called to order by President John McDannel at 7:30 PM.
- The flag salute was led by Bob Harbicht.
- Minutes – The minutes were approved as read.
- Treasurer's Report – The report was approved as read.
- Christmas Party – John McDannel announced that the Christmas Party will be combined with the Installation Banquet. It will be on Dec. 16th at The Shakespeare Club. Everyone cheered.
- Program – Bob Harbicht summarized a book entitled "Drive" about the early days of the auto; John McDannel summarized the celebrities he has piloted; Art Moore summarized viewing the solar eclipse in Nebraska.
- Seminars – Bob Travis and Chris Wickersham
Sept 2nd – training event, install Mickey's engine, 9:00 at Mickey's.
- Tours – Jim Kroeger told about the following tours:
Aug. 26th – Running Horse Tour in Irwindale, meet at Perry's house.
Sept. 16th - International Model A Day, cost for Poker Run and Taco lunch, \$10 per person.
Sept. 23rd – Irwindale Raceway Tour, meet at Perry's house at 3 PM
Sept. 27th – Bring cars to exhibit at the El Monte Airport alongside antique planes.
Oct. 8th - Ticket to the 20's at Homestead Museum. Dress in period clothes.
Oct. 29th – Alzheimer's Walk. Tracy asking for 10 cars for this event at PCC.
- Era Fashions – Susan Homet described how she researches her articles.
- Low End Boys – Mickey reported they assisted Susan Homet who had not turned the gas on. He also asked for sign-ups for TBD seminars on the subjects of Maintenance and Touring; the June 2018 Reno meet; and asked for cars to exhibit Sept 17 at Windsor Square.
- Youth Chairman Report – Wilbert reported that the kids are back from summer vacation. There will not be a booth at the Fair. Restorer Magazine will be running an article which will include the raffle. The raffle has been registered with the Attorney General. 100 tickets have been sold so far. He will bring the car and trailer to the next meeting.
- Sunshine - Susan Homet -sympathy card for her dad. Susan Homet - 2 get well cards for her surgery Mary Ann Sepulveda get well from her surgery. Howard White's family-sympathy for his mother's death Tom Endy-thinking of you. John Spielmann-get well.
- Break
- John McDannel reminded everyone of the change in meeting venue beginning in January 2018.
- No raffles or drawings occurred this month.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

Wanted

Looking for a stock seat for a 1928-1929 closed cab pick up in usable condition
Call Tom Johnson 626 446-3367 or 626 485-3073

1928 Model A Ford Phaeton

The Pasadena High School Model A Ford Club is conducting its annual fundraiser. For each \$100 donation, you will receive one entry to win this 1928 Phaeton, fully restored by the club. Only 500 entries will be accepted.



Send your contributions to "The Up & Coming Foundation", 1968 Lake Ave Ste. 101, Altadena Ca. 91001 or contact Wilbert Smith, 626-791-7636 or John Emanuelli, 626-286-5267.

Nuts and Bolts Wanted


The Pasadena High School Model A Club has a need for some nuts and bolts . We would like a share of your collection that you are not likely to use. Call John Emanuelli 626 286 5267.

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