



October 2016

# Spoken Wheels

## THE NEXT MEETING

### General meeting

Friday, October 28 - 7:30 PM

Arcadia Red Cross., 376 Huntington Dr. Arcadia

**Program:** Travels of Ken Mallory as a WWII Infantry man which included his service in both the Pacific and European theaters of the war.

### Nominating Committee Slate

by Elaine Perry

Below is the slate of Officers and Board members presented for election at the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be taken on the night of the election. Absentee ballots may be requested in writing up to one week (7 days) prior to the election and must be returned to the Secretary prior to the November meeting to be valid. Committee Chair positions will be announced at the November meeting. On behalf of the nominating committee of AC Byrd, Carol Emanuelli, Sheri Johnson, Bob Moore and myself we wish to thank all those members that volunteered for the different positions. Elaine Perry, Committee Chair

**President** – John McDannel, **Vice President** – Bob Harbicht

**Secretary** – Elaine Perry, **Treasurer** – Sheri Johnson

**Board of Directors** - AC Byrd, Steve Concidine, Carol Emanuelli, Jim Frick, Jim Kroeger, Nancy Stancil and Tracy Butkus (vote for no more than five candidates)



*Santa Anita A's show off their cars at San Gabriel Mission Playhouse where they viewed the Silent Movie 'Speedy', starring Harold Loyd.*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -

"I DID NOT HAVE ANY MECHANICAL RELATIONS WITH THAT MODEL A"

Yes, you are right, this is a parody on Bill Clinton's famous public remark when he was President of the United States regarding Monica Lewinsky.

As president of your Model A Club, I am proclaiming that I am innocent of any CHARGE! You would think I would have my head under the FENDER SKIRT or under the hood more often than most. Yes, you can make that CASE!

My thanks are extended to the Low End Boys - Fruchter & Wickersham. They rode in on their white horses to rescue me from the embarrassment of not being able to start my Model A. The night before they arrived, I finally found a loose connection at the positive ground at the FRAME. Yes, you could say that I was FRAMED! You know these things happen to Presidents – The Teapot Dome Scandal, Watergate and now the lack of a real CHARGE.

What was really revealing to me was to have Wickersham pull my distributor – not my chain. He found that my BUSHings in the distributor were worn out. So we replaced the distributor. This reminds me of Bill Clinton again. His problem was that his Presidency fell between the Bush's and my problem was between the BUSHings. Get It? This proves that it isn't easy being President.

Speaking of Presidencies, our elections are about to begin. Oh, I am not talking about our boring national elections silly. I am focusing on the SAA's elections that are coming up. Your nominating committee has been very busy finding volunteers to lead our club into next year. Thank you for all of the energy you volunteers put into this club which makes this experience so pleasant.

My final plea is that I did not GROPE that Model A! The definition of Grope is: to feel about blindly or uncertainly in search of something. Well, I found the problem – it was me!

Cheers, John Mc Dannel

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### October

- 20 - Men's Breakfast
- 20-24 - Tour to Fallbrook
- 28 - General Meeting, Halloween Celebration

### November

- 9 - Board Meeting - Temple City, City Hall, 7:00 PM
- 14 - Ladies' Brunch, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
- 17 - Men's Breakfast, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM
- 18 - General meeting- Elections. **Note the change of date**
- 20- Tour to Rubel's Castle in Glendora, see page 5

### December

- 7 - Board Meeting, **Note the change from 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday.**
- 10 - Christmas Party, see page 5
- 14 - Christmas Lights Tour

### January

- 1 - Your 2017 club dues are due.
- 27 - General Meeting, Installation of New Officers

### February

- 4 - Paramount Ranch Tour
- 24 - General Meeting, Annual Club Auction

### Think About It

**I haven't Lost my mind - - -  
Half of it just wondered off and the other  
half went looking for it.**

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### November Birthdays

- 2 - Larry Pare
- 3 - Bob Moore
- 3 - Jim Austin
- 5 - Mary McDannel
- 9 - Mark Gollhardt
- 9 - Robert Kincart
- 10 - John Knox
- 11 - Elsie Johnson
- 12 - Steve Newton
- 14 - Don McBride
- 17 - Marlin Perry
- 15 - Frank Sepulveda
- 19 - Sue Guarrera
- 19 - Wilbert Smith
- 19 - Joe Wilson
- 20 - Scott Bonner
- 21 - Susan Bennett
- 24 - May Pare
- 24 - Maria Foye
- 25 - Jim Skalicky
- 26 - Judi Moore
- 28 - Marianne Spielmann
- 28 - Carol Emanuelli

### 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
- 23 - Steve & Kathy Concidine
- 25 - Chuck & Gail Boekenooen
- 25 - Ted & Paulette Bruns
- 27 - Cliff & Alice Mount

### Missing Birthdays:

We found a birthday in the "Lost and Found Department":

October, 25 - Jean Ware

## OFFICERS, BOARD & CHAIRS

### OFFICERS

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### SUNSHINE LADY -

**JUDI MOORE**

Get Well Cards were sent to:

Chuck Sharp, Mary McDannel, Bob and Joyce Travis

A Thinking of You Card was sent to Nancy Sharp.

### COOKIE BRINGERS ALERT - DIANA KINCART

Karen Gollhardt, Mary McDannel, Elaine Perry, Chuck Davies

### PHOTO DONORS

Bob Moore, Janet Beggs, Joe Wilson, Tracy Butkus & others

### FORMER MEMBER PASSES

Information was just received that Betty Johnson, a former long time member of the Santa Anita A's passed away on August 31 in Apple Valley.

## NEW MEMBERS

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



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## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT BY BOB HARBICHT

### John & Colleen MacDonnell

No, not John McDannel, our esteemed President, but John MacDonnell, one of our newest members. John recently bought a Model A – 1929 Tudor Sedan – and the first thing he did is join the Santa Anita A's. Good for him!



The car was offered on E-Bay and John ended up negotiating directly with the owner in Iowa before he bought it. The car had been in one family until John bought it! He bought it from the great-grandson of the original owner. In fact, it was still in the name of great-grandpa and had the original 1930 license plates on it (it was first registered in January of 1930).

When I asked him what sparked his interest in the Model A he told me that of all the Hot Wheels cars he had as a kid, the Model A was his favorite. Like many of us he had to get a lot of things done in life before he could indulge his childhood fantasy.

John has been a life-long Arcadian: born at Methodist Hospital, attended Arcadia grade schools, junior high, and graduated from Arcadia High School.

After some college at Fresno State, John joined the U.S. Army and was in the rangers for eight years. He's still involved with the military as a civilian. He's a Group Leader with an organization called Family Readiness Group which helps the families of active military.

John was a general contractor and is semi-retired now. I gather he does a little building when it doesn't get in the way of something fun or other important things in his life.

He and Colleen have two children, both sons, both grown. One son is Brett, who is at the University of Arizona working on his PhD. As for their son Cameron, he also joined our club. You're going to have to wait a month to learn about him because he will be the subject of next month's New Member Spotlight.

Welcome to Santa Anita A's John & Colleen.





## IMPORTANT STUFF

### Red Cross Meeting Facilities Update by Joe Wilson

There has been an increasing concern that we have outgrown our meeting room at the Red Cross Facilities. Last year the board decided that we should begin a search for another location which would better accommodate our needs.

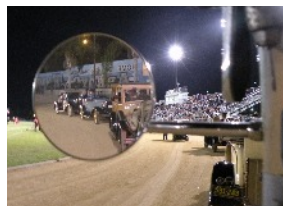
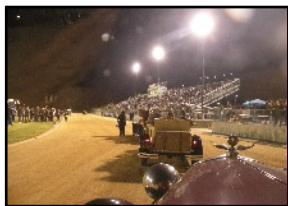
Last month we reported that beginning in 2017 the Red Cross would no longer commit to a year long agreement for us to use their facilities. At their September meeting the board voted to mount an aggressive effort to find another meeting location due to the newly imposed three month deadline. Since then Vicky Balmot was successful in getting the Red Cross to allow us to use their facilities through 2017 but with an increase in rent from \$50 to \$100 per night.

Carol Emanuelli identified a potential new location which was checked out by Sheri Johnson and Elaine Perry who then reported their findings to the board at their October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. However, prior to the board meeting a decision was made to put the search for a new location on hold and a commitment was made to the Red Cross that we would continue to use their facilities through 2017.

### SAA's Drive Cars at High School Football Games

by Bob Moore

Every year the SAA's have been invited to participate in area High School Homecoming events by providing transportation around the track for the Homecoming Queen and her entourage. This is an annual fund raising event for our club through the donations made to us by the schools.



Last month at Arroyo High School in El Monte our club provided six Model A's for their homecoming event. Driving were Marlin Perry, Larry Butkus, Randy Harper, Bob Moore, Joe Farino and Jim Constantian. The drivers and their cars left the school after halftime and enjoyed pie and coffee at Marlin and Elaine Perry's home. There are three more firmly scheduled high school events.

Spoken Wheels is the monthly publication of the Santa Anita A's based in Arcadia, California. The organization is dedicated to the restoration, preservation and enjoyment of the Model A Ford. It is a chapter of the national organization, MAFCA (Model A Ford Club of America). Meetings are held on the last Friday of most months at the Arcadia Red Cross facility, 376 Huntington Drive, Arcadia California. Mailing address PO Box 660904, Arcadia. Web Site [www.santaanitaas.org](http://www.santaanitaas.org)

### Celebrate Halloween at our October Meeting

We will celebrate Halloween at our October 28<sup>th</sup> General meeting. Again this year we invite members to participate by "dressing-up". There will also be the traditional pumpkin carving contest so bring your favorite pumpkin to display.



Last year the pumpkin carving contest was won by Else Johnson. The costume contest was won by Charles and Diana Lohr who left town shortly after that and are no longer members.



### LOW END BOYS

BY MICKEY FRUCHTER

We assisted Wilbert Smith in getting his car back on the road. After setting the timing and point gap, it was determined that he needed a new distributor body (the old one had too much of a gap between the rotor and the distributor body). His car is now running well. We also assisted John McDannel in getting his car running well. John did a lot of work to get his car to start on his own. He checked the starter, starter switch and found that everything was OK. When he cleaned and tightened the battery cable to the chassis it made a better connection. The car ran much better after replacing his worn out distributor.

Kudos go to: Larry Butkus for installing an alternator on his car (without our assistance) to get his Halogen headlights working properly, to John McDannel who was able to get his starter to operate and to Jerry Lampassi (and his son Jerry Jr.) to clean out his carburetor, drain his old gas, put new gas in his tank and get his car back on the road.

We are trying to assist our members to get their cars back on the road and also teach them how to maintain their cars as well.

### 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))



## COMING EVENTS

### Rubel's Castle

Sunday, November 20

By Jim Kroeger

Did you know that the City of Glendora actually has a castle listed in the National Register of Historic Places? It has been called, "a San Gabriel Valley version of Watts Towers."

It is constructed out of concrete, bedsprings, rocks, coat hangers, scrap steel, bottles and other re-purposed materials. We are talking about the famous Rubel Castle.



The SAA's will be touring the castle on Sunday, November 20. We will meet at the Walmart in Duarte at 8:45 AM located at the Mountain Ave. exit off the 210 freeway.

The castle is not ADA accessible so no wheelchairs, walkers or cart assistance is allowed. Please wear sturdy, comfortable shoes and no flip flops or sandals. A \$10 donation per adult is recommended and payable day of event.

After the tour the group will head out to Pinnacle Peak Steakhouse for lunch. This restaurant does not allow ties and is infamous for cutting them off and placing them on the ceiling. Come to think of it, this might be a good way to finally clean out your closet.

Please call tour leader, Jim Frick, at 626-303-5233 to sign up or for more information. Hope to see you on tour.

### Christmas Party

Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>

by Elaine Perry

It is time again for the Santa Anita A's Annual Holiday Party. This is for club members and their Families. RESERVATION ARE NECESSARY! Please sign up at the October or November meeting or call Elaine Perry (626) 443-0638. The deadline for reservations is November 30th.



**BUFFET DINNER** – The price for members and non-members will be \$13.00 per person for adults and \$5.00 for children 11 and under. Make checks payable to Santa Anita A's and give it to Sheri Johnson at the October or November meeting or mail it to her (844 Diamond St. Monrovia, CA 91016).

5:30 PM Appetizers, 6:00 PM Dinner, Entertainment and Santa after dinner. Place: Arcadia Presbyterian Church, 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. Remember to bring non-perishable items to be donated to the less fortunate. Items can be brought to November club meeting or Holiday Party.

## PAST EVENTS

### Silent Movie "Speedy" at San Gabriel Mission Playhouse

Sept. 25

by Seri Johnson

The San Gabriel Mission Playhouse, in conjunction with the LA Theater Organ Society, presented the 1928 silent movie "SPEEDY" starring Harold Lloyd on Sunday, September 25. "Speedy" was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Director in 1928. "Speedy", which was Harold Lloyd's real life nick-name, was his last silent film and one of his best. Mark Herman was the featured organist.

This movie was one of the funniest, light-hearted movies ever. If you have never been to a silent movie, accompanied by a Wurlitzer theater organ, you are really missing something special.

The San Gabriel MARC and the Santa Anita A's were asked to display their cars at the Playhouse. Because of the abundance of cars in the silent movie, "Speedy," the organizers thought that a display of antique cars would be appropriate. It was a wonderful exhibit of our 16 Model A's around the fountain, all different styles and colors.



### Temple City Car Show

October 15

By Elaine Perry

The annual Temple City Car Show was held on October 15<sup>th</sup>. When the cars entered the parking lot they were parked as they came in no matter what make, model or class. The Santa Anita A's had three members win trophies. Pete Henderson won "Collector's Choice". Jim Skalicky and Tony Catroppa won a "Top Ten Award". The trophies were very nice and had different parts of cars mounted on a very good looking base.

Marlin and I want to thank the following club members that worked the car show: John and Carol Emanuelli, Rick Phillips, Brad Balmot, Dino Falabrino, Larry and Tracy Butkus, Hal Anthony, Tony Catroppa, Joe Farino, Terry Mills, Bob Moore, Jim Skalicky and Pete Henderson. John Emanuelli and Rick Phillips brought three students from PHS to see the car show. Others members that came to look at the cars in the show were David and Patty Lutz and Bonnie Nelson.





**Ticket to the 20's - Homestead Museum**

Sunday, October 2

by Jim Kroeger

What do you do when you want to learn about early Los Angeles history and dance the Charleston at the same time? You follow the Santa Anita A's to an event called "Ticket to the Twenties."

Seven Model A's comprising seventeen members drove to the Workman and Temple Family Homestead Museum in the City of Industry. This two-day event is a tribute to the Roaring 20's and everything that goes with it. Many attendees were dressed in period clothing and enjoyed music by Janet Klein & Her Parlor Boys and learned to dance the Charleston as the Hollywood Hot Shots provided free lessons. Silent films with live musical accompaniment ran throughout the day and the Art Deco Society of Los Angeles sponsored a fashion show and costume contest.



If LA history is your thing, tours were available of the Workman and Temple homes which were built in the 1870's and 1920's respectively. Did you know that Pio Pico, the last governor of Mexican California is buried in the private family cemetery on the grounds? Not to be outdone, the A's put out a big spread and all members in attendance were provided with an early dinner by the club, complete with a Martinelli's Sparkling Cider "toast" as well as a chocolate moose cake for desert.

If you could not make the event this time please plan on joining us for next year. Model A's and the Roaring 20's go hand in hand.

**1930 Fashions**

The exuberant wild and free 1920's came to a sudden halt on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 1929. The crash pulled the rug out from under people's feet and threw them into darker days.

The fashion market responded accordingly. Hemlines continued a "dropping trend" and descended between six to eight inches below the calf for day wear, and were very long for evening. This signified a more conservative approach to dressing. As the economy turned downward a more austere attitude descended over the land. Skirts matched this trend by dropping and showing off "less leg". Gone were the days of carefree frolic, and just dancing under the sun.

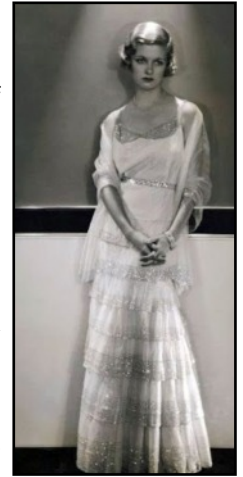
If this wasn't bad enough, well, necklines on ladies wear all got higher! Sleeves became a new fashion focus. They were the latest things in detail change. There were many different ones to be seen. A new look was the cape sleeve which incorporating an actual cape attached at the collar of the garment, covering shoulders and sleeves as well, short or long. There were elbow sleeves, and sleeves ending just below the elbow. Sometimes ladies wore a short sleeve for afternoon usually accompanied by the long glove. Yes, it did just keep on getting better that year.

Big voluminous bishop sleeves appeared. These are full puffed sleeves, which come to the elbow, and were reserved mostly for eveningwear.

There were tailored suits, which were simple with a long jacketed look worn over longish skirts. Coats were voluminous, some sporting puffed top sleeves with panels swinging from the elbow and skirts with widened hemlines. One popular coat style was borrowed from a Russian Cossack style with fur collars. Most coats were richly trimmed with such furs as seal, and Persian lamb. The collars were large, and many coats also had fur cuffs reaching far up the arm. A popular evening style was to wear a short white fur jacket over dresses. Many women wore a matching white fur muff along with the short jacket style.

Other styles popular this year included the relatively simple tunic, and overalls made just for women! These could be purchased from the Sear's catalogue for a few dollars. Sports clothing was now being designed for active participation in specific sports. Sports attire was now being taken seriously, and created to encourage and facilitate freedom of movement. Previously women's sports clothing could be cumbersome, and was really more of a fashion statement and could be worn throughout the day. Now, however, sports attire had a specific purpose, and was pared down to the essential elements. The sporting attire was changed upon cessation of the activity.

The year of 1930 was a somber one, and most definitely showed it's influence in fashion. It also brought with it a new burgeoning industry centered right here in Hollywood. A new world of cinematic escape would be bringing fashion and fantasy to the masses! Fashion would carry on in all it's exultant and exuberant array in the new "talkies", and everyone went to the movies!



## **Tinkering with Our Toys (Part 2)**

*This article is "borrowed" from the July - August 1982 issue of the Restorer, written by Arnold "Bud" Dodge - Yakima, WA.*

Very often a simple hint or procedure can save considerable disappointment and frustration. Many of us working on the mechanics of our Model As have become experts "after-the-fact." The following is a personal on-the-job compilation of brief and to-the-point suggestions. These might be helpful in an endeavor to become a "before-the-fact" expert.

With 50 years of writings in this area by numerous authorities, it is not without some trepidation that there can be recall of some "old hat" and debatable ideas. An honest attempt has been made to avoid a major invasion in this area..

### **NOISES**

- A strange idle knock can come from a crankshaft pulley that is slightly short. The ratchet nut can not be drawn up enough to tighten the pulley on the crankshaft. A thin washer under the ratchet nut (or a new pulley) will repair this and stop the oil leak at the same time. A loose pulley can usually be easily found by rocking the fan blade.
- To remove a fan blade from the water pump shaft, remove blade retaining nut, screw on a head bolt nut about half its depth, follow this with a head bolt stud, tighten, rap bolt sharply with a hammer while holding fan blade. The fan blade will loosen and pump shaft will not be damaged.
- Intermittent noises in flywheel region can originate from starter Bendix drive working its way into the flywheel ring gear while car is being driven. A small spring loaded retaining lug located at the edge of the Bendix gear is usually at fault. If stuck, light oil will free it up. If broken or worn out, it will no longer hold the idle gear in "home" position.
- Constant or intermittent valve noise after installation of adjustable push rods is not uncommon. The lifter surfaces are not always square with the valve base and the oil cushion is lost. While this is annoying there is no harm if valve adjustment is within specs. With wear-in the noise often quiets down.
- An unexplained intermittent noise in front of engine can be caused by omission of the tension plunger on the end of the camshaft. The side cap of the timing gear cover can be carefully removed to check.
- Many disconcerting sounds can originate from front motor mounting and side splash pans. Pushing in the clutch can aggravate these sounds especially when motor is warm. With a bit of patience these nuisance noises can be eliminated.
- One source of hard-to-locate engine noise can be the fan. Even slightly loose fan front roller bearings can set up a nasty resonance or clatter at certain engine speeds due to a small degree of blade imbalance, a whipping fan belt or an out-of-round pulley. The sound resembles loose wrist pins or piston slap and usually occurs in the higher speed ranges and can

be detected by temporary removal of fan belt. While the noise, once identified, is of minor consequence, it may mean that the fan will self destruct in time. Replacement parts may be the only answer. In any case, frequently inspect fan blades for cracks and loose rivets if of that type.

- Some fiber replacement camshaft timing gears are off-center. This can create some unusual idle knock frequencies. A faulty gear can be readily noted during engine assembly by observation while turning engine over. Replacement with a quality gear is best. A rat tail file can be used to adjust and center the gear mounting holes. It is essential to draw up the large mounting nut very securely.

### **WATER PUMP**

- New or rebuilt water pumps take a while to settle down and stop leaking. The leverage afforded by a large screw-driver on the gland nut can break off tightening lugs especially if you run out of threads. Back off and add a packing ring or two. Tighten slowly over several hours of operation. This can be done very effectively while motor is idling if due respect is given fan blade and tightening is not overdone. Leaking will stop.

### **WATER OUTLET**

- Save your nerves and the flanges on the upper water outlet. File head (usually not needed) and outlet mating surfaces square. Use a thin layer of non-setting Permatex. No gasket. You can now tighten all head bolts without wincing. Replacement outlet gaskets often squeeze out on the ends and can eventually cause a break in outlet casting as head is drawn up.

### **OVERHEATING**

- Many Model A's have been accused of overheating just because a leaky radiator cap gasket permitted windshield spotting from expanding coolant from a normal operating engine.
- Air bubbles showing at the radiator filler neck may not be a leaky head gasket, but air pulled in through the water pump grease fitting or past pump packing. Always use a capped type grease fitting at pump base fitted with a gasket under screw cap. Properly packed and maintained pumps should not leak air.

### **COOLING SYSTEM**

- A leaky gasket on the water inlet on side of engine is just in the right place to trickle coolant on the dipstick and into crankcase. This can cause an unfounded worry.
- No use trying to fill your radiator to the top as it will just bubble out the overflow tube to seek an operating level. Don't be over confident, though, add a bit of coolant now and then to assure a safe level. A rubber tube extension on your overflow tube outlet will help keep water marks off of the firewall.
- The slight fluid oozing of a head gasket is not uncommon even on trued blocks and heads. Replacement copper head gaskets have a minimum of crimping and can allow capillary action to pull fluid out the sides. One-quarter to a half a can of radiator sealant usually will stop this unsightly condition if the problem persists. Do not exceed normal head- bolt torque (50-55 foot pounds). It may make the condition worse.



# Santa Anita A's Veteran



**Tony Catroppa US Army 1963-1969**

My experience with the military was similar to John Emanuelli's in that we both took ROTC while attending Lincoln High in Los Angeles, although John was much more involved in the program than I was.

Fast forward a few years and while attending the University of Arizona on a football scholarship, I received the infamous "Greetings" letter to which I quickly began to panic because at that time all draftees were being sent to Viet Nam and I wasn't ready to give the ultimate sacrifice. Many of my friends had gone and several did not come back and if I was destined to go I wanted to serve on my own terms. I quickly dropped out of school and returned to SoCal to plan my next move to honor my obligation. This was to partner with a close buddy and join the US Marines and fly jets. We went to sign up and completed all the paper work and took the medical exam to see if we were physically good enough to be a Marine,(pause), my friend passed and I didn't because of a stigmatism in my left eye which would disqualify me from flying. My friend however joined the Marines and flew jets, 250 combat missions, became a member of the Blue Angels, retired as a "Bird Colonel".

Panic #2 set in, as this was Wednesday and I was to report the following Monday. Then I recalled my football coach at Pasadena CC, Don Hunt, was a Major in the California National Guard so I quickly met with him and explained my dilemma. Coach Hunt assured me to not worry and come to the Armory on Sunday to be sworn in, which I did and at that point I, for sure, was relieved and a member of the California National Guard and ready to complete a six year obligation.

The tour began in early 1963 for basic training at Ft Ord in beautiful Monterey Bay but we never saw it from the base because of the fog and we had no time off. After basic training everyone in our company received orders to our next assignment and that was a surprise for all. I being a `clerk typist` had no idea where my assignment would take me, low and behold, I was assigned to a Judge Advocate Office at the Presidio of San Francisco, WHEW! Needless to say that wasn't too bad.

After six months of active duty I spent 5 & ½ years with monthly meetings and 2 weeks in the summer at Camp Roberts in central California. The only real danger I experienced was being on the street guarding the Armory at 28<sup>th</sup> and Hope with a weapon and no ammunition during the Watts Riots. When I asked for ammunition, the officer in charge told me to "just look tough".

To sum up my service it really was easy compared to the many that lost their lives or were forever injured both physically and mentally. I will be forever grateful for their service and often pray for those who serve today.



**Tony & Kathy Catroppa**



**Tony Catroppa 1963**



## SAA General Meeting Minutes September 30, 2016

- The meeting was called to order by President John McDannel at 7:31.
- The flag salute was led by Ken Mallory.
- John McDannel introduced visiting San Fernando Club members Clark & Robin Pomeroy along with Stu & Cathy Levin and Steve & Sondra Kurtz who are members of both the San Fernando and SAA's Model A clubs.
- Randy introduced guests Dino Falbrino, Jim Dolan & Doug Tuttle.
- Jim Kroger told about the following tours:
  - Sept, 25<sup>th</sup> - Silent Movie "Speedy" Thank you to MARC club for inviting SAA's
  - Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ticket to the Twenties. Bring a chair. Club will purchase some food.
  - Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> - Temple City Car show. SAA members no registration fee. Need workers.
  - Oct 20 - 24 - Fallbrook tour, sign up tonight.
- Bob Moore gave some information about CCRG March 23-25, 2017 & he will send e-mail to members about room reservations.

### General announcements:

- Red Cross Room: John explained about the increase in cost of the Red Cross meeting room and thanked Vicky Balmot for her help in securing the room for 2017.
- Youth Outreach: John talked about the club car display at PHS. There are 43 students signed up for PHS Car club. Jack Dawson has donated \$1000 to the educational foundation for the PHS car club. MAFCA will present the Charter on October 24<sup>th</sup> to PHS Chapter and has also donated the "How to Restore series of books. John also explained that after the car display members went to PCC to see the automotive facilities at PCC.
- Nominating Committee: Elaine asked members to please fill out the nominating committee information sheet tonight and turn it back in. The club needs everyone's support to fill the positions for next year.
- San Marino HS is requesting cars for football parade on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 PM. Would like 5 or 6 open cars.
- The October meeting program will be a costume contest and pumpkin carving contest.
- Low End Boys: Mickey told about projects in the works. Pulled Ronald Valentine's & Marlin's engines. Will be working on Wilbert's & John McDannel's cars next Monday.
- Era Fashions: Thank you to Susan Homet for the fashion articles in the newsletter.
- Sunshine: Judi Moore sent a thinking of you card to Mary McDannel & reported that Mary Garduno cracked her pelvis and Joyce Travis is ill. She also said it was good to see Mary McDannel tonight after her foot surgery.
- Program: Ken Mallory introduced the guest speaker Steve Concidine who presented a very interesting and informative talk about the Hubley cars.
- Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> - Temple City Car show SAA members no car registration fee also need workers.
- Low End Boys: Mickey reported the Low end Boys had replaced a fan on Nancy Stancil's car and pulled the engine out of Ronald Valentines' car Future project include work on Larry and Tracy Butkus' car. Also had a carburetor seminar on Bob Harbicht's car after men's breakfast.
- Break then Recall to order
- Minutes: The minutes were approved as printed.
- Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was approved as read.
- Spoken Wheels: John McDannel thanked Joe Wilson for his work on the Spoken Wheels.
- Old Business: Bob Moore thanked Tracy Butkus for her donation of Papa Cantella's hot dogs for club events and her company is sponsoring a team in the Walk for Alzheimer's Research. He asked club members to support her by making a donation the Alzheimer's Research.
- Thank you to cookie bringers Carolyn McBride, Vicky Bartlett, Bea Fruchter & Elsie Johnson
- Raffle: 50/25/25 - Clark Pomeroy and Tracy Butkus \$36.00 each
- Drive Model A - Stu and Cathy Levin, Model A Badge - Jim Constantian
- Men's and Ladies Raffle
- Meeting adjourned at 9:37pm.

Respectfully submitted, Elaine Perry, Secretary

## For Sale: For SAA Club Members Only

Fischer Classic Car Motor Oil, 20-W50. 5.2 quart Jug at \$27.50 , or 3 jugs at \$75. I can bring to club meetings if you place an order.  
Bob Travis 626-574-0665

## Wanted - Quail cap for 28-29 radiator

Contact Wilbert Smith. 626-375-1367 cell

## For Sale - 1929 Sport Coupe

Restored in 1964. Has been stored for years. Great body, bad paint, tuck and roll seats. Police Motor. Needs TLC. \$8750. Contact Steve Newton, 310-837-3026 or ssnewton@sbcglobal.net

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## For Sale -

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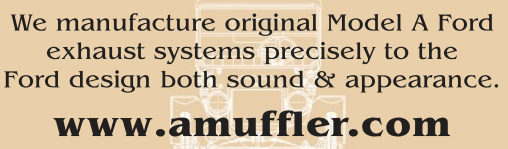


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## NEXT GENERAL MEETING - October 28 - ARCADIA RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS

### ***THINGS TO DO AND REMEMBER THIS MONTH***

1. No candidate debates are scheduled prior to the November 18<sup>th</sup> SAA's election date.
2. Remember to dress up for the October Halloween meeting.
3. Bring your entry for the carved pumpkin contest to the next meeting.



*"What ever you are saying, I don't believe it".  
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