



February 2014

SPOKEN WHEELS

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Bob Travis



Someone once said, "Time flies when you're having fun". I can not believe that it is time for the nominating committee to begin work on putting together the slate for next year's club officers and committee members. I often hear the excuse, "I don't want to run for office or any position because, as a new member, I don't know the club well". Well, let me assure you there is no better way to get to know the club than by serving. So, step up to the plate and let Carol Emanuelli know you are interested. She is just a phone call away.

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GENERAL MEETING - Friday, February 28 at 7:00 PM - Arcadia Red Cross, 376 Huntington Dr., Arcadia

PROGRAM - Annual Club Auction - 7:00 PM Start

BOARD MEETING - Wednesday, March 12, 7:00 PM - Temple City Hall
Come join us and see what is really going on.

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Santa Anita A's General Meetings:

Last Friday of most months at 7:30 PM

Arcadia Red Cross,

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SAA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

28 - General Meeting - Club Auction - See page 3

March

2 - Horse Show at CalPoly - See Page 4
10- Ladies' Brunch - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
12 - Board Meeting - Temple City- City Hall, 7:00 PM
19 - Ladies' Day- See page 4
20 - Men's Breakfast - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM
28 - General Meeting

April

24 - Tour to LA Times printing facility - See page 4

May

1 - Annual Mt. Baldy Tour - See page 4

June

8 - Quakes Baseball Game - See page 4

OTHER CLUB SPONSORED EVENTS

March

9-14 - MAFCA National Tour, San Antonio, Texas

April

4-6 -Central California Regional Group Meet - Paso Robles
Alan Bennett is organizing a group to attend this event.
If you are interested contact him (818-222-4432).

27 - Orange County Pancake Breakfast

June

29 - Henry Ford Picnic

July

14-18 - MAFCA National Convention, Puyallup, Washington

NEW MEMBERS

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



Marc & Jamie Pinto

Arcadia, Joined August 2013
1930 Coupe



Stew & Catherine Levin

Studio City, Joined November 2013
1931 Pickup

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March Birthdays

3 - Josie Byrd, Carolyn McBride
4 - David Lutz, Ken Mallory
5 - Ruth Harper
9 - Don Kennedy
11 - Bob Moore
12 - Jim Austin, John Fant
19 - Carolyn Riker
24 - Nancy Stancil
28 Jennifer Sandberg

March Anniversaries

2 - Alan & Susan Bennett
10 - Larry & Suzanne Rummens
12 Jim & Jamie Frick
19 - Terry & Caroyln Riker
21 - Mike & Kim Harryman
25 - Daniel & Jackie Boardman

THE SUNSHINE LADY - JOYCE TRAVIS

Get Well Cards sent to:

Elsie Johnson, Terry Riker, Tom Forbes,
Ruth Ann LeVay, John Knox.

A Thank You Note:

Our family would like to thank everyone for the cards, thoughts, and prayers extended to our family after the passing of Tom's father.
Tom & Sheri Johnson and family.

Tom Endy & Lynn Neal
Wesminster, Joined January 2014
1931 Victoria

Charles & Myrian Davies

San Marino, Joined February 2014
1929 Tudor Sedan, 1930 Cabriolet

Charles & Diana Lohr

Sunland, Joined February, 2014
1930 Pick-up, 1931 Tudor

FICTION & FACT

New Member Spotlight

by Randy Harper

Ponder This

by Joe Wilson

Give and Take



Many years ago I read a reporter's interview with actress Sandy Duncan in which she stated that people can be put into two distinct groups, the first would be "Givers" and the second would be "Takers". I found that concept a bit troublesome.

Being in the Giver group sounded more honorable, but what should I do to not be perceived only as a Taker? If I was a Taker would I have to forever wear an "I am a Taker" sign? I have since reconciled myself with the concept by believing that we can be both a Giver and a Taker. You can be a Giver by helping others and a Taker when we need help.

We have lots of Givers in the Santa Anita A's. Consider the time and effort your Officers and Committee Chairmen have put in this past year. In addition, there are many other members, without titles, working in the background. These are the Givers, the ones that make things happen.

I like to think of the Santa Anita A's as a "help bank". Members contribute to the bank in many ways with their special talents as Givers. Later, when needed, they can make withdrawals as Takers. This is a great concept, but, it only works if everyone participates.

Take a look at your personal account balance in in this "Help Bank". Have you over-drawn your account by withdrawing too much and depositing too little (Taking too much and giving too little)?

Think About It :



What disease did "Cured Ham" actually have?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?

This Month's Photographers Include:

Wilbert & Bryan Smith, Joe Wilson

Cookie Bringers of the Month Club

Ingrid Solomon, Vicky Bartlett, Paulette Bruns

Stew and Catherine Levin



Stew and Catherine joined the Santa Anita A's in November, 2013 after they bought their first Model A from Bob Travis, a 1931 Pickup.

Stew grew up in the San Fernando Valley and his wife, Catherine, is from New York. They met in Monte Carlo, in 1980 and were married in 1984. They have two grown boys and live in Studio City.

Stew has been an avid motorcycle rider all his life, touring throughout the USA. Two years ago he rode from LA to the Artic Circle by way of Calgary, Canada, the Alcan highway to Fairbanks, Alaska. Stew was a Studio musician for 30 years before establishing an audio editing business.

Stew and Catherine are enjoying their Model A and look forward to participating in our many activities and driving tours.

Ladies' Brunch



Attention new members. If you are new to the club you may not know about the Ladies' Brunch. The group meets at Annia's which is located at the El Monte airport, on the second Monday of the month. Bea Fruchter wants all of you to you to come join the group . Call her for details (626-797-2048).

Going Once - Going Twice - Sold

Three things to remember about the annual club auction:

1. The auction is this month, at the February 28th meeting.
2. Bring all those things that you want (need) to get rid of.
3. Bring money to bid on all those things you want (need).

This event is a major fund raiser for the club and we are counting on every one to "bring and buy".



COMING EVENTS

A Tour to see the Arabian Horse Show At Cal Poly Pomona

Sunday, March 2

by Bob Moore

Are you a new member? If so this tour is designed especially for you to get your Model A on the road and meet other members of the club. It's a short tour, only 16 miles each way and we will be on surface streets. If there is a breakdown, plenty of mechanics are already signed up who can help get your car running. There are no reservations needed at Cal Poly Pomona. This is a "weather permitting" tour; if it is raining, no tour. We will depart from Marlin's house at 11:30 AM. He lives at 5528 Lenore Avenue, Arcadia. We will drive to the campus on surface streets WITH OUR PICNIC LUNCH. There are picnic tables at the Farm Store and cold drinks are available. After lunch, we will drive less than a mile to the parking lot nearest the Equestrian Center. Parking is \$3.00. The horse show begins at 2:00 PM and it is free. After the show, on the way home, we will stop at Baskin-Robbins.

So new members, if you haven't yet been on a tour with the club, this should be an excellent one to start with. If you didn't sign up for the tour at the January meeting, please call or email Bob Moore and let him know you will be joining the group. 626-358-2027 or Bobmoore1@aol.com

Ladies' Day 2014

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

by Vicky Balmot

Meet at the McDonald's parking lot located at 143 East Foothill Blvd., Arcadia 91006 at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, March 19, 2014.

Transfer by bus to the Hollywood Wax Museum for a docent guided tour of the museum. We will take a short walk to lunch followed by another short walk and self-guided tour of the Guinness World Records Museum.

Return by bus from the Guinness World Records Museum to the McDonald's parking lot between 3:30 PM and 4:00 PM.

Transport by bus, lunch, all taxes and tips and two museums in Hollywood cost \$15 per person for Santa Anita A's paid-up members only. Non-member guests may join the tour at a cost of \$35.00 per person. Sorry, but there can be no refunds. First come, first serve, limited to 40 people. Please call Vicky Balmot at 626-695-5483 with any questions. **Please mail your check to Santa Anita A's, PO Box 660904, Arcadia, CA 91006-0904 or pay at the club meeting no later than February 28, 2014.**

Tour to the Los Angeles Times printing facility

Thursday, April 24

by Bob Moore

We are set for an interesting tour to the Los Angeles Times printing facility on Alameda Street in downtown, Los Angeles. The tour on April 24, will start at 11:00 AM. Following the hour long tour, we will have lunch at a nearby restaurant.

We will assemble at the rear of the Ralphs Parking lot on the corner of Michillinda and Huntington Drive at 9:50 AM for a 10:00 AM departure. We will be on surface streets the entire tour. Sign up at the March meeting.

Mostly Annual Mt. Baldy Tour

May 1, 2014

by Bob Moore

Yes, it's that time again for the short trip to Mt. Baldy Lodge for brunch. Our day will start at 8:50 AM at Royal Oaks Retirement Center on Royal Oaks Drive North, Bradbury. Our cars will be the centerpiece of a very short car show for the residents. At 10:00 AM, we will depart for a 25 mile drive to Mt. Baldy. The brunch is scheduled to start between 11:15 AM and 11:30 AM. After lunch, we will drive down the hill to Art & Olive Moore's for ice cream.

We are encouraging new members to get their Model A's on the road for this tour. Prizes will be awarded for members who have never been on a Mt. Baldy Tour before. The cost for BOTH the brunch (with tax and tip included) and the ice cream sundaes for dessert is \$20.00 per person. What a deal!!! This is important. So that we have an accurate headcount, payment for the tour must be made in advance. Send your check to Carol Emanuelli by April 25. Questions? Call Bob Moore at 626-358-2027 or email bobmoore1@aol.com.

Quakes Baseball Game

Sunday, June 8, 2014

by Sheri Johnson

I am again organizing a tour to see the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes (Class A affiliate of the Los Angeles Dodgers) play against the Bakersfield Blaze (Class A affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds) on Sunday, June 8.

The day will consist of a drive to the stadium, followed by an all you can eat BBQ lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken breast sandwiches and a variety of sides and drinks. The cost of the BBQ and game is \$23.00 per person. There is no child or senior price. The BBQ will begin somewhere around noon and game time is 2:05 p.m.

There will be many special activities for kids to participate in, so I encourage you to bring your children and grandchildren for a fun day at the ballpark.

I will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting. If you have any questions, please call me (626-485-3073).

PAST EVENTS

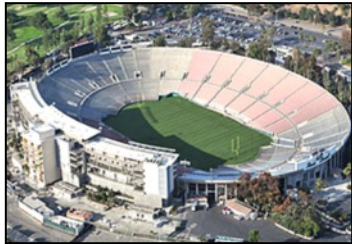
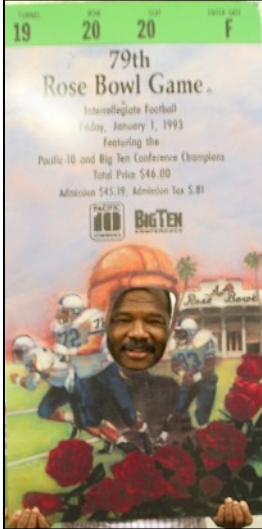
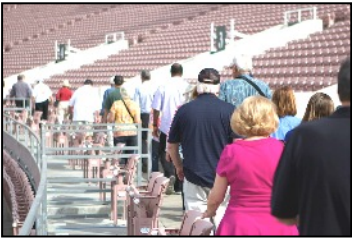
Rose Bowl Tour

Saturday, Feb. 15

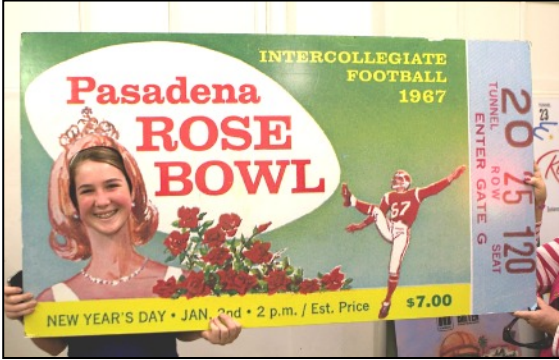
by Joe Wilson



It was a good day at the Bowl and that's where the tour started. Our group of 38 was on hand for a private 1 ½ hour walking tour of the Rose Bowl facilities. This may have been our shortest driving tour ever. We all met at the Rose Bowl, did the walking tour, drove 3.7 miles to the Los Gringos Locos for a fine lunch where the tour ended.



The tour of the facilities was interesting and informative. Unfortunately we couldn't get on the field itself as they were doing some major construction, replacing some of the lower seating with landscaping. The food and service at the Mexican restaurant was excellent.



OTHER STUFF

Be Aware - The end is Near.... So is the Beginning

It happens this time every year, out with the old, in with the new. Yes, it will soon be time to vote for Santa Anita Club Officers and Board members. Who of you are ready to serve?

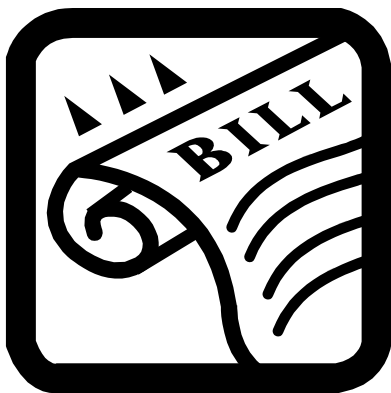
What we need are some "Givers" to step up to the task and offer to participate in running the show. That means we need people to put their name on the ballot. How about you? Be a "Giver" this year.



Carol Emanuelli and her nominating committee must come up with a slate of prospective Officers and Board members which will be voted on at the April meeting. At the last meeting, she passed out "Volunteer Sheets" to everyone, asking that they fill in the blanks, indicating where they would like to serve – Officer, Board Member, Committee Chair. She reports that only 17 sheets were returned thus far, not enough to fill out a nomination slate.

If you don't call her to volunteer yourself, pick out some good friends who you think would do a good job and volunteer them. Some people are shy so give them a shove.

This is an Early Warning



If we tell you now that your dues are due come April 1, you will forget it by that time. If we wait until the March newsletter to tell you, you won't have time to save up the \$30 per "Family unit". So, consider this an "Early Warning". In March you will receive an official invoice, billing you for your annual dues.

Your dues must have been received by April 25 to qualify you to vote in the election scheduled for the April meeting. Dues not received by May 1 will be considered delinquent.

April 1 is about 38 days from now, so if you put away 79 cents each day you will have accumulated enough money to pay the obligation.

What's Happening at MAFFI

The Model A Ford Foundation (MAFFI) is an organization dedicated to preserving Henry's Lady, the Model A Ford and preservation of the historical information and memorabilia of the dynamic era of 1927 through 1931. MAFFI solicits membership in the organization to help support the many projects and worthwhile goals of the organization.

Below is a news update sent to Model A clubs for publication in their newsletters.

News from MAFFI

Planned for Model A Day IV at Gilmore on Sept 20th, will be a SWAP MEET. This will be the first Model A swap meet held in conjunction with Model A Day, and it is hoped that this will grow into one of the largest events of his kind. There will also be museum viewing, seminars and other events during that third weekend in September.



License plate TOPPER and BUMPER STICKER sales continue to excite Model A'ers from coast to coast. If you have not seen one or ordered yours, go to our website www.Maffi.org/Promotions.

Several clubs have taken advantage of Maffi's FREE BRICK promotion. We welcome 36 new members and ordered walkway bricks for: Henry's As, Sullivan Trail, Wisconsin Chapter, East Side, Grape Country, Smokey Mts, Dusty Wheels, River Cities, Calumet Region, Naper A's, Gold Coast and the Grand A's.

The Museum and Endowment Funds continue to welcome donations, large and small. In addition to monetary gifts, people continue to give rare and valuable items to increase the quality and completeness of our displays. In the Fall, Bill Edstrom donated the two vehicles that he had loaned to the Museum, a 31 Pickup and a 30 Fordor Sedan.

In January, Jon Bowers donated the 1930 Roadster he previously loaned to the Museum. All these items serve to make the Museum a more complete collection for the enjoyment of the Model A community.

John LaVoy,
Vice President

MORE OTHER STUFF

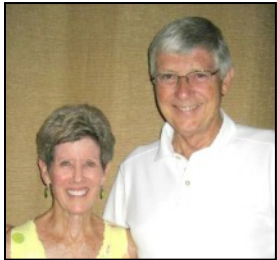
SAA General Meeting Minutes - Jan. 31, 2014

Harbichts honored by the Arcadia Chamber

Congratulations to SAA Club members Bob And Patsy Harbicht who were named "Citizens of the year" by the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce. Below are excerpts from the "Arcadia's Best" web Site which announced the award.

Harbichts Citizens of Year

Bob and Patsy Harbicht have been named Citizens of the Year for 2014-15 by the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce. Individually and together the couple has devoted a lifetime of volunteer service to the community of Arcadia through scouting, schools, church and myriad organizations such as The Rotary Club, Assistance League and the Chamber.



The Harbichts will be honored at the 2014 Board of Directors Installation Dinner to be held on March 27 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel.

Early on a Monday morning last September, Bob Harbicht was spotted putting table cloths on

dozens of tables at the Arboretum being set up for that evening's Taste of Arcadia, which he calls "Arcadia's signature event". It was emblematic of his attitude even while leading the City as Mayor four times and on a record-setting 20 years on the City Council, which ends in April. "We're pretty good at being Indians as well as chiefs," he says.

Bob has also been Chairman of the Lucky Baldwin District of the Boy Scouts of America, and received the Boy Scouts Silver Beaver Award. His other volunteer leadership roles have included President of the Arcadia Rotary Club and Arcadia High School Drill Team Booster Club, as well as serving on the Board of Directors for the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce, Arcadia Red Cross, Arcadia Welfare & Thrift, and the Arcadia Tournament of Roses Association. And that's in addition to his years as AYSO soccer coach and referee.

When they aren't traveling and bicycling the world and caring for their children and grandchildren, the Harbichts have a hard time keeping up with each other as Patsy also has a full slate of volunteer responsibilities. In addition to serving on the PTA from Highland Oaks Elementary, Foothills Middle School and Arcadia High School and as a leader in the Girl Scouts, she has also been President of: Visiting Nurses Association of Methodist Hospital; Children's Home Society of Arcadia; Arcadia Partners in Rotary; and Monrovia Guild of Children's Hospital. Her decades of volunteering have also included participation in the Assistance League of Arcadia and more than 30 years at the Los Angeles County Arboretum.

- The meeting was called to order by President Bob Travis at 7:31 p.m.
- The flag salute was led by Bob Travis.
- The treasurer's report was read and approved.
- The minutes from the November meeting were approved as published in the Spoken Wheels.
- Guests were: Chuck Davies; Larry Metz and Charles & Diana Lohr. Tom Endy joined but was not in attendance.
- The speaker was Walter Poser, who talked about Feeding the Troops.

Old Business

- Joe Wilson delivered some clothing orders, brought samples and explained the club-clothing program. He says the order sheet/catalog is also on the web-site.
- The February meeting is the club auction.
- Vicky Balmot spoke about Ladies Day on March 19. Meet at Arcadia McDonalds; take a bus to two museums and lunch at Mel's Diner. Sign up/pay tonight. Call Vicky for more info

New Business

- Carol Emanuelli is the nominating committee chairperson. Assistants are: Bea Fruchter, Patty Lampassi, and Bob Moore. Yellow sheets were distributed tonight describing positions/jobs. Each member was asked to read it over, sign it and return to Carol.
- Joe Wilson suggested everyone take a look at the club website. There is a section "for members only" which requires a password.
- Randy Gross spoke about his father, Mel. Randy will be carrying on the business and will become one of the "Low End Boys".
- The SCRG voted to give \$500 to the Model A Youth Restoration Award.
- The SCRG also voted to sponsor an International Model A Ford Day hosted by the Orange County Club.

Tours

- Feb. 15 – Rose Bowl tour; sign up tonight
- Mar. 2 – Cal Poly Arabian horse show; Bring your lunch; Horse show is free; Stop at 31 Flavors on the way home
- April 24 - tour of the LA Times building
- May 1 – Mt. Baldy brunch
- A tour to CCRG in April is being planned, led by Bob Travis. A tour to NCRG in May is being planned
- President Bob thanked Elaine Perry for bringing the ladies' raffle prizes. The club (with Marlin Perry's help) supplied the men's raffle prizes, which were all Model A parts.
- President Bob thanked Sally Baquet, Dorothy Knox, Barbara Dawson and Elaine Perry for refreshments.
- President Bob thanked Nancy Stancil & Nancy Sharpe for working the refreshment table.

Name badge winner – Patty & Jerry Lampassi - \$10.00
Drive model A to the meeting winner - Bob Travis - \$10.00
50/25/25 winners: Olive Moore & Warwick Nethercoat - \$33.00 each

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sheri Johnson, Secretary

FROM THE SHOP BENCH by Bob Travis



Making things Charge

Problem: My Generator is not Charging what is the best way to test on the car? Not sure if the cutout is bad.

Solution:

Disconnect the Cut-out wiring and remove the cut-out from the generator. Next, remove the fan belt. Using a set of jumper cables connected to a charged battery, connect the generator and see if will spin like a motor. If so, in all likely hood it will charge and therefore consider swapping out and installing a good cut-out with a diode in it. Start the engine and set it to fast idle, then jump across the two cut-out terminals. If it now shows a charge the cut-out needs the contacts cleaned or the "pull-in" winding is bad. If the amp gauge still shows a charge after the jumper wire is removed, then the generator just needed to be polarized. Don't run a Model A generator for more than a few seconds if it's not connected to the battery, or it may burn itself up. If the cut-out is faulty, then the generator isn't connected to the battery. In case of a faulty cut-out, you can safely run the generator by jumping the output post to ground.

Thanks Santa Maria A's

Now that you've fixed the generator, here's a tip on your alternator:

If you suspect that your alternator is not-charging, and you do not have a meter to check it, just start the engine and touch a screwdriver blade to the rear bearing at center of the alternator housing. If the magnetic field attracts the screwdriver, it is charging, If it does not, it isn't. Pretty simple, eh?

An invitation to Join MAFCA

By John Emanuelli



The Santa Anita A's is a chartered chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America and one of over 280 chapters in the US.

In California there are three regions, Northern California, Central California and Southern California. We are one of 20 in the Southern Region.

Our chapter encourages, but does not require members to join the National organization. Some of our members do not realize the need to support MAFCA, nor the good that is done for the Model A Hobby. Please contact John Emanuelli if you would like to discuss becoming a member of MAFCA (626 286 5267) .

**Invitation to Join
Model A Ford Club of America**

~Membership Benefits~
The Restorer magazine (6 issues per year) - Technical Support (free via mail or email)
MAFCA Chartered Chapters in your local area - National Meets
National Banquets - National Tours
MAFCA also produces publications for sale including
Restoration Guidelines & Judging Standards, Paint and Finish Guide, Hardware Standards
A series of publications on How to Restore Your Model A: Era Fashion Guidelines, a number of
Other publications related to the Model A Ford and its era

Membership Form

*Please select your membership type? U.S. Membership - \$40 * Required Fields
 Canada/Mexico Membership - \$50
 International Membership - \$56

*First Name *Last Name
Spouse's First Name Last Name
*Address
*City, State, Postal Code
*Country
E-mail
*Telephone

Permission to publish my telephone number in future Membership Rosters
 Optional Initiation Package (Only \$10 extra)

For New Members Only!
1 - Back issue of *The Restorer*
1 - MAFCA Lapel Pin
1 - MAFCA Decal
1 - Name Badge

Would you like to purchase a gift membership?



Seminar News

This month found the Low End Boys very busy. Mickey and I put a new wiring harness in Wilbert Smith's nice Model A Coupe. As usual it did not go as planned; these reproduction parts do not always go in as desired. Mickey has a way to get around the problem. His wiring is all done and we just have one clutch adjustment problem to fix.

Gene Reinhardt had an operation on his big toe and had a metal plate put in. That didn't stop me from getting him, on his crutches to go and work on John Lacey's Sedan. It ended up John had a stuck carburetor needle seat. The best way not to have this problem is to use a product called Sta Bil. We think we drive our Model A's enough, but today's gas is not good sitting in our tanks. John had a new carburetor needle valve seat which we installed. And guess what, the car runs good. John also put some in-line filters in his fuel line.

Brad Balmot went over and helped John Emanuelli with his Coupe. Mickey, Brad, myself, and John pulled his engine out. Believe me, it took all four of us to get it out. John has a sweet set up air conditioner and a 39 transmission behind his engine. Don't know what his problem is, but John will real soon.

Randy Gross will be working as a Low End Boy in place of Mel who we miss. Randy runs a giant company with brake parts and we realize he is busy during the week and as we go along he will be with us. Welcome to our group Randy.

Low End Boys

John E., Ted, Mickey, Dick H., Louie, Gene, Randy G, Brad and Marlin

A THRILL OF MY LIFE

Wilbert Smith asked me if I was into sports. I told him not really. He said he wanted to give Mickey and me tickets to see the Clippers play the Jazz. OK, we said. Mickey and I decided to go to Philippe's for dinner. Bad idea, there was a Chinese New Year Parade; so, we got off the freeway. It took one hour to drive to the restaurant. No parking there, so we drove up the block to a parking lot. Once inside the restaurant we waited 45 minutes to order. I had a lamb sandwich with blue cheese, kosher pickle, a purple hard boiled egg, coleslaw and Diet Coke. Elaine had an ice chest in the car for me. I took home half my sandwich.

Off to staples Center for game. We parked 20 feet from the front door. We had third row seats from the court. As Wilbert said, you could see a pimple on players. I had the end seat and believe me I never saw so many pretty ladies in one place. I only saw one lady in flat shoes. I tasked Elaine, how do these ladies wear those high heels and tight, tight pants? I asked Mickey where were those ladies when we were young. Oh well, time goes on. Four pretty ladies came in and sat by Mickey. When the game started the lady by Mickey stood up and hollered at the Clippers and when they were winning she was dancing and shaking everything by Mickey. He surely had a show next to him and people were looking at her. I was glad I sat where I did. Even Mickey's face got red.

It was a great game and the Clippers won. The lady next to Mickey knew Wilbert, so she must come often. I want to thank Wilbert and, yes, I now read the sports section about a Clipper named Griffin. What a player and a team. It was truly a thrill.

Sincerely,
Marlin

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I want to thank Joe Wilson for putting together an exciting behind the scenes tour of the Rose Bowl. Thirty eight members took advantage of this rare opportunity. You didn't have to be a die-hard football fan to enjoy. As an added bonus we got to see two beautifully restored cars not seen before; Roger Morrison's 1929 Roadster and Joe Gicomarra's 1931 Sport Coupe. Thank you both for bringing them for us to enjoy. It was also nice to have Jackie Gross and son and his wife join us

Speaking of tours, Bob Moore is doing an outstanding job as Tour Director. I call your attention to the upcoming Arabian Horse show at Cal Poly Pomona on Sunday March 2. Bob has designed this tour with new members in mind, those who may have not ventured out on a tour. There is nothing to fear as we have some of our best mechanics touring with us and there is always the AAA. So come join us. We'll make sure everyone gets home.

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