

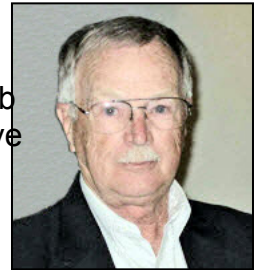


April 2011

SPOKEN WHEELS

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all. First, let me say "thanks" to everyone. Our friend Judi Moore is making wonderful progress in her recovery. Good girl, Judi. I wish to thank the Committees for all the wonderful work they have done this past year; you are what keeps our club as strong as it is. Our new slate of Officers and Directors look quite interesting. I have given my seat on the board for next year to John Emanuelli. He has strong feelings for the Model A Club and will do a great job as my spokesman. I hope to see you all at the Installation Dinner. Also, please read your newsletter. Thanks..John Fant.



GENERAL MEETING - Friday, April 29 - 7:30 PM - Arcadia Red Cross - 376 W. Huntington Dr., Arcadia
 Our program this month will be presented by Hardy Allen. Hardy has been active in the sport of speed, whether it be automobile, motorcycle or boat. He has crewed for A.J. Foyt and participated as a mechanic in setting speed records at Bonneville and the Dry Lakes. After WWII, Hardy's father, a Tuskegee Airman, moved his family to Alhambra where Hardy grew up and later graduated from USC with a degree in engineering. He now lives in Prescott, Arizona and will be flying his own plane to Los Angeles to share his story with the Santa Anita A's.

BOARD MEETING - Wednesday, May 11 - 7 PM - Temple City Hall, Temple City.
 Visitors are welcome to come visit, contribute and eat cookies.

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SAA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

29 - General Meeting - 7:30 PM, Arcadia Red Cross

May

2 - Ladies' Brunch @ Annia's, El Monte Airport
5 - Mountain Tour- See page 4
11 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Temple City Hall
19 - Men's Breakfast. - 9:00 AM, Annia's, El Monte Airport
15 - Installation Banquet at Monrovia, See Page 4
Remember, No General Meeting in May.

July

16 - Pancake Breakfast, Wilderness Park, Details TBA

September

11-16 - Nevada Tour - See page 4

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May Birthdays

2 - Joe Escandon, Martha Utter,
Joanne Anthony
7 - Bob Trepanier, Jim Roderick
9 - Sue Rogers
12 - Pete Henderson, Jim Parrish
13 - Sandra Loe, John Spielmann
16 - Jack Conway
21 - Gene Reinhardt
22 - Larry Case, Chuck Sharpe
25 - Joyce Travis
28 - John Gawley
29 - Steve Hamburg

May Anniversaries

5 - Ken & Betty Mallory,
Dick & Norma Canzoneri
6 - Mike & Susan Williams
20 - John & Carol Emanuelli
29 - Pete & Gloria Henderson

OTHER MODEL A CLUB EVENTS

May

8 - Mother's Day Monrovia Home Tour, See Page 4

June

5 - Antique Nationals- Fontana Speedway -
Racing starts at 9:00 AM, More info in next issue
18 to 19 - LA Roadster Show - Fairplex, Pomona
26 - Henry Ford Picnic - Diamond Tread Chapter

September

25 - Paradise Valley Swap Meet

THE SUNSHINE LADY - MARTHA UTTER

A Get Well card was sent to Sally Baquet.

A Sympathy Card was sent to Bob Moore and his family at the passing of Bob's brother.

An encouragement card was sent to Bob Moore. A Thinking Of You card was sent to Judi Moore and another card was sent to her saying we are happy to know she is finally close to home.

A Thank You Card was received from Toshiko Favela ... Giving thanks to the Santa Anita A's Club members for all their support and good wishes. The cast on her arm has been removed.

NEW MEMBERS

Here are the new members who joined in the last six months. Be on the look-out for them and welcome them to our club.



Wilbert Smith

Altadena, Joined January 28, 2011
1930 Five Window Coupe



John & Marianne Spielmann

Pasadena, Joined March 2011
1930 Pickup

FICTION & FACT

Ponder This

by Joe Wilson

Bi-Partisan Election Predicted

Yes, it's that time again; Santa Anita A's will elect new officers and board members at the next General Meeting. If that's not bad enough, consider that new committee "chairpersons" will be appointed for the year. One of them could be you or someone you know. If you're not careful you might end up being a club contributor, not just an observer. Several important committee posts have not been filled. Give Carol Emanuelli, our nominating committee chairperson, a call. See how you can help prevent closing down some important club functions due to lack of volunteers.

Not showing up at the meeting does not mean you can avoid your voting responsibility. On page nine you will find a copy of an absentee ballot; fill it out then mail or deliver it to Carol Emanuelli so that she will have it prior to the April 29th meeting.

Spoken Wheels Readership at All Time High

New readership tracking procedures recently implemented show online readership at 100%. Adopting reporting procedures currently used by the U.S. Government is key to this breakthrough.

Our previous goal was to "improve readership by all members". The goal has been slightly revised to be: "Improve readership by everyone who receives the Spoken Wheels by email".

Henceforth, those members who do not promptly download and read the newsletter will have their names removed from the club's email list, thus assuring we reach our goal of 100% readership by those on the email list.

Who says we can't learn something from our government?

From the Raffle Chairman

by Mickey Fruchter

A big thank you to Brad and Vicky Balmot for supplying items for the Men's and Ladies' March Raffle. There were plenty of items and we appreciate their work in gathering all the prizes.

Thanks also to Jack Dawson for his donation of a coverall uniform (Richard Favela loves it) and to Bob Travis for his gift of a "multi-purpose wrench". With donations from club members our Raffles are wonderful and I encourage other members to donate prizes to the club's monthly Raffle.

Thanks also to our members who purchase Raffle tickets and support our club.

Carol Emanuelli is scheduled to supply Ladies' raffle prizes for the April Meeting.

Think About It

How about these *paraprosdokians* -

- Light travels faster than sound. This why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- If I agreed with you we'd both be wrong.
- He may not know everything but he does know nothing.

A paraprosdokian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to reframe or reinterpret the first part.

Cars on Display at Senior Center

By John Chandler

On Friday, April 1 Joe Farino and Ellis Hurst displayed their beautiful Model A's in front of the Arcadia Senior Center. A lot of questions about the Model A's were answered by our members. Thank you Joe and Ellis!

COMING EVENTS

MountainTour

Thursday May 5

by Bob Moore

The "Royal Oaks Manor and Mt. Baldy Brunch Tour" is now the "Royal Oaks Manor, East Fork of the San Gabriel River and Legends Lunch Tour". The Royal Oaks Manor and Mt. Baldy Brunch Tour scheduled for May 5 has been revised. The change was made because of the cost of the brunch. The date remains the same.

As originally presented, we will still begin at Royal Oaks Manor at 9:00 AM for a one hour show of our cars. Royal Oaks will provide goodies to eat and coffee and juice to drink. There will be blessing of the cars just prior to departure at 10:00 AM.

Following the car show, rather than heading to Mt. Baldy for brunch, we will tour to the East Fork of the San Gabriel River and follow it to Glendora Mountain Road. We will go up and over Glendora Mountain and head for the Legends restaurant in Glendora where we will have lunch. Please sign up at the meeting so that we can provide Royal Oaks Manor with an estimate of attendees.

29th Annual Monrovia Old Homes Tour

Sunday, May 8, 2011

Join us on Mothers' Day for a fun time of motoring, touring fabulous old homes and socializing. This year all the tour houses are Victorians built before 1893.



We will meet in the morning for coffee and doughnuts and then we're off on a short driving tour. We'll end up at one of the historic houses where we will start that portion of the tour.

It is important to contact me early with the names of participants so that I can get your name tags made allowing your entry into the homes without purchasing tickets.

RSVP to Robb Stewart at (626) 303-6202 (home), (626) 447-1904 (weekdays) or email to robb@robbstewart.com

More information can be found at www.mohpg.org

Installation Banquet

Sunday, May 15

What - This is one of our premier events of the year where we say thanks to last year's Officers, Board Members and Committee participants and welcome the new. Jay Munns has been booked for the entertainment.

When - No host Social Hour 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Dinner 6:30 PM

Where - The Monrovia Family Restaurant,
534 South Myrtle Ave., Monrovia, CA

How Much- Buffet Dinner \$35.00 per person. Club will pay \$15.00 per member toward cost. The net cost to members will be \$20.00 per person. Non-Members will pay \$35.00 per person.

Reservations must be made and paid by May 6th. Make your check payable to Santa Anita A's. Give your check to Carol Emanuelli. Sign up at the April Meeting or call Elaine Perry. (626) 443-0638.

Nevada Tour

September 11- 16

by Bob Travis

We are organizing a tour which will be tied in with a tour organized by the Sagebrush Model A Ford Club Chapter in Western Nevada. The tour is called Nevada Grand Tour III. It is a hub tour based out of Minden, Nevada. It consists of four days of local touring to include Lake Tahoe area, Reno Auto Museum, Virginia City and Bridgeport, CA. The registration fee is \$345.00 per person which includes entrance fees, a bus ride and some meals,

Lodging is in addition at \$49.59 per night plus tax. Bob Travis is planning a "Pre-Trip" through Yosemite on the way to Minden.

The Nevada Grand Tour III is limited to 65 Model A's. A number of West Coast clubs will be participating. Those wishing to participate should send in a registration form ASAP (See Bob Travis). If necessary, you may cancel your reservation and get a refund through August 1. You also need to make room reservations separately, which may be canceled at no cost. This will be a fun trip. Contact Bob Travis for details.

PAST EVENTS

Ladies Day

Saturday, March 19

by Sue Chandler

Ladies' Day - A successful Event



Twenty- four ladies met at the Four Seasons Tea Room in Sierra Madre and enjoyed a delicious lunch and great entertainment by musician Phil Thompson at the March 19th annual Santa Anita A's Ladies' Day.



Other participants were Vicky Balmot, Toni Caswell, Sue Chandler, Barbara Dawson, Gracie Fant, Bea Fruchter, Elsie Johnson, Sheri Johnson, Diana Kincart, Bev Kniest, Patty Lutz, Carolyn McBride, Elaine Perry, Tracy Perry, Mary Ann Sepulveda, Joyce Travis, Martha Utter and Joy Wilson, plus two guests.

The best part of the day was the chance to visit with each other, renew old friendships and make some new ones.

Four members looked very fashionable with their era clothes: Carol Emanuelli, Olive Moore, Nancy Sharpe and Nancy Stancil.



Photos by Beverly Kniest and Martha Utter



PAST EVENTS - CONTINUED

50th Anniversary Orange County Pancake Breakfast

by Nancy Stancil

Sunday, March 27th was a cold, wet, and dreary morning when Joe and I headed out to Millie's Coffee Shop. We were there first and thought for a few minutes we were going to be the only members from the San Gabriel MARC Club.



Then, Vicky Bartlett arrived with Farah (a very-well-mannered dog). And, last but not least Terry Riker and a friend arrived.

The three Model A's headed out of Millie's, staying off the freeways, in a drizzle of rain for the ride to the City of Orange. We arrived at the park around 7:30 AM. There was a small river running down the area where the Model A's usually park.

Pat and Martha Utter, along with Randy Harper toured down together. Mike Kniest and a friend drove down alone. Mickey and Bea Fruchter and John and Carol Emanuelli toured via the freeways. Tony Cattropa arrived in his Model A from the Orange County area. Those driving modern vehicles were Brad Balmot, David and Patty Lutz, and Marlin and Elaine Perry.



Breakfast was ready upon our arrival, with sausages, eggs, pancakes, coffee and orange juice. The Orange County Club announced the attendance was down this year, but they still had 150 Model A's present. Normally 300 Model A's would attend this event.



The Orange County Club had three raffles on Sunday. The first raffle had miscellaneous items, the second raffle had high end Model A parts (brake drums, two sets of tires, Mitchell Overdrive.) The third raffle was a 50/50 cash drawing with one lucky person taking home \$285.00.

In honor of the Pancake Breakfast's 50th Anniversary, fresh oranges were given to all in attendance along with a special license plate for the drivers. Everyone who ate breakfast received a pin for our jackets commemorating this special occasion.

Joe Principe was one of the lucky winners from the San Gabriel MARC/ Santa Anita A's winning a rebuilt transmission bell housing and a 6 volt battery.



Lucky winners from the Santa Anita A's were Mickey and Bea Fruchter winning a stay at the Riverside Hotel in Laughlin, two tickets to the Huntington Library and a set of brake drums. Terry Riker won a garage tire clock.



Even with the light rain, it was still a fun day spent with many Model A friends from other clubs. We would like to congratulate Vicky Bartlett on driving her Model A She did a wonderful job; she

backed right into position with the other A's like a professional. Good driving Vicky.

PAST EVENTS - CONTINUED

Solvang Tour

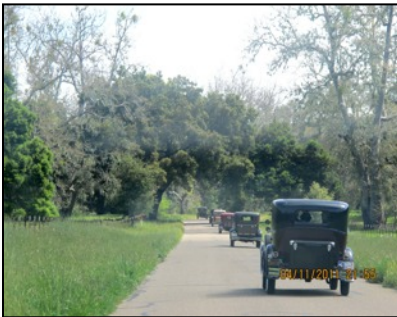
April 11 - 17

by Joe Wilson

One of the benefits of owning a Model A is driving on the back roads, not freeways, between places you have been before. Sure, you could do that in a modern car, but it's not the same and you won't take the time to do it. And, besides, it's more fun driving with other Model Aer's.



The six day tour of the Central California Coast from the Buellton base camp was a good example of driving fun. A total of 26 members participated, with nine Model A's, and four Modern Cars. Two cars joined us for a portion of the tour.



The Pea Soup Andersen's Inn in Buellton was a good central location, near the towns of Los Olivos, Santa Ynez and Solvang. The facilities were great. They included a nice Gazebo for the free continental breakfast and our evening "Business Meetings".

Our "Tour Master", Bob Travis had organized a variety of day trips which included: Tuesday - Touring with The Santa Ynez Model A club, Neverland and Nojoqui Falls. Wednesday - Lake Cachuma with a nature tour/ boat ride, Santa Ynez Historical Museum, miniature horses and a winery stop. Thursday - A private tour of Vandenberg Air Force Base, flower fields (no flowers).



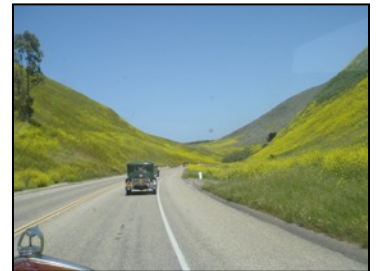
Where is Waldo in this picture?

Friday - Oso Flaco Lake Park, Pismo Beach for lunch, on to Arroyo Grande and Doc Burnstein's Ice Cream Lab and then to Santa Ynez to visit what appeared to be the worlds largest model train collection.



Don, "We are right here". Bob, "It's my map, so I'll tell you where we are!"

It would be hard to pick out one highlight of the trip, but, besides the wonderful back road driving, the ice cream stops and the business meetings, I would say the tour of Vandenberg Air Force Base, the nature tour boat ride and the model train collection would be it.



Michael Jackson impersonators at Neverland

Perhaps the most exciting, non-scheduled event was the launching of a satellite into space from Vandenberg the evening of the day we toured the Air Base. Those who were still awake at 9:25 PM that night were able to view the liftoff from our motel in Buellton, some 15 to 20 miles away from the launch pad.

You will note from the photos that we took a number of "Group" photos. You will also note that the "groups" are never the same. This was due to the fact that participants' individual tours start and stop times varied and our ability to "herd" them all to one place at the same time proved more difficult than collecting cats.

Although there were a few mechanical problems encountered during the trip, there is nothing that we choose to report on at this time.



We all thank Bob Travis for organizing the event, and also Joyce for her help in preparing the pass-out materials and putting up with Bob.



Several of us commented on the fact that we have way too much fun on these tours and feel guilty that we are not sharing our experiences with others in the club.



So, we suggest that those of you who have never participated in a multi-day tour get out of your garage or kitchen, and do so. You will not only make us feel better, but you will have fun to boot.



Ponder that if you will.



Photos by Carolyn McBride, Joe Blaylock, & John Emanuelli

MARLIN'S MUSINGS

By Marlin Perry



Here we go again; our own Bob Harbicht was pictured in the local paper with the mayor of Arcadia at the Bib Cap Day at Santa Anita racetrack. I must say his council job does make for interesting outings.

Well, I don't think our club treasured "Lady Picture" which we auction every year has ever had such a great place to hang as Art & Olive Moore's garage. Oh my; no flash photos allowed. Oh well!

Word has it Terry Ryker is working on a project for the "waste rods" used with the aluminum heads on the overhead and V-8 engines. We need more information, even if you don't have an aluminum head.

Haven't seen the snowbirds for quite sometime? Well they are back in Glendora -Ted and Paulette.

The rain kept a lot of Model A's from going to the Orange County Pancake Breakfast. Guess what, a lot of modern cars went. It was still a great event; their fiftieth time cooking pancakes.

It was nice seeing Mark Henzel and Tony Catroppa at the breakfast. Yes, they are club members. I also saw many other club members there.

Our club had some big winners, like Joe Principe and Mickey Fruchter won big items at the breakfast. All right lucky guys.

You want to see a challenge? Bob Travis is seeing it when putting his engine, with an overhead valve system, in his sedan. No fun no way says Bob. Oh well, you want the speed you got to give something up Bob; like inches on the firewall.

Don McBride is our activities coordinator and does a great job between San Gabriel MARC and Santa Anita A's. He keeps both clubs up to date on outings. Thanks Don. Great job.

I want to say thanks to John Fant for being president for two years. Personally I think he did a great job. Here's my big big thank you to you John.

SEMINAR NEWS

This month I want to say the Low End Boys' hats are off to Jim Constantian. He came to Gene and said he needed help with a water pump that went bad. First thing you must know is Jim has never worked on his truck. He always had Carl Rogers do all his work. Gene told Jim to contact me. He did, and I told him we would come over and look at his problem. When the club went to Mom & Pop's Night Out, Jim asked Gene a hundred and one questions about how to work on a water pump. After dinner Jim said to me that he was going to tackle the job of putting on his water pump. He got a water pump from Bakersfield, guaranteed for five years and did the job himself. This to us was great. Yes, we did give him some advice but Jim did the job. We, as Low End Boys, will help all club members, but it's nice to see guys like Jim take the challenge.

The Low End Boys: Mel, Gene, Mickey, John E., Louie, Dick H., Ted and Marlin

MAFFI

What is MAFFI? It is the Model A Ford Foundation with a purpose of building a museum. They have picked a place in Michigan at the Gilmore Car museum. We, as owners of Model A's, have the opportunity to leave behind us a place where the history of the model A can be visited by our families and friends. The history, the cars and trucks, plus many other things that pertain to our love and interest of the Model A will stay and be shared with everyone.

Members of the Southern California Region are busy restoring a 1929 Fordor Sedan that will go into the museum. All Model A members are urged to donate to building the museum. Your donations are tax deductible. The best part is that you are helping to share what we all enjoy as Santa Anita A's members with the future Model A'ers. Look back at how much the Model A has given us all in our hobby. Now it is time to give to preserving the Model A for the future.

FROM THE SHOP BENCH

by Bob Travis



Learn to Downshift

The following article appeared recently on the fordbarn.com website. In light of Mickey Fruchter's experience as shared in the last newsletter, I thought the information would be of interest to all.

Damage to the babbitt (other than normal wear) occurs from loading beyond its compressive strength (squishing it!) and repetitive impact shock that will work-harden and fracture it along grain boundaries.

Let's deal with the impact shock first. Contrary to uninformed opinion, classic "lugging" does not present impact load, only cyclic compressive stress which does not hurt the babbitt unless the compressive limit is exceeded. Pre-ignition, knocking and dieseling will however fracture the babbitt in short order. Analogy: A 200 lb guy can stand on a 1" thick glass table top and bounce up and down (heavy cyclic load, don't try this at home!!) without breaking it. Whack it with a 1 lb hammer (impact) and it will fracture.

Compressive strength - how much load a bearing will take before it squishes out of shape. Torque on the crankshaft relates directly to the pressure load on the bearings. At some torque load the babbitt will be permanently damaged. Analogy. You can put a penny on a railroad track and step on it all day, but when the train comes - - - squish.

Now here we have to look at what goes on with a load on the engine. Let's say you want to go up a hill at a constant 20 mph. The amount of horsepower required to sustain that work load has nothing to do with what gear you are in. If that number is, say, 25 horsepower the engine can be throttled to deliver it while spinning very fast (1st gear) or slow (3rd gear).

Horsepower = torque (ft-lb) X RPM divided by a constant (5252). Therefore, that same 25 horsepower to the drive-shaft in 1st gear (about 3:1 in the tranny) will require only 1/3 the torque delivery, but three times the RPM you would need in 3rd gear (1:1 in the tranny). That means THREE TIMES as much compressive load on the bearings for the same horsepower load in 3rd gear. Four times as much if you had a 25% overdrive

So what does all this mean and how does it relate to "lugging"? Traditional definitions of lugging usually involve some 'seat-of-the-pants' feeling. You can damage your babbitt with no noticeable feeling, or you can 'lug' all day with no damage if the compressive limit is not exceeded. HUH?

Henry's original 40 hp engine did not produce sufficient torque to do compressive damage to the original diameter, thin babbitt. Adding torque (by upping the Hp. with engine modifications) or lowering the bearing compressive limit (shims, journal regrinds, changing the contact profile with excessive clearance) will leave you with an engine that is susceptible to damaging itself.

From a reliability standpoint Henry couldn't up the horsepower without increasing the bearing size (B engines) yet many get 90+ Hp from an A engine.

Moral of this whole, absurdly long story - **Learn to down-shift!**

Santa Anita A's Absentee Ballot

If you can not attend the meeting, please fill out this Absentee Ballot and mail it directly to Carol Emanuelli in time for an April 28 arrival or deliver it to her prior to the April 29th meeting.

<p>PRESIDENT Mickey Fruchter Write in _____</p>	<p>Check _____ _____</p>	<p>BOARD OF DIRECTORS Don McBride Cliff Mount Marlin Perry Tracy Perry Gene Reinhardt Jim Roderick Write in _____</p>	<p>Check Four Only _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____</p>
<p>VICE PRESIDENT Bob Harbicht Write in _____</p>	<p>_____ _____</p>		
<p>SECRETARY Joy Wilson Write in _____</p>	<p>_____ _____</p>		
<p>TREASURER Carol Emanuelli Write in _____</p>	<p>_____ _____</p>		

Per the Santa Anita A's By-Laws, the out-going President is automatically on the Board, however, rather than serve, he can appoint his representative to the new Board. John Fant has appointed John Emanuelli as his representative.

Mickey's Helpful Hints by Mickey Fruchter

Yesterday I lost my headlight rim and headlight lens due to the rusting and breaking of the headlight rim latch spring. The spring is located in the headlight rim latch and it is hard to see because it is underneath the headlight and pretty much out of sight, but it gets wet when it rains and when you wash the car. Since it is not made with stainless steel it will rust and eventually break. When it breaks it will no longer hold the rim and you will lose your headlight rim and lens. The replacement cost is about \$75.00. My advice to all of you model A owners is to check the latch and spring occasionally to see if it is badly rusted and replace the spring (cost is about 0.50 each) and if it is ok to shoot some WD40 on the spring to help protect it.

Wanted

Looking for a left rear fender for a 30-31 narrow bed Pickup Truck. Contact John Emanuelli. 626-286-5267

For Sale -1930 AA Truck

The seller is Rick Fowler (626 284-0114). He's asking \$11,500 OBO. He's willing to deal. There's also some extras, that will go with the sale.




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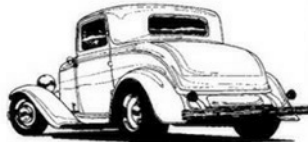


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- 2. Remember, your dues must be paid by election time, April 29th or you will not be eligible to vote or eat cookies.**
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