

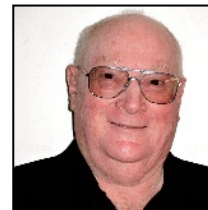


August 2012

SPOKEN WHEELS

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is HOT! Attend our August 31, meeting and you will be cooler...our guest speaker will present a program on his climb to the top of Mt. Everest. Drive your Model A and you may win \$10.00; wear your name badge and you may win \$5.00 (and if you are couple, and you both wear your name badges, you can win \$10.00 cash money and tax free). It pays to attend meetings, so plan to not miss them.



This month we will have some nice raffle items for both the men's and ladies' raffle. While talking about the meetings: thanks to Joe Wilson for helping to select a new sound system for our club. Thanks to the Board for approving the expenditure and, hopefully, members in the back of the meeting room will now be able to hear what is going on at the meeting (instead of talking).

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GENERAL MEETING - Friday, August 31 at 7:30 PM - Arcadia Red Cross, 376 Huntington Dr., Arcadia.

The subject of our program this month will be "Mountain Climbing" and you will not want to miss it. It will be presented by Gary Nelson who has climbed 10 major mountains in six different countries, including Mt. Everest in May of 2011. Gary is a partner in a law firm located in Pasadena and is involved in trademark, copyright and patent application, defense and licensing throughout the world. Gary will share his climbing experiences with us through a visual presentation.

BOARD MEETING - Wednesday, September 12 at - 7:00 PM - Temple City Hall
Come join us and participate in the exciting discussions.

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SAA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 8 - Yard Sale, Fruchter's Home, See page 4
- 10 - Ladies Brunch - Annia's, El Monte Airport. 11:00 AM
- 15 - Ticket to the Twenties, See Page 4
- 20 - Men's Breakfast- Annia's, El Monte Airport. 9:00 AM
- 22 - International Model A Ford Day, See page 4
- 28 - Pot Luck Dinner before General Meeting, See page 4

October

- 12-15 - Oktoberfest Tour, Big Bear, See page 5
- 20 - Ladies' Day (2012- 2013 year), Cirque du Soleil "IRIS"
- 20 - Temple City Car Show

December

- 15 - Christmas Party, Details TBA

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

September Birthdays

- 4 - Mary Garduno
- 7 - Larry Whipple
- 13 - Helen Cortez
- 14 - Dena Cortez
- 15 - La Vada Hancock
- 18 - Sondra Kurtz
- 19 - Hal Anthony
- 20 - Steve Voors
- 23 - Mark Henzel
- 29 - Vicky Balmot

September Anniversaries

- 4 - Hal & Joanne Anthony
- 6 - Tom & Sheri Johnson
- 8 - Bob & Patsy Harbicht, Art & Olive Moore
- 10 - Harold & Sally Baquet, Joe & Karen Blaylock
- 13 - Mike & Beverly Kniest
- 29 - John & Carol Emanuelli

OTHER MODEL A CLUB EVENTS

September

- 23 - El Monte Airport, Car & Airplane Show, See Page 4
- 23 - Route 66 Hill Climb - Devore California , Sponsored by FAST
Take Kenwood exit off Highway 15 in Devore . Racers check in at 8:00 AM. Contact Art Moore for info - 909-215-5704
- 30 - Paradise Valley Club Swap Meet, San Bernardino
Contact John Benson for info (909-875-4545).

THE SUNSHINE LADY - SALLY BAQUET

Thinking of you cards were sent to:
Art and Olive Moore, and Stan Ingels

Cookie Bringers Of The Month Club

Karen Blaylock, Sheri Johnson, Gracie Fant

NEW MEMBERS

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



Warwick Nethercoat

Tujunga, Joined March 2012
1931 Roadster

Dave & LaVada Hancock

Arcadia, Joined April 2012
1930 Fordor Sedan



Soli & Ingrid Soloman

Los Angeles, Joined March 2012
1929 Roadster



Jerry Jr. & Elise Lampassi

Rancho Cucamonga, Joined April 2012



James and Tracy Slater

Pasadena, Joined May 2012
1928 Tudor Sedan



AC and Josie Byrd

Montebello. Joined July 2012
1930 Tudor

FICTION & FACT

Ponder This

by Joe Wilson

Just how old do you think you are?

Remember the old line parents used on us when we were young, "Act your Age". I didn't like it then and don't like it now.



One of the problems many organizations now have is attracting new, younger, members to carry on the club's operation. When Brad Balmot and the others started the SAA's in 1975, his 31 roadster was only 44 years old. A 44 year old car today would be a 1968 model, which doesn't sound that old to me. The point being, we are getting older faster than our cars.

It occurred to me that another way to keep a youthful attitude in our club is to simply ask our members to not "act their age". Can you imagine the possibilities? Sure, there might be few problems, but we would be able to do all sorts of "new things", re-activate some of the old members and convert some of the "observers" into "doers". We also might find that the new found energy will make it easier to get in and out from under the car. We would not have to vote on this idea, you can just start doing it; it may be contagious.

And remember, "If you think youth is wasted on the young, pretend you are young and take advantage of all the waste".

Think About It

*I didn't say it was your fault,
I just said I was blaming you.*



New Sound System Good For Old Folks

By Joe Wilson

The club has purchased a new sound system which will be introduced at our next General meeting. It was determined that because our older members are getting older, only those in the front rows could hear the presentations; and those that could hear didn't understand what the sounds meant.

Not only will the new system improve the presentations by our guest speakers, It will keep those in the back row from having their own meeting, not knowing something was going on up front.

This new sound system will have no effect on the length or quality of the committee reports. We need to work on that too.

Raffle Reorganization Rejected and Replaced

by Joe Wilson

One of the things we learned from the members' survey last year was that many people were not pleased with the raffles held during our regular monthly meetings. The top three dislikes reported about our meetings were the Men's raffle, the Ladies' raffle and the 50-25-25 drawing.

To solve the problem, a decision was made by the Board to change the manner in which the raffle was operated.

The revised system allowed members to place their raffle tickets into a series of cups that were related to each raffle prize on display. The first ticket picked from each cup was the winner.

Comments from some members caused the board to reconsider the change they had made in the raffle and decided to go back to the previous system.

Beginning this month, we will revert to the old system. Members' ticket stubs will be placed in the "barrel" then the "raffle person" will select a ticket to determine the winner. The winner will then select which one of the prizes on the table they prefer. Additional tickets will be selected until all the prizes are gone. Ticket drawing will alternate between the ladies' and the men's prizes.

By going back to the original raffle system we will have replaced the current system, which some members don't like, with the original system which most members said they really didn't like in the first place.

New member Spotlight

by Randy Harper

A.C. and Josie Byrd

AC was born and grew up in Mississippi. When he was growing up, his father had Model A's, but at that time he had little interest in them. He met his wife, Josie, and they then came to California in 1958. He went to Northridge, Pepperdine and Redlands College. He worked with the City Department of LA Water and Power for over 40 years. His connection to old cars came through Mel Gross who lives just 5 minutes away. One of AC's friends told him about a Model A that just came up for sale, next door to him. They went over to look at it, and it was no turning back. He's hooked.

Bob Travis is currently working with AC getting his car into running shape. Unfortunately, his engine oil leak has turned into a complete engine rebuild.

AC and Josie, welcome to our club.

COMING EVENTS

Yard Sale

Saturday, September 8

By Joe Wilson

The Santa Anita A's are having a "Yard Sale" and you are invited to participate, not only as donor, but as organizer and customer as well. Mickey and Bea Fruchter have donated their front yard for the event.

The sale will be held on Saturday, September 8, from 8 AM to 2 PM at the Fruchters' home in Pasadena, 1472 N. Michigan Ave.

But, first, we need donations. Deliver your donations to their house by the end of Thursday, September 6th so the organizers can set up on Friday, the 7th.

Here's a chance to clean out your house, garage and yard. Auto parts, household goods and things you can't identify are all welcome. No toxic materials or left over kids.

Do you know the difference between a Yard Sale & a Garage Sale? I don't either so come and find out. It's an all day event so come early for the best deals.

Please take home anything you bring that doesn't get sold and save it for the auction next year. There will be a sign-up sheet for work hours at the August meeting.

Ticket to the Twenties

Saturday, September 15

by Nancy Stancil

This is the traditional annual "Workman Temple Homestead Tour" we have participated in for many years. The theme is a celebration of the "Twenties". It will feature cars, music and clothing of the era. Food will be available, or bring your own dinner. No entrance fee. Dress the part if you wish, and bring your own chairs.

We will depart from the Perry's home at 2:15 PM. A sign up sheet will be available at the next meeting.

Contact Nancy Stancil for additional information.

International Model A Ford Day

Saturday, September 22

by Mickey Fruchter

This year the Santa Anita A's Model A Ford Club will celebrate International Model A Ford Day at the El Monte Sam's Club, 4901 N. Santa Anita, El Monte, CA on September 22nd. They have invited us to drive our Model A's to the north/east section of their parking lot to show our cars. The show runs from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM, so we would like to have your cars in place between 9:00 and 9:30 AM.

Sam's Club will provide lunch and cold water for our participants. They will also have a few chairs, but we encourage you to bring your own chairs. Bring your sunglasses and sunscreen, too. If you are not a member of Sam's Club they will have a special offer to purchase a membership or they will give you a "One-Day Pass" to check out their store. Jim Constantian will be playing recorded music from the Model A Ford era. We will also have a few drawings for prizes.

Please sign up at the August Meeting so we will have a headcount. This should be a fun event, and we hope to have a good turnout from our club.

El Monte Airport Car & Airplane Show

Sunday, September 23

by John Emanuelli

If you know how to get to Annia's for lunch at the El Monte airport, you know how to get to the Car & Airplane show that is being planned there.

The car show will include both Hot Rods and Antique cars. Participants should arrive between 8:00 AM and 8:30 AM so our cars can be in place by 9:00 AM.

Dining at the Cross

September 28

by Joe Wilson

Above all else, food seems to be the easiest way to "sell" an event. So, again this year we are having a meal prior to our meeting in September. Last year I offended a group by calling it "Dawg Night at the Cross"; so this year, to avoid offending the dogs, I am calling it "Dining at the Cross". Food starts at 6:00 PM; the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Yes, it is a Pot Luck and yes, there will be free Hot Dogs and drinks, but you get to participate by bringing a hot dish or salad. The organizers say if the first letter in your last name is A through K, bring a salad for 10. If your last name starts with the letter L through Z, bring a hot dish for 10. If you don't know your last name, don't come. I am told that we ask people to bring servings for 10 because 9 out of 10 people forget to bring anything; we know who you are. Dessert will be provided by the assigned "cookie bringers" for the month.

Sign up at the August meeting if you want to attend; and also sign up to help serve.

Sneaking off after a free meal to avoid the meeting is not a nice thing to do. We remember you from last year.

COMING EVENTS - CONTINUED

Fall Overnighter - Oktoberfest in Big Bear -

Friday thru Monday, October 12-15.

By Bob Moore

Our mountain adventure begins on Friday, starting with a drive to Big Bear. Departing from Walmart in Duarte at 9:30 AM, we will travel the 210 freeway and stop at the McDonalds in Mentone for a short break. Then, on to Angeles Oaks where we will have lunch at the Oaks Restaurant. After lunch we will continue to Big Bear.



Friday afternoon's business meeting will be at a spot to be determined and then off to a local restaurant.

Saturday, October 13 – In the later morning, we will take the Sky Chair to the top of Snow Summit. \$20 per person includes one lunch combo at the View Haus Restaurant. About 5:00 PM in the afternoon, we will meet at the Convention Center for the Oktoberfest. Beer and food are served along with good German music and fun.

Sunday – Picnic lunch on the lake. We will assemble at 10:45 AM at the boat dock on the North Shore. More info to follow. Bring everything you will need for the lunch including your drink and some things to share. At 5:00 PM, we will have a business meeting and BBQ supper at the Moore's. You might bring your favorite drink and some goodies to share for the business meeting. We will share in the cost of the boat rental.

Monday – We will depart for home at 10:00 AM from the Convention Center. We will travel route 38 through Mentone and Redlands and then onto the 210 for the ride home.

The Robin Hood Resort is the motel where I have made arrangements. They have rooms for Thursday through Sunday, October 12-15. Ask for Peter and mention the Santa Anita A's and request the 10% discount on whatever type of room you desire. Their number is 800 990-9956. Don't wait too long to make your reservation.

Any questions, please call Bob Moore.

PAST EVENTS

Pancake Breakfast

June 21

by Joe Wilson

One of our more popular annual events, "Pancakes in the Park" brought out enough members and guest to consume 71 servings of pancakes, sausage and eggs.



It's difficult to be early for this Breakfast. The start time was supposed to be 9:00 AM. But, If you arrived there at 8:30 you

would find the parking lot near full. If you got there at 8:45, the food line had formed and by 8:50 the line was moving.

Food is a great motivator with this group.



After breakfast we segregated the group by gender, ladies playing Pokeno, led by Sheri Johnson and the men having a seminar led by Bob Travis. Pokeno winners were Patty Lutz, Ruth Harper and Trevor Sandberg. All the men were winners at the Technical Seminar.



The seminar was devoted to "Greasing your front wheel bearings and adjusting the front wheel spindle nut". Something very simple, yet many times overlooked and something every one should know how to do. A good job for the wives.



Participating in the breakfast were several members who do not frequently attend our meetings; it was good to see them. We also had several guests and relatives.



As usual, the breakfast committee did a super job. Brad Balmot touched every pancake made that day. The organizer/workers included: the Perrys, Balmots, Emanuellis and Nancy Stancil.



Check out "Marlin's Musings" on page 9 for more details on this fun event.



OTHER STUFF



MAFCA NEWS

by John Emanuelli

This month I need to draw your attention to by-laws changes that are proposed by our National Organization, MAFCA, "Model A Ford Club of America"

The National Board has discussed setting term limits for the National Board members for two years. The reason given for this change explained by our President Garth Shreading, in our recent issue of the "Restorer", is to allow more opportunity for others to serve as directors.

The change will extend the time Board Members are required to be off the Board from one year to two years. This will provide the opportunity for more new members to participate and bring in some new ideas. The recent Tours sponsored by MAFCA have come from new Board Members.

I encourage you to vote for this change.

The second change is to alter the new Chapter charter requirements. It gives our National Board the ability to keep Clubs out who only want to join our National Club for the use of the insurance and may not have the Model A as a focal point to their club. I think this is a change we should support as well.

If you have not yet joined the Model A Ford Club of America "MAFCA", it is time you consider doing so. This club of ours would not be what it is today if it were not for the benefits of MAFCA.

Club Member, Kim Rhode Wins Gold at Olympics

by Joe Wilson

Kim Rhode, a member of the Santa Anita A's set a number of records recently at the London Olympics, including a Gold medal in women's skeet shooting.

Kim and her husband, Mike, live in Monrovia and joined our club in February of this year. Recently married, she uses her maiden name in competition. You'll find her in our roster under "Harryman".

Kim is the first American with individual medals in five straight Olympics, after a golden, record-setting, nearly perfect performance in London.

Rhode won the women's skeet shooting, tying a world record and setting the Olympic mark with 99 points – meaning she missed one target in 100 shots. She also became the first woman to win three gold medals in Olympic shooting.

Rhode won in double trap competition at the Atlanta Olympics as a teenager in 1996, took bronze in that event four years later at Sydney, re-claimed the gold at Athens in 2004 and won the silver in skeet at Beijing in 2008.

Shooting is essentially her full-time job. She's trained seven days a week since January – even on the day she flew to the London Games. She averages 500 to 1,000 rounds a day, seven days a week.

In her spare time, Kim has collected thousands of children's books, some rare first-editions. She's trained in gourmet cooking and also has 14 classic cars, most on racks in a warehouse at the back of her parents' property. Included in her collection are five Model A's: a 1929 Cabriolet, a 1931 Slant Window Sedan, two 1930 Coupes and a 1928 Phaeton purchased a few days before the Olympics. She also has a 1965 Shelby Cobra which she built.

We congratulate Kim on her success in London and wish her well in the 2016 Olympics in Brazil, her sixth in a row.

Kim's hometown, Monrovia, held a special recognition ceremony for her at the Monrovia City Park on Sunday August 19.



FROM THE SHOP BENCH

by Bob Travis



Trouble Shooting your Engine

Part 2 - Fuel

In the June issue of the Spoken Wheels I presented the first part of a two section article on troubleshooting the Model A Ford. When your car stops running it is either electrical or fuel. We have addressed electrical, now let's look at the fuel.

The fuel system has no pump. Fuel is fed by gravity to the carburetor where it is mixed with air for combustion in the cylinders. Interruption of this flow will cause the engine to quit. Although this does not happen often, it can occur as a result of dirt and gunk in the gas tank, a clogged filter screen at the sediment bowl, or a vapor lock.

The correct action is to disconnect the fuel line at the carburetor with the gas valve closed, then open the valve quickly and observe the flow rate. If little or no fuel comes out of the line, there is an obstruction at the sediment bowl or in the tank itself.

Disconnecting the line will also clear a vapor lock, but you will still need to take action to prevent reoccurrence. Vapor lock is caused by gasoline vaporizing in the fuel line. Emergency fixes include wrapping the line with metal foil to reduce the heat transfer to the fuel line, or attach several wooden clothes pins to the fuel line to dissipate the heat away from the line. Cars equipped with fuel pumps for downdraft carburetors will not experience vapor lock.

Once the line is cleared, if the car won't start, the carburetor is likely the problem. Again, dirt in the carburetor may be the cause.

If you observe raw gas running out the back of the carburetor, the float may be stuck in the open position. Try rapping the carburetor bowl with a wooden hammer handle. If the fuel stops leaking, you may have solved the problem. If not, remove and disassemble the carburetor then thoroughly blow out all passages. You will need compressed air to do this. Check the float level before reassembly. Install the carburetor and try to start the engine. If the car won't start, install your spare carburetor.

You do carry a spare, don't you? If you do not, I recommend you carry a AAA card in its place.

OK, one last point, are you sure you didn't run out of gas?

Consider the Fuel

Since the introduction of ethanol gas in California, I have been recommending fuel additive (Sta-Bil). Sta-Bil has introduced a new product – Sta-Bil Ethanol. It may be a marketing ploy, but my research indicates it to be superior to the original product.



Sta-Bil may be purchased at major parts houses. O'Reilly's sells the 8 OZ size for \$12.49 which treats about 80 gallons. They also offer 32 oz size for \$26.99 that treats 320 gallons. If you don't see it on the shelf, ask for it at the counter. They will order it with delivery in two days. The basic rule is: If you do not intend to consume all the fuel in your tank within 30 days of your purchase, treat it with Sta-Bil and follow instructions on the label.

President's message continued from page 1

We have a number of tours which I want to remind you about: The Budweiser Tour (August 25) will be great again this year; September 22nd we will celebrate International Model A Ford Day. This day will be celebrated all over the US and the rest of the world. Please participate with us (more info on page 4). Also, our club is invited to participate in the El Monte Airport Car/Plane Show on September 23rd.

It's long ways off, but it is time to be thinking about attending the Model A Ford Club of America National Meet in Tacoma, WA in 2014. If you have never attended a National Meet it is something really wonderful. Participants drive or tow their Model A's, drive their modern cars or fly to the meets. It is a great place to meet other Model A'ers and participate in the tours, activities and events that are held there. Also, the trip to and from the meet is always a lot of fun. We will be having a planning meeting in January for all those who are interested in possibly attending this meet.

P.S. Save your usable items for our Saturday, September 8th yard sale. Deliver your donations to my house by the end of Thursday, September 6th as we will be setting up on Friday, the 7th. The yard sale hours on Saturday will be from 8 AM. to 2 PM. Please take home anything you bring that doesn't get sold. There will be a sign-up sheet for work hours at the August meeting.

MARLIN'S MUSINGS

By Marlin Perry



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

First, let me say we could not get a prettier place for our Pancake Breakfast. This year we served seventy-one people. Brad Balmot was our head pancake flipper. He was a cook in his early days at Eaton's in Pasadena. He spent an hour and a half on Friday cleaning the grill for the pancakes. As for supplies, we cooked ten dozen eggs, brewed two 55 cup pots of coffee, prepared 130 Papa Cantella's turkey maple sausages (from Tracy Butkus), made 270 pancakes and served 3 gallons of orange juice. The margarine, regular and sugar free maple syrup was donated by Vicky Balmot. We used 8 banana boxes of supplies, electric beaters, roasting pan, crock-pot, electric skillet and a special dispenser for the pancake batter to make the pancakes all perfect.

To make it all happen, club members met us at seven AM to set up. Brad, Elaine, Nancy and John Emanuelli unloaded one truck and car to get it together. As the morning went by more helpers arrived. Thanks to all, it went well. Lucky our club has the finances and over the years has bought tools for such events.

Thanks to Sheri Johnson for the games for the ladies and Bob Travis for the seminar for the men. It was fun and a good time was had by all.

SEMINAR NEWS

This month found us back at Vicky Bartlett's. Gene Reinhardt had her front bumpers chromed at Adons Metal Polishing in Monrovia. They came out really nice. Gene and Marlin pulled her rear drum and Mel Gross installed two new bolts for lug nuts. Back to Vicky's to install chrome bumpers and hub. Looking good, job done.

We put a new Snyder head and head gasket on Jerry Lampassi's Sedan. We were running out of

things to do to find a way to cool the car down. We believe it is OK now. We are very happy with the cooling system.

Our club's newest member, AC Byrd bought a nice Sedan and it was leaking oil and Bob Travis checked it out and the main bearing is cracked bad. Bob put a temporary engine in so it could be driven until Chuck Sharpe can rebuild his engine.

Moving on Sincerely,
Low End Boys: Ted, Mel, Gene, Mickey, Brad, Louie, John E, Dick H., and Marlin

Call if you need help.

Thanks to this month's photographers:

Bob Moore and J Wilson

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Wanted

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Important Things to Do and Remember:

1. Check out the program John McDannel has lined up for the next meeting - First Class
2. Be sure to show up for all the events you sign up for.
3. Find one of the new members and tell them you are glad they want to participate.

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