



December 2011

# SPOKEN WHEELS

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season, with much health and happiness for the coming year.

We had a terrific turnout for a fantastic tour of the City of Hope. It is amazing what they are doing to heal bodies and minds. In addition to the tour, they provided us with a wonderful lunch. All that attended were very impressed with everything they saw and heard. It was nice having the San Gabriel MARC club join us. Thanks to Bob Moore for arranging this event.



We had a fantastic Holiday Party, thanks to Marlin and Elaine who found the caterer and arranged for the decorations. Many thanks to Bob Travis for arranging the use of his church, and for helping set up and take down the tables, chairs and everything else.

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**GENERAL MEETING** - Friday, January 27 - **7:00 PM** - Arcadia Red Cross, 376 Huntington Dr., Arcadia. Do you remember what happens at the January meeting and why we start early? It's Santa Anita A's fund raiser auction. See page 4 for more information.

**BOARD MEETING** - Wednesday, January 11 - 7:00 PM - Temple City Hall  
All members are welcome to attend and participate.

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## SAA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### December

- 30 - **No General meeting.** Stay home and drink eggnog.
- 31 -Horseless Carriage Club Holiday Motor Excursion  
3035 E. Foothill Blvd., Pasadena, CA  
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

### January

- 7 - Cable Airport Tour - See Page 4
- 9 - Ladies Brunch - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
- 11 - Board Meeting - Temple City Hall, 7:00 PM
- 17 - MAFFI Car work session. Meet at Marlin Perry's house at 8:00 AM for drive to work site. Refreshments & lunch will be provided. See page 4
- 19 - Men's Breakfast - **Date Change** - We are combining it with the Brake Seminar Breakfast - See below
- 21 - Brake Seminar & Breakfast - See page 4
- 27 - General Meeting - **7:00 PM** - Auction Night - See page 4

### February

- 18 - Surprise Tour - Secret details to be revealed in next issue

### March 2012

- 29 - April 1 - CCRG (Central California Regional Group) Jamboree. See page 5

### January Birthdays

- 2 - Leslie Pam
- 3 - Tony Caswell & John Fant
- 6 - Susan Williams
- 9 - Clyde Ingram
- 11 - Olive Moore
- 15 - Sally Baquet
- 16 - Jan Roderick
- 17 - Brad Balmot
- 18 - Bob Travis & JoAnn Formia
- 19 - Ray Parrillo
- 21 - Bobbie Whipple
- 28 - Carol Emanuelli & Helga Mycroft
- 29 - Tom Johnson
- 30 - Chris Wickersham

### January Anniversaries

- 31 - Ray Parrillo & Andrea Pettie,  
John & Marianne Spielmann

## OTHER MODEL A CLUB EVENTS

## THE SUNSHINE LADY - SALLY BAQUET

### January

- 28, 29 - Turlock Swap Meet

A Sympathy card was sent to Richard Favela on the passing of his father.

## NEW MEMBERS

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



### Harry & Helga Mycroft

Temple City, Joined August 16, 2011  
1928 Roadster PU, 31 Deluxe 2 door  
Phaeton

## FICTION & FACT

### Ponder This

by Joe Wilson

Consider **Tolerance** and **Recollection**.

Some of you may have **recalled** that many times I have repeated some comments from month to month in the newsletter. To those of you that did not notice those comments, it represented new information to you. For those of you who did **recall** that it was said before, I thank you for your **tolerance**.



With this in mind, I re-present a poem from a previous issue:



#### **Ode to Santa** (a reprise)

'Twas not the night before Christmas, but we were all in the house, with good friends around, but nary a souse.

Then, after dinner, we had just finished our soup, but what should appear, it was a little old man driving a coupe. He was both lively and quick so I knew in a moment it was good old St. Nick.

Yes, food and presents did really abound but no reindeer nor chimney could ever be found. I must confess, it was really a sight, but he made us feel good with nary a fright.

He brought presents for the young and some for the old. He had not a bad word, or so I was told. His car was awaiting, more places to go. Many presents to deliver, so on with the show.

But, I heard him exclaim, as he left in his "A"  
"He did it again — that Mickey must pay.  
"He is gone in a flash just before I appear.  
I want to see him for sure when I'm back again in a year."

### Member Suggests Plan to Improve Newsletter Readership

by Joe Wilson

Recognizing the editor's concern about members not promptly reading the newsletter, Joe Farino has suggested an idea that he believes will solve that problem. He has recommended that each month I personally read the newsletter to every member.

While this idea has merits, the logistics may prove to be difficult. Assuming it would take as little as five minutes to read each issue, with our total membership at 112 family units, that would require 9.33 hours. That is, of course, assuming all members of the family are available at the same time. If this were done by phone, the cost of driving to each home would be eliminated. There is the risk that the time required for the reading would exceed 5 minutes if someone interrupts the reading by asking questions or going to the bathroom.

I could do "group readings" at the women's brunch, the men's breakfast, the general meeting, or while driving on tours. I could also have spouses or friends read to each other.

There may be other alternatives to consider. I'll bring this up at the next Board meeting.

#### **Cookie Bringers of the Month Club**

Betty Mallory, Joy Wilson, Sue Chandler

#### **Thanks to this month's photographers;**

John Emanuelli, Joy Wilson and the City if Hope

#### **Think About It**

If you were to lock your dog and your wife in the trunk of a car— which one would be happy to see you when you let them out?



## COMING EVENTS

### Cable Airport Tour

Saturday, January 7

by Joe Wilson

**Old cars, Old planes and Old** - - ? If you haven't been on this tour before, you better sign up before these classic airplanes are too old to fly. If you've been there before, you know you'll want to do it again.

#### Here's the scoop.

Saturday, January 7

Meet at Walmart in Duarte at 8:20 AM

Depart Walmart at 8:30 AM

Drive to the airport will be on surface streets only

Optional pancake breakfast opens at 8:00 AM

Air Show 10:00 - 11:45 AM & 2:00 - 3:45 PM

Parade of cars 12:30 PM

Depart for home anytime after the parade

Bring chairs, bring or buy lunch, have some goodies to share. If it is sunny bring a hat and sunscreen. There will be an admission charge

**If you haven't already signed up**, call Bob Moore to get your name on the list. We need to know who we left behind if you don't show up on time.

### MAFFI Work Session

Tuesday, January 17

by Marlin Perry

Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 will be the day for all club members who would like to work on MAFFI's 29 Fordor Sedan at Bob Trousil's. We are fast finishing up the restoration on the car.

It has been a lot of enjoyment working with club members and other clubs in the Region. It will be a great memory for all that have helped. The car will go into the Gilmore Car Museum in Michigan. If things continue as hoped, the MAFFI Museum will open in one year.

Many clubs have donated to building the museum. The Modesto Model A club donated \$50,000; they have pledged \$10,000 over five years.

What is MAFFI? It is a Foundation, consisting of a whole lot of Model Aer's in many clubs contributing to see a museum built to carry on our love of the Model A hobby for years to come. If you don't belong to MAFFI you could. Check it out.

### Brake Seminar

Saturday, January 21

by Joe Wilson

If you have trouble making your Model A stop, there is a good chance it has something to with your brakes. Well, Bob Travis wants to "Give you a Brake". He has scheduled a Brake Seminar which will reveal the secrets to making your car stop, but only when you want it to.

This will be a professional presentation, held at breakfast, on Saturday, January 21st at Denny's Restaurant, located in Irwindale, at 6550 Irwindale Ave., just North of the 210 freeway.

The Breakfast will start at 8:30 AM, with the seminar to follow, after you finish your toast. What do you bring you ask? A pencil to make notes and \$5.00 to cover your breakfast.

We need to know you are coming so we can provide a chair at the table and handout for you to write on. Call or email Bob to sign up. Be sure leave your name.

### January Auction

General Meeting - January 27, 2012

by Joe Wilson

I know that you all missed the December Santa Anita A's meeting, mostly because we didn't have one. Well, you better get ready for the next one in January. It will be special. Yes, it's the annual Santa Anita A's auction, again presided over by Auctioneer, Bob Travis.



Next week, take a look around your garage, in the closet and under the Christmas tree for all that stuff that you don't need, but someone else does. Put it all in a box and label it "For the A Auction". After that, just be sure you bring it with you to the January 27 meeting .

Some consider the auction a spectator sport, but it is our annual fund riser; and you'll have fun bidding and can surprise your friends and neighbors with what you bring home.



## COMING EVENTS - CONTINUED

### Tour to the CCRG Jamboree

March 29 – April 1

by Bob Moore

Wow, this tour is catching on. We have 15 Model A's going up as our group. We are leaving on Thursday, March 29 and heading for the Central California Regional Group Jamboree in Bakersfield.



This is a non-freeway tour and perfect for the first time traveler. If you have been reluctant to tour because of concern for your car breaking down, worry no more. Some of our best mechanics will be in the group and since Bakersfield is less than 200 miles, AAA will bring you home. For the first time traveler, this is your opportunity to join in one of the "business meetings" that you have heard so much about. The fun of Model A'ing is being with others who have an interest in the same hobby. Have some fun March 29 – April 1. Contact Bob Moore for registration and other information.

## PAST EVENTS

### City of Hope Tour

Friday, December 9

by Bob Moore

If you missed this tour, you missed a very special one. On Friday, December 9, thirty one Model A'ers met to discover some of the in's and out's of one of the country's premier cancer treatment and research centers. We were greeted by a large contingent of City of Hope employees including their photographer who took pictures of each couple. After a brief walk to the welcoming center, we had an orientation to the facility and an overview of what our tour would consist of by Tina Pakfar, Vice President of Development Relations and by Kimberly Wah. We learned that their goals are not only the prevention, treatment and cure of cancer but other life threatening diseases including diabetes and HIV/AIDS. They embrace a holistic approach to patients undergoing cure and treatment. There are many trials of potential medications that

are on-going at any time which are aided by the on-site pharmaceutical manufacturing facility.



City of Hope is a founding member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN), a non-profit alliance of 21 U.S. cancer centers. The NCCN publishes clinical practice guidelines for oncological treatment among its member institutions.



The City of Hope is also a graduate university. In 1913, the Jewish Consumptive Relief Association was chartered in Los

Angeles, California, with the intent of raising money to establish a free, non-sectarian sanatorium for persons from throughout the United States diagnosed with tuberculosis. After raising sufficient funds, the association purchased 10 acres of land in Duarte, California, and dubbed the property the Los Angeles Sanatorium.

Opening January 11, 1914, the sanatorium originally consisted of two tents, one for patients and one for caregivers. Today, the City of Hope has 3500 employees and over 100 buildings on the Duarte Campus.



Our tour took us to several of their buildings including the hospital, a support center for patients and families and a research center including a tour of one of the research laboratories. The tour concluded with a beautifully presented luncheon during which we learned more about the research being performed from one of their physician researchers and heard from a cancer survivor, a woman who had been one of our tour leaders.



I think each of the attendees came away somewhat staggered by the extent of what is being done and accomplished and with a renewed sense of appreciation for all that is involved in the efforts to find a cure and to effectively treat cancer. We recognize just how fortunate we are to have a first class facility in our back yard. It is a facility that deserves our financial support.



## PAST EVENTS - CONTINUED

### Christmas Party

Saturday, December 10

by Joe Wilson

Well, Santa was there, right on schedule; had to use the side door though. No chimney could be found. The kids were happy to see him and so were we, but Mickey stepped out and missed the whole Santa visit.

After a nice meal we were all entertained by Nancy Mitchell with her many friends in the "Winter Wizardry" show. All of her puppets and

marionettes talked with Nancy, at least when she was around. Otherwise, they just seemed to hang around behind the stage.

It was a good evening. Good food, good entertainment and, of course, lots of good people. So, let's do it again next year. Mickey left a note for Santa asking to come again about the same time next year. I'll bet he shows up. Will you?



club is great because of our volunteers and the work they do.

## PAST EVENTS - CONTINUED

### Christmas Lights Tour

Thursday, December 15

by Joe Wilson

It's was really more than a light tour. It also included eating coolies and singing songs.



*The Santa Anita A's Sittin' Band*

This year we started the tour at Coco's in Pasadena, took a 15 mile, 1½ hour drive West, terminating at Joy Wilson's house where we had cider, cookies, a good banjo player (Mickey), keyboard player (Bob Moore), Kazoo playing (the group) and bad singing. The tour featured drive-by light viewing in Hastings Ranch, the Balian House in Altadena, Christmas Tree Lane in Altadena and selected spots in La Canada.



*Trevor explains it all.*



*I can see it now.*



*These ladies are not blowing their noses they are .playing Kazoos.*

Participating were:  
Fruchters, McBrides, Moores, Traveses, Perrys, Sandbergs (including Trevor), Dawsons, Balmots, Wilsons, Nancy Stancil and Joe Principe

## OTHER STUFF

### Let's Promote the Model A to kids. Sign them up for the "A World Newsletter"

by John Emanuelli - Youth Outreach Chairman

**A World** was the creation of two MAFCA members and former school teachers, **Archie Cress** and **Frank Rosin** from Washington State. This bi-monthly newsletter is published 4 times a year and is written for school age children from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Archie and Frank published A-World from its inception until 2010, when a new editor was named: **Sherry Winkinhofer**. Sadly, Archie passed away in 2011.

Any MAFCA member may request a subscription for grandchildren, children, neighbor's children or other school youth interested in Model A's. At the present time, the subscription is free. Non-MAFCA members may subscribe for \$10 a year or \$2 for each back issue.



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## Christmas Time

This year, like many in the past, found the Santa Anita A's members celebrating together with a Holiday Party. Elaine got us a caterer that provided us with all the trimmings, before dinner and afterwards with pies and cookies for the kids. The price was great, \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids. Our club members set up the church and the caterer brought in everything else. Chefs Restaurant in Arcadia was the caterer. Mickey, our President had a Puppet Show brought in for all the kids, big and little. It was a nice show. This year, like in the past 5 years, we had a Jewish Santa Claus. He gave us all a candy cane whether you were good or bad during the year, also gifts for the small kids.

It was a fun evening for everyone, and yes we missed those that were sick at home. Our President wished us all a Happy Holiday and a Merry Christmas. Oh yes, the food was great and so was the guest performer that attended.

Merry Xmas and Happy Holidays  
Marlin

## Lights Tour

This year like many in the past found our club meeting together to visit different parts of town looking at many, many lit up homes with Christmas lights and Christmas cheer.

This year we ended up in La Canada at the Wilson's home. Joy and Joe Wilson's home that is. I don't know how many of you realize that Joy is very lucky that she can use her name in decorating her front door, which she did. Joy To All! Of course, as usual Joe couldn't use his name other than to say we will meet at Joys house. Ho Ho, Joe.

Also, as we all know, Joy is the club champ at baking cookies. We also had all the other ladies in our club bring two dozen cookies and Vicky Balmot brought a sugar free pie.

It took us a long time to eat all those cookies along with hot cider and coffee. Our president had his banjo and along with Bob Moore playing Joe's fancy modern whatever piano and we all sang Christmas Carols. Also Jack Dawson sang a solo, yes he sang pretty good.

As the evening ended, Joe Wilson got to work on Mickey's Model A; it didn't want to start and go home. Something to do with a resistor. Oh well, it had bright lights.

Thanks for going to the Wilson's home this year; we all saw how a whole lot of white lights could make a house look spectacular. Also, the Dawson's house was decorated very pretty. If you turned around in their driveway at the end of Wilson's street you saw Jack and Barbara's pretty lights.

I know we all thank Joy and Joe for sharing her home with us all who sang and shared company with club members.

Have Holiday Fun. Marlin

*PS Where did the Year go? Must be Model A'ing all the time.*

## Seminar News

This month the Low End Boys want to thank Bob Travis and Randy Harper for all the work they did on the Dawkin's car. As I have told you in the past, when you start working on brakes it ends up being a can of worms. Well, Don's car was no different, it took over a week of chasing parts and working on it.

The nice thing is, Don says his brakes are great and the floaters in front help out stopping the car. Who said we have a great technical director? We do. Thanks gentlemen, also Don says thank you, thank you. OK Don, we know you're happy

See you next year- Low End Boys  
Gene Reinhardt, Louie Formia, Dick Homet, Mickey Fruchter, Mel Gross, Ted Bruns, John Emanuelli and Marlin Perry.





## Give Me a Brake

Do you know that the Model A brake system has 56 places where metal touches metal? Each of these is subject to wear, resulting in diminished braking efficiency, sometimes to the point where there is no braking action (stopping power). Henry Ford is alleged to have said, "There must be metal from the pedal to the road".

The Model A brake system is engineered and designed on this premise. Therefore, because of the mechanical nature of the system, every successful brake job must begin with a complete inspection and correction of the mechanical parts. Adjustment of the brakes is only effective if the ENTIRE brake system is within tolerance and is specified operating condition. No amount of adjustment (including installation of floaters) will provide good stopping brakes from a worn-out system.

Recently a survey was made of the club membership. One of the questions asked went something like this-What aspect of your Model A needs improvement? At least 10 members said brakes. In response the board has asked me to present a seminar on the subject.

The seminar will be at a breakfast on Saturday, Jan 21 at Denny's Restaurant, located in Irwindale on Irwindale Rd., just North of the 210 freeway. We will start at 8:30 AM.

Bring \$5.00 to cover the cost of the food.

Please contact Bob Travis (626-574-0665) if you plan to attend. We need a head count so we can prepare the correct number of handouts.

Some of Santa's elves came in early that day to help setup. They were: Brad & Vicky Balmot, John & Carol Emanuelli, Mickey & Bea Fruchter, Tom & Sheri Johnson, Marlin & Elaine Perry, Jim Roderick and Bob Travis. There were many who could not attend due to illness, and they were missed. We hope that they will be returned back to good health quickly. Thanks to all of our members who remembered to bring non-perishable food, which is donated to local food banks.

A big thank you to Joe & Joy Wilson for arranging our "Christmas Lights Tour" and opening up their home for our "after the tour gathering" (food and fun). Speaking about tours: January 7, 2012 we will leave the Walmart parking lot at 8:30 AM to drive to Cable Airport (non-freeway). Bring, sunscreen, chairs and food (or you can purchase lunch there). Bob Moore has informed me that we have a great response to the CCRG (Central California Regional Group) Jamboree, March 29-April 1, 2012. We have 12+ cars planning to attend. If you would like to join us (Model A or modern iron), contact Bob Moore ASAP.

REMINDER: There is no December General Meeting. We hope that you will attend our January 27<sup>th</sup> (Annual Auction) Meeting. The meeting/auction will begin at 7:00 p.m. Bring your good items, which Bob Travis will auction off to benefit our club. PLEASE keep your "Junk" at home. This event is ALWAYS a fun evening.

Thanks to John Fant who volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee. We still need a few more volunteers. They will meet in January and February to present a slate of officers at the March Meeting. If you have some time to devote to our club, we would love for you to step up and offer to help in a position as an Officer, Board member, to chair a committee or just to work on a committee. Elections will be held at our April Meeting and the installation will be in May. Our


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**NEXT MEETING - Friday, January 27- 7:30 PM  
ARCADIA RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS**

**Important Things to Do and Remember:**

1. Don't come to a December Meeting, there isn't one.
2. Sign up for the January events. You can not do that at the December meeting so make a phone call.
3. Save your left-over Christmas presents for the January auction.
4. Check out the [santaanitaas.org](http://santaanitaas.org) website.

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