



February 2012

SPOKEN WHEELS

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a busy club we have! Since my last President's Message we were treated to a wonderful "Brake Seminar" by Bob Travis and our club enjoyed a record-setting Auction, thanks to our members who donated items, members who purchased items and to our Auctioneer, Bob Travis who cajoled members into bidding on the many great bargains.

Thanks to Dick Canzoneri for arranging for us to have a bus to transport members to Mom and Pops. This was done through the office of the Honorable Mike D. Antonovich, Supervisor District 5.



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GENERAL MEETING - Friday, February 24 - 7:30 PM - Arcadia Red Cross, 376 Huntington Dr., Arcadia.

Our program this month will be "Famous Voices from the Early 20th Century", presented by Jim Constantian. Jim has a major collection of antique phonograph players and records which he will share with us. Included in his presentation will be a "Surprise Voice" from the past.

BOARD MEETING - Wednesday, March 14 - 7:00 PM - Temple City Hall
All members are welcome to attend and participate.

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SAA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 24 - General meeting - 7:30 PM, Arcadia Red Cross
- 26 - Mom & Pop's Night Out - See Page 4

March

- 6 - Tour to Egge Machine, see page 4
- 12 - Ladies' Brunch - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
- 13 - MAFFI Work Session - See page 4
- 14 - Board meeting - 7:00 PM, Temple City Hall
- 15 - Men's Breakfast - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM
- 23 - General Meeting - Note: **ONE WEEK EARLIER**

April

- 14 - Ladies' Day - See page 4
- 27 - General Meeting - Election Night

May

- 3 - Mt. Baldy Tour and Brunch - Details TBA
- 20 - Installation Banquet - Monrovia Restaurant

July

- 13, 14 - Wings & Wheels - Solvang - Joint tour with the San Fernando Club. Details to be announced.

Note - The Orange County Pancake Breakfast has been Canceled

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March Birthdays

- 1 - John Emanuelli, Dawn Sais
- 2 - Gordon Johnson
- 3 - Carolyn McBride
- 4 - Jim Constantian
- 5 - Ruth Harper
- 6 - John King
- 8 - Andrea Favilli
- 10 - John McDannel
- 12 - Harry Mycroft
- 14 - Fred Weideman
- 19 - Randy Harper, Carolyn Riker
- 21 - Frank Izbinski
- 24 - Dick Canzoneri, Nancy Stancil
- 25 - Harold Baquet
- 28 - Jennifer Sandberg

March Anniversaries

- 2 - Alan & Susan Bennett
- 11 - Ellis & Anne Hurst
- 19 - Terry and Carolyn Riker
- 21 - Mike & Kim Harryman
- 25 - Daniel & Jacki Boardman
- 29 - Andy & Dawn Sais

OTHER MODEL A CLUB EVENTS

March

- 23-25 - Laughlin Tour sponsored by Pomona Valley Club
- 29-April 1 - CCRG (Central California Regional Group) Jamboree. See page 4

June

- 18-23 - MAFCA National Convention - Marquette, MI

THE SUNSHINE LADY - SALLY BAQUET

Thinking of you Cards sent to:

Harold Baquet
Sally Baquet

A Get Well Card was sent to:

Sandra Killian

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



Steve & Sondra Kurtz

Woodland Hills, Joined January 12, 2012
1931 Tudor, 1930 Sport Coupe



Kim and Mike Harryman

Monrovia, Joined in February 2012
29 Cabriolet, 31 Slant Window Fordor Sedan and (2) 30 Coupes

FICTION & FACT

Ponder This

by Joe Wilson

I know that you probably get tired of my saying every month “**This is important**”. But, please remember, as we get older, most everything that happens is important.



So, with that in mind, we are approaching two important yearly dates in the life of our Club. Yes, two. One is March 1 and the other is March 31. They are related, kinda.

March 1- that’s when your dues are due. March 31- that’s when the Nominating Committee will present its slate of Officers, Board Members and recommended Committee Chairs for the election. So pay your money and volunteer for something.

If you don’t volunteer for an open position, the job is lost. If you don’t pay your dues on time, your vote is lost and if we have neither volunteers nor money, the Club is lost. Don’t say it isn’t true.

Think About It

Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!



Dues are Due

What does the end of February bring us? “The first day of March” I say. “So what” you say. “It’s time to pay your dues” I say.

Yes, that’s correct. They become due on March 1, payable by the end of March. Annual dues are \$30.00 for single, husband and wife and for family members, which shall include all children under the age of 18 years.

Please remember, to be eligible to vote at the annual election, members must have paid their dues by the April meeting. Also, members’ dues must be paid by May 1 in order to appear in the new roster (and you don’t want to be left out again this year do you?).

IMPORTANT: Immediately turn to the the last page of this newsletter (page 11), tear it off and place in your “Bills to pay in March” pile. Sorry, no credit cards accepted.

Elections are Coming

John Fant, Chairman of this year’s nominating committee, and his team have been busy preparing a slate of Officers and Board members to present to our membership for the up-coming election. The committee will also present the names of those who have volunteered to serve as chairmen of the various club committees.

The nominating committee consists of John Fant, Chairman, Ruth Ann LeVay, Hal Anthony, Vicky Bartlett, and Gerry Green. They will meet in March to review the names of those who have indicated their interest in serving and will prepare a recommended slate which will be presented at the March meeting. Elections will be held at the April meeting, just in time for the installation banquet on May 20th.

John is looking for a “Few More Good People” - Specifically:

- 1 Vice President**
- 1 Tour Director**
- 1 Accessory Person**
- 1 Refreshment Hostess**
- 1 Board Member**

Give John a call if you are willing to fill one of these or any other position that suits your fancy.

New Member Spotlight

by Randy Harper

Kim and Mike Harryman are our newest Club members. Kim is interested in restoring old cars. Her collection includes four Model A’s - a ‘29 Cabriolet, ‘31 Slant window Fordor sedan and two ‘29 coupes. She enjoys skiing, hunting, and public speaking. Mike has a career in music, being a singer, guitarist and songwriter.

In 1996, Kim was the youngest female to win a gold medal in Olympic shooting. She has earned Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for Trap and Skeet shooting in the 1996, 2000, 2004 and 2008 Olympics.

Mike and Kim live in Monrovia.

Welcome to the Club!

COMING EVENTS

Mom & Pop's Night Out

Sunday, February 26

by Joe Wilson

Mom and Pop's night out will take us to the Candlelight Pavilion theater for a matinee performance of "Fiddler on the Roof". The event will include lunch at the Pavilion.

We found a free (free to us) bus to take us to the theater. It will meet us at the Arcadia Park (Santa Anita and Huntington Drive) for a 10:00 AM departure. Suggest you be there around 9:45 AM, at the latest, for roll call and allow time for security check-in.

Luncheon seating is at 11:00 AM, curtain at 12:45 PM.

If you signed up, you get to go. If you didn't, you can't,

Tour to Egge Machine

Tuesday, March 6

Bob Moore

This is a men's Model A driving tour which will take us to Andrews Hi-Tec Corporation in El Monte and Egge Machine in Santa Fe Springs.

Our first stop will be at Andrews Hi-Tec Corporation, a small "Electron Beam" welding shop.

Our second stop will be at Egge Machine who is a provider of parts and services for classic American vehicles. The company was founded in Texas in 1915 and moved to Los Angeles in 1923. We are scheduled for a 10:00 AM tour of their facilities where they have a foundry and manufacture a variety of parts including pistons.

After the Egge tour we will proceed to lunch at a local restaurant.

The tour will depart from Marlin's house at 8:00 AM

Sign-up at the Next meeting or contact Bob Moore if you want to participate (626-358-2027).

MAFFI Work Session

Tuesday March 13

by Marlin Perry

We have scheduled another work session on Tuesday March 13 to work on the MAFFI car. We are approaching the end of this project and invite those of you who have not yet had the opportunity to work on the car to join the regulars.

We will meet at Marlin Perry's home at 8:00 AM then drive to Bob Trousil's house where the car is stored.

Tour to the CCRG Jamboree

March 29 – April 1

by Bob Moore

CCRG Update



This is a final reminder for those participating in the CCRG (Central California Regional Group) Jamboree in Bakersfield on March 29 – April 1.

We will leave on Thursday from La Canada and return on Sunday. We will first head north on Angeles Crest Highway and continue non-freeway driving the remainder of the way up and return the same way. There should be no need to get on the freeway at any time during the weekend.

We will meet in La Cañada for an 8:30 AM departure, but not at McDonald's given the large number of cars. We will meet at the shopping center on Foothill Blvd. Which is 200 feet West of McDonald's. From there you can still get food from, and use the services of McDonald's. Or, you can get coffee from Starbucks in the shopping center.

What a turnout! So far we have 20 plus Model A's on the 139 mile trip to Bakersfield.

Ladies Day

Saturday, April 14

by Sheri Johnson

Time for a relaxing afternoon of Food, Fun and Prizes.

Sheri Johnson has put together a special event for the ladies which will take place at the Almanson Court facility in Alhambra on Saturday, April 14. The event will start at 11:00 AM and will last until about 3 PM.

The cost for Members will be \$10.00 each: \$21.00 for non-members. The deadline to sign up and pay will be April 6.

A map and additional information about the event will be included in the next newsletter.

Sign up at the next General Meeting. Send, or give your money to Carol Emanuelli.

PAST EVENTS

Brake Seminar

January 21

by Joe Wilson

“Give Me A Brake” - That was the title of Bob Travis’ presentation at a recent technical seminar. His “Power Point” presentation covered the proper procedure for overhauling the brake system on Model A Fords. The seminar was held in response to the recent club survey where many members expressed a need for help with their brakes.

A total of 36 people, including a group of eight from the San Fernando Model A Club, participated in the seminar. The event, which started with a very nice breakfast, was held at Denny’s restaurant in Irwindale.

Although not everyone rushed home to overhaul their brake system, everyone left with a better understanding of how Model A brakes work, how they are refurbished and adjusted.

Bob did an excellent job and we appreciate his efforts in “enlightening” us on the care and feeding of the Model A braking system.



Turlock Swap Meet

Sunday, January 29

by John Emanuelli

Several Santa Anita A’s members made the long drive to the recent Turlock Swap meet. There must have been a “Thousand” vendors of all makes and parts of all kinds. It takes two days if you want to see it all. This was my first time there.



In the picture with the MAFCA booth are Dave Vestal, past President, his wife Trudy who is an Era Fashion pro, past president, Les Andrews with his wife who is not shown in the photo. Other well-known vendors there were: Clings, Mitchell Overdrive, H & H Engine builders, Ron Moshier and Rick Davis from Bakersfield.



Attending the event were: Joe Principe & Nancy Stancil, Vicky Bartlett and friend Steve, Tom Johnson and myself.

OTHER STUFF



MAFCA News

by John Emanuelli

This is the first of a series of articles I will be writing from time to time about MAFCA. Hopefully, you will enjoy them and find the information worth reading.

MAFCA has introduced another mileage award program this year in addition to the the 5,000 and 10,000 annual awards. The "Touring" award is an ongoing cumulative miles program, awarded for the first 25,000 miles, and each 25,000 miles until you reach 100,000 miles. So, it is important that you give your annual mileage to our Mileage keeper, Mickey Fruchter. For detailed information on these programs, be sure to check out the MAFCA website.

I know many of our members have driven over 25,000 miles, but we will have to find out whether they qualify for the award.

If you are considering going to the National Convention this year, you may be happy to know that the hotels are not sold out as some one had falsely reported. Join in on the fun of a National Convention.

In my next article I will give you some reasons why your officers and board strongly encourage your membership in MAFCA.

A reminder - Your MAFCA dues are due if you have not yet renewed your membership. Don't be confused; MAFCA dues are paid separately from our SAA's dues which are also now due.

Cookie Bringers of the Month Club

Carolyn Riker, Sally Baquet and Jim Constantian

Thanks to this month's photographers:

John Emanuelli and Joe Wilson

Orange County Pancake Breakfast Canceled

The Orange County Model A Club has canceled their 2012 pancake breakfast. Because it has been a major Southern California Model A event I thought it important to report the reason for the cancellation. Below is a communication from the president of the Orange County Chapter.

Spoken Wheels Editor

At last night's meeting (2/9/2012) we had a spirited debate regarding the pancake breakfast.

We have produced our famous pancake breakfast for 50 years at Hart Park without a single significant complaint, with no accidents, no injuries and no damage to the park; we have paid substantial fees and cleaned up after the event. We have received praise from attendees and local businesses (i.e. the Plaza Motel, CW Moss and others); yet we feel the requirements being imposed by the City of Orange, Parks and Recreation Department, place a significant hardship for a successful execution of the event, now and/or in the future (see attachment).

An overwhelming majority of members in attendance, voted to cancel this year's breakfast due to the shortness of remaining time, the City of Orange negative responses to our requirements, lack of volunteers for committee chair and co-chair positions, unavailability of dates in April and the city's outrageous statement that **"If even a single person violates their rules they would immediately shut us down."**

We had been trying to negotiate with the city since last April with this being the result. Mark Schwing approached the mayor to intercede for us and the result after four weeks was another letter from parks and recreation stating the mayor had upheld their position in this matter in verbiage that essentially said "take it or leave it".

We have investigated alternate venues, even prior to this, and feel confident that we can find a more friendly venue in another city but, the time constraints have made it prudent to cancel the breakfast and notify our many neighbor clubs.

We have every intent to reorganize the event to be less labor intensive require less equipment and again put on a top rated event in another city. It most likely will not include pancakes, sausage and eggs. We are open to suggestions for this future event. Will it be this year, next year? You can make it happen.

Richard Parrish
President OCMAFC

MARLIN'S MUSINGS

By Marlin Perry



President's message continued from page 1

As I wrote in last month's Spoken Wheels, we changed our regular meeting date so that we could all attend the CCRG (Central California Regional Group) Jamboree Meet in Bakersfield, CA on March 29 – April 1, 2012. We hope that your car will be in good running condition and if you need help, I suggest that you contact Marlin Perry, chair of the Low End Boys. There is room for more members to join us, and I encourage you to come along. There will be members who can help with car problems on the road if necessary. I also suggest that if you don't belong to the Automobile Club it would be a good thing to check into. Most of us who go on tours have their 'Premier Membership'.

A BIG THANKS to John Fant for volunteering to be the Chair of the Nominating Committee. He has been hard at work organizing his committee and finding volunteers to fill open positions. It is very important for members to help run our Club and keep it fun while preserving our Model A hobby.

A few members were asking about placing "Minutes of the Board Meetings" in the Spoken Wheels. Our Club has not published the Board Minutes since I joined in 1985. Board Meetings are open to all members, who are welcome to participate in discussions and give their input, but cannot vote. Much of what goes on at the meetings is included in the President's Message in the Spoken Wheels. Please feel free to contact me, or any Board Member, if you have questions or suggestions to improve our club.

There has been talk about the Santa Anita A's making a donation to the City of Hope. Since many of our members make regular donations to that wonderful institution, our Board of Directors felt that if individual members wanted to make donations to the City of Hope that Carol Emanuelli would collect checks (made out to the City of Hope) and we would forward the funds to them.

For your information: As per the Santa Anita A's Bylaws: Article V, Section 3 (Revised April, 2006). "Limitations: "No obligation or debt or other liability shall be incurred by the Treasurer or any other officer without the specific approval of the Board of Directors. Any withdrawal from the savings account must have the approval of the Board of Directors and shall require any two out of three signatures of the President, Vice President or Treasurer". I hope that this clarifies questions by our members re: financial responsibility of the Board.

I look forward to seeing you all at our February 24th meeting.

CLUB AUCTION

This year, like many others, found Club members bringing better than bad items for Bob Travis to convince us all to bid on. As usual, we had Model A car parts, new LED lights, car ramps, engine head, antique scale, antique wooden ice cream maker and much more. This year found us with Carolyn McBride making her great apple and lemon pies. Elaine made two batches of home made brownies. Bob Travis had a gift certificate for 6 for dinner that his wife would cook - you name the date and your choice of dinner. This was a big money maker, bringing in over \$200.00. Jack Dawson won the high bid. The Balmots are now the proud keepers of the Club picture.

When Bob Travis stopped the bidding at 9:00 we had over \$2000.00 brought in. It was what our treasurer needed. Our football game revenue is way down thanks to make-believe grass at the schools. This auction made your Board of Directors very happy and at this month's Board meeting they Ok'd over \$500.00 for Ladies Day and discussed expenses for the Installation Banquet coming up. Last year our cost for the banquet was over \$1300.00. We also Ok'd \$200.00 for club mugs artwork and Thurston will do the mugs. In January we Ok'd money for Mom and Pop's night out; the club is picking up \$14.00 per member. In December we spent \$608.36 of club money on our Holiday Party.

As you can read, we are spending what we bring in. Monthly things, like \$59.00 to the Red Cross for the meeting room, \$20.00 to \$25.00 for refreshment supplies each month and club newsletter expenses all add up. Yes, we have a nice savings, which in past years came to be. This year found us at our lowest checking account level of \$775.00. Thanks to our auction we are looking good as we plan to spend our money on all club members.

I know your Board of Directors thanks all of you who donated items and bought things at the auction.

Wanted

1928 - 1929 Radiator
1928 - 1929 radiator shell

Contact Terry Riker 626-355-2926

FROM THE SHOP BENCH

by Bob Travis



Radios in Cars

Below is a story about how the installation of radios in automobiles first began. The story was picked up on the Internet. Both the source and author are unknown. This is Part 2 of a 2- Part series.

HIT THE ROAD

Selling complicated car radios that cost 20 percent of the price of a brand-new car wouldn't have been easy in the best of times, let alone during the Great Depression – Galvin lost money in 1930 and struggled for a couple of years after that. But things picked up in 1933 when Ford began offering Motorolas pre-installed at the factory. In 1934 they got another boost when Galvin struck a deal with B. F. Goodrich tire company to sell and install them in its chain of tire stores. By then the price of the radio, installation included, had dropped to \$55. The Motorola car radio was off and running. (The name of the company would be officially changed from Galvin Manufacturing to “Motorola” in 1947.)

In the meantime, Galvin continued to develop new uses for car radios. In 1936, the same year that it introduced push-button tuning, it also introduced the Motorola Police Cruiser, a standard car radio that was factory preset to a single frequency to pick up police broadcasts. In 1940 he developed with the first handheld two-way radio – the Handie-Talkie – for the U. S. Army.

A lot of the communications technologies that we take for granted today were born in Motorola labs in the years that followed World War II. In 1947 they came out with the first television to sell under \$200. In 1956 the company introduced the world's first pager; in 1969 it supplied the radio and television equipment that was used to televise Neil Armstrong's first steps on the Moon. In 1973 it invented the world's first handheld cellular phone. Today Motorola is one of the second-largest cell phone manufacturer in the world. And it all started with the car radio.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO....

The two men who installed the first radio in Paul Galvin's car, Elmer Wavering and William Lear, ended up taking very different paths in life.

Wavering stayed with Motorola. In the 1950's he helped change the automobile experience again when he developed the first automotive alternator, replacing inefficient and unreliable generators. The invention lead to such luxuries as power windows, power seats, and, eventually, air-conditioning.

Lear also continued inventing. He holds more than 150 patents. Remember eight-track tape players? Lear invented that. But what he's really famous for are his contributions to the field of aviation. He invented radio direction finders for planes, aided in the invention of the autopilot, designed the first fully automatic aircraft landing system, and in 1963 introduced his most famous invention of all, the Lear Jet, the world's first mass-produced, affordable business jet. (Not bad for a guy who dropped out of school after the eighth grade.)

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For Sale

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DATE PAYABLE: March 31, 2012

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All Santa Anita A's Members

FOR: Annual Dues

DESCRIPTION			AMOUNT
<p>Annual Membership Dues</p> <p>Note: This invoice covers your Santa Anita A's Dues only. Your membership dues for the National Organizations (MAFCA) must be paid separately.</p>			<p>\$30.00</p>
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**NEXT MEETING - Friday, February 24 - 7:30 PM
ARCADIA RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS**

Important Things to Do and Remember:

1. Read page three under "Dues are Due", then do what it says.
2. If you didn't do number 1, simply tear off this page, turn it over and read it.
3. Volunteer for one of the unfilled positions (See page 3)
4. Check out the Santa Anita A's Web Site - santaanitaas.org

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