



January 2012

SPOKEN WHEELS

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Message... January 2012

We had a fabulous speaker at our November General Meeting. Tim Murphy told us about his passion in flying doctors to areas in Mexico to tend to families who are in desperate need of medical help. Our club donated \$200.00 to: LigaInternational.org , Flying Doctors.



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. Our club made a very large donation of food items to the Foothill Unity Center. Bob Travis reported that he delivered 15 bags and a few days later I delivered 7 more bags. Thanks to all of you who contributed.

The Santa Anita A's had a very large attendance at the December 31, 2011 "Horseless Carriage" show and tour. I saw over 20 members and there were reported to be more that I didn't see. There were some really beautiful cars, many of which were Model A's.

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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, February 8 - 7:00 PM - Temple City Hall
All members are welcome to attend and participate.

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SAA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

27 - General Meeting - **7:00 PM** - Auction Night - See page 4

February

8 - Board meeting - 7:00 PM, Temple City Hall
13 - Ladies' Brunch - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
16 - Men's Breakfast - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM
18 - Surprise Tour - See page 4
24 - General meeting - 7:30 PM, Arcadia Red Cross
26 - Mom & Pop's Night Out - See Page 4

March

23 - General Meeting - Note: ONE WEEK EARLIER

April

27 - General Meeting - Election Night

May

20 - Installation Banquet - Details TBA

OTHER MODEL A CLUB EVENTS

January

28-29 - Turlock Swap Meet

March

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

April

15 - Orange County Pancake Breakfast - Hart Park

June

18-20 - MAFCA National Convention - Marquette, MI

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 & Sandra Kurtz

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

February Birthdays

5 - Keith Smith & Karen Blaylock
10 - Richard Homet
16 - Nancy Sharp
21 - Lori Bonner & Beverly Kniest
24 - John Wilson
29 - Michael Sriro

February Anniversaries

10 - Patrick & Martha Utter
14 - Brad & Vicky Balmot
24 - Jim & Carole Parish, Jim & Jan
Roderick, Sue & Carl Freeman Rogers
25 - Mark & Lisa Henzel

THE SUNSHINE LADY - SALLY BAQUET

Get Well Cards sent to:

Sue Chandler & Harold Baquet

Sympathy Cards sent to:

Helen and Dena Cortez

Thank you cards received from:

Dena and Helen Cortez -

"Thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. We appreciate your kind thoughts, prayers and cards."

Richard and Toshiko Favela -

"Thank you so much to the members who so graciously sent their kind expressions of sympathy in the passing of Richard's father on Dec. 16th, 2011. At this sad time it was very much appreciated."

FICTION & FACT

Ponder This

by Joe Wilson

Have you ever wondered why the Spoken Wheels, which is published at the end of each month (January) doesn't have the next month's date on it (February)? So have I.



I could call next month's publication "The March Issue" when I distribute it at the end of February. But can you imagine the problems that would cause? There would be no "February" issue. Oh my — only 11 issues in 2012? How would you file the last issue of this year - in the 2011 or 2012 section? This is serious stuff.

I know this has nothing to do with the care and feeding of Model A's and their owners, but it does demonstrate the problems you face when preparing a publication for an organization that includes "old folks".

I suppose this is another issue I should take to the board for "pondering"

Dues are Due Soon

Yes, it will soon be time to re-up. This year we hope to make this a painless process and ask your help in our receiving payments in a timely manner. The Santa Anita A's fiscal year runs from April 1 through March 31. Our by-laws state that "dues are payable in advance of the meeting in April of each year". This year, as a reminder, we will be sending you an invoice to add to your "Bills to pay file."

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?"

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).

Elections are Coming - No, not that one

A nominating committee is now being formed in preparation for the Santa Anita A's elections which will be held at our April General meeting. The nominating Committee will meet in February and prepare a recommended slate of Officers and Board members for presentation prior to the April General meeting.

John Fant has volunteered to work on the nominating committee and we are looking for others to help out. Please contact Mickey Fruchter and offer to participate in this important job.

At the same time, the nominating committee will be soliciting members to serve on the various club committees. There are lots of things to do and we need everyone's participation

The club's ability to operate and provide the programs and events that we all enjoy can only happen with the support of active members. If you haven't been involved before, give it a try.

Cookie Bringers of the Month Club

Betty Mallory, Joy Wilson, Sue Chandler

Thanks to this month's photographers:

John Emanuell, Nancy Stancil, Bob Moore, Marlin Perry

Think About It

Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach him to use a computer and that will keep him busy and you won't hear from him for weeks or months — unless they put you on their email distribution list.



COMING EVENTS

January Auction

General Meeting - January 27, 2012

by Joe Wilson

Reminder: This Friday Night, January 27th is not only our General Meeting, but also our **AUCTION NIGHT**.

If you show up at the regular time, you will be late - it starts at 7:00 PM.



There are three reasons for you to be there:

1. It is our Annual Fund Raiser.
2. You are supposed to bring things to be sold at the auction. (If they don't sell - you take them home. The good stuff sells, so don't bring the bad stuff)
3. You are expected to bid on, and win, some of the goodies there. (Bring money!)

PS - Don't pay any attention to that email you received last week titled "Alert".

Surprise Tour

Saturday, February 18

by Bob Moore

February Surprise Tour not so Secret

The cat is out of the bag on the February Tour. Our first destination is 15 miles away to the home of our member, Jack Conway. Many of you will remember him as the having a calliope on the back of his pick-up truck and playing it to a crowd at the Budweiser plant. Jack is a collector of automatic musical instruments. These are instruments that play at the drop of a coin, a push of the button, and, very often, with pedal power. Some contain several internal instruments. His earliest instrument dates back to 1895. He has added two new music machines to his collection since we last visited his home about 8 years ago. We will have coffee and donuts at Jack's house.

After an hour plus stop at Jacks, we will drive through Griffith Park to the Autry Museum. I have arranged for a one hour guided tour followed by lunch (on our own) at the Autry restaurant. Group admission to the museum is \$5.00. Following lunch, we will remain for perhaps another 30 minutes to go back and spend more time with something that you saw on the tour.

Our next destination is home. Those choosing to return on the freeway can do so. We will return as a group to Arcadia on surface streets. Should be home between 3:00 and 3:30 PM.

We will assemble at the Ralph's parking lot on Huntington Drive between Sunset (Temple City Blvd) and Michillinda at 8:30 AM and depart soon after. Bring your hand held radios. It will be good practice to use them as we don't very often. They should be tuned to channel 7.02 or 7.2 on some.

Sign up at January meeting so that the others involved will know how many we are. If not, please call Bob Moore and let him know. Plan on driving your Model A. However, if the weather is inclement, we will use our modern cars. This is a rain or shine tour.

Mom & Pops Night Out

February 26

by Joe Wilson

I prefer the title "Date Night" rather than "Mom and Pops Night Out", but I suppose I must yield to "Tradition".

In any case, here it is, one of my favorites, a performance of "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Candlelight Pavilion. It is a Matinee performance which includes lunch on Sunday, Feb 26.

Luncheon seating is 11:00 AM, curtain:12:45 PM. Cost for members is \$40.00 per person which includes Lunch, Gratuity, House Dessert and Coffee. Cost for Guests will be \$54.00.

We have 50 tickets and are attempting to secure a free bus. Departure time and departure location will be announced once we find a bus and know where it will be parked.

Tour to the CCRG Jamboree

March 29 – April 1

by Bob Moore

CCRG Update

This is a final reminder about 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.

The meeting place for 8:30 AM in La Canada MAY be other than the McDonalds given the number of cars. All will be notified.

What a turnout. So far we have 18 Model A's on the 139 mile trip to Bakersfield. If you are interested, call Bob Moore for any information that you may need.

PAST EVENTS

Cable Airport Tour

January 7

by Joe Wilson

We had a good turn out for this event, with a number of our cars meeting at Walmart in Duarte and touring to the airport together while others met us at the airport.



This year we spent a lot of time driving from the airport entrance to the parking lot. New airport rules required that there could be no car traffic near the helicopter landing pad during takeoff and landings of the helicopter rides. So, because the helipad was next to the entrance to the car exhibit area, it was 45 minute drive into the parking lot.



Our cars were spread out through the exhibit area, however we were able to eventually find most of our group and met up with a number of friends from other Model clubs. After the morning portion of the air show, a few of our cars participated in the grand parade.

Mickey Fruchter reported that because he was not provided with driving instruction from the airport, he spent several days there before deciding to follow a stranger heading West.



Horseless Carriage Car Show

December 31, 2011

by John Emanuelli

If you didn't have anything else to do on New Years Eve day and wanted to squeeze in one more car show in 2011, the place to go was Pasadena to partake in the Horseless Carriage Club Holiday Excursion and car show.



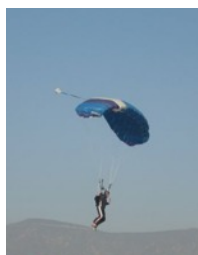
This is always a fun event with a wide variety of old cars, including our good old Model A's.

For a non-club event we had a good turn-out of Santa Anita A's members. Although we have no official attendance list I did spot these SAA members there:

Mickey Fruchter, Gene Reinhardt, Joe Principe, Nancy Stancil, Jack Conway and his friend Mark, Steve Voors, Tom Forbes, Cliff Mount, Ken Mallory, Ruth Ann & Thurston Levay, Jim Constantian, Bob Harbicht, Harry Mycroft, Bob Trepanier, Joe Farino, Mike Kniest, Terry Riker, Mark Henzel.



I think this was the biggest turnout that I have seen attend this event over the last 5 years, not just our club but the whole attendance. Jay Leno drove one of his many cars.



PAST EVENTS - CONTINUED

MAFFI Work Session

January 17

by Joe Wilson

The end is in sight. The MAFFI car restoration project is nearing completion. The major remaining project is installation of the upholstery. The kit has been ordered and is now being manufactured. After the kit is installed, a few more work sessions will be required to "detail" the car before we can say, "All done".



Those participating in this work session were: Bob Trousil, Mickey Fruchter, John Emanuelli, Louie Formia, Dick Homet, Walt Hibbard, Gene Reinhardt, Marlin Perry, Don McBride, Brad Balmot, and John Spielmann.

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That's all there is to get the newsletter started. It is published bi-monthly.

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FYI

John Emanuelli suggested we alert our members that FS Ignitions has announced a price increase in their product line. FS is a popular supplier of electronic ignition system for Model A's.

On March 1, 2012, their prices will increase by 6% on everything except the FS Zipper Distributor. Their current prices will remain in effect through February 29, 2012.

OTHER STUFF

President's message continued from page 1

MAFFI Info

Model A Museum Design Completion Near

Below is a report from MAFFI on the status of the new MAFFI Model A museum

The architect working on the details of the Model A museum design is scheduled to complete his work in mid-February. Design details such as the brick style and the amount of insulation are being decided, one by one. The location of the engraved bricks will be decided soon. The goal is to sell 500 more bricks so that additional clubs and individual Model A'ers will be permanently recorded at the museum. That number of bricks will raise the additional money needed to build and outfit the museum, and will help assure its future. The Museum fund is now at the \$850,000 level as the result of a few recent large donations on top of many smaller donations over the years. That is almost enough to build the building, but an additional amount is still needed in case there are unforeseen problems during construction and to pay for expenses related to moving into the building and setting up the displays. So buy a brick this month and live forever at the Model A Ford Museum.

Mickey's Helpful Hints

by - Who else but Mickey Fruchter

At the last July Fourth Parade in South Pasadena, my Sparton Model A horn died. I tried everything I know BUT it was not going to work anymore. I noticed an advertisement in the Restorer magazine and contacted Jim Diehl about repairing my horn. He is very knowledgeable about Model A horns and does not work on reproduction horns. My horn had been rewired many years ago for 12 volts and now it needs much T.L.C. to bring it back from the dead. Jim does a complete job of rewiring and repairing the horn from the inside only. He does not work on the outside (paint, or bodywork, etc.). He can rewire your horn for 6 or 12 volts and make it work like new. He warrants his work for one year. He charges about \$90.00 + shipping. His telephone is (231) 577-1375 or Email: traperjd@aol.com. Address: 2534 Duffy Dr., Cadillac, MI 49601

On January 7th we had a large group drive to Cable Airport. The weather was beautiful and Bob Moore had the tour all planned out well. As it turned out, it was the biggest attendance ever at the airport.

On the subject of tours, Bob Moore has informed me that we have a great response to the CCRG (Central California Regional Group) Jamboree on March 29–April 1, 2012. Please join us in this non-freeway trip (Model A or modern iron). If you are interested and have not yet signed up, contact Bob Moore ASAP.

We hope that you will attend our January 27th (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. This is one of our biggest fund (and most fun) raisers of the year, and helps us provide funds for many of the events we have each year (Holiday Party, Mom & Pop's Night Out, Installation, and many other activities).

Mom and Pop's Night Out this year is scheduled for a matinee performance of the great, "Fiddler On The Roof" at the Candlelight Pavilion in Claremont on February 26th. The club will help subsidize the cost of the event. We need your payment to complete your reservation. (See Spoken Wheels for details).

Please mark your calendar for our Installation Banquet on Sunday, May 20, 2012. More info TB A.

Another bit of business I need to pass on to y'all. Dues are due now!! April 27 is when we have elections for Officers and Board Members. You MUST pay your dues before you can vote. If your dues are not paid by then... you will not be included in the next club roster. Please help us out by paying your dues on time. Thank You!

Thanks to John Fant who volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee. We still need a few more volunteers. They will meet in February and March 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 club is great because of our volunteers and the work they do.

MARLIN'S MUSINGS

By Marlin Perry



SEMINAR NEWS

This month found Mickey Fruchter troubleshooting an electrical problem on John Emanuelli's Model A. John has had his problem for quite some time along with other problems. From what Mickey said, he left John's home with John smiling; Mickey was able to help solve his electrical problems. This is the nice thing about having all the guys on the Low End Team. We have many guys and can go in different directions. Thanks, Mickey, this was a big help. Mickey says LED taillights are great and many members are going to them. This week found Brad Balmot with a Model A block that was perfect. He had it tested in every way and had all head bolts removed. It only took nine engines for Brad and Marlin to tear down to find the magic one. They are going to sleeve it to .080" over, and get started on the rebuild. Amen, Amen.

John Spielmann has had a bunch of bad luck with a Model A carburetor and water pump. Thanks to Jim Gordon at Antique Ford and Mel Gross, Low End Boy John is all smiles as they both helped him in fixing his problems.

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

Last week Bob Moore asked me if I had a Model A tail light he could buy. I said yes, I have seven all polished housings, no screws or pig tail wires inside. I ordered seven sets of pigtail wires and found screws in my hardware section to screw on lens glass housing and screws to hold clear glass for license light. I had no screws to hold the license bracket onto the back of light housing. Off to Home Depot for screws. Wrong, the screws are not 1/4-20 they are 1/4-28 fine thread. Off to local hardware store, wrong they don't have them. The owner says go to King Bolt on Grand Ave. in West Covina. Once there I found the magic 1/4-28 bolts: not cheap. But, yes, I think they have any screw or bolt you could want. I called Bob Moore and said, "come get your taillight". A lot of chasing parts but Bob is in need. Why was Henry Ford so different 1/4 -20 would have been OK.

This month found Elaine and me with a nail in our KIA car tire. I didn't know where to go and have it repaired. Not buying tires very often I was dumbfounded. Elaine said, "Go to Noriega on Myrtle Ave. where you take the Model A tires". Great idea. Off I go. For thirteen dollars they repaired the tire while I waited. End of story? Wrong.

Toni Caswell called me one week later and asked me where to go for a nail in a tire. I told her - Noriega. She went there at lunch time while they are eating. Rather than wait until lunch was over she went to Pep Boys. They told her, for \$10.50 they can repair the tire while she waits. She does, and in about 20 minutes the tire is done. When she goes to pay, the man says no charge. Sig, your husband, came to Pep Boys often. Just goes to show Sig can always get a good deal. True, ask Toni.

Have you heard that Dick Canzoneri bought a Volkswagen Bug to restore? Good luck Dick.

For Sale

1929 Model A Hy-Boy Pick-up - little hot rod. Body work done except for drivers door. New wood in cab, new soft top, little bucket seats, dropped axle, big and little Kelseys, aluminum Winfield Super Head, two Stomberg 94 carbs on dual downdraft manifold and 1932 distributor. Truck is in primer, no door glass but have regulators and trim pieces. Truck will run but is a project. Brand new battery and all new wiring. This truck is for "Small, Short, Skinny people!!!"

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Call Steve Newton 310-837-3026.

For Sale

Borg Warner 5-speed transmission (total rebuilt with deluxe adapter kit for Model A motor kit includes parts to convert to an open drive shaft, including heavy duty radius bars. I have never unpacked the kit. Asking \$2,300.

Contact Steve Newton 310-837-3026.

FROM THE SHOP BENCH

by Bob Travis



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 the author are unknown. This is Part 1 of a 2- Part series.

CAR TUNES

Radios are so much a part of the driving experience, it seems like cars have always had them, but they didn't. Here's the story.

SUNDOWN

One evening in 1929 two young men named William Lear and Elmer Wavering drove their girlfriends to a lookout point high above the Mississippi River town of Quincy, Illinois, to watch the sunset. It was a romantic night to be sure, but one of the women observed that it would be even nicer if they could listen to music in the car.

Lear and Wavering liked the idea. Both men had tinkered with radios, Lear had served as a radio operator in the U.S. Navy during World War I and it wasn't long before they were taking apart a home radio and trying to get it to work in a car. But it wasn't as easy as it sounds: automobiles have ignition switches, generators, spark plugs, and other electrical equipment that generate noisy static interference, making it nearly impossible to listen to the radio when the engine was running.

SIGNING ON

One by one, Lear and Wavering identified and eliminated each source of electrical interference. When they finally got their radio to work, they took it to a radio convention in Chicago. There they met Paul Galvin, owner of Galvin Manufacturing Corporation. He made a product called a "battery eliminator" a device that allowed battery-powered radios to run on household AC current. But as more homes were wired for electricity, more radio manufacturers made AC-powered radios. Galvin needed a new product to manufacture. When he met Lear and Wavering at the radio convention, he found it. He believed that mass-produced, affordable car radios had the potential to become a huge business.

Lear and Wavering set up shop in Galvin's factory, and when they perfected their first radio, they installed it in his Studebaker. Then Galvin went to a local banker to apply for a loan. Thinking it might sweeten the deal, he had his men install a radio in the banker's Packard. Good idea, but it didn't work – half an hour after the installation, the banker's Packard caught on fire. (They didn't get the loan.)

Galvin didn't give up. He drove his Studebaker nearly 800 miles to Atlantic City to show off the radio at the 1930 Radio Manufacturers Association convention. Too broke to afford a booth, he parked the car outside the convention hall and cranked up the radio so that passing conventioners could hear it. That idea worked; he got enough orders to put the radio into production.


WHAT'S IN A NAME

That first production model was called the 5T71. Galvin decided he needed to come up with something a little catchier. In those days many companies in the phonograph and radio businesses used the suffix "ola" for their names – Radiola, Columbiola, and Victrola were three of the biggest. Galvin decided to do the same thing, and since his radio was intended for use in a motor vehicle, he decided to call it the Motorola. But even with the name change, the radio still had problems.

When Motorola went on sale in 1930, it cost about \$110 uninstalled, at a time when you could buy a brand-new car for \$650, and the country was sliding into the Great Depression. (By that measure, a radio for a new car would cost about \$3,000 today.)

In 1930 it took two men several days to put in a car radio. The dashboard had to be taken apart so that the receiver and a single speaker could be installed, and the ceiling had to be cut open to install the antenna. These early radios ran on their own batteries, not on the car battery, so holes had to be cut into the floorboard to accommodate them. The installation manual had eight complete diagrams and 28 pages of instructions.

(Part 2 will appear in next month's issue)



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