



July 2011

SPOKEN WHEELS

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

July has been a very busy month, thus far. We've been involved with the Arcadia Patriotic Parade, South Pasadena July Fourth Parade, our Annual Pancake Breakfast and we were invited to show our cars at the Temple City Kiwanis BBQ.



Thank You Department - A big thanks to Vicky Bartlett for her home and hospitality before the So. Pasadena 4th of July Parade and to Joe Principe for his home, for our post-parade gathering (BBQ complete with ice cream). Thanks to the San Gabriel MARC/MAFCA Club for their gift of \$100.00 to help defray the cost of refreshments. *(Continued on page 11)*

GENERAL MEETING - Friday, July 29

The speaker at our next meeting is Fred Culick, Professor Emeritus, Caltech, where he specializes in aeronautics, rocket science and propellants. As a hobby, he and a crew are in the final phases of building a flying replica of the famous 1903 Wright Brothers' Flyer that flew at Kitty Hawk. We've planned a Club trip to see and touch the Flyer at historic Flabob Airport next month.

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SAA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

29 - General Meeting 7:30 PM - Arcadia Red Cross
30-31 - Redlands tour - See page 4

August

1 - Ladies Brunch - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
2 - Tour to Chandlers' Home - see page 4
10 - Board Meeting
18 - Men's Breakfast - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM
20 - Flabob Airport Tour - See page 5
26 - General meeting w/ dinner - See page 5

September

2 - LA City Car Museum - See page 5
8 - 16 - Nevada Tour
11 - International Ford Day/ Homestead Tour - See Page 5
25 - Paradise Valley Swap Meet - San Bernardino

October

7 - LA City Car Museum - Details see page 5
8 - Budweiser Tour - Free food & drinks- Details TBA

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August Birthdays

1 - Alice Mount
2 - Mike Kniest
3 - Joy Wilson
6 - Carol Dawkins
8 - Suzan Wiley & Dorothy Knox
11 - Julie Reinhardt
17 - Marlene Martinez
18 - Barbara Dawson
19 - Paulette Bruns
22 - Sheri Johnson
24 - Carole Parrish
27 - Lorraine Homet & Diana Kincart
28 - Jacki Boardman
29 - Andrea Pettie

August Anniversaries

4 - Marlin & Elaine Perry
6 - Mickey & Bea Fruchter
8 - Joe & Sue Guarrera
16 - Mike & Susan Williams
19 - Joe & Barbara Farino
27 - David & Patty Lutz
28 - John & Mary McDannel
30 - Richard & Sandra Loe

OTHER MODEL A CLUB EVENTS

July

24 - Car Show at Santa Anita Retirement Center
5500 Gracewood, Temple City - 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Contact Joe Farino to sign up - Free food

August

1-6 - MAFCA Northwest Regional Meet -
Wilsonville, Oregon.- See MAFCA Web Site
21 - San Fernando Valley Parts Exchange

September

20 - MAFFI Work Day
25 - Paradise Valley Swap Meet - San Bernardino

THE SUNSHINE LADY - SALLY BAQUET

A Get Well card was sent to Ted Bruns

A Sympathy card was sent to Sue Chandler

A thank you note was received from Sue Chandler.

Dear Friends, Thank you for your cards and phone calls of sympathy when my Mother passed away recently. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers. Sue Chandler

NEW MEMBERS

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



Chuck & Gail Boekenooge

La Verne, Joined April 19, 2011
30 Delux Coupe



John & Marianne Spielmann

Pasadena, Joined March 2011
1930 Pickup

Photo Next
Month

Frank & Cristina Izbinski

Temple City, Joined June 26, 2011
1931 Tudor Sedan

John & Marianne Spielmann



John got involved in Model A's in high school. He owned a 29 Roadster hot rod with nice upholstery. He graduated from North Hollywood High, joined the Marine Reserves and eventually got called to

active duty. He served by doing Aviation Electronics. When John got out of the service he went to work for Pacific Bell in 1951 and worked on staff with outside plant Construction and Engineering. In 1967 he left the Phone Company to pursue other interests. In 1977 he purchased the Temple City Bike shop, and has owned it ever since. Approximately 10 years ago, he semi retired from the bike shop and now his son runs the business. John and his wife Marianne live in Pasadena . Welcome to the club.

Ponder This

by Joe Wilson

Organizers and Attendees

Have you ever been to an event that went so well that you believed it was obviously easy to organize? Have you ever been one of the workers at that same event who knows better; knows that it takes a lot of hard working volunteers to make it look easy?

We have had some pretty significant club events during the past month, involving a lot of both organizers and participants. In preparing the newsletter this month I was reminded that our club has a lot of things going on; something for everybody, except the occasional scrooge. I try to accurately list the names of all the people who attend and organize each event. That is getting harder; the list grows longer. I have considered just referring you to the Membership Roster.

There are a few names not included in the participation list, and I feel badly that some of you are missing out on all the exciting and fun events offered. And, don't blame your car for not getting you to the right place at the right time. We have members who can fix both you and your car.

Santa Anita A's Survey

Last month a survey was mailed to all Santa Anita A's members, asking that they answer a series of questions and make comments on club activities. The information received will be valuable in setting the direction and manner in which the club is operated. The returned surveys are currently being reviewed. A summary of the survey results will be prepared and presented to the Board for appropriate action. More on this later.

New Member Spotlight

A new section has been added to the Spoken Wheels beginning with this issue. Our Membership Chairman, Randy Harper, will profile one of our members in each issue. This was done some time ago and it was suggested that we begin it again as a means to "introduce" or "re-introduce" ourselves to the membership.

The "Wright Flyer" Story

Our guest speaker for our next meeting, Fred Culick, provided us with enough information prior to his visit with us that I thought it would make an interesting story for the newsletter. You will find excerpts from the information he sent on page four. This will be an interesting program.

The new 2011-2012 Roster is Now Available

The new membership Roster has been printed and was distributed at last month's General Meeting. Because we now print your name on the cover we know who was not at the meeting last month and did not pick up their copy. We will give you another chance to find your name on your Roster at the next meeting.

Many of those members who were late in picking up their Rosters last year reported they developed a guilt complex that was only cured by eventual acquisition of their new Roster. Members also have reported a number of unique uses for the Roster. Some now display it on their coffee table for use as a conversation starter. Others carry it in their car as source of reference when they are lost or forget who they are..

I recommend you make an effort to get your copy, before it's obsolete or taxed. Your life will be better for it.

Think About It

I know that you believe that you understood what you think I said, but I am not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant.

Dogs are man's best friend. If dogs learned to talk, that wonderful relationship would be destroyed forever.

FICTION & FACT - CONTINUED

Building the Flyer

by Fred Culick

Fred Culick, the guest program speaker for our July meeting, provided some interesting information about himself and his "Wright Flyer" project which will be included in his presentation. Below are excerpts from that information.

Airplanes and flying are among the most vivid of my earliest memories growing up in Camden, Maine. The sound of an aircraft flying overhead would bring me running out of the house to see it. I began drawing airplanes and making models, and still do. I collect and read magazines and books about airplanes--a habit I had as soon as I started going to school. My early love of airplanes has been a lasting influence. Having a strong interest in something like that makes life a lot more fun and interesting..

The Wright Flyer Project

At the Aerospace Museum in Balboa Park, San Diego, there was a full-size copy of the 1903 Wright Brothers' "Flyer". I had the idea to build and test a model of the plane. With a little financial support from NASA, I designed and built a 1/6 scale model and conducted wind tunnel tests.

During this time I learned that the "Flyer" I had seen in San Diego had been destroyed in a fire. The AIAA received \$20,000 from the insurance and sought volunteers to construct a flying copy of the airplane. I was the first to sign up. The original Wright Brothers' airplane was difficult and dangerous to fly--very unstable. Since I wanted to be the first pilot I was appointed Chief Engineer.

About the Wright Brothers

When the Wright Brothers invented their airplane, there were no books they could read to learn how to build a good airplane--not even a BAD airplane! Since there was little previous knowledge, they had to experiment and learn how to make things work. They taught themselves how to fly. They really didn't know whether their airplane was bad, pretty good, or very good--they knew it worked, better than anybody else's, and they proved that by flying demonstrations.

It was a great invention, the first really big invention of the twentieth century. It led to airlines, to warplanes, to airplanes that you and I can fly, and eventually to the Space Shuttle. What a marvelous achievement! It's a hugely important part of our history, not just of science, engineering and technology, but of our society; how we travel, take holidays, meet people and work. The invention of the airplane changed the lives of people in ways bigger than any other invention until computers and the Internet!

COMING EVENTS

Redlands Tour

Saturday, July 30 - Sunday, July 31

by Mickey Fruchter

Those persons who signed up for this tour will be going in modern irons or with overdrive so anybody who would like to join us is welcome. We will be driving on the freeway and those that don't wish to stay overnight can drive home on Saturday night (about a one hour drive). If you are interested, please call Mickey at (626) 797-2048

A Restoration Unveiling and Tour

Tuesday, August 3

by Bob Moore

On July 13, Bob Travis, John Chandler, his son Peter and I took Bob's trailer on a trip to the Sacramento area. The reason was to pick up John's 1930 Blind Back Sedan which has been at the Rusty A's Restoration shop for 20 months. Toni Ryan, our good friend and club member invited us to stay at her home in Granite Bay which is only 40 miles from Placerville where John's car was being restored. Soon after we arrived at Toni's, Bob Travis was fast at work on her 1929 Pick-up, changing the gas gauge and exhaust manifold gasket. That evening we went with Toni to her Model A club, The Spark'N A's.

The next morning we drove the hour to Placerville. John was all smiles as he walked into the shop to see his car for the first time. John has a fond remembrance for the car. He was the sixth owner and his children grew up with this car. After it was sold twice more, John bought it back and sent it to Placerville for a total restoration.



Bob Travis and I are so excited about the car and for John to have this beautiful car that we want the club members to see it. Thus Bob Travis and I have planned an unveiling of the car and a short tour to follow. The unveiling will be at John Chandler's, 220 W. Naomi, Arcadia on Wednesday, August 3rd at 10:00 AM. We will serve coffee and donuts. At 11:00 AM, we will depart for Legends in Glendora for lunch. Please plan to attend the unveiling, even if you can't make the lunch.

Please sign up at the July meeting or call either Bob T or myself to let us know you are coming.

COMING EVENTS - CONTINUED

Flabob Airport Tour – Riverside California Saturday, August 20

Bob Moore

On Saturday, August 20, the club will tour to Riverside California and Flabob Airport. The third Saturday of each month is a great time to visit because there is a Fly-In, a \$5 Pancake Breakfast, Car Show and Tours of the various hangers including a DC-3.

Flabob is the little airport that time forgot. It is the seventh oldest surviving airport in California. Founded in 1925 as Riverside's first civil airport, Flabob is a paradise for homebuilders, antiquers, and everyone devoted to sport and family aviation. They're a village of aviation nuts -- "Flabobians"



It is only 42 miles to the airport and should take about 1 ½ hours on surface streets. We will depart at 8 AM from the Walmart Parking lot as we will head out on Huntington Drive. Sign up at the July Meeting.

Dawg Night at the Cross

Friday, August 26

by Joe Wilson

It's True! Arrangements have been made by our "Dawg Committee" for some really "Hot" Dogs to show up at our General Meeting on Friday, August 26. If you want to see a hot dog, you must arrive one and a half hours before the meeting starts, or they will be "dog gone". Don't like hot dogs you say? That's OK, just show up anyway; you can watch the rest of us eat, drink and have fun.

There is one catch! The organizers (God bless them) say you are supposed to bring a salad or other dish for 12 people. *(I am a little concerned about this rule. If we have a good turn out of, say 60 people, that means we will have 720 servings of "stuff" to eat before we get to a hot dog!)*

The dogs, drinks and dessert are on the club, The "stuff" is on you. Remember - Meet your dawg meal at 6:00 PM. Then meet your meeting at 7:30 PM, when a "Lite" Program will be presented.

PS. These are not "Talking Dogs"

LA City Car Museum

Friday, September 2 & Friday, October 7 by Bob Moore

One of the little known car museums in Los Angeles is that of the LA County Natural History Museum in Gardena. It was October of last year that the 63 cars in the collection were opened to the public, and then on a very limited basis. The focus of the collection is on automobiles made or designed in Southern California.

The museum is only open the first Friday of the month and each tour group is limited to 20. The Santa Anita A's have a total of 40 reservations, twenty on September 2 and twenty on October 7, both with a 10 AM start time.

Tickets cost \$10.00 per person and must be purchased and paid in advance. Checks should be payable to the club. However, you must sign up and pay at the July meeting if you wish to go on the September 2 tour. The cut off for the September tour is August 12.

You may pay as late as the August meeting if you want to go in October. If you are not at the meeting and wish to go, call Bob Moore (626-358-2027).

The September 2 tour will be with modern cars and we will meet at the museum at 9:45 AM. — The October 7 tour will be with the A's. Departure information to follow. The address of the museum is 14105 S. Normandie Ave, Unit C, Gardena, CA 90249. Obviously A's and moderns may go on either date. The museum is 29 miles from Arcadia on surface streets.

Ticket to the Twenties and International Model A Ford Day

Sunday, September 11

by Helen Johnson

Celebrate the Roaring Twenties and International Model A Ford Day at the Workman and Temple Family Homestead Museum. Enjoy two vintage dance bands, the Night Blooming Jazzmen and the Ian Whitcomb Band, plus dance demonstrations, Art Deco fashions, silent movies, tasty food — and more. If you enjoy great music, seeing people stroll and dance in perfect era clothing, a beautiful setting, and wonderful food, this event is for you. Never been there? Try it this year and you will be hooked.

We will depart at 2:00 PM SHARP from Gordon and Helen Johnson's home, 1735 S. 10th Avenue, Arcadia. Bring chairs. The event ends at 7:00 PM, but, we may leave earlier. Sign up at the next General Meeting or call Helen (626-447-9957).

PAST EVENTS

Brake Seminar - Do you have Floaters?

Saturday, June 11

by Marlin Perry

This last month Randy Harper and Chuck Sharpe did a seminar on installing Floaters in Mickey's brake system at Don Dawkin's home.

Using Don's hoist to put Mickey's car in the sky, it looked like a fairly quick job until we got to adjusting the brakes.

This took Randy a lot of adjusting. Afterwards Mickey took his car for a ride and returned to say the braking system was much improved. We all thank Randy and Chuck for their time and knowledge.



Installing floaters had an immediate affect on Mickey's car



This is how you learn things at a "hands-on" seminar

Those attending were Chris Wickersham, Jim Austin, Brad Balmot, Don Dawkins, John Emanuelli, Joe Farino. Louie Formia, Mickey Fruchter, Bob Harbicht, Randy Harper, Pete Henderson, Dick Homet, Tom Johnson, Bob Moore, Jim Roderick and Chuck Sharpe. Thanks, Gentlemen.



This car receives "White Glove" treatment

Cherry Picking in Leona Valley

Wednesday, June 22

by Helen Johnson

On the hottest day of the week, 18 heat and cherry lovers headed to Leona Valley. We started with four Model A's and four modern cars whose occupants liked the cherries better than the heat. Starting at the McDonald's in La Canada, we traveled the 210 freeway as far as Tujunga Canyon which we took over the Mountains. From Arcadia, the total mileage for the tour was 130 miles.

Our first stop was at the home of Jo and Keith Smith in Canyon Country. We were treated to a wonderful repast of fresh donuts, homemade goodies, fruit, ice tea and coffee. After a great stay, the Smith's locked up their home and joined us in their beautiful blue Phaeton. We used Vasquez Canyon Road, Bouquet Canyon Road, and Lake Elizabeth Road to get to Leona Valley.



This picture was taken just before Mickey and Bea found out cherries are cheaper at Ralph's.

We had lunch at Jackie's Country Kitchen which somehow had changed its name to Crazy Otto's. I think they changed the chef as well.

After lunch, it was a very short drive to Amber's, the cherry picking spot Jack Dawson selected on the trip two years ago. It took a little more hunting this year to find the cherries as it was approaching the end of the season for their grove. There were plenty of cherries as the Emanuelli's will attest. Must be some pies in their future as they walked away with just under 40 pounds of cherries.



"Yes Sir, Yes Sir, one bag full"

The owner did tell us that mid June is always the best choice. We were one week late. However, we did see a very large grove which appeared mostly unpicked on our way to Palmdale as we headed home. And it didn't seem as hot as the weather people had predicted.

Thanks to Jack Dawson for the maps. The directions were almost perfect. And thanks to the Smiths for their wonderful hospitality.

In addition to the Dawsons, John and Carol Emanuelli, Ruth Ann LeVay and Gerry Green and Jim and Jan Roderick drove modern cars. The A's were driven by Bob Travis with Bob Moore as passenger, Dick Homet with Chuck Sharpe as passenger, Marlin Perry with Nancy Stencil as passenger, Mickey and Bea and Jo and Keith Smith. A total of 18 people in 8 cars.



Until we returned to Pasadena, we had relatively light traffic, especially on the mountain roads. For those who had never had the experience of the tour to Leona Valley, be sure to join us the next time we go. ,



All ready for the big raffle and our clubs' happy winners were Vicki Balmot, Joe Farino, Mickey Fruchter, Sheri Johnson, Martha Utter and Tom Johnson, who won \$102.00 on the 1/3, 1/3, 1/3. The "President's Choice" trophy was awarded to Ray Tewes for his 1929 Closed Cab Pickup. It's been said that Ray may need to build another room to house his many trophies.

In addition to the members listed above who won raffle prizes, their spouses also attended. Other members present were Vicky Bartlett and her guest, John and Carol Emanuelli, and Gordon and Helen Johnson, our, tour Leaders for the day.



On the way home, we made our traditional stop for ice cream, it was soooo good!!!

HENRY FORD PICNIC

Sunday, June 26, 2011

By Helen Johnson

Once again, our group of Santa Anita A's and San Gabriel Valley members took that easy drive to the beautiful Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs for this always fun event hosted by Diamond Tread Model A Chapter.

It was well planned, with time to check out the many A's and a couple of Model T trucks. With our fill of coffee and donuts, we strolled over to view the many great raffle prizes and visit with other club members. Then it was time to take your seats for a big box lunch filled to the top and cold drinks. Next, some fun games to make new friends.



South Pasadena Fourth of July Parade

Monday, July 4th

Marlin Perry

Bang Bang Another 4th Came and Went



This year found 22 Model A's heading to South Pasadena to Vicky Bartlett's for a nice food time; thanks Vicky. From her home we all headed to the parade and to pick up dignitaries to carry down the city streets. One surprise - This time Elaine's Station Wagon said "no way"; the throw-out bearing went bad. Thanks to Leroy and Vicky, car assignment changes were made for the dignitaries. As the cars hit the announcers section, I said a quick few words on the drivers and their Model A's.



After leaving the parade, Joe Principe and his hard workers Bev Kniest, Nancy Stancil and Brad Balmot were busy with hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken

with all the trimmings for about 60 members and guests. It all went well and yes, we had others who I did not mention that helped. We thank them all. We especially thank Joe and Nancy for buying the "fixings" and setting it up for us. Elsie, Elaine and I helped set up the day before. Also, we thank San Gabriel MARC Club for a \$100.00 donation towards the food.

God Bless America.

It takes a real crew to organize an outing like this.. Their help was very much appreciated and made this event go smoothly. Here's the list:

Set up and decorations the day before: Joe Principe, Nancy Stancil, Marlin and Elaine Perry, and Elsie Johnson.

Shoppers: Joe Principe, Nancy Stancil, Marlin and Elaine Perry.

Kitchen helpers on the 4th before lunch: Beverly Kniest, Olive Moore, and Ruth Ann LeVay.

BBQ'ers: Brad Balmot and Mickey Fructher.

Ice Runner: Jim Roderick

Clean Up Crew: Joe Principe, Al Robles, Marlin Perry for the patio and Beverly Kniest, Olive Moore, Sheila Robles and Ruth Ann LeVay in the kitchen.

A special thank you to Albert and Sheila Robles for bringing the delicious watermelon.

Statistics:

- Cars in parade 22 - Carried 24 dignitaries (politicians?)
- 41 people for doughnuts
- 60 people for lunch

MAFCA Photo Shoot

Tuesday, July 5

A report from the Organizer

by Marlin Perry

This last week Sandra, the Office Manager of the Model A Ford Club of America, called me and asked if the Santa Anita A's could provide some Model A's for a photo shoot of the National Headquarters in La Habra.



The MAFCA facility had been selected as La Habra's Best Beautification site for the year and Jim Spawn, our Restorer Magazine Editor wanted a photo spread for magazine. I had Joe Wilson put the word out on email to the club and, wow, fifteen of you said yes, let's go to headquarters. Alex Jenke our National President flew in to take pictures for the Restorer along with Brad Balmot .



We filled the parking lot and street with Model A's. It was looking good.

Those attending were Bob Harbicht, Dick and Norma Canzoneri, Art and Olive Moore, Nancy Stencil, Tony Catroppa, Jim Constantian, Bob Moore, Jack Conway and friend, Louie Formia, Brad Balmot,

Joe Wilson, Jim Roderick, Marlin and Elaine Perry, Chuck and Gail Boekenoogen and Hal Anthony and his granddaughter.

We all stopped in Downey and had lunch at Bob's Big Boy. Good Eating. It was nice for those that hadn't been to National Headquarters to see how nice a facility we have and to talk with Sandra and Alex Jenke, our National President .

Fun Photo Shoot Sandra.



Hal Anthony with Grand Daughter. His coupe never looked so good.

A report from a participant

by Olive Moore

It was A Hot Ride in a Hot Car on a Hot Day - On the day after the Independence Day Parade several Model "A"ers responded to the call for Model As needed at the MAFCA headquarters for a photo shoot. The facility had been awarded a special award by the City of La Habra for their beautification of the property. So it was fitting to have as many Model A's in the parking lot as possible.

We left home about 10:30 AM and headed over to the Perrys' house to meet up with other club members. We hadn't driven the roadster pickup much since last October when we went on an apple picking tour to Tehachapi. While on that trip we had some trouble with overheating, which had never been a problem up until that point. So it would be interesting to see if the problem still existed.

Once everyone who signed up was present and accounted for we headed out toward the MAFCA headquarters with directions in hand. Elaine was so gracious to have provided them for us so if we did get separated (which is inevitable) we could still find our way.

It was a fun drive through El Monte, Pico Rivera and on to Downey where we stopped at a Bob's Big Boy (aka Johnny's Broiler) for lunch. They were expecting us and had a table all ready.

Back to following the map, but mostly just following the Model A in front of us we headed East through Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, La Mirada and finally we arrived in La Habra right on time. It was a toasty 89° and our pretty Model A pickup was glad for a little rest.

We filled the parking lot as well as a few over flow Model A's on the street and the cameras started snapping. It was really quite a beautiful sight. Inside was cold water, sodas and snacks. We all gathered there for a while just to cool off. Alex Janke, our MAFCA president, explained why they had wanted the photo, talked a little bit about MAFCA and fielded many questions from the group.

Through nineteen cities (with no country in between) for six hours in an overheated car - I'd say that was quite the day. Believe it or not, we had a great time!

Unfortunately, the car overheated on the way home. We parked and got out the two gallons of water that we had with us and began to cool off the radiator by pouring water over it. After about 45 minutes, a fresh cold soda and a hot fudge sundae, we headed on home through Montclair and on to Upland, Turns out the Radiator was 40% plugged.

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, July 16

by Joe Wilson

So, there we were, in the middle of the woods, eating, hollering out numbers and measuring tires. All in a place called Wilderness Park, just past a sign that says "Not Open to the Public". This activity is sometimes referred to as the Annual Santa Anita A's Pancake Breakfast. As usual, a fun event. Good weather, good people and a smattering of Grandchildren to pick up the pace a bit.



The kitchen crew was at the top of their game. Although we had left overs last year, all new food was purchased for this year's event. A trainee, Debbie Rodriguez was added to this year's cooking gang. Debbie passed her egg cracking training class without missing a yoke. Important statistics: Sixty people attended including eight grand kids. Eggs cracked - 140, Eggs used -132. Pancakes cooked -240, including the ones Marlin dropped.

Tire toe-in - toe-out test team tried three times today to test tires near the terribly tall trees

The "Toe-in - Toe-out" seminar organized by John Emanuelli at the Pancake Breakfast was interesting. We thank Tom Johnson for letting us use his device for measuring the Toe-in.

While we only had three takers for measuring, the results were gratifying. Bob Harbicht's car was perfect, Louie Formia's was out about 1/2" and then Joe Wilson's- well this is where it became interesting. It appears the tires were not inflated equally and the measurements were way off the charts, or maybe his tires were not the same diameter. Well Joe is going to have to give us the answer to these questions at a later date.



This was a good exercise in Toe-in or Toe-out in any event, and when you want to run straight down the road, you need to be sure your're not Pigeon Toe-d. By the way, our Tech Director, Bob Travis said the ideal measurement is 1/16" plus or minus 1/32' for best results and tire wear. John Emanuelli

Winners - Bingo and Raffle

Bingo - Isabel Gomez (Formia's Grand Daughter) - 2 times, Joanna Fukae (Wilson's' Granddaughter) - 2 times, JoAnn Formia, Diana Kincart, Jordan Formia (Formia's Grandmother), Elsie Johnson and Bingo Call person, Vicky Balmot. **Men's Raffle** - Brad Balmot, Eric Sandberg and Tom Forbes friend, Rodger.

Pancake Breakfast helpers

Set up- Brad & Vicky Balmot, Marlin and Elaine Perry **Kitchen** - Brad Balmot, Marlin & Elaine Perry, Nancy Stancil, Debbie Rodriguez **Helpers** Mickey Fruchter, Elsie Johnson, John & Carol Emanuelli, Jim Roderick, Bob Travis **Bingo** - Vicky Balmot, Carol Emanuelli **Seminar** - John Emanuelli, Tom Johnson, Mickey Fruchter, Louie Formia

Temple City Kiwanis BBQ

Saturday, July 16

by Sue Chandler

On Saturday, July 16, club members Sue & John Chandler, Bea & Mickey Fruchter, Elsie Johnson, Bev & Mike Kniest, Judi & Bob Moore, Elaine & Marlin Perry, Nancy Stancil & Joe Principe displayed their Model A's and enjoyed a delicious dinner at the annual Temple City Kiwanis BBQ. The annual BBQ raises funds to support youth groups, Foothill Unity Center, Ronald McDonald House, Temple City schools and needy families in the community. Thanks for your support!

MARLIN'S MUSINGS

By Marlin Perry



Seminar News

by Marlin Perry

This month found Brad having problems for the third time with his rebuilt engine. In and out his engine goes; how about up and down? This month found the Low End Boys at Vicky Bartlett's twice with timing and carburetor problems; she was OK in the parade thank goodness. Also her friend, Steven Newton cleaned her plugs. Watch out, Steve, you could be a Low End Boy. Jim Roderick had a major problem with his roadster at our last meeting. Randy Harper and Chuck Sharpe went to Jim's house and helped solve the problem. It was one bolt too many in the flywheel area. All is better now. Elaine's Woody did have a bad throw out bearing. Bob Travis showed me how to check one. Yes, it was bad. Chuck Sharpe assembled a stock engine, (.0 40" over size) and I put it in Elaine's Station Wagon. No oil leaks and it sounds - oh so good. Thanks Chuck.

Sincerely, Ted, Mel, Gene, Louie, John E., Dick H, Mickey and Marlin

President's message - continued from page one

Thanks to Brad Balmot for his cooking skills at the BBQ and the Pancake Breakfast. Thanks go to Marlin and Elaine Perry for all they do for the club on almost everything we do (tables, chairs, shopping for food, and so much more)..

I really encourage the women in our club to learn to drive a Model A Ford. It is not hard to drive a Model A, BUT could be necessary in case of an emergency. So far we have 8 women who showed interest in a ladies' driving day and have already signed up. To "sweeten the offer", we will included lunch for the participants that day.

We will have the "Sign-up" sheet at our July Meeting for those who haven't signed up already. If you can't come to the meeting, but want to be included, please call Mickey at (626) 797-2048. A date will be set in the not-too-distant future.

Our club is a wonderful group with monthly Men's Breakfasts and Ladies' Brunches. The men have about 30 (plus or minus) show up, but the ladies have only about 9 or so. I encourage the ladies to join in on the first Monday of each month at Annia's at the El Monte Airport for food and friendship. Call Bea for information and to sign up.

Photo Credits - Before I completely run out of Space, I want to acknowledge all those nice people who provided photos used in this month's Spoken Wheels, namely: Bob Moore, John Emanuelli & Sheri Johnson. I do a bad job keeping track of who sent which photos. If I missed someone, please tell me.
The editor

Are you wondering what happened to the ex Mayor of Temple City who was charged with bribery and perjury? She was sentenced to four year in State prison. So Sad!

A bit of history on our National MAFCA Headquarters. The beautiful trees in the landscape were planted by Sandra and myself when I was a National Board Member for two terms. Time does fly and trees get big. During my term I was in charge of enlarging the national building with a storage section. Guess who was the brains behind the construction and building? It was Gordon Johnson. Yes, Gordon. He and I spent a lot of time at headquarters back then.

If you take the Model A Times you saw the article on Art Moore and what he has done with his Model A automatic transmission. There is also an article on a special rear end for a Model A by Currie Enterprises. This rear end requires some special welding to make it work for a Model A set up. Well, guess what; Art Moore was the man who did the adapting and welding in place. Art owned and ran one big welding shop back then.

It is nice that Ted Bruns is doing much better after his fall into a hole in his yard. Old age is not always good. We will have a special book, "Encyclopedia of Automobiles", donated by John Spielmann for our next club raffle. Thanks John. Ted Bruns donated four nice tools for us to use: a spring spreader, engine removal tool and two tools for installing rear end bearings. Thanks Ted.

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FROM THE SHOP BENCH

by Bob Travis



Warning - Shut off switch may affect your brakes
Several Months ago a number of club members participated in a seminar involving the installation of an electrical cut-off switch using a very neat bracket designed by Ellis Hurst. Recently, it has come to light that, in some cases, the location of the bracket (starter bolt to flywheel housing) can interfere with full travel of the brake pedal.

Upon investigation, it appears that if the brakes are properly adjusted there is no clearance problem. But, as the brakes wear and the pedal needs to be depressed further, especially in the case of a panic stop, the brake pedal may come in contact resulting in a failure to stop the car. I urge those of you who have installed the switch bracket to thoroughly check clearances to be sure there is no interference when the brake pedal is fully depressed.

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1930 Ford Model A Roadster



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Contact Paul Giddings
805 581-6472 pgiddings@sbcglobal.net

1928 Sport Coupe

New battery, points, plugs, rebuilt carburetor, radiator removed and flushed. Runs good. Being sold by former Santa Anita A's member. Located in Sierra Madre. Asking \$10,500.



Contact Susan Day
626-355-3835

1929 FORD AA Stakeside

Our grandpa was a member of the Model A club in Paso Robles, CA. We want this truck to go to a good home. This is a 1 1/2 ton truck with Oak stakes. It has been in numerous parades and is really a crowd pleaser. It's in great condition on the inside and is beautiful outside.



Contact Christine & Patrick 805-237-7509

1928 Roadster

Dual side mounts, rumble seat, rare mother in law cover for rumble seat and a WWII trunk. Mechanically restored approximately 14 years ago. Rebuilt engine by Taylor Engine, rebuilt



transmission, front end, brake system w/cast iron drums, new radiator, 50's Ford truck steering box, powder coated wire wheels, plus some extra bells and whistles. Have paper work on all that was done. Runs great. Will take \$14,500. Also have car carrier for a Model A but fits other cars as well. Has dual axles and surge brakes. Located in Whittier. Asking \$1500.

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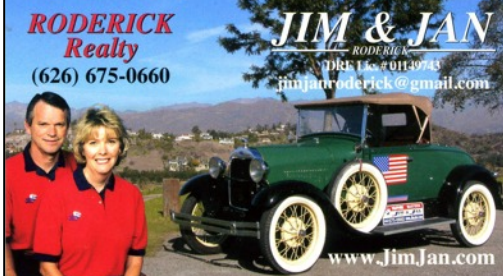
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Important Things to Do:

- 1. Pick up your new Membership Roster - Your name is on it**
- 2. Come to the next General Meeting so you can do No. 1 (last chance)**
- 3. While you are at the meeting, talk to our new club Officers and Board members; tell them what they should be doing.**
- 4. Drive your Model A if it Runs. If it doesn't, sell it and buy another one.**
- 5. Thank all the people who thanked all the people in this newsletter**

**WEAR YOUR SAA's NAME BADGE
TO MEETINGS AND EVENTS**



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