



March 2012

# SPOKEN WHEELS

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good News! The Orange County Pancake Breakfast is on!!! Bad News- It will beheld on May 20<sup>th</sup> (the Day of our Installation Banquet). I really encourage our members to participate in both events.

Thank You Department: To Kieth Smith who writes about our activities in The Restorer Magazine (in the MAFCA Chapter News) to Jim Constantian for giving a great program at our February meeting on early record players and some of the history of the recorded sounds we heard.



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**GENERAL MEETING** - Friday, **March 23** - 7:30 PM - Arcadia Red Cross, 376 Huntington Dr., Arcadia.

Our program this month will be presented by Chuck Stoughton, a member of the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team. The organization is a group of dedicated volunteers committed to saving lives in the wilderness. Founded in 1951, the Team has responded to thousands of calls for help and saved countless lives. Regardless of whether it's a twisted ankle, a fallen climber, or an overdue hiker, the Team is available for help.

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

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## SAA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### March

23 - General Meeting - Note: **ONE WEEK EARLY**

### April

9 - Ladies' Brunch - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM

11 - Board meeting - 7:00 PM, Temple City Hall

14 - Ladies' Day - See page 4

19 - Men's Breakfast - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM

27 - General Meeting - Election Night

### May

3 - Mt. Baldy Tour and Brunch - See page 4

20 - Installation Banquet - Monrovia Restaurant, Details TBA

### June

9 - Heritage Square Tour, See page 5

### July

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

20 - Pancake Breakfast, Wilderness Park. Details TBA

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### April Birthdays

4 - Ted Bruns

6 - Mickey Fruchter, Richard Favela, Norma Canzoneri & Betty Mallory

12 - Tom Forbes

14 - Leroy Gilbert and Terry Riker

17 - Joe Farino, Patty Lutz, Jackie Gross & Mike Harryman

19 - Helen Johnson, Evalyn Ingram & Wanda Drown

27 - Art Moore

28 - Jack Dawson

29 - Tracy Perry Butkas

### April Anniversaries

6 - Arthur & Sandra Killian

9 - Jack & Barbara Dawson

14 - Larry & Roberta (Bobbie) Whipple

23 - Frank & Mary Ann Sepulveda

## OTHER MODEL A CLUB EVENTS

### March

29 - April 1 - CCRG (Central California Regional Group) Jamboree. See page 4

### May

13 - Mother's Day Monrovia Home tour, Details TBA

20 - Orange County Pancake Breakfast. Details TBA

### June

18 -23 - MAFCA National Convention - Marquette, MI

30 - Orange County Model T Club Parts Exchange & Car Show

## THE SUNSHINE LADY - SALLY BAQUET

**A Thinking of you Card was sent to:**

Harold Baquet

**A Condolence card was sent to:**

Andy Sais

**The following note was received from Andy Sais advising us his wife died on Monday, March 5.**

*Dear Family and Friends, I'm very sad to let you know that my beloved wife, Dawn, passed away peacefully this morning. Her services will be at Rose Hills, hopefully by the weekend (March 17). If you'd like more info, please contact me on Wednesday, as I should have all the information by then. Thanks very much for your thoughts and prayers, Andy*

## NEW MEMBERS

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



### Steve & Sondra Kurtz

Woodland Hills, Joined January 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



### Jerry & Patty Lampassi

Rancho Cucamonga. Joined Feb 2012  
1930 2 Door Delux Sedan

## FICTION & FACT

### Ponder This

by Joe Wilson

#### Buttons, Badges and Stick-on Things

Over the years we have accumulated a collection of miscellaneous buttons badges and other things that we wore for one event or another. The valuable ones are not there - My Captain Midnight Badge, Jack Armstrong decoder ring and Mickey Mouse watch. What we do have left is stored in one of those skinny top drawers where you can't put in anything other than "stuff". In there, with all of that stuff, is one valuable item that Joy (my wife) still has - her "Don't Yell at me - I'm a volunteer!" badge. She keeps it for emergency use.



**DON'T YELL AT ME  
I'M A VOLUNTEER!**

What does this have to do with Model A's and the Santa Anita A's you ask? Our club is comprised of a

group of people who "voluntarily" join our club. It's success is dependent on those same people to "volunteer" to perform the many chores required to make the club work; no hired hands here.

I invite you to read the "Elections are Coming" story on this same page. We need some more volunteers to step in and help.

The younger group will say "I don't have time". The older group will say, "I am too busy now that I have retired". Some will say "I don't know how to do any of those things". Say it isn't so!

Consider taking a stab at one of those positions where you can receive "some on the job training" If someone doesn't like what you are doing, I can loan you our "Don't Yell at Me, I'm a volunteer badge".

### New Member Spotlight

by Randy Harper

#### Jerry and Patty Lampassi:

Jerry was born in Massachusetts and grew up in New Jersey where he attended school. After High school, in 1972 he worked a little, and then decided to come out to California where he met his wife. His son, who is now 40, bought a 60 Cadillac as a project car. They worked on it together, but Jerry always wanted a Model A. He finally purchased one a couple of months ago, and is very interested in installing a Mitchell overdrive, for freeway driving. Jerry's other interest is in Numismatics.

Welcome to the Club, Jerry & Patty.

## Elections are Coming

The nominating committee, consisting of John Fant (Chairman), Ruth Ann LeVay, Hal Anthony, Vicky Bartlett, and Gerry Green, have been working on a slate of officers, board members and committee chairmen for the next election. They will present their slate at the general meeting on March 23. 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.

#### Absentee Ballots:

If you plan on voting by absentee ballot. It will be necessary that you request one from Carol Emanuelli ( 626-286-5267) by April 11, at the latest. You must fill it out and return it prior to the election at the General meeting on April 23.

## Dues are Due

We are serious now. Dues are now payable by the end of March - that's only a few days from now.

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. you don't want to be left out again this year do you?

Yes, you did get an invoice for your dues; it was included in last month's newsletter. You should now find it in your "Bills to pay in March" pile. Sorry, no credit cards accepted.

### Think About It

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.



## COMING EVENTS

### Tour to the CCRG Jamboree

March 29 – April 1

by Bob Moore

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 Cañada 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 gather 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.

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

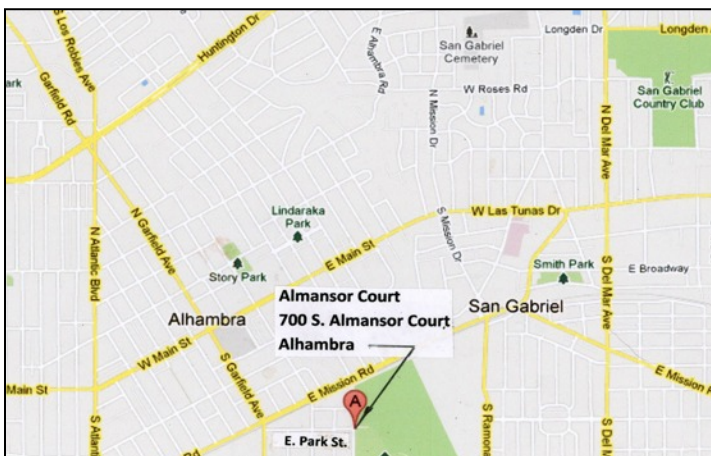
#### Time for a relaxing afternoon of Food, Fun and Prizes.

Sheri Johnson has put together a special event for the ladies which will take place at the Almansor 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 is April 6.

Almansor Court is located at 700 S. Almansor Court. See map below.

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



### Almost Annual Mt. Baldy Tour and Car Show, Brunch & Sundaes at the Moores'

May 3

by Bob Moore

Yes, it's that time again for the short trip to Mt. Baldy Lodge where brunch and ice cream are involved.

Our day will start at 8:50 AM at Royal Oaks in Bradbury, home of Ken and Betty Mallory and others. Our cars will be the centerpiece of a very short car show for the residents. Actually, our cars will be the only ones in the show. Royal Oaks Manor will provide light refreshments.

May 3 is also the National Day of Prayer and the minister will bless all the cars, drivers and passengers before we depart. And no offering plate.

At 10:00 AM, we will depart for Mt. Baldy. It is a 25 mile drive and freeways are not involved. We have always had a superb buffet brunch sitting outside on the patio and this year should be no exception. The brunch is scheduled to start between 11:15 and 11:30 AM, allowing for a leisurely drive up the hill.

After lunch, we will drive down the hill to Art and Olive Moore's for ice cream. Art and Olive live in Upland, so it is downhill all the way to their home. Directions will be distributed at the brunch. What a day!!

The cost for BOTH the brunch (with tax and tip included) and the ice cream sundaes for dessert is \$20.00 per person including tax and tip. What a deal!!!

**This is important.** So that we have an accurate headcount, payment for the tour must be made in advance. April 27 is last day to pay.

The MARC Club will participate in this tour. Treasurers for both clubs have agreed to collect for the tour and will provide Bob Moore, the Tour Master, with a headcount.

Any questions call Bob Moore at 626-358-2027 or email bobmoore1@aol.com.

## COMING EVENTS - CONTINUED

### Heritage Square Museum Tour

Sunday, June 9, 2012

by Bob Moore

Our club has been invited once again to participate in the Heritage Square Museum's Vintage Automobile and Classic Car Show. Heritage Square Museum is a living history museum that explores the settlement and development of Southern California during its first 100 years of statehood.

The eight historic structures located at the museum, constructed during the Victorian Era, were saved from demolition and serve as a perfect background to educate the public about the everyday lives of Southern Californians from the close of the 19th Century into the early decades of the 20th Century. From the simplicity of the Longfellow-Hastings Octagon House to the opulence of the William Perry Mansion, the Museum provides a unique look at the lifestyles of the people who contributed so much to the development of modern Los Angeles.

The museum is only 12 miles from Arcadia and easily reached on surface streets. Participants are asked to remain for the entire event. (10:30AM – 4:00 PM) Since it is a long day, bring food and beverages, hat, umbrellas, and wear plenty of sunscreen. Period costumes are also welcome. At least three of the historical homes will be open for visitors and participants to enjoy. Voting for "Best of Show". The museum hopes to have at least 40 different car makes and modes of transportation.

I will have a sign-up sheet at the April meeting. Any questions, please call Bob Moore.

## PAST EVENTS

### Tour to Jack Conway's Musical Collection & the Autry Museum

Saturday, Feb 18, 2012

by Joe Wilson

How many automatic music playing devices do you have in your home, that do not contain transistors?



Jack Conway has rooms and buildings full of them. His home was our first stop on a tour which also included a visit to the Autry Museum in Griffith Park followed by lunch at the facility.



Jack has a collection of 30 antique "Automatic Musical Instruments" which he has restored to working order and are on display at his home. We were treated to a variety of music played on various of musical instruments. The oldest we saw was 1907 "Aeolian Orchestrelle", a roller player which is operated by a vigorous one person foot pump. His oldest instrument is a 1895 Concert Roller Organ.



After viewing Jack's collection, we drove to the Autry Museum in Griffith Park. The museum has been expanded and includes a wide variety of permanent displays and special exhibits. Our tour guide took us through the "Masters of the American West" art exhibit and the "Art of Native American Basketry" exhibit.

Participating in this venture were:

John & Sue Chandler, Jim Constantian, Jack Conway, Don & Carol Dawkins, John & Carol Emanuelli, Louie & Jo Ann Formia, Ken Mallory, Mickey & Bea Fruchter, Leroy Gilbert, Elsie Johnson, Tom & Sheri Johnson, Bob & Diana Kincart, John & Dorothy Knox, Bob & Judi Moore, Marlin Perry, Joe Principe, Nancy Stancil, Bob & Joyce Travis, Joe & Joy Wilson



This was a good tour which hopefully expanded the cultural horizons of our Model A fanatics. We had a total of 30 members participate in this cultural expansion.

Nancy was the only member who ended up in jail at the museum. She may still be there.

## PAST EVENTS - CONTINUED

### Mom & Pop's Night Out

February 26

Joe Wilson

It really wasn't a Mom and Pops night out; it was a midday social event which included a bus ride, lunch and a musical play.



As the man say's "It's Tradition"

The play, "Fiddler on the Roof" has been around for over 50 years, but the story is as current as ever. It's all about young people, old people and "Tradition."

The Candlelight Theater in Claremont is the only dinner theater left in the Southland and is a wonderful venue for food and entertainment. Those of you who didn't partake missed a good one.

### Egge Machine Tour

March 6

Joe Wilson

True to form, this "men's tour" included visits to special places, beginning and ending with food. It began with coffee and doughnuts at Marlin's house and ended with lunch at Maggie's Pub in Sante Fe Springs.

The tour destinations (besides the food stops) included a visit to Andrews Hi Tec Corporation in El Monte and Egge Machine in Sante Fe Springs.



Marlin's Donut Shop for Breakfast



Our crowd gathered as we prepared to assault the shop.

Andrews Hi Tec is a small company that specializes in electron beam welding. This welding process utilizes precisely focused high voltage electrons to weld intricate parts in a vacuum with no distortion. The owner, Mr Andrews gave us a tour of his facilities and showed us examples of the projects he was working on which included components for the JPL space program.



So, pistons are not machined to be round .....

We then traveled to Egge Machine who has been in the automotive repair and parts manufacturing business since 1915. They are a supplier of vintage car parts and a manufacturer of pistons and valves.

Mr. Egge, grandson of the founder, led one of our tour groups through their extensive parts warehouse and manufacturing facilities. He explained, in detail the process used to manufacture pistons and valves.



It was a good tour, and we thank both Mr. Andrews and Mr. Egge for their hospitality.

Then how do they fit into round holes?



We had no food or water after we left Marlin's Donut Shop until it was...

Maggie's for lunch.

## OTHER STUFF

### Travises Auction Dinner Pay off

March 2

by Joe Wilson

One of the high dollar items offered at the January Meeting/Auction was a gourmet home cooked dinner for six people provided by Joyce and Bob Travis. Barbara and Jack Dawson were the high bidders. Additional guests included Judi & Bob Moore, and Joy & Joe Wilson. Thank you, Joyce and Bob, for featuring a fine-fun-fund-finding-function.



Can you identify the candle holder centerpiece? This is an excellent example of what "Model A Art" is all about.

Is there art in your garage?

### Jim Constantian Shares His Love For Old Records and Historic Record Players

At our last General Meeting Jim Constantian shared a sample of his collection of old records and record players.

Jim has a collection of over 15 thousand 78 RPM records and 1,000 cylinders along with 95 record players. Of the various machines that Jim brought to the

meeting, the oldest was a 1910 Edison Standard Model D Commercial cylinder type phonograph and the newest was a 1928 portable Suite Case Model Victrola.

Jim played some very rare records which included the voices of Thomas Edison, Charles Lindberg, Will Rodgers, Calvin Coolidge, William Jennings Bryant, Al Jolson and Kate Smith singing "God Bless America". He also played several songs written about the Model A, including "Henry Made a Lady Out of Lizzie".

Jim's enthusiasm for his hobby was evident in his presentation and we thank him for sharing it with us.



### Cookie Bringers of the Month Club

Cookie Bringers for the next meeting are John Emanuelli, Leroy Gilbert, Barbara Dawson

### Thanks to this month's photographers:

Elaine Perry, Joe Wilson

### Wanted

Cash or swap

One 1929 California License plate with letter "N" included, also any single plate.

One 1930-1939 California License plate with the same letter "N".

Contact Gene Reinhardt 626-287-1044

### Wanted

1928 - 1929 Radiator  
1928 - 1929 radiator shell

Contact Terry Riker 626-355-2926

### Wanted

Swap Only

One pair of 1931 California license plates for one pair of 1929 license plates.

Contact Gene Reinhardt 626-287-1044

## **MARLIN'S MUSINGS**

By Marlin Perry



*President's message continued from page 1*

Thanks to Bob Moore who put together a fantastic men's tour to Andrews Hi-Tec Corporation to see Electron Beam welding and then to Egge Machine where we were given the full tour of their facility where they make engine parts for antique cars (including Model A Fords). Lunch at Maggie's Pup was wonderful too. We had a super turnout and a fun day.

Mom & Pop's at the Claremont Candlelight Pavilion was wonderful. "Fiddler On The Roof" was a great show and they served delicious food. It seemed that everyone who attended had a great time.

The Nominating Committee is still looking for a few more volunteers for next year's officers... please step up and volunteer to help our club to stay active and vital. WE NEED YOU!!

Don't forget that we changed our March meeting date to one week earlier (March 23<sup>rd</sup>) so we could attend the CCRG Jamboree Meet in Bakersfield. Bob Moore informs me that we have a large group going, some for their very first Model A tour. Looking forward to this event.

I hope to see you at our March meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.



*This space has been left empty to accommodate John Knox's engine, after it comes home.*

## **MARLIN'S MUSINGS**

Well, Mom and Pop's night out is history. This year found us going to a matinee lunch show at the Candlelight Pavilion. Thanks to Dick Canzoneri, we got to go in a big fancy bus at no charge, a special program offered by LA County for senior citizens. Thanks Dick, we missed you and Norma as you were in New Orleans. The club picked up \$14.00 on each club member. If you went, your club dues for a couple were \$2.00 for the year, such a deal. The food was great, even sugar free cheesecake was - oh so good. As a board member, I was pleased to see our club off set the cost on things like this. It did seem odd coming home in the afternoon from this event. Good turn out and fun. The club pancake breakfast is coming up in July. This is a club-sponsored event; no charge.

## **SEMINAR NEWS**

I want to say, our tour to Egge and Andrews Hi Tech welding shop put on by Bob Moore was fantastic. I never knew you could weld like they do there; it was total Hi Tech. Also Egge Machine was such a big place. Imagine, they do 500 of one kind of pistons at one shift. Some they get low on and need to remake them. The shops were so clean and lots of workers all over. Thank you Bob. It was a great tour.

This month finds the Low End Boys taking John Knox's "B" engine out for some tender love and adjustments. As soon as it comes back we will put it back in the Knox's beautiful 1931 DLX S/W Fordor. The "B" engines are different from the stock Model A engine.

Sincerely,

Low End Boys

Ted Bruns, Gene Reinhardt, Louie Formia, Dick Homet, Mel Gross, John Emanuelli, Mickey Fruchter, Marlin Perry and helper Brad Balmot





## Amps vs Volts

*Editor's Note: This article is a reprint of an answer listed in the "Frequently asked Questions" section of the "Auto Meter" Company Web site.*

### Which is better for monitoring a vehicle's electrical system – a voltmeter or an ammeter?

#### Short answer - A voltmeter by far.

Electrical guru Mark Hamilton of MAD Enterprises points out that amperage is a measure of current flow, so an ammeter is actually a "flow meter" that's intended to measure current flow to the battery (under normal conditions) or discharge from the battery (in the case of alternator system failure). On a typical flow meter, all output must be directed through the device to obtain an accurate reading. In the ammeter's case, that means all the alternator output used to recharge the battery must first be routed through the ammeter under the dash. Which requires a heavy-gauge cable and presents a possible fire hazard. And the ammeter itself must be able to handle all this current flow, so it must have a higher current rating than the alternator's maximum rated output.

All this might be worth the hassle if the ammeter produced reliable information. But the ammeter can only measure the amount of current output to the battery for recharging purposes: When the alternator recharges a "low" battery, the ammeter indicates a high charge rate; with a fully charged battery the voltage regulator reduces alternator output, and the ammeter is supposed-to indicate a very low charge rate. But how can you really tell the regulator has reduced alternator output because the battery is fully charged? Maybe a diode in the alternator rectifier failed, or the alternator belt slipped after it warmed up, just as if the battery were fully charged. Or maybe the meter indicates a medium charge rate most of the time-does the battery want this much or could the voltage regulator be overcharging the battery?

On the other hand, a voltmeter works like a fuel pressure gauge-but instead of measuring fluid in psi, the voltmeter measures electrical system pressure in volts. Just like a fuel pressure gauge, a voltmeter only needs to tap into a circuit; all the fuel (or electricity) does not have to detour through the gauge itself. Voltmeter installation is easy, quick, and safe: It hooks up to a fused, ignition-switched "off/on" source and does not require any modification of the circuit used to recharge the battery or any part of the alternator/regulator system. In short, the voltmeter installed at the dash will be a stand-alone circuit.

The voltmeter directly measures the result of charging-system performance. With normal alternator/voltage-regulator function, battery voltage is maintained at 14.0 to 14.5 volts-and this is reported directly by the voltmeter. In the event of alternator-system failure, voltage will be low and continue to drop as the battery discharges. In the event of an "overcharge" condition, the voltmeter will climb above its normal zone. In summary, there is no chance for misinterpreting a voltmeter's readings as can happen with an ammeter.

Voltmeter vs. Ammeter?

#### **GARFIELD ON THE OIL CRISIS**

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*Editors Note: Bob Travis, our resident Oil Expert, wanted to share this information with all of you*



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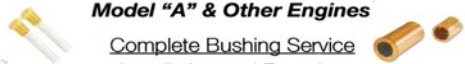


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1. **If you come to the meeting on Friday March 30 you'll be one week late.**
2. If you plan to vote by absentee ballot, you must request a ballot by contacting Carol Emanuelli prior to April 11.
3. Volunteer for one of the unfilled positions (See page 3)
4. Check out the Santa Anita A's Web Site - [santaanitaas.org](http://santaanitaas.org)

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