



May 2011

SPOKEN WHEELS

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, I thank John Fant for his service to our club for the last two years. I also thank Carol Emanuelli for serving as the Nominating Committee Chair and gathering volunteers to serve our club for this year.

We are still looking for someone to serve as our Tour/Events Coordinator who will oversee our busy schedule for this coming year. In addition to the Tour/Events Coordinator we are looking for someone to serve as our club's Youth Outreach Chairperson. We need to promote our hobby to youth, which is important to the continuation of interest in the Model A.

We have a busy year scheduled; something for everybody. We will have weekday tours for those who can participate and some events on Saturdays and some on Sundays. We hope to involve as many members as possible. We are looking for input from you, our members, to suggest ideas for future plans. Together we will have a wonderful year.

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GENERAL MEETING - **NO MEETING IN MAY** - Wait until June 24th to show up

Our program for June will feature Mr. Tom Nolan, an Engineer from JPL. Tom is the Mission Operations Engineer for the new Rover project at JPL, which is headed for a Mars landing. Sometime prior to that he was an accomplished horse rider when he held the position of Tommy Trojan at USC.

BOARD MEETING - Wednesday, June 8 - 7 PM - Temple City Hall

Visitors are welcome to come visit, contribute and eat cookies.

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SAA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

27 - No General Meeting in May.

June

6 - Ladies' Brunch - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
8 - Board Meeting - 7:00 PM, Temple City Hall
11 - Brake Seminar - See Page 5
16 - Men's Breakfast - 9:00, Annia's, El Monte Airport
24 - General Meeting - 7:30 PM, Arcadia Red Cross

July

4 - South Pasadena 4th of July Parade & Party, See page 5
11 - Ladies' Brunch @ Annia's, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
13 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Location TBA
16 - Pancake Breakfast, Wilderness Park, See page 5
21 - Men's Breakfast - 9:00, Annia's, El Monte Airport
29 - General Meeting 7:30 PM, Arcadia Red Cross
30-31 - Redlands tour, See page 6

September

11-16 - Nevada Tour, See page 6

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

June Birthdays

4 - Bob Harbicht
9 - Cliff Mount
13 - Daniel Boardman
12 - Joe Guarrera & Bea Fruchter
17 - Sandra Killian
20 - Patsy Harbicht
21 - Barbara Voors
24 - Louie Formia
27 - Gail Brokenoogen

June Anniversaries

5 - Steve & Sandi Hamburg
9 - Joe & Joy Wilson, Gene & Julie Reinhardt
17 - Bob & Joyce Travis,
Dick & Norma Canzoneri
18 - Robert & Diana Kincart
24 - Don & Carolyn McBride

OTHER MODEL A CLUB EVENTS

June

5 - Antique Nationals - Fontana Speedway -
Racing starts at 9:00 AM
11 - Pasadena's 125 Anniversary, See page 5
18 to 19 - LA Roadster Show - Fairplex, Pomona
26 - Henry Ford Picnic - Diamond Tread Chapter

July

2 - Arcadia Patriotic Parade & car show, See page 5
10 - Car Show @ Santa Anita Retirement Ctr., See page 5

September

25 - Paradise Valley Swap Meet

THE SUNSHINE LADY - MARTHA UTTER

.A Thinking of You card was mailed to Harold Baquet who had an operation on his elbow.

A get well card was sent to Gracie Fant.

A get well card was sent to Norma Canzoneri.
She fell and broke her ribs.

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.



Wilbert Smith

Altadena, Joined January 28, 2011
1930 Five Window Coupe



John & Marianne Spielmann

Pasadena, Joined March 2011
1930 Pickup



Chuck & Gail Boekenooge

La Verne, Joined April 19, 2011
30 Delux Coupe

FICTION & FACT

Ponder This

by Joe Wilson

We now have new management, and they are ready to go! Only the Secretary (Joy Wilson), Treasurer (Carol Emanuelli) and one Board member (John Emanuelli) remain from the previous administration. Let's give them all the support we can to make next year a good "Model A year".

Two committee chair positions remain unfilled; Tour Director and Youth Outreach. Hopefully both of these positions will be filled shortly.

I have a particular concern about the lack of a Tour Chairman. Local, day touring is an important part of our Model A club activities and we must continue to offer a wide variety of quality tours. Although the responsibility of creating and organizing local tours can be delegated, the responsibility for managing and coordinating tours and events must be assumed by a "Tour" or "Activities" Chairman. Multi-day tours are also important to our club. Fortunately, Bob Travis, Bob Moore and others have provided excellent Spring and Fall tours and we will see more in the future.

Bob Travis' article last month on "Learn to Down Shift" stimulated a lot of interest resulting in several contributions on the subject which appear in this issue of Spoken Wheels. I like it.

**Dues are past due, so do your dues.
The appearance of your name in our
Roster & Membership List is at risk.**

Think About It

*Sign outside a second hand shop:
WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES,
WASHING MACHINES, ETC.
WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND
GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?*

What disease did cured ham actually have?

*Why do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and
buns in packages of eight?*

Modern Car Survives on Model A Electricity

To all those fine gentlemen, in their fine Model A's, I wish to thank all of you for your help on the Mountain tour to Glendora on May 5th. I would especially thank Joe Wilson for volunteering to jump-start our modern car with his Model A. We now have Model A's juice running through our 1948 F1 Pick-Up. It is still running and, again, I thank all of you for stopping and giving us a supporting hand and trouble shooting the problem.

Paulette and Ted Bruns

Member Complains about his Anniversary

John Emanuelli protested over the publishing in the last issue of the Spoken Wheels that his (and his wife's) anniversary was May 20th. He reported they already have an anniversary on September 29. He added that once a year was sufficient, that he could not afford another, and that he preferred to keep the original date.

Let it be known that the records have been corrected and apologies given. The Editor

Production of the new Roster is underway and you have an assignment

By now you have received your copy of the Santa Anita A's data base for your review. This is the information which will be used to print the new Rosters. Please review all of the data shown next to your name and advise Joe Wilson by email or telephone of any errors or changes.

Some of you did not provide pictures for last year's roster. We encourage you to send one now. Those of you who would like to "upgrade" your photo, to one that looks more like you, please send a replacement.

June 1 is the last day I will be able to accept changes. Any member who has not paid their dues by June 1 will not be included in the roster.

The new Roster will be distributed at the June 24 meeting

Downshifting Dilemma

By Bob Harbicht

I read with interest the article "Learn to Downshift" by Bob Travis in the April issue of *Spoken Wheels*. I must admit, I had to read the article several times to insure that I understood every word.

I have a couple of suggestions. When the author refers to "cyclic compressive stress which does not hurt the babbitt . . ." I harked back to some earlier research I had done in this same area. I found that if you retard the thunkwiler 75% you can usually avoid this problem.

His reference to "Horsepower = torque (ft-lb) X RPM divided by a constant (5252) had me for a second. I believe the constant (5252) was Bob's address when he was in high school. But the ft-lb kinda threw me. Do you weight one foot or two? By the way, I had a torque for breakfast the other morning; it was cream-filled and chocolate covered.

I did take his advice of "lowering the bearing compressive limit". For those of you who are unaware, there is a small dial for doing this on the firewall, just under the steering shaft.

I think, with these footnotes, Bob's article will be even more useful to our members.

A Shifting Viewpoint

By Joe Wilson

Downshifting to maintain an appropriate engine operating RPM and prevent engine damage by "lugging" is a good driving technique. It is also common practice to downshift in order to retard a vehicle and "maintain" a safe speed when descending a grade. However, the concept of downshifting to brake a vehicle under normal driving situations is controversial. It will likely not have a significant affect on brake life, but will put extra stress on your drive train if you downshift badly.

There is a danger when downshifting a non-synchro transmission. You run the risk of "missing" the down shift, can't get it into gear quickly, and end up with a free-wheeling vehicle. The time required to downshift may exceed the time needed to avoid hitting the object in front of you. Using your engine for braking is only effective at higher engine RPM's.

Give your drive train a "brake".

From the Bottom Boy

By Mickey Fruchter

Learn to Downshift - Addendum to Bob Travis' (Learn to Downshift – Article in April, 2011 Spoken Wheels)

Last summer we drove to the wedding ceremony of one of my former violin students in our Model A. The bride and groom hired a chauffer-driven 1927 Packard Limousine to drive them to their reception. The owner of the limo has many vintage cars for hire; for weddings, film shoots. He told me that he spent a small fortune for new brakes on his Packard and that he downshifts a lot to save his brakes. I told him that I do the same on my Model A and my Kia Sportage (manual transmission).

It is more difficult to downshift a 'stock' Model A transmission (having to double-clutch) than a '39 tranny or modern type (syncromesh) transmission; but it helps to slow down your car and save your brakes.

A brake job on a Model A is NOT cheap (even if you do the work yourself), and if you can save money on brakes you can spend it on gas and drive your car more.

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It seems that each month, after the Treasurer's Report we have a few members who say... "Spend the money". I am pretty sure that these members don't go out and spend their money in their bank accounts just because they have money left. Our members pay \$30.00 per year dues, which pays our rent at the Red Cross (\$600.00 per year), post office box, newsletter, club roster and mailing expenses. They also receive: a free pancake breakfast, seminars (some with a free lunch) and continental breakfast before and lunch after the July 4th Parade. Members also receive reduced fees on "Mom and Pop's Night Out", our annual Holiday Party and the Installation Banquet. The Men's and Ladies' Raffles do not make money for the club, and most of the time we lose money, but it is fun for the members to participate in the raffles. The "Kitty" on the refreshment table is strictly voluntary and members can contribute if they want to. I'd like to point out that it does cost money for ice, soda/punch, cups, plates, napkins, sugar & creamer. Three dollars of your dues is paid to the Association of California Car Clubs (A.C.C.C.). They are our advocate in Sacramento, fighting new laws which will hinder our hobby. Many legislators would like to get our cars off the road and into the recycling bin, or tax them big time.

Our club gives back to its' members more than any other club that I know of. I know that most of our members don't look at the Treasurer's Report, which is posted each month and most of our members don't care. They come for fun and fellowship and I want to keep it that way.

COMING EVENTS

Brake Seminar

Saturday, June 11

Installation of brake "Floaters" will be the subject of the seminar held at Don Dawkins' house on Saturday, July 11. Mickey Fruchter will provide the demonstration vehicle; Chuck Sharpe and Randy Harper will present the Seminar. Copies of a DVD and printed installation instructions will be given to all attendees. Please contact Marlin Perry (626-443-0638) if you plan on attending.

125th Birthday of The City of Pasadena

Saturday, June 11

The City of Pasadena is celebrating their 125th Birthday on Saturday, June 11th from 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm. They would like to have a number of antique cars in the parking lot in the front of the Pasadena Museum of History for display of our automotive heritage.

To participate in the event, you would need to bring your car to the museum by 11:00 a.m. and display it until 7:00 p.m. Departure time would be about 7:30 pm. They would like to have someone by the car at times to tell people about its history.

This is not a club tour, but if you would be interested in taking your Model A and participating in this event, please call Nancy Stancil (626/448-0457) by Tuesday, May 24th and give her information regarding your car. The museum's web page is www.pasadenahistory.org.

Arcadia Patriotic Parade

Saturday, July 2

CARS AND DRIVERS NEEDED

The first annual Arcadia Patriotic Parade and Festival is scheduled for Saturday, July 2 on First Avenue in Arcadia.

They need cars to transport dignitaries and former Rose Parade Queens and Princesses in the parade.

After the parade there will be a car show, along with other activities, on First Avenue from 11:00 until 3:00. No charge for being in the parade; a \$20 donation is requested for the car show. You can be in the parade and not the car show, or vice-versa.

If you would be interested in helping out, contact Bob Harbicht (626-484-4214; harbicht@verizon.net).

South Pasadena Fourth of July Parade

Monday, July 4

For a number of years the Santa Anita A's have participated in the South Pasadena Fourth of July Parade which, again, will be held on July 4th in South Pasadena. This is a great way to celebrate the holiday. Vicky Bartlett will host our group before the parade.

Here is the schedule:

8:30 am Meet at Vicky Bartlett's home
1625 Fletcher Ave. South Pasadena
9:45 am Depart for parade route
11:00 am Parade Starts

Bring decorations for your car. Balloons are great since this is called "The Festival of Balloons". We need cars to carry dignitaries in the parade. Please consider this and volunteer.

After the parade head to Joe Principe's house for lunch. The club will furnish food, drinks and such. What a deal. Please sign up or call Marlin at (626) 443-0638. We want to have plenty of food and refreshments for everyone. A day to celebrate and show off our cars.

Please bring a write-up about your car for the announcer.

Santa Anita Retirement Center Car Show

Sunday, July 10

Just like last year. Lots of good food and dessert. There is no charge, but you do need to sign up. Open 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. No tour involved; drive directly to the site at 5500 Gracewood, Temple City. Joe Farino is in charge. Contact him to get on the approved list (626-445-4589).

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, July 16

Back again by popular demand is the traditional Santa Anita A's Pancake Breakfast which will be held at Wilderness Park in Arcadia. Last year Brad Balmot reported that he had some left over pancakes. The same excellent pancakes will be featured again this year along with bigger fresh eggs and sausage. Bingo for ladies and a Tech Seminar for men will round out this fun day.

Brad needs to know in advance how many eggs to scramble, so you need to sign up at the next General meeting on June 24.

There will be a map and directions in the next newsletter for those who can't remember where they were last year.

COMING EVENTS - CONTINUED

Redlands Tour

Saturday, July 30 - Sunday, July 31 by Mickey Fruchter

There is a production of the musical "Cinderella" by Rogers and Hammerstein taking place at the Redlands Bowl. The plan is to leave Pasadena at 9:00 a.m. and drive non-freeway to Redlands (stopping for lunch on the way). Members can drive their Model A's or modern irons.

Part 1. We plan to visit the Historical Glass Museum. It was founded in 1976, to preserve specimens of American glass from artists and factories that were becoming extinct. On display are over 6,000 examples of American glass from the mid – 1800s to contemporary art glass. The museum has a large collection of milk glass dating as far back as the 1800s. Admission is by a \$3.00 donation.

Part 2. We would then travel to the Lincoln Memorial Shrine in Redlands. It is a beautiful and comprehensive museum and collection of Lincoln and Civil War items. Among the treasures on display are personal items from Lincoln, such as letters and a pair of his cufflinks. Among the thousands of books and manuscripts in the library pertaining to Lincoln and the war are more than 20 documents personally signed by the president. An interesting display features information on how the penny was made and how Lincoln's appropriate likeness was chosen for the coin. Mary Todd Lincoln is represented there, too. There is a Civil War collection well worth seeing including: uniforms, medical instruments, letters written by soldiers, canteens, playing cards and hard tack (a food item eaten by soldiers). There is a display of ammunition, swords, handguns, muskets, rifles and carbines. Also of interest are the first cannonball fired at Fort Sumter and the 9th Infantry drum used in the Battle of Gettysburg. Admission is free.

Part 3. Performance of "Cinderella" at the Redlands Bowl in the evening. The bowl is an outdoor theater and there are no reserved seats, so the plan is to purchase our own individual dinners and picnic in the theater. Admission is free.

Part 4. Those who want to drive back after the performance Drive carefully. Or stay overnight in Redlands

Here are two recommendations for lodging. You must make your own reservations.

Super 8 Motel, 1160 Arizona St., Redlands, CA (909) 335-1612 about \$60.00 per night + tax
Free Continental Breakfast

Redlands Comfort Suites, 1230 W. Colton Ave., Redlands, CA (909) 335-9988 about \$90.00 per night, Free full breakfast

Part 5. Drive back home with possible stops.

If you are interested, please contact Mickey A.S.A.P. at mcfriu@aol.com or call (626) 797-2048 so I can begin to commence to start to initiate to proceed making necessary plans.

Nevada Tour

September 11- 16

Not much time left

The Nevada Grand Tour III, scheduled for September is filling up so you better get moving if you want to participate.

This is a two part tour. The first part is a tour through Yosemite organized by Bob Travis. We will then join in the hub tour based out of Minden, Nevada organized by the Sagebrush chapter. It consists of four days of local touring to include Lake Tahoe area, Reno Auto Museum, Virginia City and Bridgeport, CA. The registration fee is \$345.00 per person which includes entrance fees, a bus ride and some meals. Lodging is in addition at \$49.59 per night plus tax. If necessary, you may cancel your reservation and get a refund through August 1. You also need to make room reservations separately, which may be canceled at no cost.

This will be a fun trip. Contact Bob Travis for details on how to register.

PAST EVENTS

East Fork San Gabriel River Tour

Thursday, May 5

By Nancy Stancil

If you missed this tour, you missed an exciting day. Fourteen Model "A's" assembled at Royal Oaks Manor in Bradbury. The Model "A's" were shiny and ready for a car show for the benefit of the residents.



I Think Bea is in the back row.

The Manor surprised our group with fresh strawberry donuts from Donut Man in Glendora. The Manor served coffee, orange juice and other sweets. The residents of the Manor always enjoy our visit and recollect experiences with "A's" from their past. Just prior to departing, the Manor's Chaplin blessed the cars and drivers.



After the blessing we headed out for part two of our adventure. We divided into two groups of seven vehicles and headed up Azusa Canyon to the East Fork San Gabriel River. Along the way up Azusa Canyon we picked up

Ted and Paulette Bruns. The Morris Reservoir dam was at its highest and breathtakingly beautiful. After turning onto the East Fork road we traveled to our first rest stop and waited for the other group to catch up and make sure all vehicles were okay.

Well, word has it that the only vehicle that was not blessed in the morning had a few minor problems and of course we had to rib the owner a little. All in good fun!



Ted Gets Model A electricity

We saw quite a few people along the stream and discovered they were there panning for gold. Who would have thought?

The groups headed back out and continued to the Glendora Mountain Road where the real climbing began.

There are some steep hills and lots of curves both up and down that mountain. Drivers had to be alert and passengers had to hang on. I believe that's what we call a good Model "A" road.



Once down the hill, we headed to Legends, a 50's diner in Glendora. Eight of our members surprised us by joining us for lunch. The back room was reserved for our group. After a lunch enjoyed by all, everyone headed home.

The members attending this event in Model "A's" were Ted and Paulette Bruns (1948 Ford Pick Up), Don Dawkins, John Emanuelli, Louie Formia, Mickey and Bea Fruchter (the manor and lunch), Leroy Gilbert, Bob and Patsy Harbicht, Dick Homet, Tom Johnson and his buddy from high school, Ken and Betty Mallory, Don and Carolyn McBride, Joe Principe, Chuck and Nancy Sharpe, Nancy Stancil, Bob Travis, Chris Wickersham and Joe & Joy Wilson.



The members attending this event in modern vehicles were Billy and Donna Andrews, Brad and Vicky Balmot, Sheri Johnson, Marlin and Elaine Perry who met us for lunch at Legends and Elsie Johnson who met us at the manor and lunch at Legends.



So come on out and tour with your friends. As you can see, you can participate in any part of a tour, Model "A" or modern. We would feel honored if you just came and spent part of your day with us.

PAST EVENTS - CONTINUED

Monrovia Old Homes Tour

Sunday, May 8

by Joe Wilson

This year the Monrovia Historical Preservation Group presented their 29th annual Mother's Day home tour which featured five Victorian homes built prior to 1893. The Santa Anita A's were invited to participate again this year by Robb Stewart who is the "Vintage Car" person on the Preservation Group Tour committee.



Although it started as a wet day, it soon became pleasant for touring. We all met a Robb Stewart's Craftsman home for coffee and bakery things. Then at 10:00AM he took us all on very nice tour on the back roads of Monrovia, including a stop at the Monrovia train station which is scheduled for restoration.



All of the homes were impressive and obviously well cared for by their owners, some of whom were on site as docents. Jim Constantion was on hand at one of the homes with one of his early model Cylinder record players.



I recommend you include this in your "Tour To Do" List next year.



The Rest of the Story

Sheri Johnson

The roof on Tom's 1929 Tudor Sedan started to tear in the front when we took our trip to the MARC/ MAFCA joint meet in Dallas, Texas in 2008. He patched it at that time with some RTV. Over the past three years, it got worse and finally, on the trip to Solvang in April 2011, the wind got underneath it and it started to lift up.



Tom decided that I should sew it, so we went to a quilt shop in Buellton to purchase a needle and some heavy duty thread. While looking for needles we were approached by a young woman who wanted to assist in helping us get just the 'right' needle and thread, but she also wanted to know what we were sewing. We took her outside and showed her our Model A roof.

Editors note. A significant event experienced on the recent Solvang Tour was left untold-- until now. Look carefully; you can see that Tom, seated inside his car, is able to keep careful watch on the young lady working on his car.

She offered to do the job for us; so she gathered her step stool and her "work tools" and hopped up on the side mount tire and sewed the roof. For reinforcement, Tom also tacked it down. We made it home from Buellton with the roof intact.

Prologue....Tom has recently installed a new roof.

For Sale: 1931 Model A Convertible Sedan (A-400).

Older restoration featured in the book *Henry's Lady*. Restored by professional restorer Chuck Peters. Features include B-engine, '39 transmission, F-100 steering, hydraulic brakes, turn indicators, metal trunk with cover, both ashtrays, 3 door hood and rare 5 instrument dash panel, dual side mounts, clock, step plates, very clean interior and paint. \$45,000. John Chandler 626-447-1097.



PAST EVENTS - CONTINUED

Installation Banquet

Sunday May 15

by Joe Wilson

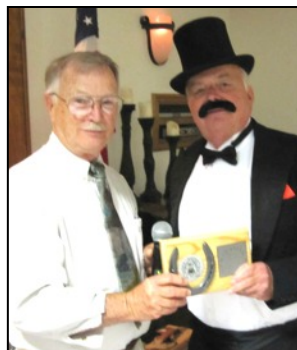
The new Santa Anita A's officers and directors are now in charge, so watch out. They were all duly installed at the annual Installation Banquet held again this year at the Monrovia Restaurant. A total of 65 members participated, including eight past presidents and two founders.



It was significant that on the 36th anniversary of the club's founding in 1975, one of its founders and first President, Brad Balmot performed the installation ceremonies. Nattily attired in a black tux and top hat, he was not recognized until his mustache fell off.



Mickey Fruchter, started things off with a sing-along accompanied by Jay Munns on keyboard.



Mickey then presented the yearly total mileage awards (the top mileage winner was Mickey Fruchter).



Marlin Perry presented the cumulative Club mileage awards.



John Fant presented his self designed/ manufactured awards to last year's Officers and Board members in recognition of their service. John also recognized Nancy Stancil as the most "Participating" member and Gene Reinhardt as "Member of Year" along with runner-up Joe Wilson.



Ken Mallory presented a past president's pin to John Fant and thanked him for his contributions over the past year.

A good time was had by all. It is anticipated the installation ceremony will be repeated again next year, if not before.



Would you buy a used car from these guys?

MARLIN'S MUSINGS

By Marlin Perry



Have you noticed how Elsie Johnson is watching the Santa Anita A's members? Word is she volunteers her time to the Arcadia police department. Let's be careful.

Do we feel sorry for Ted Bruns? Word has it Paulette is heading out with her sister for a month; Florida has been mentioned as the place. Good luck Ted on cooking. Have a great time Paulette. In and Out Burgers sounds good.

It was nice seeing Barbara Bishop at our last regular club meeting. She is a good friend of our last guest speaker, Hardy Allen.

Sometimes it's a small world. We had a gentleman at our last meeting named Tony Piner. He is a good friend of Terry and Carolyn Riker and our guest speaker, Hardy Allen. Elaine, Nancy and I went to high school with Tony— just a few years ago.

Happy days. Tony Cortese has his Model A sedan back. He says it runs good, thanks to Randy Harper. Your carburetor smarts did the trick. Love you.

Many of you saw Scott Bonner at our Installation Dinner. We do not see much of him; he lives in Rialto with his wife Lori. He is a school music teacher and is studying to be a lawyer. He is on a scholarship with high grades to keep his scholarship. Nice guy!

How about Dick and Norma's son in law. He bought their Coupe and joined the Santa Anita A's. This is all great. What a nice Coupe; Dick restored it.

How about Jack Dawson having another birthday. Better yet, how about Barbara bringing a carrot cake to our meeting for us all to share. Oh, it was good. Thanks Barbara. Also Happy Birthday Jack.

Bob Travis keeps Model A'ing. He and Eric Sandberg are pulling out Eric's Model A engine getting his car ready for a _____. I'll tell you next month. Oh, Eric, your father in-law will envy your good news. Yes, Brad will be envious.

A KIA, yes, that is what Elaine and I bought, a new KIA car. Gave up our Ford Taurus. We were not happy for second time.

SEMINAR NEWS

Floaters "Off the Ground" Seminar

Subject: Brake Floaters
Victim: Pandora
Owner: Mickey Fruchter
Place: Don Dawkins home
101 W. Floral Ave.
Arcadia, CA
Time: 9:00 AM
Date: Saturday, June 11th
Operators: Chuck Sharpe
Randy Harper

Hopefully, this will be a successful operation. Come one, come all.

Mickey thanks Raffle Donors by Mickey Fruchter

Thanks to Bob Travis for his donation of a multi size socket wrench to the April Men's Raffle. Thanks also to Thurston LeVay's donation of battery charger and to Marlin Perry for his donation of a bottle of after-shave lotion.

We are looking for someone to buy raffle items for the men's raffle in July. No one has signed up. If you are interested, please call Mickey at (626) 797-2048.

FROM THE SHOP BENCH

by Bob Travis



Preparing for the inevitable

My message this month is not on a technical subject, but one that I think is important. An article "Preparing for the Inevitable", written by Dave Graham, Associate Editor of "V8 Times" magazine, appeared in their March/April issue. I thought it was worth sharing.

The average age of a V-8 Club member is seventy-four years. I have experienced the loss of several good friends, not only in our regional group but others as well. I would like to offer some advice and common sense responsibilities, not only to you but to your spouse as well.

We all seem to have too many cars, parts, literature, signs and collectibles. You need to make some provisions for disposal of these items in case of an untimely death or illness. A sudden heart attack or stroke can happen without warning, cancer may give you some time to plan but do not be too sure.

I am not an attorney and I am only offering suggestions. Every person has a different idea or desire and we all expect to live forever. The thought of our demise is something that is not easy to talk about, but do not ignore it. I think the most important thing you could do is create a "Living Trust" for your family's wealth, even if it is small. If something happens to you or your spouse, your assets simply are passed on to them. This avoids probate and taxes, and is simple to execute.

I highly recommend the services of an attorney to set up the "trust" so it is correct, legal and complete. My attorney charged me \$1,200.00 for this service and you can always change it. review it or even cancel it at any time. The attorney will sit down with you and discuss, at length, how you would like to handle your estate. He will compose the documents, review it with you and finalize the trust. We chose to have the attorney keep the original "trust" in his file so it does not get lost or altered. Make sure the family members are aware of the documents and who has them.

We chose to have our attorney be the executor of our estate. This will eliminate any fighting or bad feelings among our heirs. It might cost the estate a little more, but it would be just and fair to all. You have the assurance that everything will be handled in a fair and timely manner.

Even though you have a "family trust" in place, a "will" is also an important document to prepare as soon as possible. We have a hand written "will" that was

reviewed by our attorney to make sure it was written correctly. It is a .good idea to store the "will" with the attorney as well. Anyone could easily throw it away if they did not agree with your wishes. You can always put a clause in the "will" that states "if anyone disagrees with your wishes or tries to change it. they are eliminated completely." That will keep them quiet!

I put all the "car titles" together in one place and signed them without dating anything. It is best to have the actual correct signature, even though it maybe sold later on. I have friends that make a list of the value of their cars and update them every year or so. Not a bad idea to list the name and phone numbers of interested buyers, if there are any. I have witnessed first hand, some of the vulture types that try and buy cars from the estate even before the funeral!

I believe the best advice is to wait six months or more before you sell anything. That gives everyone time to grieve, get your emotions under control and make a sound decision what to sell and for how much. You might consider selling some of the overflow of cars, parts and memorabilia soon. Your grandchildren or great grandchildren could certainly use college money and you would be doing more for them at this stage of life than later on. How many cars can you drive at one time? It is fun to show off your collections, but think of your spouse, heirs and needs of your family.

Perhaps you may consider "willing" cars, parts, or literature to the Early Ford V-8 Foundation and Museum. Your donations will be acknowledged for years to come in your name.

Talk to your spouse and your family about what your wishes are. Do not leave a burden for others or issues to fight over later. Money spent on an attorney or accountant now is money well spent, and will save money, anger, and grief after you are gone.

My thoughts and suggestions are my own and they are free. Only you can prepare for the future, do not put it off!

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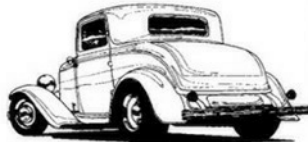


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- 1. Don't show up for a General meeting on May 27.**
- 2. Respond to the email data survey - promptly.**
- 3. To the two of you who haven't yet paid your dues; we encouraged you both to do so.**
- 4. Sign up for the tours coming up.**
- 5. Drive your Model A — If it Runs. If it doesn't, get another one.**

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