

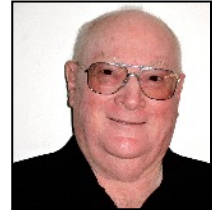


October 2012

SPOKEN WHEELS

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a wonderful "Old Time Santa Anita A's Pot Luck" in September. The weather was perfect and we had many hands helping to set up and take down everything. Special thanks to Marlin and Elaine Perry for all that they do to help our club. We had an abundance of great food, thanks to most of the members and Tracy Perry Butkus who arranged to supply "Papa Cantella's" Hot Dogs. We had our usual supply of "freeloaders" attend as well. Vice President, John McDannel, gave a super presentation on his experience of flying Ronald Regan around the country during his campaign for president of the United States.



We had a small, but mighty, turnout for the Frazier Park Tour on October 7th. Hopefully, next year we will have a larger turnout of our members to this annual event. October 20th was a busy day for many of our members. The Annual Temple City Car Show took place in the morning and then in the afternoon the ladies had lunch and attended a Cirque de Soleil performance. On Wednesday, October 24th some of our members will be counting ballots at the Model A Ford Club of America headquarters in La Habra, CA for the election of our national officers.

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GENERAL MEETING - Friday, October 26 - Arcadia Red Cross, 376 Huntington Dr., Arcadia.
A special meeting tonight. It's Halloween time, so dress the part.

PROGRAM - Mr. Allen Munnecke, will present a history of the Wrigley Mansion, home of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses.



BOARD MEETING - Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00 PM - Temple City Hall
Come join us and participate in the exciting discussions.

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SAA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

26 - General Meeting

November

10 - Tour to Wrightwood, See page 4
12 - Ladies' Brunch - Annia's, El Monte Airport 11:00 AM
14 - Board meeting - Temple City Hall 7:00 Pm
15 - Men's Breakfast - Annia's, El Monte Airport 9:00 AM
17 - Technical Seminar, See page 4
30 - General Meeting - Arcadia Red Cross, 376 Huntington Dr.,

December

15 - Christmas Party, see page 4
28 - No Meeting in December. Go to the party instead.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

November Birthdays

3- Jim Austin, Bob Moore
5 - Mary McDannel
9 - Robert Kincart
10 - John Knox
11 - Elsie Johnson
12 - James Slater
14 - Don McBride
15 - Frank Sepulveda
16 - Stan Ingels
17 - Marlin Perry
19 - Wilbert Smith, Joe Wilson, Sue Guarrera
20 - Scott Bonner
21 - Susan Bennett
26 - Judi Moore, Ellis Hurst
28 - Marianne Spielman, Carol Emanuelli

November Anniversaries

1 - Tracy & Larry Butkus
17 - Louie & Jo Ann Formia
20 - Keith & Joann Smith
22 - Steve & Barbara Voors
27 - Cliff & Alice Mount

OTHER MODEL A CLUB EVENTS

Nothing could be found for the rest of 2012.

Cookie Bringers Of The Month Club

Diana Kincart, Carolyn McBride and Gail Boekenoogen

THE SUNSHINE LADY - SALLY BAQUET

This month's photographers include:

Mickey Fruchter, Nancy Stancil, Bob Moore, John Emanuelli and J. Wilson

A Get Well card was sent to Randy Harper

A Sympathy card sent to Tom & Sheri Johnson

NEW MEMBERS

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



Peter & Pam Pumpkin

Pumpkin Center, California
Joined October 31, 2012
Early Model 2 Horse Open Wagon

Dave & LaVada Hancock

Arcadia, Joined April 2012
1930 Fordor Sedan



Jerry Jr. & Elise Lampassi

Rancho Cucamonga, Joined April 2012



James and Tracy Slater

Pasadena, Joined May 2012
1928 Tudor Sedan



AC and Josie Byrd

Montebello. Joined July 2012
1930 Tudor

Ponder This

by Joe Wilson

Sharing your Toys and Other Important Things



Not all of us were good at sharing our toys when we were very young. That was something we had to learn. Fortunately, most old folks and particularly Model A'ers have learned the art of sharing well,

Consider this: How many times have you seen a Model A'er share information, a tool or a part? How often have you seen a Model A'er share his time to help another member solve a problem or finish a project? How many times on a tour have you seen Model A'ers stop to help with an "on the road breakdown"? Sharing is what makes being a member of our club so great.

An excellent example of sharing occurred while preparing this month's issue of the Spoken Wheels. In a previous issue of the Spoken Wheels, Marlin Perry, in his "Marlin's Musings" shared with others the problems a new member, Jerry Lampassi, was having with his engine overheating. A member of the San Fernando Model A Club read the story and contacted Marlin to tell him about a recent technical article in the San Diego Model A Club's newsletter, "The Quail Call".

The article was about "Model A Overheating". It turns out that article was shared with the San Diego Model A Club by the writer, Gene Amy, from the San Diego Regional Group of the (HCCA) "Horseless Carriage Club of America" newsletter.

That's a lot of good sharing. We thank Gene Amy for writing the article for the Horseless Carriage Club newsletter, we thank the Editor of the San Diego club's newsletter for reprinting it, we thank the San Fernando Club member who called Marlin's attention to it and we thank Bob Travis for including it in his "From the Bench" feature article.

New member Spotlight

by Randy Harper

Jerry Jr. & Elise Lampassi

Jerry grew up in Orange County. He met his wife through a music teacher. Jerry was taking Cello lessons, and his wife plays the Violin.

Jerry joined the club because he enjoys old cars, and it gives him an opportunity to hang out with his Dad, Jerry Sr. Jerry Jr enjoys driving his Dad's car, as long as its under 45 MPH.

Getting the Job Done

by Joe Wilson

Putting the "Spoken Wheels" newsletter together every month is made a lot easier by the many people who "share" their time and I want everyone to recognize them for their efforts.

Much of our newsletter is devoted to reporting on our numerous "events", both past and future. Organizers of, or participants in the events typically write articles, making my job easier. Our monthly feature articles include Mickey Fruchter's "Presidents Message", Marlin Perry's "Marlin's Musings", Bob Travis' "From the Shop Bench" along with the updates provided by Randy Harper's "New Members Spotlight", Sally Baquet's "Sunshine Lady" and Vicky Bartlett's "Cookie Bringers of the Month Club". Bob Moore and Nancy Stancil write frequently about up-coming and past tours along with John Emanuelli's MAFCA and John McDannel's Program reports

A special thanks to all of the many photographers who repeatedly submit their "best shots" even though very few ever make the paper. But, we're not done yet. Bea Fruchter proof reads every word and wields a critical red pencil and Elaine Perry always corrects my errors of dates and places. Only then, after final corrections do Elaine Perry and Sally Baquet print, fold and mail the final document.

If I left someone off the list, assume I did it on purpose. I thank you all for your time and effort.

Wait! There is one job left and it's your responsibility. READ THE PAPER.

Think About It

Why does a "Slight" tax increase cost you \$800, while a "Substantial" tax cut saves you only \$30?

President's message continued from page 1

Again, this year we will be collecting non-perishable food for the less fortunate families in our community. Please bring your donations to our November 30th General Meeting or to our Holiday Party on December 15th. We will also be collecting new toys and all will be donated to the Foothill Unity Center, Inc.

NOTE....there will be no General Meeting in December.

We have a very busy chapter and hopefully there is something for everybody. If you have ideas for tours, programs, seminars or whatever... please let me, or members of the Board, know your thoughts. Mickey

COMING EVENTS

Dress Your Best at the Cross

Friday, October 26

by Joe Wilson

Last month it was “Dining at the cross”. This month it’s “Dress your Best at the Cross”.

I have been told that it is a “Tradition” for us to disguise ourselves at the October General meeting. That sounds a whole like “Halloween”.



Those that do the best job of hiding their identity will be awarded special prizes. If we are unable to identify you, bring a picture taken with your costume removed. Those who are recognized immediately upon arrival will be diverted to special assignments, such as setting up and putting away the chairs.

Those of you who normally come to our regular meetings in a disguise are requested to “Come as you are”; that will be a real scare. Tricking and Treating are optional. If you are too old to “trick” go for a “treat”.

Mountain Tour to Wrightwood

Saturday, November 10

This one is for the “Over the Hill Folks” who like local one day tours with mountain views. The route will take us up Angeles Crest Highway from La Canada on Route 2 all the way to Wrightwood. On the way will stop at Newcomb Ranch for a break, then on to Wrightwood for lunch. Our return route will take us South on 138, then East either on surface streets or, optionally, on the 115 to the 210 Freeway and home.

We will meet at McDonald’s in La Canada for a 9:30 AM departure.

Sign up for the tour at the next meeting or contact Mickey Fruchter to reserve your spot.

Tech Seminar

Saturday, November 17

It’s All About the Shimmy & Shake

Does your car shimmy like your sister Kate? Does it want to go left when you are thinking right? That could be caused by a number of things and we want to talk about them at our Shimmy & Shake Seminar.

Henry built a good car, but he didn’t have access to all the modern materials and technology that exist today. An example is the availability of Teflon seats for rebuilding tie rod and drag link end assemblies.

Mickey Fruchter has volunteered his car to be used in this seminar. We will be installing new Tie Rod and Drag Link ends on his car using the new Teflon rebuild kits. Come watch and help.

The seminar will commence at Marlin Perry’s home at 9:30 AM on Saturday, November 17. Food may be involved along with a lively discussion about all the things that give your car the shimmies and shakes.

Sign up at the next meeting or call Marlin Perry (626-443-0638). We need to know who will not be there.

Christmas Party and Lights Tour

Saturday December 15

Yes, Johnny (or Mary), there is a Santa Claus. We are not sure yet, but we think we have him booked for the Santa Anita A’s Christmas party again this year. And, yes, it will be held at our traditional location, the Sierra Madre Methodist Church, which is located, of all places, in Sierra Madre — 695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., on the N.E. Corner at Michillinda, to be exact.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Breaking with tradition, the traditional Christmas lights tour will be held just prior to our traditional Christmas party. So, this year you can get lost on the way to the party, and rather than being late for the cookies at someone’s house, you won’t “Get to the Church On Time” to reserve your favorite seat.

There will be good food and entertainment; you betcha. We haven’t worked out the details yet, but stay tuned for more info in the November Newsletter. No, it won’t be free, but as close to free as we chose to afford.

PAST EVENTS

International Model A Ford Day Saturday, September 22 by Joe Wilson



Sam's Club invited us to celebrate International Ford Day at their facility in El Monte. We had 19 cars and 26 people. We were provided with a free coupon for lunch, free bottles of water and two pop-up sun shades. Jim Constantion brought several of his "Record Players" and provided the crowd with period correct music. Sam's club provided us with free "Day Passes" for those who were not Sam's Club members.



The "Featured Car of the day" was Jerry Lampassi's Deluxe Tudor Sedan. It was parked at the main entrance to Sam's Club. where It drew a lot of attention.



El Monte Airport Car & Airplane Show Sunday, September 23

This event drew not only vintage cars and planes, but vintage people as well. It was a mixture of classic, custom and hot rod cars . We were represented by eight cars from the Santa Anita A's.



Route 66 Hill Climb Sunday, September 23 by Joe Wilson

This was a fun event; a hill climb race held on a section of the old Route 66 in Devore, just off the 15 Freeway. This is a yearly event sponsored by the F.A.S.T. organization. Participation was limited to Ford 4 cylinder, pre 1935 engines. There were a variety of cars on hand to compete in the stock, modified, speedster and historic classes.

Art and Olive Moore were there competing with their very nice speedsters. Olive tied with another car for best time of the day, requiring a run-off between the two cars. Olive was the winner, again.



Ten members from the Santa Anita A's attended the event, but only Art and Olive Moore participated in the race. Both Olive and Art gave several of us a ride during the "warm-up

period". I expect we will all be back next year and might even enter a car or two more.



PAST EVENTS - CONTINUED

Dining at the Cross

Friday, September 28

by Joe Wilson

Sure enough, it happened again. Include free food in an event and you can draw a crowd. We had to move in extra tables and chairs to make it work.



We counted 60 people for dinner prior to our September General Meeting. They consumed 105 hot dogs in addition to 5 different servings of chicken, lots of Chili, salads and AC & Josie Byrd's special home made Salsa. The only major problem observed was the size of the plates; standard size plates just weren't big enough to hold the food.



This was a event worth repeating. We'll call it our "Annual Traditional Summer Pot Luck Dinner Before Meeting Night".



Frazier Park Potluck & Meet

Sunday, October 7

Nancy Stancil

Three lonely Model A's headed out Sunday morning, October 7 from McDonald's in La Canada at 9:00 a.m. The ride up the Ridge Route was beautiful, a little chilly, and uneventful. We arrived at Frazier Park around 11:00 AM and we were greeted by the Bakersfield Club, the Orange County Club, the South Bay Club and the San Fernando Club. It's always fun to see old friends and catch up on the news.

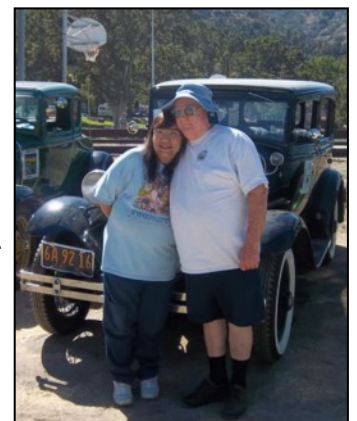
Raffle tickets were sold along with the 50/50 for the after lunch drawings. The pot luck lunch was over the top as usual. There was lots of homemade specialties. It's always an amazing meal.



After lunch the Bakersfield Club awarded several unusual awards, the most accessories on a Model A was the only one I can remember. Marlin, Joe Principe and me (Nancy) won several raffle prizes.

The 50/50 was won by yours truly; the amount was \$80.00. Gene and Julie Reinhardt, and Mickey and Bea Fruchter didn't have much luck in the drawings. They went home with a full stomach but empty handed.

We headed back down the Ridge Route about 2:00 PM and arrived back in Arcadia around 4:30 PM. We hope that next year many more Santa Anita A's give this tour a try. It's a fun tour and a good run for your Model A.



PAST EVENTS - CONTINUED

Oktoberfest in the Mountains

October 12- 15

by Bob Moore

A small group of our members gathered at Walmart in Duarte to begin a mountain adventure to Big Bear. Bob and Joyce Travis, Joe and Joy Wilson and Bob Moore driving their A's and AC and Josie Byrd in their modern car headed for Mentone, our first stop. Before we reached Mentone, Don and Carolyn McBride caught up with us. Joe Principe and Nancy Stancil beat us up to Big Bear with Joe driving his RV and towing his Model A.



At 5:00 PM we were off to Joe and Joy Wilson's for Saturday's business meeting. They have a cabin practically on the lake with wonderful views. After our refreshments we proceeded to a restaurant in nearby Fawnskin. It turned out to be an outstanding

setting for dinner. We applauded the chef on the dinner and in return, he thanked us with cheesecake for dessert.



After a short stop at the McDonalds in Mentone, we traveled another 15 miles to Angeles Oaks for lunch. It was cold when we arrived and the warm interior of the Oaks Restaurant with its wood burning pot belly stove felt really good.

After lunch we continued on to Big Bear on Route 38, another 45 miles. We climbed to Onyx Summit at 8443' before dropping down to Big Bear which is at 6500' All the cars performed very well throughout the trip.

At 5:00 PM we gathered at our cabin for a business meeting. New members, AC and Josie Byrd, had the "bring something to share" part of the business meeting down perfectly, which included about 15 pounds of grapes, mangos, 20 pounds of peanuts, some other unknown fruit, six bottles of wine, and plenty of snacks. For dinner, AC and I visited a local Italian restaurant and picked up a variety of Italian dishes. Carolyn McBride served a "Death by Chocolate" cake for our dessert. Joyce Travis had baked a large tin of her "record auction price" Chocolate Chip cookies to enjoy all weekend.

On Saturday morning, we met at the Snow Summit ski area and took the 13 minute Sky Chair to the summit. We had beautiful views of Big Bear Lake and the mountains.

It was then on to the Oktoberfest held in the Big Bear Convention Center. We were treated to good German music, entertainment and dancing, and the opportunity to purchase over-priced drinks and German or American food.



Late Sunday morning, we rented a pontoon boat for a lake tour and floating lunch. On our way back to the marina, we marveled at the beautiful homes on the lakefront.

Our business meeting later in the day was at our cabin. Dinner was advertised as a bar-b-que, but there was so much Italian food left over from Friday night's meal, we had left overs which hit the spot.



At 10 AM on Monday morning, we departed for home. We changed our route and followed Route 18 through Running Springs to Highland. After a quick lunch, we all headed home on the 210 Freeway. The three Model A's performed without incident; always good to report after a tour.

FROM THE SHOP BENCH
by Bob Travis



This month's Technical Article is a reprint from the San Diego Regional Group of (HCCA) The Horseless Carriage Club Newsletter, submitted by Gene Amy. Thanks for letting us share it with our members.

Model A Overheating

The following are the most common issues in order of frequency and significance.

Radiator - Several years of corrosion buildup in the engine block will rarely be cleaned adequately during an engine rebuild. Particles continually dislodge within the water jackets and work their way to the top of the radiator and block tubes, but back flushing the system will remove most of the recent deposits.

Loose radiator cooling fins dramatically reduce the effectiveness of the radiator. The fins were originally attached to the tubes with solder. Anywhere the fins are loose on the tubes, the heat cannot dissipate from the tube to the cooling fins.

Many replacement radiators and cores have an insufficient number of tubes and fins. This means they will never cool as required for normal operation. For original configurations see the following table:

<u>YEAR/MODEL</u>	<u>TUBES</u>
1928-29	94 round tubes in four rows*
Early 1930 "AA" truck	132 oval tubes in four rows
1930-31 models	102 oval tubes in three rows
Late 1930-31 "AA" truck	136 oval tubes in four rows

All have 6 fins per inch
*Most common of three types

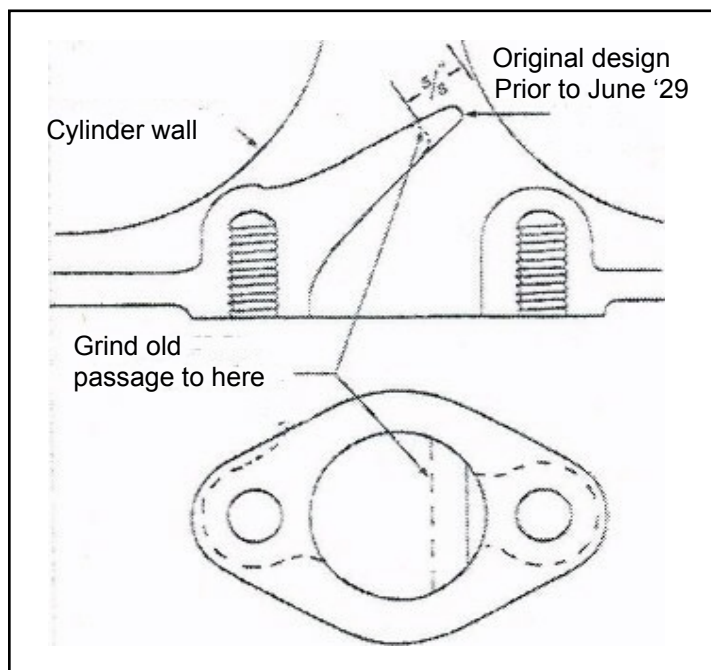
Don't be fooled by flow testing! Flow testing will only confirm EXTREME problems. You can block more than 1/3 of the cooling tubes on an original radiator and pass the flow test. The reason for this is the lower water outlet of the radiator is the restrictor. It is designed to limit the speed the water travels the tubes. More time in the tubes equals cooler water.

Ignition timing - There are generally two problems in this area. First, modern timing lack the deep impression required to easily locate top center (TDC) of piston #1 with the timing pin. This can easily be corrected with a 1/4" drill or countersink bit prior to installation.

Very few people set the timing correctly. Most of those with many years of experience are fortunate to get within a few degrees, but this is usually adequate to avoid overheating.

Fuel mixture – Running with the fuel adjustment too lean will also contribute to overheating.
NOTE: Retarded timing and lean mixture will only CONTRIBUTE to overheating. When these conditions are present the car will provide sluggish performance.

OK, Now for the obscure! As shown in the drawing below, there is a baffle cast into the block to direct much of the water to the rear of the engine before being drawn forward by the water pump.



It originally had a small passage to allow a small portion of the cooled water to flow directly towards the front to cool cylinders 1 & 2. In early to mid-1929 the size of this passage was nearly doubled in size to 5/8" wide to improve overall cooling.

Following this change, service letters were sent by the various branches to their dealers. This included instruction to grind the baffle to the new dimension when complaints of overheating were received and all the usual cheeks were made. It can be done with a small pneumatic grinder and rotary file and will provide some gain in overall cooling.

MARLIN'S MUSINGS

By Marlin Perry



MARLIN'S MUSINGS

This month found our club at football game half times. Our club receives \$50.00 per car donation for half time and \$75.00 for before game and half time. This year we have 3 games lined up.

Those volunteering to help were: Jim Constantian, bob Travis, Don Dawkins, Bob Moore, Ken Mallory, Chuck Boekenooen, Jim Roderick and Marlin Perry. Our extra drivers were John Emanuelli, Mickey Fruchter and Nancy Stancil.

The high schools were Arroyo, El Monte and South El Monte, all close by. Afterwards, Elaine Perry had pie and coffee for all.

We as a club have had many eye problems. I was talking to Randy Harper and he had trouble with his eye and they operated on one and he was required to only look down for 5 days; no looking forward or up. He rented a special chair and bed to sleep in. There was a mirror on the floor for the chair so he could watch television; also they suggested putting tennis balls on his back so he did not roll over in the special bed. Yes, he made it thru the five days he didn't say how his wife did.

Most of our club members do not know the name, Joe Lokey, but some of us remember it and knew of him. He built one great Model A truck in Downey. It was all original parts and had a special cover on the back. When Joe passed away it went to one of his relatives and later was sold to a man up north. Bob Travis and AC, one of our newest members, heard about it and away they went with trailer in tow. Yes, as you can guess, AC now owns that special truck.

Congratulations, AC, it was truly a great one to buy.

Bob Travis's "From The Work Bench" article this month discusses engine over-heating. It is a good article; please read it. And remember, When you add water to your radiator, please don't fill it above the baffle. This is the most common reason radiators spill water out the top.

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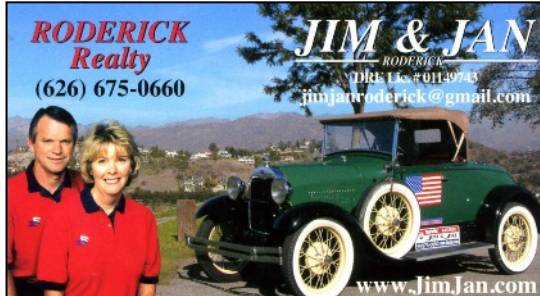
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Important Things to Do and Remember:

- 1. Be sure to dress up for the next meeting. It's Halloween!**
- 2. Be sure to sign-up and show-up for all the events the club offers.**
- 3. Find one of the new members and tell them that you are glad they want to participate.**



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