



September 2011

SPOKEN WHEELS

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WOW.... What a busy month we just had! We had a wonderful Hot Dog/Pot Luck Dinner at our last meeting, with tasty side dishes brought by our members, and an interesting program featuring Bob Harbicht's talk about bicycling in the Czech Republic, Germany and Austria. John McDannel informed us about his plans for an upcoming 9/11 Memorial Event. We had a special tour of the Los Angeles City Car Museum, our regular Ladies' Brunch, the Nevada Tour, the Memorial 9/11 Event on New York Drive with our members participating, International Model A Day/Homestead "Ticket to the Twenties" and the Men's Breakfast. There is a lot going on; something for everybody.



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

Our September program will be on the Industry Hills Pro Rodeo. Our speaker will be Larry Hartman. He has served as a volunteer for the Industry Hills Charity Pro Rodeo for 25 years, raising much needed funds in support of our local disadvantaged youth programs. With over 20 years experience inspiring people to reach great heights, Larry gains immediate audience trust through his wit and humorous anecdotes. Get ready to laugh and learn!

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SAA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

30 - General Meeting - 7:30 PM - Arcadia Red Cross,
376 Huntington Dr., Arcadia

October

7 - LA City Car Museum
8 - Anheuser Busch Brewery Tour - Van Nuys - See Page 4
10 - Ladies' Brunch - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM

12 - Board Meeting - Temple City, City Hall 7:00 PM
20 - Men's Breakfast - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM
22 - Temple City Fall Jubilee & Car Show - see page 4
26 - Jeopardy Filming event - See Page 4
28 - General Meeting - Arcadia Red Cross

November

10 - Apple Tour to Oak Glen - Details TBA

December

2 - November General Meeting
9 - City of Hope Tour - Details TBA
10 - Christmas Party

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

October Birthdays

1 - Tony Catroppa
2 - Cathy Catroppa, Toshiko Favela
7 - Ruth Ann LeVay, Larry Butkus
8 - John Chandler
12 - Alan Bennett
16 - Mary Ann Sepulveda
17 - Ann Petersen
20 - Tony Cortese
21 - Vicki Bartlett
25 - Sue Chandler, Anne Hurst
28 - Lisa Henzel
30 - Art Killian, Joe Manfredi
31 - Mike Williams

October Anniversaries

4 - Pete & Gloria Henderson
6 - Harry & Helga Mycroft
8 - Andrea & Camille Favilli
19- Gordon & Helen Johnson
20 - Eric & Jennifer Sandberg

OTHER MODEL A CLUB EVENTS

September

25 - Paradise Valley Swap Meet - San Bernardino

December

1,2,3, 4 - MAFCA National Banquet - Santa Rosa

THE SUNSHINE LADY - SALLY BAQUET

Get Well cards were sent to:

Art Moore, Wanda Drown, Chuck Sharpe,
Stan Ingels

A thank you note: Dear SAA friends,
thank you for your cards of sympathy when
our grandson passed away recently. We
appreciate your thoughts and prayers for
our family. Tom & Sheri Johnson

NEW MEMBERS

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



Harry & Helga Mycroft

Temple City, Joined August 16, 2011
1928 Roadster PU, 31 Deluxe 2 door
Phaeton



Chuck & Gail Boekenoogen

La Verne, Joined April 19, 2011
30 Deluxe Coupe



John & Marianne Spielmann

Pasadena, Joined March 2011
1930 Pickup



Frank & Cristina Izbinski

Temple City, Joined June 26, 2011
1931 Tudor Sedan

FICTION & FACT

Ponder This

by Joe Wilson

In 1936 Dale Carnegie wrote a book titled "How to Win Friends and Influence People". At that time the newest model A was only 5 years old and had not yet obtained the status it now enjoys. An updated version of Carnegie's book would certainly have to include a chapter on how the Model A can win you new friends as well as influence people.

Our recent trip to Nevada demonstrated how much people are attracted to the Model A's. Frequently people will honk their horn, drive next to you, take your picture, smile and give you a thumbs up. In a modern car you are ignored. You may get a hand gesture, but never a thumbs-up. Parking your car can draw a crowd and lead to long conversations with people of all ages. Some might consider the Model A a "Pick-up car".

Bea Fruchter remarked that on their recent trip across the country in a modern rental car she missed the attention they would normally get when driving their A.

You are much more likely to get help when driving an A, be it directions, recommendations for restaurants or even help fixing your car. Maybe modern car drivers feel sorry for you or, more likely, may be envious and wish they could be a part of the Model A group.

So, If you have had a bad day or feel lonely, jump in your A, take a drive, park at the local super market and meet some new friends. You can then influence them with sage advice and stories about driving an A, no matter whether the story's are real or imagined. Those of you have more than one A, take them all and double your pleasure.

Think About It

I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.

We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public. (Some of us are slow learners.)

Thank you cookie ladies

Just in case you want to know, the persons who have signed up for cookies for our September meeting include: Sheri Johnson, Debbie Rodriguez & Nancy Stancil

Members' cars featured in the September/October issue of "The Restorer"

by Joe Wilson



The Santa Anita A's were invited to participate in a photo shoot at the MAFCA headquarters in La Habra on July 5th, to celebrate their winning a "Beautification Award" from the city of LaHabra. The September/October issue of "The Restorer" did a story on the event which included photos of a number of our cars. Tony & Kathy Catroppa's

car appeared on the back cover, Hal Anthony's car, with his grand daughter appeared in the "Out and About" section of the magazine.



President's message-

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We had a very successful food drive at our pot luck dinner and collected four large boxes of food, which were donated to the Foothill Unity Center. They were very happy to receive our contribution. Speaking about our Pot-Luck Dinner, we had a big turn out by our membership, in a nice place to hold it, the Red Cross patio. Thanks to the Board members who helped setup everything and to Tracy Perry for arranging to provide Papa Cantella's delicious hot dogs.

A reminder that anyone interested in driving to the MAFCA 2012 Meet in Michigan, please contact Mickey or John Enanuelli who are now making plans to leave in June, 2012.

Again, I am asking members to contact me and/or other officers or board members if you have complaints, suggestions, or whatever, for tours, meetings, etc. to help our club be even more 'gooder', 'better' or 'sweller'.

P.S. Bea reminds all the ladies to come to the Ladies' Brunch at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 10th at Annia's. The food is good and they always give separate checks. Newer members are especially encouraged to come, as it is a great way to get to know each other.

COMING EVENTS

Anheuser Busch Brewery Tour

Saturday, October 8th

by Joe Wilson

Don't miss this one, it's a rare opportunity

We have been invited to participate in the Anheuser Busch Brewery Family Day open house which will be held at the brewery facility in Van Nuys. There will be free beer, food, two bands, games, a chili cook-off, a classic car show and self-guided tours of the facility. We will be a featured part of the car show. Last year they had 1800 people attend the event, so we can expect a lot of "show & tell" time for our cars.

One of our members, Jack Conway, will be there with his 1930 pickup which has a Calliope mounted in the bed which plays music from paper rolls like a player piano. Jim Constantian will be there with his "record player" with that old musical hit "Under the Anheuser Busch".

We will tour together to the brewery which is located in Van Nuys. We will meet at McDonald's in La Canada (Foothill off-ramp on the 210 Freeway) at 9:30 AM for a 9:45 AM departure. We need to be in position at the event prior to the 11:00 AM start time. The event will be over at 3:00 PM. Sign up at the next general meeting or contact Joe Wilson (818-790-0995).

Because we are invited to participate as a Model A club, your admission ticket to the event will be your arriving in a Model A. No modern cars, please.



Model A delivery truck at St Louis Brewery - This Bud's for you

Temple City Family Fall Jubilee & Car Show

Saturday, October 22

by Marlin Perry

The Santa Anita A's will again assist the City of Temple City with their annual car show. Members are requested to help Marlin Perry with the set-up, car check in and tear down. If you are available to help, please call Marlin at (626-443-0638). Or sign up at the September regular meeting.

This is our way of paying Temple City for the use of their facilities for our board meetings. If you wish to enter your car in the show there is a \$10.00 entry fee. Trophies will be awarded in each category. Marlin will have applications at the meeting. Whether you show your car or not, we need your help.

Marlin will contact all those who sign up and provide information on how you can help and provide detailed instructions on when to be where.

Jeopardy Filming Tour

Wednesday, October 26

by Carolyn McBride

For those of you who are "Jeopardy" TV fans this is a must tour for you. Carolyn McBride is organizing this event and has secured a total of 35 tickets. It will be a joint tour with the San Gabriel Valley Model A Club.

Those participating will meet on Huntington Drive across from Colonial Kitchen for a 9:00 AM departure

We will travel on surface streets to the Sony Studios in Culver City. We need to be there by 10:30. Taping begins at 11:00 AM and will last approximately two hours. After the taping, we will proceed to a nearby restaurant for lunch, then head for home.

A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the next General meeting. If you have questions or want to sign up by phone, contact Carolyn McBride (626-792-8652).

PAST EVENTS

Flabob Airport and Wright Flyer Tour

Saturday, August 20

by Bob Moore

On a clear and cool Saturday morning, August 17, we assembled in the WalMart Parking lot for the tour to Flabob Airport to see the Wright Flyer. Because of the large number of cars participating, as five or six Model A's arrived at WalMart, a leader was chosen and with directions in hand, the five or six started down the road as a group. The four leaders were Joe and Joy Wilson, Mickey and Bea Fruchter, Tom and Sheri Johnson and Bob Moore.



Flabob is an old airport and many of the buildings have been there since the 40's. It has a certain charm to it and is a magnet for airplane owners with older planes. The air was full of WWII era and earlier planes and bi-planes including a DC-3. They were continually taking off and landing as visitors could have rides in many of them.



Halfway to Flabob, we stopped at McDonald's for breakfast or whatever. Originally we had planned on a pancake breakfast at the airport, but the airport management had warned us about a large influx of visitors. After a 25 or so minute stop, each of the groups was back on the road.



Road construction on the main road just down from the airport entrance slowed us a bit, but we arrived just after 10 AM. Barbara Bishop was waiting at the gate and directed us to a great parking



area on the grass under the palm trees. Also waiting were 5 cars from the Paradise Valley A's. Our club members Larry and Bobbie Whipple, who are also members of Paradise Valley A's, gathered up a group to join us.

We spent about two hours at the airport and then headed out to Tony's Spunky Steer. Our friends at the Paradise Valley Club knew about the restaurant which was only 5 miles from the Airport. We all met there and had a fine lunch. The food was great, but the service left much to be desired. *(Continued next page)*



The weather was just as perfect at the airport as it was when we left WalMart. We all headed for the Wright Flyer hanger where we were welcomed by Fred Culick and the rest of the Wright Flyer team that regularly assembles on Saturday morning to work on the plane, eat and talk.



After lunch we separated into two groups, those who wanted to use the freeways and those who wanted to return on surface streets. We had a great turnout. Twenty four cars from our club plus five from the Paradise Valley Club. Model A's had a good showing.



I want to give a big thanks to Barbara Bishop who helped with all the arrangements and kept on top of things to make certain the day would be a success.

Photos by Bob Moore and Joe Wilson

International Ford Day/ Homestead Tour

Sunday, Sep. 11

by Helen Johnson

After parking our A's in position for show, we scattered in all directions, some to the West lawn to see the "Night Blooming Jazzmen" and guests in era clothing dancing in front of the bandstand. Other members wandered down the East walkway to watch "Ian Whitcomb & His Dance Band" with dance demos and lessons by the "Hollywood Hotshots".



Down the long walkway were the food vendors, and then era fashion shows by the "Art Deco Society". Something was going on all the time, you could take your pick.

One important thing, we voted on the food. A large hand-dipped chocolate covered ice cream bar covered with nuts was paraded around and promoted by Joe Farino. It definitely was the winner.



Dawg Night at the Cross

Friday, August 26

by Joe Wilson



This was not your ordinary meeting, no sir, it was "Hot Dawg Nite at the Cross." A really good crowd of 70 people showed up and ate 98 hot dogs and barrels of beans. Everyone brought extra "fixins" so we now have left-overs for next year.



Photos by somebody



Today was our celebration of International Model A Ford Day, which also happened to be our 25th tour to the Homestead Museum. On a more serious note, each and every one of us in his or her own way remembered "9/11" and what happened ten years ago. We will never forget!



Members attending were Jim Constantian (with his era phonograph), John & Carol Emanuelli, John & Gracie Fant, Joe & Barbara Farino & Lori, Richard Favela, David & Patty Lutz, Frank & Mary Ann Sepulveda, Pat & Martha Utter and our Tour Leaders Gordon & Helen Johnson.

photos by Pat Utter

Service Dedicates New York Drive as a 9-11 Memorial

Sunday, Sep 11

by Joe Wilson

On Sunday September 11, a Memorial Service for the victims of the 9-11 terrorist attack in New York City ten years ago was held on New York Drive in Altadena. The event was organized by our club member, John McDannel, with the backing of local service clubs.



John has previously shared with our membership the extent of his efforts to memorialize a portion of New York Drive in honor of those who lost their lives in the World Trade Center attack in 2001. Beginning in 2002, John has personally planted and maintained 140 Oak trees along a portion New York Drive in an effort to improve it's appearance.



A few weeks before the tenth anniversary of the 9-11 attack, John decided that New York Drive would be a fitting place to hold an event commemorating the attack.

With the help of three local service clubs he brought together a group of private, military and civilian groups which included the three local Rotary clubs, the Pasadena Optimist club, Masonic Lodge, VFW, US Navy league and USS Pasadena Foundation, Military Order of the Purple Heart, American Legion, High Point Academy, Lender Processing Services, Inc, Vietnam Veterans of America, Santa Anita Model A Club, crew members of United and American Airlines, elected officials and many other volunteers.

The event was attended by nearly a thousand people and included a presentation of the colors, a 21 gun salute, music provided by two bands, presentations by survivors and first responders, dignitaries and a fly-over by two military jets.



A highway sign proclaiming that section of New York Drive as a memorial was on display and will be installed in a new stone structure. Efforts are underway to procure land for a small park and a memorial wall to honor the 9-11 victims.

Those attending the event were impressed by how well the service was organized and were moved by the comments made by those making presentations.



Members attending the event were: Elaine and Marlin Perry, Vicky and Brad Balmot, Gene Reinhardt, Hal Anthony, Elsie Johnson, Robert & Diana Kincart, Pete & Gloria Henderson and Patrick & Martha Utter.



Photos provided by: Pat Utter, Elaine Perry and John McDannel

MARLIN'S MUSINGS

By Marlin Perry



This month I thought I would tell you about a son of Harold and Sally Baquet and a son of Mel and Jackie Gross.

First Bill Baquet runs a furniture business. He sells furniture to big businesses and schools such as colleges. I have known this for years but never thought or realized how big the company he has and runs. The other day Sally invited us to go and see Bill's complex of offices and his business. Off we go to Pasadena to the Ironworkers building where his business is located. Once inside we met 5 ladies who are in charge of deliveries and set ups. From their section we met two men who draw plans for big, big businesses. From this point we met some sales people, like five of them that are outside sales people. Bill told me it is nothing for him to have 5 to 9 semi trucks deliver furniture at one location. Mind you, these are really big trucks that deliver. Bill has no stock on hand but deals with the manufacturers who make all the furniture. He has a set up showing a lot of possibilities such as designs in flooring, cabinets, and you name it. Here Elaine and I are looking at so many modern and clever ideas in one section of his complex. Not only do his sales people sell in California but also in many other states. Semi trucks deliver big time. We meet Bill, he is in jeans and casual shirt and just your everyday guy. But I am sure with fifteen employees and I am guessing millions of dollars in business he is a very savvy and smart man. I must say we enjoyed our tour.

Randy Gross is Mel and Jackie's son. I have known him a long time; he worked for Pep Boys when I first met him. Pep Boys moved their headquarters and Randy didn't want to move so he left. He ran two other businesses and he is currently running a brake business for a Chinese company. He probably is the biggest importer of every kind of brake parts for USA delivery. I have gone with Mel to his place of business, like big. Yes, he runs it as the headman. He has an ability to know all about his business. He was like this when he worked at Pep Boys. I remember they took our club to a carburetor business and Randy was on the tour and the people there said Randy knows all about the carburetor business. A very smart man.

I am sure like Bill Baquet, Randy runs a million dollar company. His bosses in China just gave him a seven-day all expenses paid vacation trip to China. To sum up this article; it is nice to know these men and realize million dollar businesses are run by one of our club members and another by a club member's family.

Now some good news about our members. How about Harold and Sally's daughter, Adele getting married after 15 years. It was a total shock to everyone. They just walked in and said I do. Congratulations to Adele and Howard and much happiness to you both. Shocked Me.

Did you like those cookies Gloria Henderson made for our club meeting? They were made from potato chips, Wow they were great.

How about Joyce Travis making a cookie that you don't cook; oatmeal, peanut butter and something else. They were super good.

Congratulations to John McDannel. He did a fantastic job with the 9-11 memorial program in Pasadena. Those club members attending enjoyed the program very much.

Olive Moore does it again at the Los Angeles County Fair. She won First Place ribbons with her Gourds. One looked like a pig and one had a beautiful buffalo head on the front. She also had others that were also special. She is a true artist. (See Photo's on page 12)

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Santa Anita A's participate in State Government

At the last General Meeting, President Mickey Fruchter asked me to be the Club Representative for ACCC. What is ACCC you might ask? It is the Association of California Car Clubs, Inc. This organization is the voice of the the antique car hobbyists in our state government in Sacramento. ACC publishes a quarterly newsletter, available to all members. Our local chapter (Santa Anita A's) has been a long standing member of ACCC. ACCC will celebrate its 40th anniversary in March 2012. Our own Sig Caswell served as the first chairman. The latest newsletter, June 2011, contains a very good description of ACCC history and accomplishments as follows:

On March 16, 2012 the ACCC will turn 40 years old and there will be several activities leading up to that historic date. Not too many trade associations can say that they have been around for 40 years and this is truly a milestone.

It all started on a beautiful spring day March 16, 1972 when representatives from 25 different car clubs gathered at the Glendale Federal Savings in Pasadena, CA. The clubs all came together to discuss unfair laws, legislation, and specifically the proposed 2% property tax (based on the Antique Car Blue Book) that the State of California was in the process of levying on collector vehicle owners. It was decided after lengthy discussion that the car clubs needed to ban together and form an association to protect the rights of collector vehicle owners. Tom Powell made a motion to name the group the Association of California Car Clubs.


Sig Caswell, a representative of the HCCA, was elected Chairman; Tom Powell was elected Co-Chairman; Lindly Bothwell was elected Treasurer; and Red Ladner was elected as Secretary. The Board of Directors was selected from representatives

from each of the car clubs that were present. That was all 40 years ago and thanks to those early pioneers for their foresight and vision in seeing a need for an association.

In the 40 years the ACCC has had 26 Presidents who served and reviewed over 6000 pieces of legislation. Listed below is a sample of legislation the ACCC has introduced over the years that has helped our hobby.

- *Historical Vehicle License Act - Sponsored a bill to create the "Historical Vehicle" license plate for vehicles 25 or more years old.*
- *Eliminated Weight Fees - Sponsored a bill to allow pre-1936 commercial vehicles to have passenger vehicle license plates.*
- *Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Law - Changed to allow cars and parts of cars to be sold by hobbyists.*
- *Equipment Safety Compliance - Defeated a bill that would have required collector cars to meet modern safety glass, lamps, windshield wiper and brake laws.*
- *Year of Manufacture License Plates - Authorizes use of California auto, truck, and trailer license plates with the date corresponding to the model year of the vehicle.*
- *Emission Controls - Successful in presenting data to the Air Resources Board that aided in elimination of exhaust retrofit devices on 1955-1965 vehicles. Exempted passenger vehicles 1965 or older from biannual emission inspection program except on change of ownership. Successful in defeating the requirement for an emission inspection yearly on all vehicles. Exempts most vehicles 1975 and older.*
- *Bumper Bill - This removed the requirement that made it illegal to operate an automobile not equipped with both front and rear bumpers regardless of whether or not the vehicle was that way when new.*
- *Certificate of non-operation - Exempted cars 25 years old and older and other collectable vehicles from the planned non operation requirement of AB2912*

Quite an accomplishment for a bunch of old car guys! To celebrate this anniversary, we are in the process of planning many activities leading up to the 40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner and Party. More information will be available as we get closer to the dates.



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Important Things to Do:

- 1. Do something - even if it's wrong**
- 2. Meet our new members - See page 2**
- 3. Visit the Santa Anita A's library before it disappears.**
- 4. While you are at the meeting, talk to our club Officers and Board members and tell them what they are doing wrong. (Telling them what they are doing right is optional)**

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