



January 2015

# SPOKEN WHEELS

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Bob Travis



In the last issue of the Spoken Wheels I reported that the board had approved putting the club on a calendar year operating basis beginning January 1, 2015. This action requires a change in the by-laws. Before our next meeting you will have received a written copy of the proposed changes. The general membership will be asked to vote on the changes to the by-laws at the meeting. I urge members to cast a positive vote.

I recently came across some interesting philosophy on the process of aging. Because I have just celebrated my 81<sup>st</sup> birthday I just have to share it with you.

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**GENERAL MEETING** - Friday, January 30 at 7:30 PM - Arcadia Red Cross, 376 Huntington Drive., Arcadia

**PROGRAM** - Art Chmielewski, NASA Rosetta mission manager of the first spacecraft ever to make a landing on a comet. Art will share with us the newest pictures from the comet and tell some behind the scenes stories. The Rosetta lander mission control is in Cologne, Germany, where the European Model A's were made. He reports comets move at 60,000 mph and come in all colors as long as they are black.

**BOARD MEETING - Wednesday**, February 11, 7:00 PM - Temple City Hall, Temple City

Come join us and see what is really going on.

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## SAA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January

- 24 - Mom and Pop's Night Out
- 30 - General Meeting

### February

- 7 - Nethercutt Museum tour - see page 4
- 9 - Ladies' Brunch - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
- 11 - Board Meeting - 7:00 PM, Temple City City Hall
- 19 - Men's Breakfast - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM
- 21 - La Verne Heritage Foundation, Orange Picking Tour- see page 4
- 27 - Meeting - Auction Night, Starts at 7:00 PM, see page 4

### March

- 1 - Arabian Horse Show tour, Cal Poly, see page 4
- 7 - Tech Seminar, Installation of modern steering, Details TBA
- 21 - Ronald Reagan Library tour, see page 4

## OTHER CLUB'S SPONSORED EVENTS

### April

- 9 to 13 - Central California Regional Group,  
Tour to event in Santa Maria - see page 5



**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY**  
**FEBRUARY 14**  
**DON'T FORGET IT**

### Important

February meeting is Auction Night  
Bring you bodies and auction items  
It all starts at **7:00 PM**

### Things to do:

1. Check your email for "Special Announcements".
2. Be prepared to vote on by-law changes at the January meeting. See page 3
3. Gather your goodies for the club auction in Feb. - see page 4

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### February Birthdays

- 2 - Patty Lampasi
- 5 - Keith Smith, Karen Blaylock
- 8 - Myriam Davies
- 10 - Richard Homet
- 16 - Nancy Sharpe
- 21 - Lori Bonner, Beverly Kniest
- 29 - Mike Sriro,

### February Anniversaries

- 14 - Brad & Vicky Balmot, Richard & Sharon Rhode,  
Tony & Cathy Catroppa
- 24 - Jim & Carole Parrish, Carl & Sue Rodgers
- 25 - Mark and Lisa Henzel

## THE SUNSHINE LADY - JOYCE TRAVIS

### Get Well Cards were sent to:

A sympathy card was sent to Joe and Karen Blaylock over the loss of their son in law.

### Cookie Bringers of the Month Club

Gail Boekenoogen, Judi Moore, Bonnie Nelson and Wilbert Smith

### This Month's Photographers Include:

John Emanuelli, Bob Moore, Jim Kroeger, Joe Wilson, Vicky Bartlet

## NEW MEMBERS

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



**Evalyn Ingram**  
Arcadia  
Re-joined August, 2014  
'29 Shay Roadster



**William Peet**  
Sierra Madre  
Joined June 2014  
1931 Sport Coupe



**Corky & Sharon Gray**  
Arcadia  
Joined January 2015  
1931 Tudor Sedan



### Ponder This

by Joe Wilson

#### By-Law vote scheduled for January meeting

Every member of the Santa Anita A's was mailed a copy of the proposed changes to our club bylaws. The proposed changes have been approved by the SAA Board of Directors. The process of changing by-laws requires that the proposed changes be presented to members in writing and that a two-thirds vote for approval be obtained at a club meeting.

As stated in the letter you received, there are two significant changes which affect the manner in which we operate our club.

1. The "operating year" of the club will be changed to a calendar year beginning January 1, ending on December 31.
2. The dues amount for new members for the first year will be prorated by the month they join.

The Board requests your vote of approval of these changes.

#### Policy for member ads in Spoken Wheels

The editor encourages SAA members to utilize the Spoken Wheels newsletter as a means to sell or solicit club related goods. A policy for publishing these ads has been developed and is shown below.

##### Spoken Wheels Member Advertising Policy

Members may place ads in the spoken Wheels for the sales or solicitation of club related goods. This policy does not cover space advertising placed by commercial organizations.

1. Ads may be placed by submitting them in writing to the editor. Inclusion of photos is encouraged.
2. Ads will be published one time in the next available issue.
3. Ads may be rerun for additional months upon request.
4. The editor will attempt to accommodate placement of the ad as submitted, subject to editing of the contents and layout.
5. At his discretion the Editor may elect to run ads for goods offered by non-club members.

#### Think About It

You've heard the saying, "I'll give you a penny for your thoughts" and the other one, "let me give you my two cents worth". Sounds like some money can be made here.



Become a consultant - Collect all the free "two cents worth" you can get then sell them to all those people who will give you "a penny for your thoughts".

#### Larry & Gerry McKinney

Gerry is a native Californian and Larry is "almost a native," having moved here from Phoenix in 1964.



Larry recently retired from the field of hotel renovations. He and his brother worked together and their last project was a five year project renovating the condos at the Palm Desert Marriott. Gerry is still working full-time as an office administrator of a high school in Irvine.

Larry bought his first Model A in 1959 and has owned five of them over the years. For many years he and Gerry traveled around the country in a Model A Speedster. They finally decided it was too hot, too cold, too wet, too etc. and sold the Speedster.

About a dozen years ago they bought their current A, a '31 Victoria. When asked whether they bought it already restored, Larry said, "It had been restored at some time in the past, but when we got it there was no engine or transmission." So installing those items became part of a restoration that is ongoing. Most recently they installed an interior, which Larry says, "made it run a lot quieter."

Recently the Low End Boys journeyed to Fountain Valley to watch/help install an overdrive in the car. Along with Larry's friend and fellow Santa Anita A's member, Tom Endy, the Low End Boys got their hands dirty, some with grease and some with powdered sugar from the donuts.

While Gerry is a regular bowler, Larry's main hobby is their Model A. They both belong to an Orange County Model T club although they've never owned a Model T. "Just like the people involved," says Larry.

Try to get to know the McKinneys better the next time you see them at a meeting.

#### Model A Ford Club of America

Santa Anita A's is a chartered member of the Model A Ford Club of America, Inc. (MAFCA). It is a California not-for-profit corporation and a national historical society dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Model A Ford vehicles as manufactured from 1928 through 1931.



We encourage our SAA members to also participate in the MAFCA organization. Check out their web site. It contains a wide variety of information about the organization, activities, technical references and instructions on how to join the organization. ([www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com))

## COMING EVENTS

### Nethercutt Collection Tour

Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

By Jim Kroeger

Our first tour of the month is approaching and what better way to utilize our Model A's than by driving to a museum that is famous for its collection of automobiles.



We will be heading out on **Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** to visit the Nethercutt Collection beginning with a 10 AM tour of the mechanical instrument collection and its 5000-pipe Wurlitzer theatre organ. A self-guided tour of more than 130 classic automobiles will follow concluding with a guided tour of a 1912 Pullman Railway car beginning at 12:30 PM. We will end the day at a local establishment for lunch.

The tour begins at 8:15 AM at the home of Jim Kroeger located at 2669 E. Villa Street in Pasadena. This will be a surface street tour that is 27 miles each way. For those of you taking your modern cars, the address to the museum is 15151 Bledsoe St. in Sylmar. The phone number is 818-364-6464. Sign up at the general meeting or call your Tour Meister, Jim Kroeger at 626-710-6592. Hope to see you on tour.

### La Verne Heritage Foundation Tour

Saturday, February 21

by Jim Frick

A brand new tour to Heritage Foundation in La Verne is scheduled for Feb. 21. We will meet in the Target parking lot on Huntington in Duarte at 9:30 AM. We will then drive to La Verne for a day of citrus picking and a tour of the historical Weber ranch house and grounds. On our way home, we'll stop for a lunch at a location to be determined. Hope to see you there for a day of fun!

### Auction Night in Arcadia

Friday, Feb 27

**Starts at 7:00 PM**

Yes, it's closet cleaning time again. Yes, we know you have been collecting surplus "things" all year. And, yes we want to help you find a home for all those "Collectibles".

Load up the trailer and bring them to the annual Santa Anita A's Auction on Friday, February 27th. Pay attention, that is February not January this year.

### Tour to the Arabian Horse Show, PLUS

Sunday, March 1

by Bob Moore

Yes, we will try once again to see the Arabian Horse Show. But this time, the tour has three highlights which does not include lunch at an Asian restaurant.

First is a tour of the W.K. Kellogg House designed by Myron Hunt, a distinguished Southland architect whose projects included the Pasadena Rose Bowl and the Huntington Library. One of his more notable commissions was the Hearst Castle garden in San Simeon California. Kellogg purchased his first 377 acres of land from rancher Cecil George in 1925, for \$250,000. The Kellogg house was built at a cost of \$150,000.

After the house tour, we will go to Cal Poly's Kellogg West restaurant for a buffet lunch.

After lunch, we will attend the horse show which starts at 2:00 PM. If time permits, after lunch we will stop at the Farm Store.

The cost for the Kellogg House tour, lunch at Kellogg West and the Arabian Horse Show is \$25 per person. Payment must be made in advance and the headcount on February 15 will be provided to the restaurant for the lunch reservation. Make your check payable to the Santa Anita A's and give it to Sheri Johnson at the January meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, send the payment to Sheri at her home. It's in the book.

We plan on departing Marlin and Elaine's house at 9:45 AM on Sunday, March 1, rain or shine. This is a "no freeway" driving tour. Jim Kroeger, Tour Director, has asked me to lead the group because I am familiar with the route. Any questions, please call me, Bob Moore. 626-358-2027.

### Ronald Reagan Library Tour

Saturday, March 21

by Don McBride

Jeff Friend, of the Ventura Model "A" Club has arranged for a joint tour to the Ronald Reagan Library on Saturday, March 21. He has also invited the San Fernando Valley Club and the Santa Barbara Club.

There will be reserved parking for up to 40 Model A's. The entry fee is \$12 for seniors. Jeff also reserved a space in their cafeteria for us to eat together. Each person is responsible for his own lunch cost. Both box lunches and hot meals are available.

On display will be "Cars of the Movies" on loan from the Peterson Car Museum.

We will be traveling by freeway and will leave from the Sears parking lot in Pasadena no later than **8:30 AM.**



## COMING EVENTS - CONTINUED

### Tour to the CCRG in Santa Maria

April 9 - April 13, 2015 by Bob Moore

It's time for the Santa Anita A's first overnight tour of the year. We will spend four overnights and our destination is Santa Maria, about a 5 hour drive. This tour is built around the Central Coast Regional Group's (CCRG) annual Jamboree held this year in Santa Maria on April 10 -12. The CCRG is comprised of all the MAFCA Model A Clubs located in the central portion of California.

We will drive to Santa Maria on Thursday, April 9, arriving a day before the Jamboree. This will give us time for a leisurely business meeting on Thursday and some touring on Friday morning. The CCRG begins Friday afternoon and ends after the banquet on Saturday evening. I will plan activities for Sunday which includes attending a show at the Great American Melodrama and Vaudeville house in Oceano at 6 PM on Sunday evening. The show is "Leading Ladies". We will return home on Monday, April 13.

**Important** - If you think you will be attending the CCRG, make your hotel reservations now. You can always cancel them. If you are spending all four nights with us, it's April 9 through April 12. There are a limited number of rooms. The hotel will honor the group rate on Thursday and Sunday. Fill out the CCRG application and get it mailed in.

**Important**- If you want to go on the Vandenberg Air Force Base optional tour, send the completed form with your application.

I will also need a headcount of those who will be attending the Melodrama Sunday evening. The cost will be \$22 per person. Sheri Johnson has agreed to collect the money. The February meeting will be the last date to pay for the Melodrama.

You will find information on the Santa Maria club's web site ([santamariamodelclub.com](http://santamariamodelclub.com)) There you will find the application form, Vandenberg Air Force Base form and hotel information. Any questions? Give Bob Moore a call at 626-358-2027

## OTHER STUFF

### A Look at the future

Each month the Spoken Wheels includes a calendar on page two which lists all of the club activities scheduled for the next several months. This calendar includes both Santa Anita A's sponsored events and those organized by other clubs that might be of interest to our members.

Our new Tour Meister, Jim Kroeger, has taken tour planning to a new level by preparing a schedule for the entire year of 2015. Jim points out that this is a tentative schedule which may be modified to accommodate conflicting schedules and new opportunities.

Notice that most of the individual tours are being organized by members who have volunteered to help Jim. We encourage members to participate in this important part of our club activities. Got an idea and want to get involved, give Jim a call.

### Santa Anita A's Tentative 2015 Tour Schedule

- Feb. 7 - Nethercutt Museum Tour - Jim Kroeger  
21 - La Verne Heritage Foundation, Orange Picking Tour - Jim Frick\*
  - Mar. 1 - Arabian Horse Show Tour - Bob Moore  
21 - Ronald Reagan Library Outing - Don McBride
  - Apr. 9 - CCRG Santa Maria Overnight Tour - Bob Moore\*  
26 - Orange County Model A's Pancake Breakfast  
30 - Wrightwood Circle Tour - Bob Travis
  - May 7 - Mt. Baldy Tour - Bob Moore  
9 - Fullerton Airport Air Show Tour, Diamond Tread Hosting\*  
23 - Salute to Veteran's Concert/Dinner in La Canada outing\*  
30 - Orange Railway Museum Overnight Tour
  - Jun. 11 - San Gabriel East Fork Picnic Tour  
28 - Henry Ford Picnic - sponsored by Diamond Tread
  - Jul. 4 - So. Pasadena Fourth of July Parade - Marlin Perry  
11 - Quakes' Night Baseball Game Outing - Sheri Johnson  
25 - Santa Paula Balloon Festival Overnight Tour - Bob Travis\*
  - Aug. 8 - Chapman University, Huell Howser Exhibit Tour - Harbicht\*  
22 - Santa Anita A's Pancake Breakfast
  - Sep. 26 - Battleship U.S.S. Iowa Tour - Jim Kroeger\*
  - Oct. 3 - Homestead Museum Ticket to the 20's Tour - Nancy Stancil  
17 - Temple City Fall Festival and Car Show  
24 - Vista Steam Engine Museum Overnight Tour
  - Nov. 7 - Graber Olive House Tour
  - Dec. 27 - Holiday Motor Excursion Tour
- \* denotes new event

### A No Freeway Driving Group Going to CCRG

The Fruchters and Emanuellis will be driving to the CCRG on Friday, April 10, using a non-freeway route most of the way, arriving a day late. They asked if you would like to join them for a slower drive to the event - contact John or Mickey.

## PAST EVENTS

### Horseless Carriage Car Club Show

December 28, 2014

by Joe Wilson

An unlikely time for a car show but this annual event sponsored by the Horseless Carriage Car Club brings out many cars and viewers. The event which is a combination show and "excursion" is now held at the Irwindale Speedway. The show features 1932 and older but display areas are set aside for cars from a newer area. At 10:30 an "excursion" which is limited to cars 1932 and older, leaves the parking area for a local driving tour and lunch.



An informal count found 31 Santa Anita A members at the event which included : Brad Balmot, Vicky Bartlett, Jim Constatian, Jack Conway, John

Emanuelli , Joe Farino, Jim Frick, Mickey Fruchter, Leroy Gilbert, Randy Harper, Tom & Sheri Johnson, Robert & Diana Kincart, Jim Kroeger & Janet with her sister, Stewart Levine, Ken Mallory, Larry & Gerry McKinney, Larry Metz,



Jay Leno had an opportunity to have his picture taken with Bob Moore.

Art Moore, Bob Moore, Cliff Mount, Steve Newton, Marlin Perry, Rick Phillips his son & grand-daughter, Joe Principe, Chuck Sharpe, Jim Skalicky -- In era clothing, Steve Voors, Fred Weideman, Chris Wickersham, Joe Wilson and Tom Forbes.

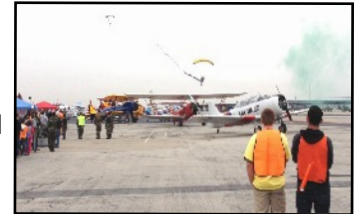


### Airport Tours

December 27 and 28, 2014

by John Emanuelli

The Airport tours were set for Saturday at Cable Airport in Upland, one of our traditional tours, and the other on Sunday at Fullerton Airport, in Fullerton.



The Cable tour was not organized as an official SAA tour and only a few of our members showed up, Rick and Carolyn Phillips, their son and his daughter, Leroy Gilbert,



Jim Constantian. The weather was an issue as rain was forecasted for the weekend. Saturday started out with overcast clouds and, as time went on, we had sprinkles around 11:30. The venue had changed the location for us to display our cars. I think a better location would improve the experience.

The Sunday tour to Fullerton Airport was a different type of tour. The intent was to see the planes on display, have coffee and donuts and show our cars to the pilots. Well, the morning started out with light rain and it continued on the drive down and lasted until we left for lunch. The turnout was short of those who signed up. Marlin and Nancy followed the group of Vicky Bartlett and John and Carol Emanuelli. The route that Vicky set us on was well planned and within 45-50 minutes we arrived. We followed up with lunch at the California Grill in Whittier which was on the return route. While unlike the Cable tour, I think this would be a nice tour in dry weather.

## **MORE OTHER STUFF**

President's message continued from Page 1

### **Getting along in years**

(People and cars) submitted by Bill Corson

One thing I have come to realize upon entering my 80th year on this planet is that getting old is not for sissies. Fortunately our Model A's have most parts that can be replaced. Not so for people. Case in point: BOB, my Bucket-Of-Bolts coupe has had it's share of NOS, and aftermarket replacements over the years. I am still working on mine. There was a time when Bob's starter would not start, the radiator would not radiate, his transmission would not transmiss, and the pistons, well, they would not work either. In spite of all the setbacks, with a little tinkering, he gets up and is running again.

With that in mind I pass along these words of wisdom regarding the aging process. I trust many of you can identify.

As I've aged, I have become kinder and less critical of myself, I've become my own friend. I have seen too many dear friends leave this world, too soon, before they experienced the great freedom that comes with aging. Who's business is it, if I choose to read, or play on the computer until 4 AM, or sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 50, 60, & 70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to feel sorrow over a lost love, I will. I will walk on the beach, in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon despite the pitying glances from the younger jet set. They too, will get old. I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some things in life are best forgotten.

I happily remember the important things. Sure, over the years, my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break, when you lose a loved one. When a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet dies? But, broken hearts are what give us strength, and compassion. A heart never broken, is pristine, and sterile, and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I feel blessed to have lived long enough to have what is left of my hair turn gray, and to have my youthful laughs to be forever etched into deep grooves in my face. As you get older, it is easier to be positive, you care less about what other people think. I have earned the right to be wrong.

I like being old; It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. Our time on earth is short, so live it to the fullest, and, eat dessert first.....

**If Model A's had a soul would they feel the same way?  
Just wondering!**

## **Comparing cars to Computers**

*Since this story was circulated on the Internet several years ago, I have been told that both automobiles and computers have experienced significant improvements in design and ease of operation. However, because I have both old cars and old computers, who I am to comment. (Editor) This new "old " report was submitted by Bob Travis who also has old cars and old computers.*

### **Microsoft Window vs. Ford**

At a computer expo (COMDEX) Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated, "If Ford had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon."

In response to Bill Gate's comments, Ford issued a press release stating:

If Ford had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be experiencing the following:

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.
4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive-but would run on only five percent of the roads.
6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single "This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation" warning light.
7. The airbag system would ask, "Are you sure?" Before deploying.
8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
9. Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.
10. You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine off.



## FROM THE SHOP BENCH

by Bob Travis



### BATTERY TECH TIP

This article is thanks to Randy Rundle of Fifth Avenue Antique Auto Parts.

Vaseline (Fig 1), also known as petroleum jelly, works well to keep battery posts free of corrosion. After you have cleaned the posts and the cable ends using a battery terminal cleaner tool (fig.2). NO — it's not a Charlie Brown Christmas tree, reinstall the cables.



Next put a light coating of Vaseline on top and around the cable clamps. The Vaseline will keep the terminals free of corrosion insuring a positive start every time. Better yet, you can upgrade to a sealed type battery like the Optima Brand of Batteries. There will be no water to add and no posts to clean. Sealed batteries also eliminate the chance of spilling acid, and damaging the car's paint.



**Caution! DO NOT** use dielectric electrical grease to keep battery posts (fig.3) free of corrosion, as dielectric grease is an insulator and has a low melting point. When dielectric grease melts (caused by the heat generated

as the current passes thru the posts) it changes into a liquid form and runs down between the battery post and the cable clamp. All will be well, until you shut off the engine and everything cools down.

When you go back to restart your car the battery will appear to be dead. In reality the current from the battery is not being allowed to pass thru to the battery cables. To correct the problem remove and clean both the cable ends and the battery posts with emery paper or a battery terminal cleaner tool and reinstall. That should restore your battery connection. Notice how dirty this battery is in fig 3. Next month I will cover some methods of keeping your battery clean and how to prevent battery problems.

### Can You Identify these people? Rear End Work Party Mystery Photo

Here is a typical view of a Model A work party. But who are these people anyway? This is our version of "Mystery photo" - Do you recognize them? Here's a hint. The member who provided the "Mystery Photo" is in the picture, or at least part of him is. Answer on page 13.



### Ladies' Brunch

The Ladies' Brunch is on the second Monday of the month. Newer members, come and get to know other ladies in the club.



The food is good. Separate checks. The group meets at Annia's which is located at the El Monte airport, 11:00 AM.

Call Bea Fruchter (626-797-2048) if you are confused.





# MARLIN'S MUSINGS

By Marlin Perry



CALL ME LUCKY (The History of Marlin)

This story starts out in a small town in South Carolina named Woodruff. A doctor named Dr. Workman delivered William Leacke Bryson Perry, myself, Marlin Vernon Perry Jr. and a sister named Nancy Perry. I was named after my dad and look like him. We all lived in an 18-room boarding house that our mother's family owned and our mother ran.

Our dad was a carpenter and our mother worked as a part time florist. We had a dog named Ranger who came to California with us. As kids, we went fishing every Saturday at a place we called Buzzard Roost. Lots of Bass fish. We got an allowance of five cents as kids. We spent it on candy like BB Bats and Kits, good sucking candy. My favorite meat was chicken - vegetables not so good. Our dad made us eat them.

We had a photographer come to town who took pictures of those families who could afford them. They took tons of pictures of us kids in our overalls in my mother's sitting room.

Next door was a radio and television shop. We had the first television in town. Our house backed up to two markets on Main Street. The taxicab company was next door to the television shop. The liquor store was on the corner of our street and was run by the state. The city only had one movie theater; it cost 5 cents to get in and next-door was a candy store.

Our cousin Bessie and her brother Claude lived three miles outside of town. Cousin Bessie had no running water or bathroom in their big house. Claude lived in a small house down a dirt road and we visited there a lot. My dad's brother and sister lived in West Virginia. His brother had a home up in the mountains; his name was Silas and his sister's name was Nellie. Silas's other brother Ismael lived outside Spartanburg, South Carolina. We also visited West Virginia a lot.

We had great times at Silas' and his wife, Henrietta's house. They had a water well on their back porch and no bathroom. There was only a dirt road to Silas' home. We got snowed in once at Silas' home. My dad and Silas would go out back and have what they told us was hadacall; really it was Moonshine. You could go down the road and leave your money and come back and there would be a jar of Moonshine. I still have a small bottle of it to this day.

My dad and Silas would go fishing together. One day they had a phone with wires hooked to it to lure the fish. Along came a game warden - in the water went the phone. My cousins would hand fish in the creek for catfish, no thank you.

We used to play stick in the mud with pocketknives and spin the bottle with girls. I have eaten many a heart of watermelon in the field at cousin Bessie's.

As a kid my dad would raise a hundred chickens and rabbits at our home. When we moved to California my dad still raised chickens and rabbits. I bought his rabbits and raised and sold them. When I was in sixth grade my dad bought a new Chevrolet and a new ton and half truck. Then we moved to California. Want to know more? I will tell you at a club meeting later on. Busy life. Many cars and more.

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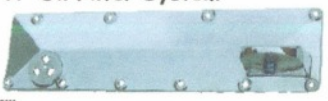


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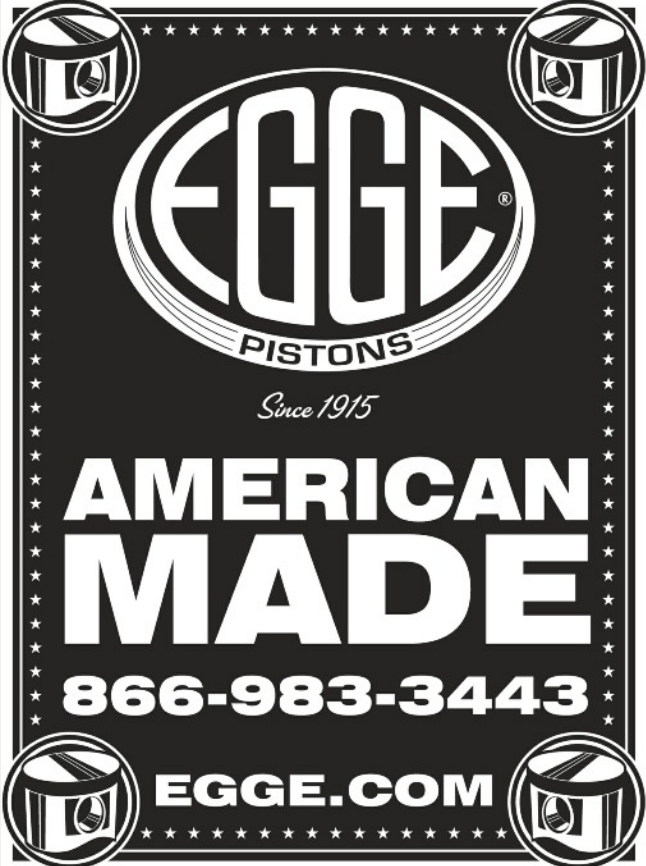
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### Things to do:

1. Check your email for "Special Announcements".
2. Be prepared to vote on by-law changes at the January meeting. See page 3
3. Gather your goodies for the club auction in Feb. - see page 4



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