



November 2017

# Spoken Wheels

## THE NEXT MEETING

**General Meeting - 7:30 PM**, Friday, December 1, Arcadia Red Cross Building, 376 Huntington Dr. , Arcadia

### Program

Our speaker, Marge Garrett, has been to China twice in recent years, representing her father who was being honored. Marge's father was a missionary and doctor who was in China in the late-1930s. During the infamous "Rape of Nanking," when the Japanese army invaded China and murdered thousands of Chinese, Marge's father was credited with saving thousands of Chinese lives.

At our next meeting we will be treated to Marge's fabulous story. Make a special effort to be there; you won't be disappointed.

## NEWS BITS

### November Meeting Moved to December 1

To avoid conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday, the November general meeting has been moved to the following week, Friday December 1. This will be the final meeting held at the Red Cross facility. There will be no December meeting. The January general meeting will be held at the new facility at Live Oak Park, 10144 Bogue, Temple City.

### Election set for December 1 General Meeting

Elections for the 2018 SAA's club officers and board members will be held at the next General meeting (rescheduled to Dec. 1). Here are the candidates submitted by the Nominating Committee:

**President** Bob Travis                      **Vice President** Tracy Butkus  
**Secretary** Elaine Perry                  **Treasurer** Sheri Johnson  
**Board Members** (Membership will vote for 4)  
Carol Emanuelli, Jim Frick, Jim Kroeger, Chuck Mauch

Past Presidents serve on the Board of Directors for one year - John Mc Dannel

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JOHN MCDANNEL

### DO SWANS LAY EGGS?

The answer is yes, they do! And, over the past two years I have laid a few eggs on all of you. And that is no yolk! So now, I am nearly ready to deliver my "Swan Song" as President of the Santa Anita A's Model A Club.

As you all know, many good men and women have served as President of this club during the past 42 years. I must say, that it has really been a great experience for Mary and me to have been given a chance to follow in such big footsteps and to meet so many great people during our memorable two year term.

We have had a lot of good times together touring, visiting with each other, making new friends, and attending monthly board meetings. As Bob Hope would say, "Thanks for the Memories".

Our 1929 Model A Roadster has served us well over these past 28 years. We have had a few minor repairs here and there. Yet, "Old Blue" continues to fire on all four. Having said that, I wish our roadster would be kinder to my wife's hair do.

Over the past two years we have introduced some nice seminars for the men who attend our men's breakfasts at the SGV Airport. Thanks to Bob Travis and Chris Wickersham for creating these seminars. Jim Frick has also stepped

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*Club member Olive Moore is getting ready for her turn at the recent hill climb event at Murrieta. See story on page 5*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### November

Note: November General Meeting moved to December 1

### December

- 1 - General Meeting , Arcadia Red Cross Bldg. **(Note Change)**
- 11 - Ladies' Brunch, Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport, 11:00 AM
- 13 - Board meeting, , 7:00 PM, Temple City - City Hall
- 16 - Christmas Party and Officer & Board Installation , see page 3
- 21 - Men's Breakfast, Annia's Restaurant, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM
- 30 - Horseless Carriage Holiday Excursion & Car Show. see page 4
- ? - Christmas Lights Tour, Details To Be Announced by email

### January

- 20 - Reed Auto Collection Tour, Sante Fe Springs, see page 4

### February

- 17 & 18 - Orange Empire Train Museum, Perris CA. Two day tour w/one overnight (a good one). Details TBA.

### March

- 3 - William S. Hart Park & Museum, Santa Clarita, Details TBA.
- 24 - Peterson Auto Museum, Details TBA

## BIRTHDAYS & ANIVERESARIES

### December Birthdays

- 3 - David Lutz
- 3 - Ken Mallory
- 3 - Don Kennedy
- 5 - Pat Utter
- 6 - Jim Bortolotti
- 7 - Doug Nielsen
- 8 - Kathy Concidine
- 11 - Andy Sais
- 11 - Rick Phillips
- 12 - Joann Smith
- 15 - Jerry Lampassi
- 16 - Joe Blaylock
- 16 - Eric Sandberg
- 16 - Debbie Rodrigues
- 16 - Gerry McKinney
- 17 - Dave Hancock

### December Birthdays (contd.)

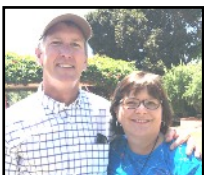
- 17 - Gracie Fant
- 17 - Barbara Farino
- 19 - Thurston LeVay
- 27 - Michael Higgins
- 28 - Richard Loe
- 31 - Joe Principe
- 31 - Carl Rogers
- 31 - Elaine Perry

### December Anniversaries

- 8 - AC & Josie Byrd
- 12 - Michael & Amy Sriro
- 16 - Chuck & Nancy Sharpe
- 18 - John & Dorthy Knox
- 20 - Thurston & Ruth Ann LeVay

## NEW MEMBERS

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



**Howard & Adele (Baquet) White**

626-355-5560  
130 E. Montecito Ave. #140, Sierra Madre, CA 91024 [adeleroosewhite@gmail.com](mailto:adeleroosewhite@gmail.com)  
Joined May 1, 2017 No Model A



**Michael Higgins**

626-618-4001 cell  
P.O. Box 93613, Pasadena, CA 91109  
[michael@pilotmichael.com](mailto:michael@pilotmichael.com)  
Re-joined May 1, 2017 1930 Coupe

## OFFICERS, BOARD & CHAIRS

### OFFICERS

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### COMMITTEE CHAIRS - Continued

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**Sunshine Lady** - Judi Moore, Miss Sunbeam

**Get Well cards:** Ron Martinez - knee infection, Chuck Davies - heart bypass surgery, Mel Foye and Rick Phillips.

**A condolence card** sent to Tom Forbes whose father passed.

**Cookie Bringers** - Gerry McKinney, Head Cookie

Carol Emanuelli & 3 others. Would the 3 others call Carol (626-286-5267) to confirm they remember who they are.

**Photo Donors** - Olive Moore, Tracy Butkus, Jim Kroeger, Vicky Bartlett, Joe Wilson

### Model A Ford Club of America

Santa Anita A's is a chartered member of the Model A Ford Club of America (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))

## MORE NEWS BITS

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### 2018 Dues are Due

It's that time of year again. Dues for 2018 are payable in December 2017 and will become delinquent after January 1, 2018. Annual dues are \$30 per year. As a reminder, you will receive an "Invoice" sent by email in early December.

In February 2018 a new club Roster will be prepared for printing and distribution to all SAA's members. This roster will include the names of all current, paid-up members. To be included in the new 2018 Roster it is important that your dues be received promptly.

### SAA's Meeting Time and Location Change

Members are reminded that beginning with our January, 2018 meeting we will gather at Live Oak Park in Temple City and our start time will be 7:00 PM rather than 7:30 PM. Mark your calendars and write yourself a note.

### Members Recognized by MAFCA

Every year MAFCA recognizes members for their longevity in the club and presents them with lapel pins reflecting the appropriate years of membership. The current issue of the Restorer magazine publicized the names of members receiving these awards.

Santa Anita A's members receiving awards this year were:  
50 years - Pete Henderson, Gene Reinhardt  
35 years - Tony and Kathy Catroppa  
30 years - Keith and Joann Smith.

### Santa Anita A's Holiday Food Collection

Each year our club collects and donates food items for the Foothill Unity Center, Inc. Again this year, we are asking our members to donate non-perishable food items (canned or boxed) to bring to the November (December 1) General Meeting. These items can be cereal, mac & cheese, canned goods, etc. and even candy to help make the holidays happier for those in need. The Center makes up family food boxes and then distributes them appropriately.

### Bylaw Change proposal not approved

The proposal to change the dues schedule for new members as provided in the club's bylaws was not approved by the membership at the October General meeting. The proposal would have changed the amount of dues for new members from the current system which prorates the first year's dues by the month they join to the full year's dues, regardless of which month they joined.

## Pasadena High School Model A Club

The November - December issue of the Restorer Magazine carries a two page feature story on the Pasadena High School Model A club submitted by our Youth Outreach Chairman and organizer of the club, Wilbert Smith. The article shows the status of the car restoration project and solicits donations to the club through the sale of raffle tickets for the 1928 Model A Phaeton.



## COMING EVENTS

### Christmas Party and Installation of 2018 Officers and Board Members.

Saturday, December 16

by Joe Wilson

This year we will be combining our Christmas party with the installation of our 2018 club officers and board members. And to make it even more special the event will be held at the Shakespeare Club in Pasadena. This is the same venue where we celebrated our club's 40<sup>th</sup> "Ruby" anniversary and is located at 171 S. Grand Ave., Pasadena.

We will begin the evening at 5:00 PM with a social hour of drinks and snacks followed by a "sit down dinner" where you will be served right there at your very own table with no movement required on your part.

We will be entertained during the evening by a trio of madrigal singers. Additional entertainment will be provided later in the evening during the installation of our 2018 club officers and board members.

Participation by members will automatically make you eligible for the door prize which is a free \$100 raffle ticket to win the Pasadena High School restored 1928 Model A Phaeton. Winners must be there, sober and awake the entire evening, to be eligible.

Over 70 club members have already signed up to go to this extravaganza. To assure you have a place at the table, a chair and a food serving, it is necessary that your name appear on the invitation list. To add your name to this list simply give or send a check for \$25 per body to Sheri Johnson (844 Diamond St., Monrovia, CA 91016).

**December 1 (The general meeting date) is the final time to sign up and pay for the event.**

## COMING EVENTS - MORE

### Holiday Motor Excursion

Saturday, December 30

by Jim Kroeger

2018 is approaching and what better way to celebrate than to participate in the 62nd annual Holiday Motor Excursion. Sponsored by the Horseless Carriage Society of Southern California, our club has been invited to this local show and tour for 1932 and older stock automobiles. Our Model A's are perfectly suited.

The festivities begin at the Santa Anita Racetrack in the north parking lot, Gate 6 off Colorado Place in Arcadia. Gates open at 7 AM and the cost is \$10 per car payable on site.

Maps are handed out for a local tour of Pasadena and surrounding areas which usually begins around 10 AM. The first stop is always a local park where free coffee and Krispy Kreme donuts are provided. Yum, yum!

The tour continues and finishes for lunch usually at Clearman's Galley, (the Boat) in Arcadia or some other listed establishment. Following lunch all participants are invited to a final dessert stop locally to be determined.

This is the only event where you can see over 200 classic automobiles of different makes and models all in one location. Even Jay Leno shows up each year with a new ride. Do I hear photo op?

We are encouraging our members to make a strong showing and participate in this time honored event. Please sign up at the December 1st general meeting as this will be your only opportunity to do so. Call Jim Kroeger at 626-710-6592 for more information.

### Phil Reed Auto Collection

Saturday, January 20

by Jim Kroeger

Join us on our first tour of the new year as we head to Santa Fe Springs and visit the Phil Reed collection on Saturday, January 20. Phil Reed started Electronic Chrome and Grinding Company in 1945 and along the way acquired quite a collection of antique automobiles.

A few doors down from the collection is a shop owned by Larry Blair called the Tin Shed. We will pay Larry a visit also and learn how he keeps these early antique automobiles running. Following the tour, reservations have been made for lunch at California Grill in Whittier.

This is a short, easy, surface-street-only tour and we are encouraging new members to participate. We will meet at the Perry's, located at 5528 N. Lenore Ave., Arcadia at 9:30 AM.

If interested please sign up at the Dec. 1st general meeting as this will be your only opportunity to do so. After that you will need to call Jim Kroeger at 626-710-6592 to sign up or get more information. Hope to see you on tour.

## PAST EVENTS

### Wings and Wheels at San Gabriel Valley Airport

Sunday, October 29

by Joe Wilson

We had a good turn-out of members participating in the annual air show at the San Gabriel Valley Airport. The show attracted a fair number of spectators who viewed a wide variety of aircraft including a number of old open cockpit planes and WWII aircraft. The number of cars exhibiting there was limited with most of them being from our Model A club.

A total of 15 cars from the SAA's participated; some arriving later in the morning after their showing at the Pasadena City College Walkathon. Our support for the air show sponsored by the airport was a thank you to them for allowing our club to use their conference room for our tech seminars following the men's breakfast every month.



### Mystery Tour

November 11

by Jim Kroeger

Well the Mystery Tour is no longer a mystery as twenty-two club members and eleven Model A's traveled to the Pacific Railroad Museum in San Dimas. Upon our arrival we entered the old Santa Fe Depot, built in 1934, which has been restored and houses the museum's collection. Museum Curator David Housh led the tour and spoke about the history of San Dimas, the Santa Fe Railroad and the once vibrant citrus industry.



The depot is divided into five rooms with the first being a 1930's vintage waiting room complete with a solid oak bench and a working wig wag warning signal. Next is the agent's room which is a telegraph and communication center

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## PAST EVENTS - MORE

where agents passed on train orders to engineers and conductors using state of the art technology - OK, so they basically just gave written messages to trains on a pole as it passed by.



The baggage room now serves as the trolley room describing the Pacific Electric Railroad along with the story of the Mt. Lowe Railway. The depot's freight room is a railroad research library with over 4000 books including

numerous photos, slides and maps. Finally our tour ended at the freight dock where trucks dropped off and picked up railroad freight. It now displays model trains but its former exterior wall with its historic signage has been preserved.

Once we had learned everything there is to know about railroading we headed out to the "Village" in Glendora for brunch. Parking was tight so we found a vacant lot, lined up all of our A's, and patronized the Village Eatery. It was a great way to end a surprising day.



## Walkathon

Sunday, October 29

by Tracy Butkus

Walk to End Alzheimer's for the San Gabriel Valley was a great success. The walk raised over \$110,000 and Cantella Warriors raised \$5, 770.



I would like to thank all those club members that made a donation and thank the club for their donation of \$100 toward the walk. The money raised goes to no-cost local community programs and services for those living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers, as well as vital research dollars to help get us closer to a world without Alzheimer's.

I want to give a Very Special Thank You to Brad Balmot, Janet Beggs, Larry Butkus, John Emanuelli, Jim Frick, Jim Kroeger, Tom & Sheri Johnson, John & Mary McDannel, Marlin & Elaine Perry, Joe Principe, Wilbert Smith and Adele

White for coming and supporting the walk and cheering all the walkers on as they walked around the campus. The walkers loved seeing all the cars and it made for a great addition to the walk. Thank you again for donating your time that day. It was a special day and you all made it even more special by being there with us.

## 2017 F.A.S.T. Hill Climb in Murrieta, CA

Sunday, Nov. 5

by Olive Moore

With the threat of rain forecast, participation in the 2017 hill climb was down from last year. However, it turned out to be a perfectly beautiful, comfortable day and those who decided not to go really missed out on a fun time. There were only 16 cars so it gave everyone plenty of time to make as many runs as they wanted. We registered over 150



Art Moore at the start line

spectators which was good even though it was down from last year's 200. The "King of the Hill" was Wesley Eisenga from Ripon, CA with an ET (elapsed time) of 8.478/speed of 74.08mph and right behind him was Denny Sprecher from Utah with an ET of 8.566/speed of 72.93mph. These two "boys" were neck and neck for the winning slot! Art was right behind them with an ET of 8.613/speed of 71.27. Olive was way down the line this year with an ET of 9.119/speed of 68.40. And believe it or not, there was a souped-up Model T that ran an ET of 8.604/speed of 66.86. Needless to say he was ecstatic about beating a Model B engine!

For those of you who have never experienced a 4 banger hill climb, mark your calendar for the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in November 2018 for the next one. The course is 1/10 of a mile length where the cars



Olive Moore in motion

run one at a time from a dead stop, using timing lights to measure the elapsed time and the speed. Each car must have a 4 cylinder engine block (Model T through 1934) using only pump gas. There are many modifications allowed which determines your racing category. There's everything from Model T's, stock Model A's, vintage speedsters, etc. Fun for all!

Santa Anita A members at the event either as spectators or helpers were: Art & Olive Moore (event organizers), Mark & Karen Gollhardt, Larry & Gerry McKinney, Larry & Joyce McCullah, John Emanuelli, Tom Johnson, Vicky Bartlett, and Bart Bartholomew.

*This article written by club member Doug Nielsen appeared in the March 2002 issue of Spoken Wheels. It is a story about the restoration of a very rare Model A by Gordon Johnson. Gordon who died in September of 2017 was one of the founders of the Santa Anita A's.*

## **Gordon & Helen Johnson's 1931 Model 130B, Drop Floor Deluxe Delivery**

This rare Model A truck was just a basket case in 1969 when Gordon acquired it in a deal made with his brother, Gail. In trade for this vehicle, Gordon's part of the deal was to build a double garage with a second story for Gail.

The garage structure was completed as agreed and Gordon finally took home his long term project. The owner prior to Gail was his wife's uncle who had barely started restoration, working just a little now and then. He threw away the most unusual part, the drop floor, believing it to be only an extra part! Gail had done some work on the truck and had taken the body off the frame to have it sand blasted and a primer coat applied. All the parts were in boxes and crates and none, including the frame, had been painted.

Gordon started restoration in 1971, but unfortunately his first wife became ill and all work stopped on the project during the time of her illness to the time of her passing in 1973. Later on he met and married Helen and they decided to remodel one home and then decided to build a new home with a six car garage.

In 1986, restoration was started on Gordon's 1931 A Pickup and this necessitated attending many Model A swap meets for parts along with continuing his research on the Deluxe Delivery. It was a busy time with the two restoration projects going on at the same time. Actual manual labor started on the Delivery in 1991, while Gordon was still working on the Pickup which was completed in 1995.

There were only 77 Model 130B Drop Floor Deluxe Deliveries made in 1931! Compare that production with the much touted Town Car with a total production of 1,198 units and the Town Car Delivery with 196 units produced. Perhaps one reason for the 130B Drop Floor Model A not being recognized as being so rare is the fact that the standard floor and drop floor Deluxe Deliveries have the same model number of 130B. Production of the drop floor model did not start until May, 1931. Most likely many of the production figures combined the standard and drop floor models even though the configuration of the body, floor, rear door, and tail light placement were very different on the two versions of the 130B. Having a combined U. S. production of 14,550 units hid the fact that only a very few drop floor units were produced late during the final phase of Model A production. How many of these A's have you seen? You could probably count all the remaining units on the road on the fingers of one hand. The drop floor A's were produced especially for those businesses

that needed easier cargo loading. Customers included laundries, dry cleaners, office machines and tobacco companies.

The floor behind the two front seats drops down one foot behind the rear axle and extends to the back door of the vehicle. There is a small rectangular door across the lower part at the back which closes off the bottom space and drops down for easier entry. Ford also produced the Panel Delivery in 1931 with the drop floor which was introduced much earlier and had total production of over 1,900 units. That model, identified by its two rear doors and about a ten inch higher profile most likely was opted for by many customers because of its larger cargo capacity. On the Panel Delivery, the model number for the drop floor was changed from 79B to 225A.

The first obstacle was to find a really good metal man who could build the drop floor that was tossed out by a previous owner. A friend recommended someone called the "Bird Man" who turned out to be an artist in metal work.

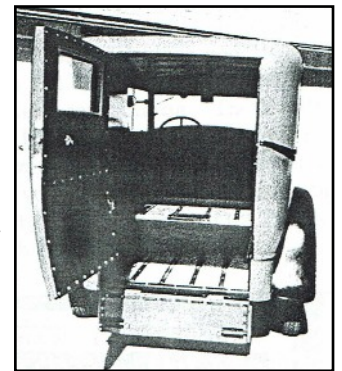
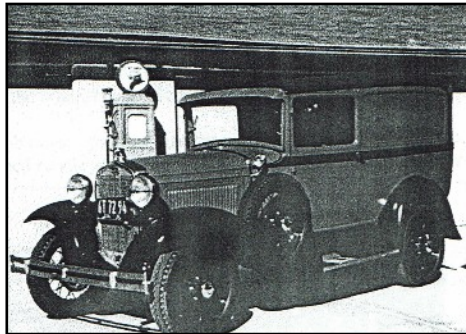
In turn, the next step was to locate someone else with the exact model vehicle. Luckily, Gordon just happened to spot fully restored one in November, 1986 in Escondido when the Santa Anita A's toured there for a multi-club Model A event. The owner

of the A, Dave Maier, was approached and he gladly told them about the truck which he had professionally restored. Dave said that when he acquired that A it had the top half of the body cut off. He was able to locate an Minor top from an out-of-state source and was able to have it welded on his unit. It was a beautiful restoration. Dave gave permission to take photos and measurements of his authentic drop floor so specifications and plans could be drawn by Gordon for the metal work.

After eleven months, the expert metal man finally finished the drop floor metal part and it was installed. It was a perfect fit to the existing original wood frame which was in excellent condition. All the bolt holes matched up just right with the original holes in the drop floor framework.

One small but important part missing was the rear our handle. It is different from any other A handle. It was a T shaped handle with no locking device and took Gordon twenty years of searching until he happened on to one at a swap meet. Using the originals as patterns, the interior was totally replaced, including the oak wood floor, masonite lining panels, headliner and side panels were all reproduced. Gordon did most all the restoration himself except for the metal work and feels that this A has been restored back to original as much as humanly possible.

In 1999 for its first time out after completion, it was driven to the Temple City Collectors Car Show where it won the Collectors' Choice trophy. It will be entered in the Blue Ribbon Class at the 2002 Riverside MAFCA National Convention in Riverside.



*I'm running out of new members to profile, so I thought I'd profile an older member. Only I hesitate to use the word "older" because it has other, negative connotations. Let's just call them long-term members of the Santa Anita A's.*

## Bob And Judi Moore

Bob and Judi started life in Long Island, New York and that's where they met and married. A few years after their marriage they came to California, with a stop off in Pennsylvania for a couple years.



They lived 36 years in Arcadia. Looking for a bigger piece of property to indulge Bob's Model A hobby and a single-story home, they moved to their current home in Bradbury about 16 years ago.

And indulge his hobby they did! Bob currently owns seven (count 'em, 7) Model A's. And he has about a 2,000 square-foot building to work on them and house them in. As to owning seven Model A's, Bob insists, "I'm not looking for another." Of course, he said that when he owned six Model A's, and probably when he owned five, and four. Bob owned his first Model A when he was in high school, it was his daily driver. He had another in Pennsylvania but left it when they came to California. The first Model A he owned in California was a Roadster Pickup. When he found it would cost about \$4,000 to have it painted, he sold it and bought another that already had a pretty good paint job on it for about the same amount of money.

Bob worked in human resources, spending time in labor relations, benefits, etc. When he retired about 20 years ago he went to work for his son's computer software firm, helping with sales, etc. Judi worked with Mary Kay for about 20 years, retiring six months ago.

They have been very active in the Santa Anita A's. Bob has served as our President twice, was Tour Director for seven or eight years, and has spent many years on the Board of Directors.

Judi enjoys weaving and knitting. In addition to keeping his fleet of A's running, Bob enjoys gardening. He is President-Elect of the Pasadena Civitan Club. Bob & Judi have two children and two grandchildren.

- The meeting was called to order by President John McDannel at 7:30
- The flag salute was led by Art Moore.
- Membership: Randy Harper said there were no visitors.
- Tours: Jim Kroger told about the last tour of the year.
  - Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> Mystery Tour Meet at the Perry's at 9:15AM
- Sunshine : No report
- General Announcements:
  - PHS Report - John Emanuelli reported that work is progressing on the raffle car.
  - Alzheimer's Walkathon 10/29 - Tracy told members bringing their cars for display to be at PCC by 7:30 AM. She thanked the members for their donations.
  - San Gabriel Valley Air Show 10/29 - Bob told members bringing their cars to Air show to be there by 8:00 AM you will receive 50% off your breakfast.
  - Arcadia Festival of Bands 11/8 - Sign up tonight
  - Meeting Reminder - November election will be on December 1<sup>st</sup> due to Thanksgiving Holiday.
  - Annual Christmas Party and Installation of Officers December 16<sup>th</sup> to be held at the Shakespeare Club cost is \$25.00 per person.
- Low End - Mickey reported Thurston needs help with a battery installation and Valentine's need help with an engine install.
- Micro Seminar
  - Jim Frick gave a short recap on the micro seminar at the men's breakfast. He has also written a summary of the last two micro seminars at the men's breakfast, you may pick them up tonight.
  - Spoken Wheels - No report
  - Fashion article: John McDannel thanked Susan Homet for the fashion article in the Spoken Wheels.
  - Program: John McDannel introduced tonight's speaker Officer Michael Vercillo from the Arcadia Police department. Officer Vercillo gave a very informative presentation on keeping your home safe and secure.
  - Nominations for 2018: John McDannel reported those nominated are: President Bob Travis, Vice President – Tracy Butkus, Secretary – Elaine Perry, Treasurer – Sheri Johnson Board members Carol Emanuelli, Jim Frick, Jim Kroeger, Chuck Mauch and John McDannel as Past President. John asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. Since there were no nominations the nominations were closed, the election we be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> at the General Meeting.
  - Proposed Bylaw change. John asked if there was any discussion regarding the recommended Bylaw change. Joe Wilson got up and spoke against the change. There were questions from the floor. Jim Frick got up and gave a rebuttal from the board of directors. Ballots were passed out and vote was taken. The Bylaw change failed.
- Break
  - Costume Judging - Susan Homet was judge for the contest, she had the members in costume line up in front of the room. 1<sup>st</sup> place Bonnie Nelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Carol Emanuelli and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Elsie Johnson. Each one was given a candy bar.
  - Cookie Bringers: Bonnie Nelson, Jean Ware, Vicky Bartlett and Elaine Perry. Sign up for next year. Vicky Bartlett passed around a sign up for cookie bringers for 2018, please sign up.
  - Minutes: The minutes were approved as printed.
  - Treasure's Report: The Treasurer's report was approved as read.
  - 50/25/25 Elsie Johnson both prizes \$17.00 each
  - Name Badge : Richard and Jean Ware
  - Drive Your Model A: Randy Harper
  - Raffle
  - Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Elaine Perry Secretary

**SEE AND BE SEEN**

When driving your Model A, it is very important not only to see where you are going but also to have other drivers easily see you. During day light hours, you may think other drivers will easily see your car but that is not always the case. This is especially true when a “civilian” car is following closely behind you. The original left hand single tail light assembly on a Model A is minimal at best and often other drivers do not recognize that we are slowing down. Most of us have installed a second tail light assembly on the right rear of their car. This certainly helps but the original stop light bulbs were not very bright and some drivers following our cars do not see our stop lights when we are slowing for a turn or a stop.

To help others better see that we are turning or stopping, some owners have converted their stop and tail lights to LED assemblies which are much brighter than what Henry provided. These are available from the major parts suppliers at a reasonable cost and are a major improvement to the rear lights on our cars. The LED assemblies that replace both the bulb and tail light lens are the brightest and most effective. To improve the situation even more, the “Brakelighter” LED brake light assembly is available that can be easily installed in the rear window. This third brake light can be wired thru your turn signal assembly so it will activate when both slowing and when making a turn. This third brake light is very effective and is easily seen by those drivers who are following you.



Another improvement is the addition of additional tail light assemblies and also red reflectors. Reflectors are very effective when driving at night.

The headlights on our Model A's as they came from the factory with 32/32 CP (Candle Power) bulbs are adequate at best for normal around-the-town driving at night. For touring, you may want to consider installing brighter 50/32 CP bulbs. If you have good reflectors with the bulbs properly focused

and the headlights correctly adjusted, the headlights on a Model A are not too bad.

Most suppliers also offer Quarts Halogen Bulb conversions that are much brighter than incandescent bulbs but they require a higher output charging system and they also get very hot. Owners have had problems with the sockets and connections in the headlight assembly overheating and melting when using Halogen Bulbs.

Be sure you can see where you are going and also those following can see you and easily recognize when you are slowing or stopping.

**Tech Tip**

**Make Good Connections**

For the electrical system in your Model A to work best be sure all the connections are clean and dry. Corrosion can build up at connection points and add resistance to the electrical system. This includes every connection, not only those connections with screw terminals but also the connections that snap together and even the connections of the light bulbs in their sockets.

A small stainless steel wire brush used for “TIG Welding” is very useful for cleaning connections. These are about the size of a big tooth brush and are available at welding shops and most hardware stores.

After the components that are being connected are clean use a little silicone dielectric grease to eliminate future corrosion. Sometimes you will only find “Spark Plug Boot Silicone Grease” which is the same thing.





The "Low End Boys" assisted Santa Anita A's member, Thurston LeVay, in removing his old battery and installing a new one in his Phaeton. We had a call a day later to come back and help get his car to run. It seemed that it would run for a few seconds and then die. We checked for spark and gas supply. It seemed that the gas lines were clear and we had spark. We taped the carburetor lightly with a hammer and it seems that the float was stuck. The last we saw Thurston driving his car for more gas. Thurston is very interested in selling his car.

Our next projects include re-installing Ronnie Valentine's rebuilt engine and to assist long time member, Barbara Bishop, with an electrical problems on her car.

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forward and provided our general meetings with a micro seminar about the Model A. I am also pleased to see that we have been able to serve the community on several occasions by showing our cars to support some good causes.

We have had a year chocked full of great and creative tours designed by Jim Kroeger. I can honestly say that I have been introduced to some really great visits to unusual places hidden away in this great metropolis. The best however was when we went to the Rocking Horse tour and met their "Stripper". Ha, ha!

Our big ticket item has been the splendid and successful establishment of the Pasadena High School Model A Club. We have received rave reviews as being "Visionary". Thanks are certainly deserving for the following great roll models for making this sponsorship so successful: Wilbert Smith, John Emanuelli, Jim Frick, Richard Favela, and Chuck Davies.

As I pen this article, I am sitting in our house in Boston, not far from Plymouth Massachusetts where our Thanksgiving tradition was originated in 1619 to celebrate a bountiful harvest. So, I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

We will all be looking forward to our upcoming Model A Christmas party on Dec. 16th. Show time will be 5:00pm for cocktail hour, followed by a fine turkey dinner beginning at 6:00pm. We will be thanking our old worn out board members, while also celebrating the installation of next year's leadership of our great Model A Club while at the same time enjoying a great Christmas party.

Cheers and have a Merry Christmas

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- Elections for 2018 Officers and Board members will be held at the December 1 meeting
- The Christmas party and installation of 2018 Officers and Board members will be held on Saturday, December 16. Did you make your reservations and pay for the event?
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