



December 2017

Spoken Wheels

THE NEXT MEETING

General Meeting - No meeting in December. Next meeting - **7:00 PM**, Friday, January 26 at new location

Program - No meeting in December, ergo no program. Be happy you went to the Christmas party.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JOHN MCDANNEL

Thanks For The Memories

Thanks for letting me serve as President of our Santa Anita A's Model A Club. I was thrilled to work with so many nice people during my two terms as your President.

The last two years have passed by quickly. I learned that our club is blessed with many active volunteers who make our club run smoothly. I think we had a great time together. We accomplished several interesting projects and enjoyed some nice tours. We also found time to serve our community. We should also be proud of our membership in this club.

I am certain that there will be continued success in 2018 with your new leadership team headed by Bob Travis and your newly elected Board. All of us will be challenged by moving to Live Oak Park for our future meetings.

Remember that change can be a refreshing experience. So, let's give our new venue a chance to serve our club long into the future.

As Bob Hope would sing, "Thanks for the Memories".
Cheers

John McDannel

2018 Dues are Due

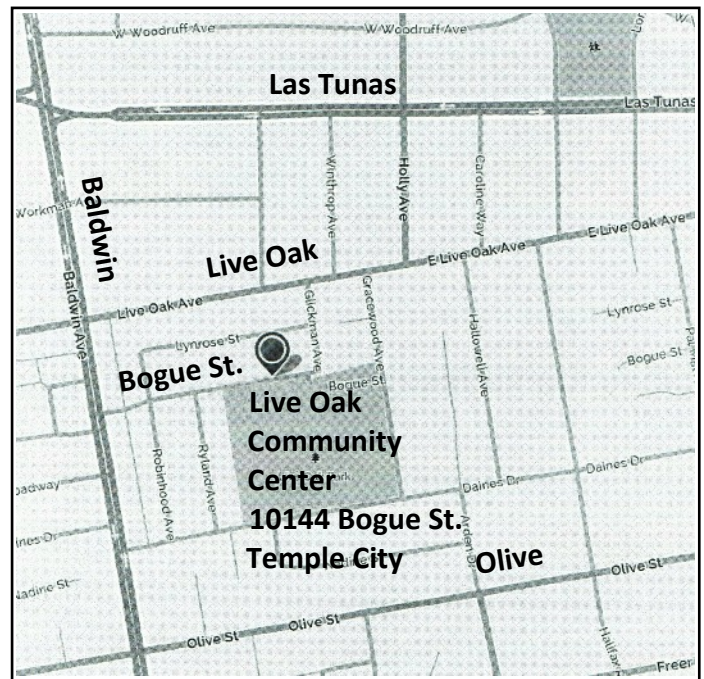
It's that time of year again. Dues for 2018 are payable in December 2017 and will become delinquent after January 1, 2018. Annual dues are \$30 per year. Send your checks to Sheri Johnson, 844 Diamond St, Monrovia, CA 91016.

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.

NEWS BITS

SAA's Meeting Time and Location Changed

Members are reminded that beginning with our January 26, 2018 meeting we will gather at Live Oak Community Center, 10144 Bogue St., Temple City. **Our start time will be 7:00 PM** rather than 7:30 PM. Mark your calendars and write yourself a note.



The new meeting place is not too far from our previous meeting place. Those using the 210 Freeway will find Baldwin Ave. an appropriate street to drive South to Bogue Street.

Club Now Under New Management

It's official, the new officers and board members were installed at the December 16, combination Christmas party & installation banquet.

Here's the new management team:

Officers - President - Bob Travis, Vice President - Tracy Butkus, Secretary - Elaine Perry, Treasurer - Sheri Johnson
Board Members - John McDannel, Jim Kroeger, Jim Frick, Carol Emanuelli, and Chuck Mauch.

The new committee chairs are shown on page 2.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

30 - Horseless Carriage Holiday Excursion & Car Show. see page 3

January

- 8 - Ladies' Brunch, Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport, 11:00 AM
- 10 - Board meeting , 7:00 PM
Live Oak Community Center, Temple City
- 18 - Men's Breakfast, Annia's Restaurant, San Gabriel Valley Airport, 9:00 AM
- 20 - Reed Auto Collection Tour, Sante Fe Springs, see page 3
- 26 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM
Live Oak Community Center, Temple City

February

17 - William S. Hart Park & Museum, Santa Clarita, See page 3

March

- 10 & 11 - Orange Empire Train Museum, Perris CA.
Two day tour w/one overnight (a good one). Details TBA.
- 24 - Peterson Auto Museum, Details TBA

BIRTHDAYS & ANIVERESARIES

January Birthdays

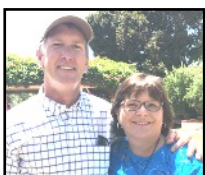
- 2 - Leslie Pam
- 3 - John Fant
- 11 - Dino Falabrino
- 11 - Olive Moore
- 12 - Steve Kurtz
- 13 - Jamie Frick
- 15 - Sally Baquet
- 17 - Brad Balmot
- 18 - Bob Travis
- 18 - Jo Ann Formia
- 20 - Jim Kroeger
- 29 - Tom Johnson
- 30 - Chris Wickersham

January Anniversaries

- 22 - Jerry & Patty Lampassi
- 22 - Larry & Joyce McCullah
- 31 - John & Marianne Spielmann

NEW MEMBERS

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



Howard & Adele (Baquet) White
626-355-5560
130 E. Montecito Ave. #140, Sierra Madre,
CA 91024 adelerosewhite@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
Re-joined May 1, 2017 1930 Coupe

2018 OFFICERS, BOARD & CHAIRS

OFFICERS

President:
Bob Travis 626-574-0665

Vice President:
Tracy Butkus 626-279-9724

Secretary:
Elaine Perry 626-443-0638

Treasurer:
Sheri Johnson 626-446-3367

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chuck Mauch 626-674-0660
Carol Emanuelli 626-286-5267
Jim Frick 626-303-5233
Jim Kroeger 626-449-6917
John McDannel 626-791-3221

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Activities:
Elaine Perry 626-443-0638

Advertising:
John Emanuelli 626-286-5267

Fashion: Coordinator:
Susan Homet 626-798-4964

Ladies' Day:
Open

Low End Boys:
Mickey Fruchter 626-797-2048

Membership:
Randy Harper 626-357-6442

Merchandise:
Joe Wilson 818-790-0995

Raffle – Ladies':
Bea Fruchter 626-797-2048

COMMITTEE CHAIRS - Continued

Raffle – Men's:
Don McBride 626-792-8652

Raffle - 50-25-25
Tom Johnson 626-446-3367

Refreshment Host:
Carol Emanuelli 626-286-5267

Refreshment Sign-ups:
Vicky Bartlett 626-799-6338

Restorer Articles:
Keith Smith 661-298-0625

Roster:
Joe Wilson 818-790-0995

Seminars:
Bob Travis 626-574-0665

Southern CA MAFCA Rep. (SCRG):
Marlin Perry 626-443-0638

Spoken Wheels:
Editor-Joe Wilson 818-790-0995
Proofers - Olive Moore & Elaine Perry
Mailers -Open

Sunshine Lady:
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Technical Director:
Chris Wickersham 626-639-3141

TourMeister:
Jim Kroeger 626-710-6592

Webmaster:
Eric Sandberg 818-330-9311

Youth Outreach:
Wilbert Smith Ph.D. 626-791-7636

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Sunshine Lady - Diana Kincart, Miss Sunbeam
A get well card was sent to John Spielmann who is home and well after a short stay in the hospital.

Cookie Bringers - Vicky Bartlett, Head Cookie
No meeting, no one is there, ergo no cookies are required.

Photo Donors - Tracy Butkus, Jim Kroeger, Joe Wilson

Inspirational Thought

Never share your problems with others because 20% of them don't care and the other 80% are glad you have them.

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)

MORE NEWS BITS

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Members Recognized by MAFCA (Correction)

Last month I left Jim Constantian's name off the list of SAA's members who had received awards from MAFCA recognizing their longevity in the club. Here is the corrected list of Santa Anita A's members receiving awards this year:

50 years - Pete Henderson, Gene Reinhardt

35 years - Jim Constantian, Tony and Kathy Catroppa

30 years - Keith and Joann Smith.

Another Restorer Article On the Pasadena High School Restoration project

The January/ February issue of the Restorer magazine will contain another article on the 1928 Model A Phaeton being restored by the Pasadena Model A High School Club. The car has been completed and is ready for its new owner. Raffle tickets are still available for purchase. (See page 12).



John Spielmann Is Well Again

John is home from the hospital and feeling well after experiencing a medical emergency during the Christmas party celebration on December 16th. The paramedics were called and John was taken to the hospital where he spent a couple of days before returning home. It was determined that he was dehydrated due to medication he was taking.

2018 Roster

Preparation of the 2018 club roster will begin in January when you will receive, by email, a copy of your contact information we currently have in our data base. You will be asked to advise us of any changes or corrections to your information.

The Roster will include all Club members who are current with their 2018 dues.

COMING EVENTS

Holiday Motor Excursion

Saturday, December 31

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.

We are encouraging our members to make a strong showing and participate in this time honored event. 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. 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.

Call Jim Kroeger at 626-710-6592 to sign up or get more information. Hope to see you on tour.

William S. Hart Museum Tour

Sat. Feb. 17

by Jim Kroeger

When we think of famous cowboys, names such as Gene Autry, Hopalong Cassidy and Tom Mix come to mind. You may add William S. Hart's name to that list as well. We will learn all about the man as we travel to his Horseshoe Ranch in Newhall on Saturday, February 17th.

Staring in over 70 films during the silent era from 1914-25, Hart became one of the most popular and successful actors in the world, on par with Charlie Chaplin, Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks. After retiring from the movies in 1925 he built a 10,000-square-foot, Spanish Colonial Revival mansion on a hilltop. It is now a museum containing his original furnishings from the period.

We will meet at the Kroeger home, located at 2669 E. Villa Street in Pasadena at 8:45 AM. This will be a 30 mile surface street tour going to the museum but you will have the option of returning via freeway or being led back on regular roads. Keeping with our western theme we will head over to nearby Dario's for some delicious Mexican cuisine at lunch. Sign up for the Hart Tour at the next general meeting or call Jim Kroeger at 626-710-6592.

PAST EVENTS

Christmas Party and Installation Banquet

Saturday, December 16

by Joe Wilson

It was a wonderful evening. We gathered at the Shakespeare Club in Pasadena to celebrate the season's holidays and to install our newly elected 2018 club officers and board members. Eighty three club members and guests attended the event.



The evening began with a social hour which included special snacks along with drinks being served by two formidable bar tenders, Jim Kroeger and Jim Frick. In addition to wine and beer, Jim had mixed up a custom speciality drink for the evening called the "Ornamental", as in Christmas ornament.



We were entertained during the evening by the trio of "town singers" during the social hour then later during our dining time.

It was a true sit down dinner promptly served, no standing in line. The food was great, provided in abundant portions.



We had a brief surprise appearance of Santa Claus. He bore no presents but appeared to be checking out the membership for any misfits that might be posing as Model A owners.



The entertainment continued with John McDannel thanking the officers, board members and committee chairs who supported him during his tour of duty in 2017. He presented the officers and board members with a wine glass and a unique wood engraved wine glass holder. He presented each Committee Chair with one of the wood wine glass holders in recognition of their support during the year. He recognized the special work provided by Elaine Perry, Carol



Emanuelli and Sheri Johnson, presenting them with poinsettia plants and others with gift cards.



John also presented Janet Beggs with a flower arrangement in thanks for her providing access to the Shakespeare Club and her involvement in

organizing the event. Janet is the current president of the Shakespeare Club and gave us a brief history of the ladies club and the building which dates back to the early days of Pasadena.

Bob Moore, posing as "Judge Moore" appropriately installed the new officers and Board Members: President - Bob Travis, Vice President - Tracy Butkus, Secretary - Elaine Perry, Treasurer - Sheri Johnson and board members - John McDannel, Jim Kroeger, Jim Frick, Carol Emanuelli, and Chuck Mauch.



PAST EVENTS - MORE



Our new President, Bob Travis, then gave his acceptance speech where he promised the membership reduced taxes and a chicken in every pot rather than raw eggs in the fridge. This does not resolve the "Who was first, the chicken or the egg?" question.



John Spielmann had to leave the party early due to a medical emergency. He concluded the evening in the hospital but is now home and feeling very well.

This was a first class event which was enjoyed by the club membership.

IMPORTANT OTHER STUFF

The story below was written by Brad Balmot as he was retiring from his second term as club president. It appeared in the May 1978 issue of the *Spoken Wheels*. It is a report on the formation of the Santa Anita A's and it's first three years of operation. You will find it interesting reading.

Brad's Farewell Address May, 1978

It seems like it was only a month or two ago that we started our chapter. I can remember talking to Reese King in Yuma in 1975 about the possibility of his being a charter member. And then there were others who came to help: Marlin Perry, Tom Wellnitz, Erv Sly, Doc Kleckner, Gene Reinhardt, Gordon Johnson, and Erin Wirtz. With these people, on May 23, 1975, we met and drew up a document to petition the National for recognition as a chapter,

I remember how difficult it was to select a name. There were suggestions like "Baldwin's Lucky A's and Henry Ford's A's. There was even the suggestion of naming our club "The Brass Nuts of Arcadia". I've still got that T-shirt in my closet that has "The Brass Nuts of Arcadia" silk screened on the back of it. We finally agreed that the club should be called "The Santa Anita A's" and the first club crisis was over.

Our first election was very basic. After the officers were elected, (more like injected) the first five hands up were chosen to make up the Board of Directors. Those who didn't get their hands up fast enough ended up with jobs like Tour Director, Raffle Chairman, and Hostess. Our first paper was called "The Bulletin" and Marlin and Elaine Perry were the club's first editors.

We got better organized and started to grow. We all got out and brought in new-members.

There was a rumor in the club at that

time that if you were a board member and didn't bring in at least one member each month you would get one of the windows in your A broken. We got a lot of members. There were no broken windows.

We finally got enough members to need jackets and patches so that we could be identified as a group; another crisis. After much discussion we decided on the gold jackets we have now. The next problem came in trying to get them from Penney's. They never did have enough of the small size. The club patch was designed by Tom Grabowski. We shopped around until we found someone who could produce the patch at a price we could afford. One interesting note is that on the original design by Tom, the patch had a peacock on top of the car because the bird is the symbol of Arcadia. The club felt the bird looked too much like a turkey so it had to go. The patch was finalized and we had the best looking emblem in the area thanks to Tom.

We supported the club by individual donations during the first months of operation. Tom and Claudia Wellnitz donated the money for



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the club's post office box for the first year. Boy, it was hard to get a post office box in Arcadia. I donated the club's gavel. Marlin financed the first issues of the Bulletin. We had an auction to raise money where we all donated parts and then bought them back! I remember Reese King buying over \$150 worth of parts. Then there were the weddings and football games. One of our sayings at that time was "We do weddings ...or marry her and we'll deliver".

Little by little our treasury grew. We had raffles, and we had raffles. Eleanor Lasecki made a beautiful Bi-centennial Afghan and donated it to the club to raffle off. Of course when the lucky ticket was drawn she'd won her own afghan, Pat and I were very proud when she presented it to us. The original dues paid by the members were placed in a savings account and have been there ever since.

The original Tour Directors were Marlin Perry and Tom Grabowski. One of our first big tours was to Solvang. I broke down about three times. If it hadn't been for Herb Cuckler I would still be in Solvang. It seemed that during our first year as a club I had a lot of trouble with my car. During our first year we were incorporated as a non-profit organization, established by-laws, and did what every newly formed Model A club has to do which included filing Income Tax statements.

The second year of our club was as productive as the first. With the new officers leading the club, new ideas and promotions helped generate interest in our young club. It was at this time that the club had a contest to change the name of our paper. The prize was \$25 or a skateboard. Jim Graham was the winner with our present name, "Spoken Wheels" It was during this time that several articles of the bylaws were changed because of the club's growth.

In August of 1976, we ran a concession stand at the George Cross/ Roger Wilson Swap Meet. Marlin Perry was in charge of the concession stand which netted the club a bundle. During our second year of operation Erv Sly was the Editor of the Spoken Wheels and each month he gave us his "Forty Honks". Our Tour Director for that year was Doc Kleckner. We had joint tours with Pomona and Diamond Tread, Bi-centennial Tours and Progressive Dinners. My favorite was the tour to Capistrano. Besides not breaking down, I enjoyed the peaceful and easygoing tour that it was.

Too soon the second year of our club was over. With the beginning of our third year, I became president again. Like every newly elected officer, I had high goals and a lot of dreams. Among some of my goals that never got off the ground was the idea of having the 1980 National Meet in

Pasadena. However we did get a Southern California Regional together and we do have a calendar of events of all chapters' events for the rest of the year.

A difference of opinion that started in our second year caused a minor split in the club. This split caused a crisis early in the third year, with the efforts of the Board of Directors and concerned members, it was resolved. However, as a result of this, two board members became inactive. It was through the

efforts of the membership and the Board of Directors that we pulled together, the split was healed, and the club was even stronger than before.

Board members worked overtime and Reese King took over the job as Tour Director and planned some interesting and enjoyable tours. My most memorable tour was the Progressive Dinner with the Bingo game after it. I never did get that N-43, or as Reese would say it, "Nellie- 43". Ted Lodge was a strong Vice-president. He was always there when I needed help or advice. He did a great job in working for the club. Then we needed an editor. Lodi Galassi agreed to type and print our paper. Bill Pupo volunteered his services to make xeroxes and Phil Allin helped with the articles.

Dale Weller worked hard to line up Technical Seminars, entertaining programs for our meetings, and great technical articles for our paper. Doc Klockner counted money, which turned out to be a major task. My wife Pat, took the notes at the meetings and gave me much advice and support. Other members were also ready to help when we needed them. This is what made our first Swap Meet such a tremendous success. However, it is the committee heads that deserve special recognition. Marlin was in charge of the concession stand, Reese King handled the Sellers Gate, Rich Fischbach was in charge of the Buyers Gate and Gordon Johnson helped organize and set up the meet. The club gained financially, but more important than money, our club worked as a team to put on a well organized event.

In reflection, it is you, the membership that has made our chapter the great chapter it is. You are the ones that have participated in our events and have represented our club in other club's events. I am fortunate to have had an important part in the club and have had many good memories because of it. I am proud to have been your president and to each of you, my thanks for your help and support which you have given me.

For the chapter, Brad



Touring Car - Mary Lou Swain gets into Tom Grabowski's 1930 Ford, one of several vintage cars which will be touring the downtown area during the "Old Fashioned Days." The cars are the courtesy of the Santa Anita Model A's.

Bob & Joyce Travis

Because the first month of Bob Travis' latest term as our President is coming up, I thought the time was right to profile him and Joyce. This will be the fifth time for Bob as our President. The rumor that he has to keep doing it until he gets it right is vastly overstated! Bob has served on the Board many, many years and has been our auctioneer for at least ten years.



Bob was born in MacDougall, New York and Joyce in San Jose, California. So how did two people from the left and right coasts meet? Exactly where you would expect, Germany. Bob was stationed in Germany with the U.S. Army and Joyce was a government employee teaching American kids there. They were to marry and have their first of three daughters in Germany.

But being in the Army means they never stayed in one place too long. They moved 21 times during Bob's 30-year Army career. Hard to hit a moving target, right Bob?

When Bob Retired from the Army as a full Colonel in 1982 (After "30 years, 3 months and 3 days"), he took a job with a defense contractor in Norwalk, Connecticut. Three years later he was offered a job in California. He was so excited with the offer that he told them, "No way in hell was he living in L.A." But they made him an offer he couldn't refuse, so he and Joyce decamped for their first home in Arcadia.

They lived on Woodacre Lane for 15 years. The only problem was that Bob didn't have adequate room to store his growing fleet of Model A's. So, about 17 years ago they bought their current home on Third Avenue. It had a guest house which - once the front was torn off - served nicely as a Model A garage and work area.

Bob's first Model A was acquired in 1951 for \$25 and was his daily driver in high school. He no longer has that car, but still has the second he acquired: a Fordor Sedan he bought for \$400. He currently has four Model A's and he "isn't looking for any more" (that's what they all say).

They have been members of the Santa Anita A's for 21 years and members of MAFCA for 53 years!

Joyce enjoys knitting, her PEO Club, and has been a volunteer at the Arboretum for 32 years. Bob has also been an Arboretum volunteer, but "only" for 20 years.

This should be another great year for our club with Bob at the helm.

In 1907 a man by the name of Leo Baekeland, a chemist by trade, and already an inventor of exceptional repute, having invented Velox photographic paper, did it again! He invented a material he called Bakelite after himself of course. He had gone and created the first synthetic plastic. This discovery and invention of Leo's marked the introduction of the Polymer Age. The new material was known as the material of a thousand uses. At first the substance was to be used in many industries. Due to its unique chemical attributes it was particularly suitable for the electrical and automobile industries. It was used to make telephone parts, electrical devices like bases and sockets for light bulbs and other electrical items. It was even used in making the outside of radios which are highly sought after collectibles and are now quite expensive. The radios are mostly designed in the Art Deco style and have sleek long lines making them especially attractive. They also came in many amazingly cool colors!

The Art Deco style began in 1909, the year Baekeland announced his new invention to the world. Jewelers and fashion designers recognized the potential in the addition of affordable new bright pieces to complement some of the incoming fashions of the day. When designers such as Coco Chanel and Elsa Schiaparelli started wearing the Bakelite Jewelry pieces themselves and being shown in fashion magazines such as Vogue, the women wanted to buy them for themselves. The Art Deco period lasted well into the nineteen forties.



The Jewelry was popular for many reasons. It was light weight and came in many bright and bold colors. The Art Deco designs were modern. They stood out well and were very becoming on the ladies. They were sturdy and light weight. Many women bought popular sets with necklaces, and matching rings, bracelets and accompanying earrings. These sets were reasonably priced and very attractive. Today the heavily carved bracelets are the most sought after items. The material made all sorts of other Jewelry designs like dress clips, belt buckles for dresses, and even buttons.

Bakelite went out of style during the late forties and were resurrected during the 1980's. A resurgence has been in the making for the past twenty years or so. It now sells for a high price compared to when it was first created. Most women could afford a few pieces of the Jewelry back then. It has gone up in price dramatically in past years and is quite collectible. It was very popular during our period of the Model A era. When searching for appropriate pieces try to find Art Deco styles such as the ones that look streamlined as the look is the most authentic. When collecting keep in mind that red, black and clear "apple juice" are the most popular and valuable colors. Apple juice is lightly amber in color and is clear. It's a fun hobby collecting Bakelite, and I am afraid, highly addictive! Happy hunting.

The Model A electrical System

The electrical system of your Model A Ford as designed is very simple and reliable however electrical system problems contribute most to the reasons our cars will not start or run. The first of our Model A's were assembled ninety years ago and today we still find some cars with original wiring or other electrical components. If your Model A has old deteriorated wiring, replace it with good quality wiring available from the better parts suppliers.

The battery is heart of the electrical system and having a good fully charged battery is necessary for reliable starting the engine and operating the ignition system, lights and horn. Today, we can purchase original type "Lead Acid" wet cell batteries as well as Optma Batteries with Spiralcell technology. The Optma battery will not discharge over time and will last 2-3 times longer than a lead acid battery. Whichever type of battery you use, it is still necessary to be sure the battery is well secured and the cables are in good condition with clean tight connections. A master battery cut off switch is recommended when storing your Model A and you will also find this very useful when performing repairs and maintenance.

A charging system in good working order is necessary to keep the battery fully charged. If you are using the original 3 brush type generator, refer to the Model A Instruction Book (Owner's Manual) for the proper adjustment of the generator output for your type of driving. Aftermarket regulators are available for the original Model A generator which will automatically adjust the output of the generator to keep the battery fully charged. Alternators with built in regulators are also available for those who want a more modern charging system. Alternators with up to a 30 amp output will work fine with the stock Model A electrical system but the use of a higher output alternator will require other modifications.

The original Model A ignition system in good condition will perform well for most owners. Most ignition system problems encountered involve the distributor. Distributors that are worn out or the use of poor quality components are responsible for most of these problems. Good electrical components and new or rebuilt distributors are available from the better parts suppliers. Beware of all electrical components made in China as they usually are very poor quality and subject to failure.

The best way to keep your Model A running well is to first perform the necessary repairs to get the electrical system in good condition and then drive your Model A often.



Tech Tip

When replacing a 6 volt battery in your Model A, be aware of the correct polarity of the electrical system. All original Model A Ford electrical systems are POSITIVE GROUND, most other cars are Negative Ground. When installing a new battery, attach the "Hot" cable first and the "Ground" cable last. First, connect the "Hot" battery cable, the one that goes to the starter switch, to the smaller Negative (-) post of the battery and then connect the "Ground" cable, the one that goes to the frame, to the larger Positive (+) post of the battery. Installing the battery with the polarity reversed will cause the charging system not to work and may damage some components of the electrical system.

Beware of charging systems that have been modified or converted to 12 volts. Some modified 6 volt systems and most 12 volt systems are Negative Ground.

November Meeting, Dec. 1, 2017

- The meeting was called to order by President John McDannel at 7:30 PM.
- The flag salute was led by Bob Harbicht
- Thank you to Bob Harbicht for arranging our excellent programs this year.
- Thank you to Mickey Fruchter for setting up the PA system each month.
- FYI information: Moving to Live Oak Park in January meeting starts at new time 7:00 PM
- Christmas Party: Pay for Party \$25,00 per person. Deadline tonight. Janet told about plans for party dress for the Holiday
- Pay your dues \$30.00
- Minutes: The minutes were approved as read.
- Treasure's Report: The Treasurer's report was approved as read.
- Election: John McDannel reported the candidates for 2018 are: President Bob Travis, Vice President – Tracy Butkus, Secretary – Elaine Perry, Treasurer – Sheri Johnson. Board members: Carol Emanuelli, Jim Frick, Jim Kroeger, Chuck Mauch, John McDannel as Past President. Ballots were passed out to members and collected after voting.
- Membership: Randy Harper introduced visitors Charlie and Diana Lohr
- Tours: Jim Kroger told about the last tour of the year on Dec. 30th- Holiday Motor Excursion Cost \$10.00. Jan 20 - Reed Auto Collection. Sign up tonight. Meet at Perry's 9:30 AM.
- MAFCA Convention: Mickey talked about the group going to MAFCA Convention in Reno June 24-29
- Low End boys: Mickey reported Valentine's engine has been installed and Chris got it running also worked on Barbara Bishop's car.
- Sunshine: Cards sent to Rick Phillips, and Mel Foye also sympathy card sent to Tom Forbes.
- General Announcements:
- Cookies Sign Up: Vickie Bartlett sent around sign up for cookie bringers for next year. Cookies do not need to be homemade can be store purchased.
- PHS Report: Wilbert Smith, John Emanuelli and Richard Favela said that work is progressing on the car. Hope to have another article in the next Restorer magazine on the Back Cover of Restorer
- Larry McKinney talked about the story of the plane on the back cover of the Restorer with a Model A engine.
- Election results: Elaine reported that everyone was elected there were 59 ballots turned in.
- Spoken Wheels: Joe Wilson is not sure on deadline for Dec. Spoken Wheels.
- Program: Bob Harbicht introduced the speaker Marge Garrett. Marge gave a very informative talk about China and the Japanese invasion in the 1930's.
- Break
- Cookie Bringers: Carol Emanuelli, Diana Kincart and Elsie Johnson
- 50/25/25 Larry McKinney and Joann Formia \$20.00 each.
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- Dues for 2018 are payable in December and will be past due on January 31.
- No meeting in December.
- Our meeting place and start time has changed beginning with our January 26, 2018 meeting.
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