



March 2018

# Spoken Wheels

## THE NEXT MEETING

**General Meeting - 7:00 PM, March 30** at our new location - Live Oak Community Center, 10144 Bogue St., Temple City.

**Program:** The program this month will be on John Muir also known as "John of the Mountains" and Father of the National Parks. The program will be presented by Ed Anderson from the Arcadia Historical Society. He is a native of Santa Cruz, avid book collector and John Muir Historian. He has published two books most recently: "Lessons of the Wild" and "Learning from the Wisdom of Nature".

## NEWS BITS

### Annual Club Raffle



*Auctioneer, Bob Travis, asks for a higher bid*

It was a win win situation. Those members who brought their valuables to find new owners went home happy winners. Those excited members who bid on those same valuables and outbid the others were, at least for the moment, happy winners as well.

Perennial auctioneer Bob Travis and his trusty helpers, Bob Moore and Marlin Perry performed in their usual professional manner. Total intake for the auction was \$1,864. This event is a major fund raiser for the club and is the second largest source of the club's income behind our annual dues.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -

**BOB TRAVIS**



It's all about time. Time is an interesting concept. Webster's Dictionary spends one full page in attempting to define time. It says in part "Time is the indefinite, unlimited duration in which things are considered happening in the past, present and future; every moment there has been or ever will be." Noted physicist, Steven Hawking tried to explain time in his best selling book, "A brief history of Time." In everyday life we use the word time in many ways: What time is it? Do you have time for me? I am having the time of my life, etc.

Most of us think of time in terms of standard time and daylight savings time. I hope everyone has set their clock one hour forward by now.

But for a Model A hobbyist these are very different kinds of times, sort of like a time warp. That's where 30 minutes equals 3 hours, as in "I'm going to Bob Moore's house to work on his Model A, I'll be back in 30 minutes. This is called "Model A Time". You see it isn't your fault that you never get home on time.

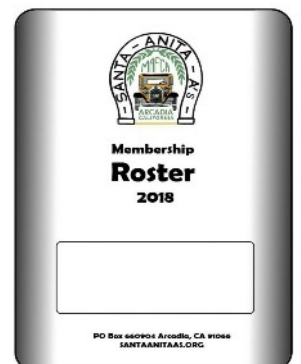
I am sure that if you explain this to your wife you will find your clothes on the back steps, your dinner in the trash, or a "Dear John" letter when you return from working on your friends Model A. Until next time, drive an A every day.

### New 2018 Club Roster

The new 2018 club rosters have been printed and will be distributed at the March meeting. They were previously made available at the February meeting but many of you failed to pick them up.

This is an important document which allows you to connect a name with a face, even yours. This may be your last chance to rescue your copy.

We may have to donate the rosters not picked up to another club who don't have their own rosters.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### March

30 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM  
Live Oak Community Center, Temple City

### April

6-to 10 - CCRG in Cambria, If interested contact Bob Moore  
9 - Ladies' Brunch, Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport, 11:00 AM  
11 - Board meeting , 7:00 PM  
Live Oak Community Center, Temple City  
19 - Men's Breakfast, Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport, 9:00 AM  
22 - Orange County Pancake breakfast, see page 4  
27 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM  
Live Oak Community Center, Temple City

### May

3 - Mount Baldy Tour, see page 4  
5 - Raffle Winner of 1929 Model A Phaeton Announced  
at Las Vegas type Musical Production, see page 4  
5 - MAFCA Board Meeting in La Habra  
6 - Monrovia Old Home Tour, see page 5  
12 - Antique Nationals, Auto Club Dragway, see page 5  
20 - Quakes Baseball Game, see page 5

### June

10 - Henry Ford Picnic, Heritige Park, Santa Fe Springs  
24 to 30 - MAFCA National Convention in Reno, see page 3

## BIRTHDAYS & ANIVERESARIES

### April Birthdays

3 - Karen Gollhardt  
4 - Susie Lacey  
4 - Ted Bruns  
6 - Norma Canzoneri  
6 - Mickey Fruchter  
6 - Betty Mallory  
6 - Richard Favela  
12 - Tom Forbes  
17 - Jackie Gross  
17 - Joe Farino  
17 - Mike Harryman

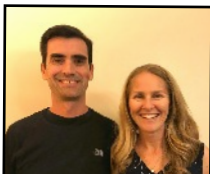
### Birthdays continued

17 - Patty Lutz  
19 - Evalyn Ingram  
19 - Helen Johnson  
24 - Larry McCullah  
27 - Art Moore  
28 - Jack Dawson  
29 - Tracy Perry

### April Anniversaries

9 - Jack & Barbara Dawson  
15 - Larry & Gerry McKinney  
21 - Frank & Mary Ann Sepulveda

## NEW MEMBERS



**Rob & Marianne Barrosa**  
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Joined Feb. 2018 1931 Dix Roadster

## INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

I like long walks,  
especially when they're taken by people who annoy me.

## 2018 OFFICERS, BOARD & CHAIRS

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### COMMITTEE CHAIRS - Continued

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Sunshine Lady - Diana Kincart - Miss Sunbeam

Get Well cards were sent to: Carolyn McBride, Beverly Kniest, Marlin Perry, Joe Principe and Les Eddington.

### Cookie Bringers - Vicky Bartlett - Head Cookie

Elaine Perry, Jean Ware, Carol Emanuelli, Judy Moore

### Photo Donors -

Jim Kroeger, Joe Wilson and maybe others

## 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))

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### Donation to MAFCA National convention

The Board voted to donate \$50 to the Modesto Model A Club for the Raffle at the National Convention in Reno.

### Hubley Model Car Races

Efforts are being made to have the Pomona Model A club bring their Hubley car race track to one of our meetings to demonstrate the art of Hubley car racing. The size of the race track presents some logistical problems.

### Soaps and Bottles

The next time you are traveling and staying in a hotel or motel, gather up those small bottles of soap and lotions they provide. Bring them home and give them to Sheri Johnson. She collects and distributes them to 5 different organizations: Foothill Unity, Ronald McDonald House, Friends of Foster Children, Meals on wheels and a homeless shelter in Azusa. She also collects beverage can tabs. Give her a hand in helping these organizations.

### MAFCA 2018 National Convention Update

Registration Forms will be available at the March Santa Anita A's Meeting for anyone who is interested in attending. The Convention: dates are June 24 – 29.

Tentative plans call for the group to leave on Friday, June 22 and stay overnight in/around Bishop and then make it to Reno on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The total mileage will be about 500+ miles each way. The Meet begins on Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup>. The closing banquet takes place on the 29<sup>th</sup>; then we will leave Reno on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> and arrive home on Sunday, July 1st.

The Northern California Regional Group is publishing a free "Early Bird Newsletter", which is only available on your email. To be on their email list, send an email to: [billt@hewebstore.com](mailto:billt@hewebstore.com) or mail your request to: Bill Truesdale, Editor, PO Box 3708, Walnut Creek, CA 94598 or FAX it to: 925-825-3930. You must include your name, City and State and email address.

All are welcome to join us (Model A or Modern) and experience the fun with tours and seminars and the chance to meet other club members from all over the world who enjoy our hobby. We will be having another planning meeting in April and it will be announced at the March General Meeting. If there are any questions please contact Mickey Fructer at (626)797-2948 or my email is: [mcfu@aol.com](mailto:mcfu@aol.com).

### Joe & Joy Wilson

As most of you know, Joe is our Spoken Wheels newsletter editor and does an absolutely fantastic job! (I have given him strict instructions not to edit the previous sentence). We have started to feature some of our longer-term members in this column and it's Joe & Joy's turn.



They started their Model A life with a '31 Roadster Pickup. They've had that car for ten years or so, but "it hasn't been moving recently," says Joe. Apparently, gasoline got into the oil and ruined the engine. Joe has another engine, which he plans to put in "momentarily." Of course, he's been saying that for a couple of years now.

Not to fear though, they have a spare car, a '31 Fordor sedan. Joe bought this car a few years back and proceeded to do a frame-up restoration of it. He finished just in time to take it on a "Model A Touring Club" tour to Canada.

Joy and Joe are college sweethearts. They started dating at the University of Cincinnati (one of the graduation requirements is to correctly spell "Cincinnati" I'm told). Joe graduated on June 8, married on June 9 and was inducted into the Army on July 25. The Army sent him on an all-expenses-paid trip to Korea and while he was there, Joy had their first daughter. Joe didn't get to meet her until she was one-year-old.

Two other daughters followed to round out their family. The girls provided them with nine grandchildren. The beat goes on; they now have six great-grandchildren.

They moved to California in 1964 when a Distributor of Joe's employer – Cummins Engine Company- offered him a job out here. They've lived in La Canada the entire time, renting one house and then owning two others.

Many years ago they started taking Japanese exchange students into their home and that led to Joy starting a business, *Homestay Adventure International*. For over 25 years they brought Japanese students to Southern California for a three week homestay with families. Many times they hosted as many as 3-6 groups of 25 students each to different communities in the area, including La Canada, Sierra Madre and Glendale.

Some years ago, Joe and four other families – after an evening of adult beverages – decided to buy a 1932 Howe fire truck. They restored it and used it for parades, birthday rides, etc. Eventually Joe realized that of the five families, only two were using it and only one was working on it (Joe). So, they decided to sell the fire truck and it ended up in Israel.

## COMING EVENTS

### The Umpteenth Almost Annual Mt. Baldy Tour

Thursday May 3, 2018

by Bob Moore

A Car Show, a blessing, a brunch and sundaes just around the Corner.

Yes, it's that time again for the short trip to Mr. Baldy Lodge for brunch. Our day will start at 8:50 AM at Royal Oaks Retirement Center on Royal Oaks Drive North, Bradbury. Our cars will be the centerpiece of a very brief car show for the residents. This is the National Day of Prayer and the Royal Oaks minister will bless all the cars, drivers and passengers before we depart. And no offering plate.

At 10:00 AM, we will depart for Mt. Baldy, a leisurely 25 mile drive with no freeways. Weather permitting, superb buffet brunch on the patio starting about 11:15 AM. After brunch, down the hill to Art and Olive Moore's who are hosting the club to ice cream sundaes. Great opportunity for new members to get their Model A's on the road.

The cost for brunch is \$18.00 per person including tax and tip. Sign up for the luncheon by paying Sheri Johnson. Last day to pay is meeting night, April 27.

### Raffle Winner of 1929 Model A Phaeton to be Announced at Las Vegas type Musical Production

Restoration of a 1928 Model A Phaeton by the Pasadena High School Model A Club is complete, ready for delivery to some lucky family. The winner will be announced as the finale of a fabulous "Motown Legends" Musical Production presented at the Pasadena High School auditorium. This production will be performed by highly accomplished professionals, not students.

The "Motown Legends" musical production pays tribute to "The Temptations, Tina Turner, Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston, Delfonics, Platters, Drifters, and Coasters." Hosted by the hilarious Lamont Bonman aka: Monty B. Sharpton. The show will also feature music by the high school's talented jazz band and choir.

This fabulous event will occur Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Pasadena High School Auditorium, 2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd, Pasadena 91107, beginning at 6:00 PM.

At 5:00 PM, prior to the concert there will be a display of unusual Model A Fords in front of the auditorium, including the 1928 Model A Phaeton to be raffled off shown below.



### You do not want to miss this event

This is a Las Vegas quality show, an important fundraiser designed to benefit Pasadena High School's Model A Club, and music department. One hundred percent of all proceeds will go to student programs.

Tickets for the "Legends Concert" are \$25 general admission, and \$30 preferred seating. Please make checks payable to the below address and remember to include a self-addressed envelope.

Questions? Call John Emanuelli (626-286-5267).

PHSMAFC (Pasadena High School Model A Ford Club)  
Unit 101, 1968 Lake Ave, Altadena, CA, 90001.

Raffle tickets to win the car are still available at \$100.00 each. Those checks are payable to:

PHSMAFC (Pasadena High School Model A Ford Club)  
Unit 101, 1968 Lake Ave, Altadena, CA, 90001.

**ORANGE COUNTY MODEL A FORD CLUB**  
**57<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast**  
**Sunday, April 22, 2018**  
**Hart Park, 701 S Glassell St, Orange**

Breakfast from 8am-11am  
Pancakes, sausage, eggs  
juice & hot coffee

Adults \$7/Children \$4  
(2-10 years)

Bring your Model A, family & friends for a great time

Many raffle opportunities  
Expecting 300+  
Model A's on display

For more info contact:  
Frank Reese at 714-348-2507



## COMING EVENTS - MORE



Join us on Sunday  
May 6<sup>th</sup> as we tour the  
historic side of Monrovia  
in conjunction with the...

Monrovia  
Historic  
Preservation  
Group

We'll meet at the home of Michael & Janene Khanchalian (320 Melrose Ave.), which is caddy corner to Robb Stewart's home @ 9 am, for fellowship, coffee and donuts. At that time we'll hand out Home Tour brochures, nametags, and the initial auto tour route.

You must RSVP to Michael & Janene Khanchalian at [mfkhanchalian@altrionet.com](mailto:mfkhanchalian@altrionet.com) so your tour tickets can be reserved by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Quakes Baseball Game

May 20, 2018

Sheri Johnson

Come and join us to see the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes (Class A advanced affiliate of the Los Angeles Dodgers) play against the Lake Elsinore Storm (Class A advanced affiliate of the San Diego Padres) on Sunday, May 20, 2018.

The day will consist of a drive to the stadium (on surface streets), followed by an all-you-can-eat BBQ lunch consisting of chicken and pulled pork sandwiches, with a variety of sides, drinks and dessert. After lunch, but before the game, we will be allowed to drive our Model A's around the infield. Then it's time for the game beginning at 2:05 p.m. I am assured that we will have seats behind home plate.

The cost of the BBQ and game is \$26.00 per person. There is no child or senior admission price. We also will receive free parking vouchers.

We will gather at the Duarte Wal-Mart parking lot on the West side at 10:00 AM. We will caravan to the stadium (or you can meet us there). More details to follow.

I will have a sign up sheet at the March and April meeting. You can pay then. If you have any questions, please call me at (626) 485-3073.

## PAST EVENTS

### William S. Hart Tour

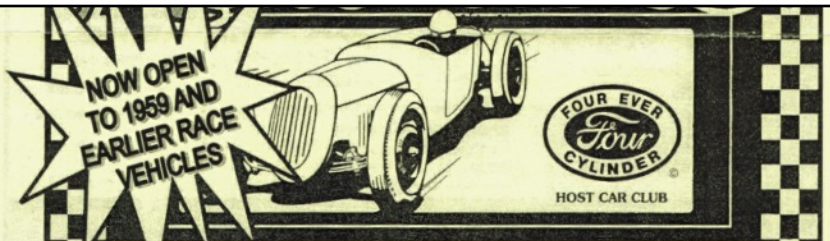
Feb. 17

by Jim Kroeger

John Wayne, Roy Rogers and Gene Autry are famous movie cowboys but the man that preceded them all was William S. Hart. Our club visited his Horseshoe Ranch in Newhall recently and learned all about the silent movie star.

Eight Model A's, all equipped with overdrive, met in Pasadena and immediately changed routes. The "Overdrivers" as they are now called, hit the freeway for the thirty-mile drive to the ranch. Once we arrived we were given special permission to drive up the hill and park next to the museum.

Our guide Margi led us on a forty-five minute tour of the ranch home, "La Loma de Los Vilentos" which sits on 265 acres. When Hart passed he left the ranch not to his son Bill Jr. but to Los Angeles County. "When I was making pictures, the people gave me their nickels, dimes and quarters. When I am gone, I want them to have my home," said Hart. The will stipulated that there be no admission charge.



## DRAG RACE -- SATURDAY - MAY 12, 2018

AUTO CLUB DRAGWAY  
9300 CHERRY AVENUE - FONTANA, CA

The Antique Nationals is the original nostalgia drag race. Racing is open to any 1959 or earlier vehicles. Race cars must pass tech inspection, which requires seat belts, helmets and safety equipment. Open cars running 13.99 or quicker must have an NHRA approved roll bar and related safety equipment. All open cars are required to have arm restraints. A limited number of arm restraints will be available at the tee shirt booth. For information, call Ron Mosher at 661-255-1931.

Admission: Adults \$20.00 - Children under 15 free with adult.

Tech Cards (Racers) - \$50.00

GATE OPENS AT 8:00 A.M.

PREFERRED PARKING AVAILABLE FOR PRE-1974 VEHICLES ONLY.

## PAST EVENTS - MORE

### Hart Tour Continued

Upon entering the dining room we encountered many paintings and one that shows Hart aboard his trusty steed Fritz. The man that painted this portrait was none other than James Montgomery Flagg. You might know him. He was the artist responsible for the famous Uncle Sam poster "I Want You". Artwork from Charles Russell and Frederick Remington are also present throughout the home.



Jim with portrait of W. S. Hart & his famous horse Fritz.

Since this was a working ranch many animals roamed the land including American Bison. How did they get there? Walt Disney also had a ranch nearby with bison and legend has it that one of them ran Mrs. Disney up a tree. Walt had seen enough and dumped the animals on the Hart property where a heard of nine exist to this day.

Making movies brings fame and Hart was friends with many stars of the day. One afternoon he was annoyed to find an airplane buzzing his home and making all kinds of racket. He called the authorities to complain. A week later he received a knock at his door. It was the pilot and co-pilot of the plane arriving to apologize for the disturbance. That pilot was Amelia Earhart. The two became friends for the rest of their lives.

Wrapping up the tour our guide brought out a special surprise she had been saving. Bob Travis looked on as Margi held up a black and white photo of the garage located across from where we had parked our Model A's. Inside that garage was a 1928 Model A. It is obvious William Hart had a knack for making westerns and also great taste for fine automobiles.



Hart garaged several Model A's

What a fantastic tour this was and to top it off we had lunch at Dario's which provided the best Mexican cuisine this club has ever had. Even Joe "Dario" Principe agreed after enjoying his burrito in record time.



## St. Patrick's Day Lunch

March 17

by Bob Moore

Thirty-nine members of the Santa Anita A's and the San Gabriel Valley MARC clubs celebrated St. Patrick's Day in grand style at the Peppertree Grill in Glendora. Everything needed for an unforgettable celebration of St. Patrick was there but the green beer. However, that didn't slow anything down. There was plenty of laughter, jokes, singing, great food and a contest for the most Irish dressed.

We started with several Irish blessings. I just wish Jack Dawson had been present to give them to us with the Scotch/Irish accent. A few Irish jokes from Bob Moore got us in a St. Patty's mood. Then, our only full-blooded Irishman in the room, EJ Callahan, sang a great Irish story with a sad ending. Hearing it sung with an Irish accent was special. After that, Bob Moore, EJ Callahan, Steve Concidine and Chuck Sharp led the group in the song about Molly Malone who sold cockles and muscles.

After a few more jokes, a fabulous corned beef and cabbage luncheon was ready to eat. There was plenty of food topped off with a St. Patrick's Day cake from Costco.

Bob told more jokes interspersed between the singing, games and listening to Don McBride, Jim Lank, Albert Robles and Paul Hould tell their jokes.

Elaine Perry had prepared three different word games, each with an Irish theme. They were won by Adele White, Kathy Concidine and Mary Carpenter.

Then the group got serious about the singing. This year we were fortunate that Jim Constantian brought his collection of Irish records, the earliest dating to 1912. We were able to sing along with some, but on Peg of My Hart, Bing Crosby was just too slow so we continued on without him. Bob, EJ Callahan and Steve Concidine were joined by Paul Hould and Mary Carpenter at the front of the room.

Sheri Johnson conducted the 50/25/25 which was won by Elsie Johnson and Bob Moore. There were nine that competed in the best Irish dressed contest which resulted in a tie between Paul Hould and Mary Carpenter.

When the depression hit at the end of 1929, during our Model A era, the times became tough. The carefree days of the twenties became only pleasant memories for most. Scrimping and saving, reusing and repurposing became necessary in order to get by.

Things such as new clothing for their growing families became lesser priorities, falling behind the needs of food and shelter. Hand me downs became one way of coping with expenses. Desperation called for innovation and the bags containing flour to bake the daily bread came to be useable for other purposes. The material that contained the flour was made out of cotton. Fabric sold on the bolt at the town's dry goods store sold as high as sixty cents a yard! This price was prohibitively high for many people. Women realized that they could use the material to make things that they needed. When the sack was emptied it could be used to make dish towels, curtains, bedspreads and, last but not least, clothing.

At the beginning many a dress was created out of sacks with company logos, and other art to advertise the company. Women came up with ways to get the designs out of the material. Eventually the companies began to make the sacks with pretty patterns and designs in order to allow women to have fabric that would be stylish. The manufacturing companies became competitive in coming up with brighter and more interesting designs.

Farm feed companies got into the act as well. Feed companies used cotton sacks to contain animal feeds. For example, egg mash was used to feed chickens. If a farmer's wife needed a specific pattern to match a feed bag that she already owned, her husband began to demonstrate a preference. Suddenly, feed companies were being encouraged to use the latest dress prints to make their bags. Feed supply stores were turned into fabric stores. Commenting on this trend one feed salesman interviewed commented saying, "years ago they used to ask for all sorts of feeds, special brands, you know. Now they come over and ask me if I have an egg mash in a flowered percale. It ain't natural!"



*A twelve year old girl is dressed in a meal sack.*



*Examples of flour sacks used to make clothing during the depression years.*

**MY MODEL A QUIT RUNNING, NOW WHAT DO I DO?**

Now that spring has arrived, most of us are looking forward to enjoying our Model A's a little more and may be even getting in some serious touring. I am sure we have all done the required maintenance on our Model A's and we are confident that there will be no mechanical problems or break downs, however, keep in mind that our cars are almost ninety years old and unexpected things can happen. A properly restored Model A that has been well maintained will usually be very dependable and can be driven many thousands of trouble free miles but what do we do if the engine starts to run poorly or just completely quits and we find ourselves sitting on the side of the road? Unless there has been a catastrophic failure such as a stripped timing gear or broken crankshaft, most problems are either electrical or fuel related and eliminating one or the other will greatly speed up the necessary repair process and shorten the time it takes to get back on the road.

If your engine starts to run poorly or just completely stops, first check the obvious such as fuel in the tank, the coil wire falling out of the coil etc. If nothing is found, check for spark by removing the coil wire from the distributor and placing the end about 1/8 inch away from a head stud nut. With the ignition switch "ON", crank the engine and watch for spark to jump between the coil wire and the head stud nut. If no spark is observed, look for a problem with the ignition system such as a loose or broken wire, burnt points, a failed condenser etc.

If you do have spark, proceed with checking the fuel system. Most fuel related problems that occur with a Model A that had been running well but all of a sudden starts to run poorly or not at all are usually caused by a restriction in the fuel system. So first check for fuel flow to the carburetor. If your Model A is equipped with a cast iron sediment trap either on the firewall or in the case of the late 31's, on the carburetor itself, open the drain valve and watch for a continuous steady stream of fuel. For cars using the glass bowl type filter, close the fuel supply valve under the dash, remove the fuel line at the carburetor and then open the fuel supply valve and watch for fuel flow. You may want to catch the fuel in a container and not allow it to run onto hot engine components. If there is little or no fuel flow or the flow starts strong but dwindles down to a trickle, check for a clogged fuel system, dirt or rust in the lines, valves or fittings. Fuel flow problems can even be caused by something as simple as a plugged vent hole in the gas cap. If there is a good flow of fuel to the carburetor, close the fuel supply valve and remove the drain plug from the bottom of the carburetor and then open the fuel valve and check for a good flow of fuel thru the carburetor. Occasionally, the problem is within the carburetor itself.

When stopped on the side of the road, it is important to remember to quickly determine if the problem is either ignition or fuel related and then proceed with the diagnosis and execute the proper repair. Do not just guess and start changing parts. Do a few quick checks first.

**TECH TIP**

I recently ran across a problem I had not seen before. The Model A was equipped with a Model B intake and a newly rebuilt "B" carburetor. The engine ran fine around town but would starve for fuel when running on the freeway. After checking all the usual things that would contribute to fuel starvation and finding nothing, it was determined that the problem was in the carburetor itself.

Upon disassembly of the carburetor, it was found that the float valve installed was a "Grose" ball type valve with a very restrictive internal fuel passage. An original needle and seat type float valve was installed and now the Model A runs fine, both on surface streets and in overdrive on the freeway. In researching this problem, I found that there were a lot of incorrectly made ball type float valves that found their way into the market. When using the ball type float valve, be sure it is not one that was incorrectly made with a very restrictive internal fuel passage.



Original Zenith design  
needle and seat float valve



Replacement Grose design  
ball and seat float valve



## MEETING MINUTES

### SAA General Meeting Minutes February 23, 2018

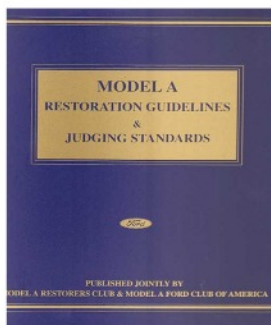
- The meeting was called to order President Bob Travis at 7:00 PM
- Tonight is Auction Night. No minutes or treasurer's report given.
- Announcements:
  - Bob Travis made the following announcements:
    - Sign-up sheets for:
      - Saint Patrick's Day Joe Wilson collecting checks
      - Peterson Museum. Joe Wilson collecting checks
- Rosters
  - Club rosters may be picked up during meeting from Joe Wilson
- Bob Travis started the Auction
- Short break for refreshments and Auction continued
- Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM
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Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Perry Secretary

### Looking for Cuckoo Clock Buyer

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BY MICKEY FRUCHTER

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On top of all that we are looking for a good distributor, as the one he has is not in great shape. We will continue to update our findings to you in the future.

In the mean time, we have been involved with getting Mickey's car on the freeway. It had been running well on the surface streets during the first 500 miles break-in on a rebuilt engine. Then when driven on the freeway for the first time to the William S. Hart Museum on February 17<sup>th</sup> the carburetor would not allow gas to flow fast enough to drive at the freeway speeds. It seems that replacing the float valve made everything great again.

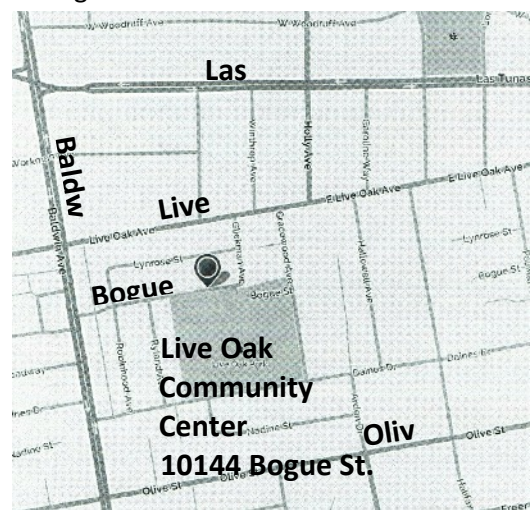
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