



April 2018

Spoken Wheels

THE NEXT MEETING

General Meeting - 7:00 PM, April 27 - Live Oak Community Center, 10144 Bogue St., Temple City.

Program: The program this month will be about a Horse Drive... a real City Slicker's Adventure. Revel in the adventure of a lifetime in herding horses and mules from the High Sierra Pack Station to the winter range in Owens Valley. The program will be presented by Larry Hartmann, a proud native Californian, raised in the beautiful San Gabriel Valley.

SAA's Member Louie Formia Dies

Louie passed away on March 24. He had been hospitalized in recent weeks and was transferred to hospice care where he passed away a few days later.

Louie was born in Glassell Park on June 24, 1931. He served in the Air Force from 1951 to 1956. Although he traveled to many countries during his military service he regretted never visiting his parents birth place in Northern Italy.

After his discharge from the Air Force he went to work for the Southern Pacific Railroad for a couple of years prior to beginning his apprenticeship to become an electrician.

Louie met his wife, JoAnn, on a blind date and six months later they were married on November 17, 1963 in Las Vegas. At the time, Louie had a bright red Corvette which he sold to purchased their home in Pasadena where they have lived for 54 years.

JoAnn said Louie was a very patient man. He could fix and build almost anything. He built things to last forever and used the same theory throughout his life with his friendships, marriage and fatherhood. Louie and JoAnn joined the Santa Anita A's February 2002. They were active in the club and participated in many of our tours and events.



A memorial service will be held for Louie on May 12 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the the Chaffee Community Museum of Art, 217 S. Lemon Ave. Ontario, CA. Members are invited and encouraged to drive their Model A's. A caravan of cars driving to the service will assemble at the Perry's residence at 1:45 PM for departure at 2:00 PM.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -

BOB TRAVIS

By the time you read this the Central California Regional Group (CCRG) will be history. Joyce and I were unable to attend, having to bow out at the the last moment. So for details you will have to read Joe Wilson's article.



For several years now I have been the representative to the Association of California Car Clubs (ACCC). The association publishes a monthly newsletter which we receive. The March edition contained a one page article that I think should be of interest to all of us. I believe it presents information concerning the recent hike in gas taxes and vehicle registration fees that has not appeared nor likely to appear in mainstream media. I have asked our editor to include it in this issue of the Spoken Wheels.

I solicit your support of the fund raising event scheduled on May 5 at the Pasadena High School where the winner of the restored 1929 Model A Phaeton will be announced. Wilbert Smith, our club's Youth Outreach Chairman who organized the high school club last year has prepared a major musical presentation leading up to drawing the winning raffle ticket.

The Pasadena Model A Club is the first high school club chartered by our national organization, MAFCA. A number of our club members have been directly involved in working with the high school club and the Model A restoration project.

It is very important that we as a club, and individually, support this Pasadena High School Model A Club fund raising event. I ask that you purchase your tickets now to show your support for this pioneering effort to encourage our youth to participate in the Model A hobby which we all enjoy. I request that every club member purchase tickets to this fund raising event and hopefully attend the performance.

In closing, I am saddened by the loss of Louie Formia, "the quiet one". He was one of my close friends and will be missed. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family and especially to JoAnn. Services are planned for May 12th. I hope to assemble a caravan of member's Model A's, including Louie's to attend the services. Details of the service are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & TOURS

April

- 22 - Orange County Pancake breakfast
- 27 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM, Live Oak Community Center, Temple City
- 28 - Seminar - Building a Model A for Judging, see page 3

May

- 3 - Mount Baldy Tour, see page 3
- 5 - Raffle Winner of 1928 Model A Phaeton Announced at show featuring a Las Vegas type Musical Production, see page 3
- 5 - MAFCA Board Meeting in La Habra
- 6 - Monrovia Old Home Tour, see page 4
- 9 - Board meeting, 7:00 PM, Live Oak Community Center, Temple City
- 12 - Antique Nationals, Auto Club Dragway, see page 4
- 12 - Memorial Service for Louie Formia, see page 1
- 14 - Ladies' Brunch, Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport, 11:00 AM
- 17 - Men's Breakfast, Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport, 9:00 AM
- 20 - Quakes Baseball Game, see page 4

June

- 1 - East Fork of San Gabriel River Tour, Details TBA
- 10 - Henry Ford Picnic, Heritage Park, Santa Fe Springs, Details TBA
- 24 to 30 - MAFCA National Convention in Reno

July

- 4 - South Pasadena Parade, Details TBA

August

- 24 - Wrightwood Tour, Details TBA

BIRTHDAYS & ANIVERESARIES

May Birthdays

- 2 - Martha Utter
- 2 - Joanne Anthony
- 3 - Chuck Mauch
- 2 - Joe Escandon
- 6 - Howard White
- 9 - Sue Rogers
- 12 - Pete Henderson
- 13 - John Spielmann
- 13 - Sandra Loe
- 16 - Chuck Boekenoogen
- 16 - Jack Conway
- 16 - Bill Stoner
- 19 - Nancy Stoner
- 20 - Lan Skalicky
- 21 - Gen Reinhardt

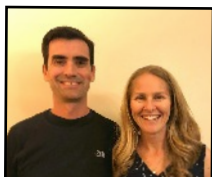
May Birthdays- Continued

- 22 - Chuck Sharpe
- 25 - Joyce Travis
- 29 - Joe Giocomarra

May Anniversaries

- 3 - Randy & Ruth Harper
- 3 - Ken & Betty Mallory
- 3 - Fred & Carole Weideman
- 4 - Richard & Jean Ware
- 5 - Dave & Deborah Galassi
- 11 - Ronald & Marlene Martinez
- 20 - Leslie & Ann Petersen Pam
- 28 - Corky & Sharon Gray
- 29 - Richard & Toshiko Favela

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Sunshine Lady - Diana Kincart - Mrs. Sunbeam

Get Well cards were sent to: Terry Mills and Joyce Travis. A sympathy card was sent to JoAnn Formia and Family for Louie's passing

Cookie Bringers - Vicky Bartlett - Head Cookie

Nancy Sharpe, Bob Moore, Chuck & Gail Boekenoogen
 Vicky Bartlett (sugar free)

Photo Donors -

Bob Moore, Vicky Bartlett, Tracy Butkus, Joe Wilson, etc.

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)

NEWS BITS

Roster Corrections, Additions & Changes

Sue Chandler's email should be suzannechandler@yahoo.com

Mark Henzel's email changed to mchenzel57@icloud.com

JoAnn Formia cell phone added - 626-644-6202

Former member, Toni Caswell, passed away on April 6, 2018.

Toni was a member of the Santa Anita A's until she sold her cars upon the death of her husband, Sig. Private graveside services will be held.

Jacket Lost then Found at Auction night

Polo brand XL size, Beige /Khaki color

Contact Carol Emanuelli - 626-286-5267

COMING TOURS & EVENTS

Restoration Seminar

Saturday, April 28

Bob Travis will conduct a seminar on "Building a Model A for judging competition" at the home of Chuck Mauch, 697 Magnolia, Pasadena on Saturday, April 28th. Come at 9:30 AM for coffee and donuts. The seminar begins at 10:00 AM. There will be sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

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 sending or giving a check made out to the Santa Anita A's to Elaine Perry, not Sheri Johnson this time. Last day to sign up and pay is meeting night, April 27.

Raffle Winner of 1928 Model A Phaeton to be Announced at Las Vegas type Musical Production

Order your tickets now for this event to be held at the Pasadena High School Auditorium on May 5th.

The winner of the 1928 Model A Phaeton restored by the Pasadena High School Model A Club will be announced as the finale of a fabulous "Motown Legends" Musical Production performed by highly accomplished professionals.

The "Mowtown Ledgens" 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 event will occur Saturday, May 5th, at the Pasadena High School Auditorium, 2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd, Pasadena 91107, beginning at 6:00 PM.

At 4:30 PM, prior to the concert there will be a display of Model A Fords in front of the auditorium, including the 1928 Model A Phaeton to be raffled off. You are encouraged to drive your Model A and be part of the show.

You do not want to miss this event

Every Santa Anita A's club member has been asked to show their support of the Pasadena High School Model A Club by purchasing a ticket and hopefully attend.

How to order tickets

Tickets for the fund raiser are \$25 each for general seating and \$30 for preferred seating. Order your tickets on line by going to the website "motownlegends.eventbrite.com" by clicking on the highlighted text. You will be assigned reserved seats during the ordering process.

If you have questions or need help in obtaining tickets online or otherwise, contact John Emanuelli (626-286-5267). Leave a message if necessary.

If you are unable to order tickets on line, they will be available for purchase at the April 27 general meeting.

COMING TOURS & EVENTS - MORE



Join us on Sunday
 May 6th 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 so your tour tickets can be reserved by April 30th.

Attention: Please notice that you must sign up in advance in order to obtain a ticket which will provide free parking and free admittance if you drive your Model A

**NOW OPEN
 TO 1959 AND
 EARLIER RACE
 VEHICLES**

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.

Attention: Members wishing to attend both the Drag Races and Louie Formia's memorial service can do so; the races will be over by 1:30 PM and the location of the memorial service is nearby.

Quakes Baseball Game

May 20, 2018

by Jim Frick

Come and join us to see the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes (Class A advanced affiliate of the LA 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 surface street drive to the stadium, followed by an "all you can eat" BBQ lunch consisting of chicken and pulled pork sandwiches with sides, drinks, and dessert. After lunch we will be allowed to drive our Model As around the infield. Then it's time for the game beginning at 2:05 p.m. I have been assured we will have seats behind home plate.

The cost of lunch and game is \$26 per person. There is no child or senior reduced price, but we will receive free parking vouchers. We will gather at the Duarte Walmart parking lot near the NW corner at 10 a.m. and will start the trip at 10:15 AM. We will caravan to the Stadium, or if you prefer, you can meet us there.

Jim Frick will have a sign up sheet at the April meeting and will be collecting cash, and/or checks at that time. If you have any questions, please call Jim at 626-303-5233.

Inspect, Fix and Test Your Car Before, Not After Leaving Home On a Tour



Before you leave on your next driving tour be sure you check out your Model A to be sure everything is in good operating condition. See Chris Wickershim's article on page eight.

PAST TOURS & EVENTS

Petersen Auto Museum

March 24

by Joe Wilson

This was a “no Model A car” tour to the Petersen Museum. We left the driving to the bus company after boarding at the Arcadia park. Although thirty seven members and guests signed up for the tour we lost a few along the way.

The Petersen museum went through a major renovation several years ago so even though some had been to the Petersen before, this was a new experience for most of us. There are three floors in the museum which are well laid out for viewing the cars. The cars are restored to pristine condition. Currently the featured car brand on display on the first floor was Porsche. Additional cars are on display in their “vault” which is a separate docent led tour by itself at an additional cost.

Following our visit to the museum we re-boarded our bus for a ride to Hollywood where we lunched in a private room at the famous Mel’s Drive-in diner. After 70 years in business the car hops are gone but classic food fare remains.

It was a good day for viewing a wide variety of significant vehicles. There were no vehicles failures during the tour.



PAST TOURS & EVENTS - MORE

CCRG Tour

April 6- 10

by Joe Wilson

Every year the Central California Regional Group (CCRG) sponsors a Jamboree which is organized by one of their Model A Chapters. This year's Jamboree was held in Cambria, sponsored by the local club, Cuesta Crankers. The event was held at the Cambria Pines Lodge. Approximately 90 Model A's were there with 243 people attending the banquet. Members from our club have participated in this gathering for a number of years.

Bob Moore, our Tourmeister, led our group of eight Model A's and two Modern cars to our first night's destination, Solvang, where we rested for the night. The next day was an easy drive to Cambria which put us there early in time to have our traditional "Business Meeting" before the Saturday night CCRG hosted BBQ.

Bob had scheduled a day tour for our group on Sunday which took us on a drive through the Sand Dunes at Guadalupe then on to Grover Beach where we were able to drive our cars on the sand beach and park for lunch. Unfortunately, while moving our cars closer to the ocean for a photo we were swamped by a high wave requiring two of our cars to be towed out by a four wheel drive vehicle. Then on to Doc Berstiens Emporium in Arroyo Grande for our ice cream fix.

Bob's Monday tour took us North, up the coast to view the Elephant seals on the beach. That was followed by a back road drive from Cambria to the Rocky Creek Winery for lunch. The 14 mile "short cut" road we took proved to be a record holder for being very narrow, windy and steep. Those that completed the drive were treated to a fine tri-tip lunch at the winery arranged by Tracy Butkus. Unfortunately she and Larry did not make the the finish line as they were busy driving the Wilsons back to Cambria. Their car broke something serious on one of the steep hills on the "Short Cut".

That evening was the Banquet, raffle drawing and awards. Some of our group had invested heavily in raffle tickets and won things to take home. I won the "hard luck" award for my breakdown on the Santa Rosa Creek Road "short cut".

It was an eventful road trip: 1. Several stops to blow dirt out of Chuck Davies' fuel line, 2. Towing Mickey's car prior to replacing the starter bendix and ignition switch, 3. Replace the battery cable in Larry Butkus's car, 4. Towing Joe Wilson's car home for a broken something in the differential and 5. Towing Art Moore's car home due to an engine failure of some sort.



**Excerpt From the March 2018 Newsletter
From the Association of California Car Clubs****California Gas Tax Hike Will Cost Typical California Family \$779.28 More Per Year**

California politicians are misrepresenting the true cost of living impact that will result from their car and gas tax hikes that started going into effect November 1, 2017. Governor Brown came out and stated that the increase will cost the average California Family no more than \$10.00 per month or \$120.00 per year. Not sure where he studied math, but the real cost is over \$700.00 per year. Worse, California media has failed to properly report on the cost increases.

To illustrate the increase costs that a typical family of four would see under the car and gas tax hikes, Reform California prepared an analysis to illustrate the kinds of price impacts that could be seen. Cost of Fuel Increase: \$405 per year.

This is the one that the media has focused on, but most of the media gets the true cost increase completely wrong. While the gas tax went up by 12 cents a gallon November 1, the gas tax hike legislation contains a hidden tax by changing how taxes are assessed per gallon of gas. As a result, the true increase in gas-tax-per-gallon will be 19.5 cents - and it will automatically increase thereafter.

The average family has 2.1 cars. For our illustration of a typical California family, let's round that down to just 2 cars using 20 gallons per week (filling up the tank once per car per week). For a two-driver family, that's an extra \$405 per year.

Cost of Vehicle Registration Increase: \$250 per year
The car tax (vehicle registration assessment) goes into effect January 1, 2018 and many families are now getting the first notices of the increase in the mail. The amount of the car tax increase depends on the value of your car. For our illustration for a typical California family, let's set aside luxury cars like a Mercedes or BMW.

Let's suppose the family we study has a Ford Fusion and a Jeep Wrangler - pretty standard economical cars. For this family, the car tax hike is \$100 more for the car worth \$25,000 or more (Ford Fusion) and \$150 more for the car worth \$35,000 or more (Jeep Wrangler). For this family, that's an extra \$250 per year. Cost of Shipping and Cost of Goods Increase: At least \$124.28 per year (food alone).

This is where the impact of the gas tax hike is really hidden as it is imposed on transportation companies using diesel and they in turn pass it on to consumers through price increases. **REPEAL THE GAS TAX!**

In the 1920's and early 1930's families were growing larger than ever as they spread out across the country. When the Depression hit at the end of 1929, right in the middle of our Model A era, times became hard. Things such as new clothes for themselves and their growing families became less important than food and shelter! In those days feed sacks were made of cotton, and when the manufacturers saw that women were using the cotton fabric to make dresses and other items for the family they stepped up and began printing the fabrics with colorful patterns.

Women used these flour sacks as material with which to create dresses for themselves and clothing for their families. As zippers were unavailable at this time women used buttons. Buttons were reusable. The worn out clothing was now usable as cleaning rags, and buttons were cut off for another garment! The colors and designs of feed bags were stunning. The brightly colored sacks came in beautiful and whimsical designs. This was of course during the Art Deco period and geometric patterns and designs were all the fashion! As an aside, the buildings, furniture and interiors were all taken over in this fabulous style! The manufacturers of these bags also decorated bags containing household goods such as flour for baking. The manufacturers became competitive with their designs in trying to outdo one another. Women could choose their favorite designs. Just imagine how fun shopping could be now.



Feed companies already in the fabric design business were dealing with the farmers, whose wives had preferences regarding which patterns their husbands should purchase. Feed companies were being encouraged to print their bags with the latest fabric designs! 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."

Using cotton sacks to do double duty helped many families to be able to have more without sacrificing or going without. They were able to have much nicer clothing, curtains, and kitchen towels.

ARE YOU READY TO GO ON A TOUR?

The summer season for touring is now upon us and it is time to be sure our Model A's are ready for the road. Just because there were no problems the last time you drove your Model A does not insure there will be no problems when you start off on a long tour. Henry did a very good job with the design and construction of our cars and when properly maintained, the Model A has proved to be very reliable. The problem we face today is that the first Model A's are now 90 years old and the local corner garage is no longer around to perform routine maintenance so for the most part, this responsibility now falls with the owner. One help we do have is the Model A Ford "Instruction Book" that would have been included with your Model A when it was new. This little book has a wealth of information which will help today's owner with necessary maintenance.

Before starting out on a tour, most owners understand that it is necessary to be sure the oil is changed, the chassis is lubed and the fluid levels in the transmission, differential and steering box fluid levels are checked but during the tour, there is ongoing maintenance that should be performed routinely.

When touring, before starting out every morning, you should walk around the car and take a good look to be sure there are no obvious problems. Check the water in the radiator, check the brake lights for proper operation and look at the front tires for excessive wear. Run your hand across the tread to check for "feathering" or uneven wear. This is usually an indication of incorrect toe in or toe out of the front wheels. Excessive toe in will cause very rapid wear of the front tires. This is not difficult to correct and there is always at least one member of the tour that can assist you with adjusting the toe. Raise the hood and take a look at the engine compartment. Check the oil level, check the fan belt for proper tension and look for fuel, oil or water leaks. Look for missing bolts and loose components. Look underneath the car for fluid leaks. This only takes a few minutes and a problem discovered in the motel parking lot is a lot easier to deal with than on the side of the road. For long tours, be sure to lube the generator, distributor and water pump every 500 miles.

For those who are using the original type wet cell batteries, check the water in the battery. Original type batteries can lose a little water especially if an original type generator without a voltage regulator is also being used.

Unlike modern "tubeless" tires, original tube type tires will lose a little air so be sure to also check tire pressures. Some of us can remember working in a gas station when we were a little younger and it was our job to always wash the

windows, check the water, oil, battery and tire pressure when a customer came in for fuel.

One item to absolutely not over look is the lug nuts. Before the tour and then every day or two, check to be sure the lug nuts are tight. If you had any wheels off your car just prior to the tour, check the lug nuts at the first rest stop to be sure they are still tight.

Whether on a tour or just driving around town, get into the habit of routinely taking a look at your Model A with an eye toward maintenance items. Taking care of a small problem early on will often prevent a major problem that can be inconvenient and also very expensive to correct.



TECH TIP - CLOGGED FUEL SYSTEM

An ongoing problem Model A owners are having is with dirt or rust in the gas tank clogging up the fuel system. Complete elimination of this problem usually requires removal of the tank and having a shop clean and coat the inside of the tank. This process also removes the paint on the outside which requires repainting the tank. Sometimes a tank with rust can be cleaned while it is still installed in the car by using products such as Evaporust or Rust911.

May be a simpler solution to this problem is to install a strainer in the inlet of the fuel shutoff valve. This little strainer presses into the fuel shutoff valve and, when installed, the strainer is inside the tank and filters the fuel before it enters the valve. While the strainer does not eliminate the dirt or rust in the tank, it often will keep it from entering the fuel system. I had a problem with rust in the tank getting into the fuel system with my first Model A. I installed a strainer and had no more problems for the next 4 years that I owned the car.



This little strainer is available from most Model A parts supplier for about \$5.00.

MEETING MINUTES

SAA General Meeting Minutes March 30, 2018

- The meeting was called to order President Bob Travis at 7:04 PM
- The flag salute was led by Bob Travis.
- Membership: No visitors
- Tours:
 - 4/6 CCRG Meet at McDonalds in La Canada at 8:30AM
 - 4/22 Orange County Pancake Breakfast
 - 5/3 Mt Baldy Brunch \$18.00 per person deadline 4/27
 - 6/24 -30 Reno National ConventionMickey reported the group touring to the MAFCA Convention is meeting each month call Mickey if you are interested.
- Spoken Wheels: Joe Wilson said he had no Spoken Wheels report.
- Sunshine: Louie Formia passed away Memorial Service - May 12th
- Minutes: Approved as printed
- Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was approved as read.
- Ladies Brunch: Several members will be at CCRG; however, the brunch will take place for those not attending the CCRG.
- Thank you to cookie bringers: Elaine Perry, Jean Ware, Carol Emanuelli and Judi Moore. Thank you to Carol Emanuelli for refreshment set-up.
- PHS Club: Wilbert reported he will bring the raffle car to the next general meeting. Tickets are going on sale for the Motown Legends program for the ticket drawing.
- Program: Tracy Butkus introduced our program presented by John Anderson from the Arcadia Historical Society. He gave a very informative talk on John Muir.
- Break
- 50/25/25 John Emanuelli and Marlin Perry. \$22.00 each
- Name Badge: Jim Kroger
- Drive Your Model A: Randy Harper
- Raffle Thank you to Don McBride, Bea Fruchter and Tom Johnson for conducting the raffles.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Perry Secretary

Spoken Wheels is the monthly publication of the Santa Anita A's based in Arcadia, California. The organization is dedicated to the restoration, preservation and enjoyment of the Model A Ford. It is a chapter of the national organization, MAFCA (Model A Ford Club of America). Meetings are held on the last Friday of most months at the Live Oak Community Center, 10144 Bogue St., Temple City, California. Mailing address PO Box 660904, Arcadia, CA 91066. Website www.santaanitaas.org

Here's Your Last Chance

The Pasadena High School Model A Club is offering you a chance to win the 1928 Ford Phaeton that they are restoring. A limited number of raffle tickets are being offered.

Get your raffle ticket by contacting the "Up and Coming Foundation" 626-375-1367, Wilbert Smith 626-791-7636 or John Emanuelli 626-286-5267



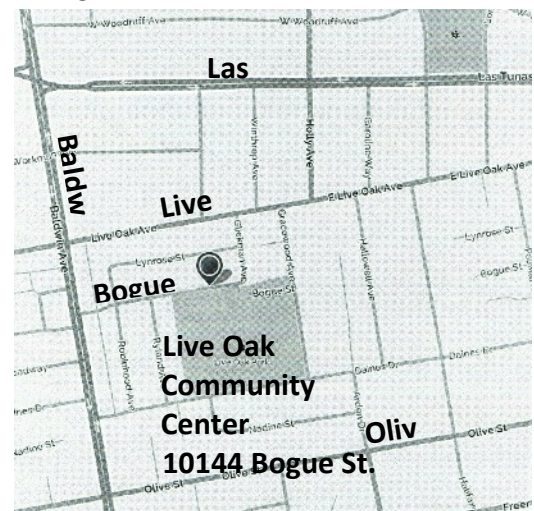
For Sale

Panhard Bar for Model A Ford.
New from Snyders. Never used.
Cost \$150. Will sell for \$75
Have one on my town Sedan, love it.
Call Rick Phillips (626-447-0611)

SAA's Meeting Time & Location Changed


Members are reminded that we now gather at Live Oak Community Center 10144 Bogue St., Temple City for our general club meetings.

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