

February 2019

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THE NEXT MEET ING

General Meeting - 7:00 PM, Friday February 22 Live Oak Community Center, 10144 Bogue St. Temple City

Program - No Program. Just our annual exciting auction. Come prepared with cash to buy and haul away what you buy.

NEWS BITS



Pasadena High School Model A Club ready their restored Model A for raffle at "Remembrance" concert on April 20. See page 4

February Meeting Auction Night

At our February meeting we will hold our annual auction. Please be prepared to bring to the auction all those "things" that you don't need, don't want, or know what they are. Also bring some money to purchase other things at the action you might neither want nor need. This is our



major fund raiser for the year and a fun event.

Bob Travis, our club auctioneer extraordinaire will be on hand to solicit top dollar for your donated items.



You might want to arrive early to deposit your items to be auctioned on the display tables and obtain your "Numbered auction plate".

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -BOB HARBICHT

A friend (Tom) was telling me that he saw a Model A in a shop in Temple City (I believe it was). He struck up a conversation with the shop owner about the car. He was told that the car was to undergo a restoration. Tom said, "I guess it makes sense to put money into restoring these cars because they are so valuable."



The shop guy answered, "Not really. There are a lot of Model A's around. Most people put far more into them than they'll ever get out, financially." Tom thought this was odd.

When Tom told me this story, I confirmed that there really are a lot of these cars around, considering that they were manufactured about 90 years ago. For example, we have about 125 families in our club. Almost all of them currently own a Model A, and some have multiple cars. These vehicles are not rare!

I then explained to Tom that we get something much more valuable than financial gain out of our cars. We get fun. We get fellowship. We get friends. We can't buy gas without someone coming up and asking about the car. It feels good to have people admiring it. As we drive down the road, we get innumerable "thumbs up" from strangers.

Patsy and I have the bug too. We're about to undergo a full restoration of our Roadster Pickup. We don't ever expect to get back financially what we put into it. But this investment is an easy one to make because of all the other things we get. Can't wait to get the Model A back!

PONDER THIS

- 1. Never buy a car you can't push.
- 2. Always keep your words soft and sweet just in case you have to eat them

CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

February

22 - General Meeting - Annual club auction

22 - 23 San Diego Swap Meet, see page 5

10 - Santa Anita Race Track (Sea Biscuit Tour), see page 5

11 - Ladies Brunch, Annia's, 11:00 AM, San Gabriel Valley Airport

13 - Board meeting, 7:00 PM, Live Oak Community Ctr., Temple City

16 - St. Patrick's Day Lunch, see page 5

16-17 - Classic Car Show, Costa Mesa Fair Grounds

21 - Men's Breakfast, 9:00 AM Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport

22 - General Meeting - NOTE THE DATE CHANGE

24 - Orange County Pancake Breakfast, see page 5

26-31 CCRG - Merced, Sierra Motoring Adventure Tour, see page 5

13 -Dodger Stadium Tour, details TBA

20 - Pasadena High School Model A Club "Remembrance" Concert and Model A Car Raffle Winner, see page 3

May

2 - Mt Baldy Tour, details TBA

5 - Annual Monrovia Historical Home Tour, details TBA

18-19 Orange Empire Railway Tour, details TBA

18-19 Muckenthaler Motor Car Festival, Fullerton, CA June

9 - Henry Ford Picnic, details TBA

15 - Hubbley Derby Day, Sponsored by Pomona & Paradise clubs

23 - Mom and Pop's Night Out, Candle Light Pavillion, details TBA July

4 - South Pasadena Parade

PUBLIC NOTICES

Sunshine Lady - Diana Kincart - Mrs. Sunbeam

Michael Sriro - triple bypass surgery (thinking of you as you recover) Hal Anthony - his wife, Joanne passed (sympathy card)

Chuck & Myriam Davies - their daughter passed (sympathy card)

Chuck Sharpe - fell and broke his ribs (get well card)

Joyce Travis - in hospital (get well soon card)

Olive Moore - recovering from knee surgery (thinking of you card)

Cookie Bringers - Vicky Bartlett - Head Cookie

Tracy Butkus, Adele White, Joyce Travis, Bonnie Nelson

Photo Donors -

John Emanuelli, Tony Catropa, Tracy Butkus, Joe Wilson

BIRTHDAYS & ANIVERESARIES March Birthdays Cont.

March Birthdays

1 - John Emanuelli

3 - Josie Byrd

3 - Carolyn McBride

4 - Jim Constantian

5 - Ruth Harper

10 -John McDannel

14 - Fred Weideman

18 - Lyla Eddington

19 - Randy Harper

20 - Waren Record

21 - Bart Bartholomew

March Anniversaries

22 - Larry Metz

22 - Mike Plessner

24 - Dick Canzoneri

24 - Nancy Stancil

28 - Jennifer Sandberg

30 - Susan Homet

31 - Steve Concidine

2 - Alan & Susie Bennett

3 - Larry & May Pare

27 - Warwick Nethercoat 10 - Larry & Susan Rummens

> 12 - Jim & Jamie Frick

25 - Daniel & Jackie Boardman

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Raffle - 50-25-25

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NEW MEMBERS

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



Bart Bartholomew

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Joined 10/1/2018 1931 Closed Cab Pickup



Mike & Andrea Plessner

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saxotenor54@aol.com Joined 6/2018 Two 1931 Dlx Phaetons



Jerry & Marlys Cleland

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Joined 1/1/2019 1929 Roadster Pickup

NEWS BITS - MORE

Club Member Joann Anthony passes

Joann Anthony, wife of Hal Anthony passed away on January 17, 2019. A Memorial was held on January 30 at the Chapel of the Foothills in Monrovia.



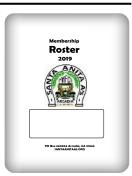
Tickets to the Pasadena High School Model A Club "Remembrance" Concert Now Available

Don't miss the opportunity to see a first class Las Vegas style show. Tickets may be purchased on line at the web site - "remembranceconcert.eventbrite.com"

2019 Santa Anita A's Membership Roster

Personalized copies of the 2019 membership roster will be distributed to members at the February meeting. Between biding on items during the club auction that night you can pick up your very own copy.

As a bonus, all members attending the meeting will receive a free sample of the new Santa Anita A's pen. I promise.





New Club Promotion Items Available

The variety of promotional material available to club members has been expanded with the addition of a variety of new items. The current clothing catalog has been replaced with a new promotional catalog. The new catalog includes, in addition to the clothing items, a variety of items carrying the Santa Anita A's logo.

Members are encouraged to actively utilize these promotional items and personally share your enthusiasm for participating in the activities offered by the Santa Anita A's. Model A club.

All of the items included in the catalog can be purchased by contacting Joe Wilson (818-790-0995).

Low End Boys

We were contacted by member Terry Mills who needs help with installing a new battery and getting his car started. We plan to do this as soon as the rain stops. We are still looking to help our members who are in need of getting their car started and hitting the road. Contact Mickey to schedule the Low End Boys' help.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT BY BOB MOORE

Chuck Mauch joined our club about 3 ½ years ago. He was born in Glendale and has lived in the area his entire life. His reason for joining the club was that he had just purchased his 1929 Roadster Pickup in need of total restoration. When he commented about starting the "nut and bolt high



point restoration" three ½ years ago, he said "I didn't think it would take so long".

After high school, Chuck started his working life as a machinist. Twelve years later, he started and today still runs his pool maintenance service. In his early adulthood, he owned a Model A for a short time. In 1966, he purchased his first new car, a Mustang 2+2 from Ralph Williams (late night TV) which he owned for 20 years. He also owned a 1967 Mustang that was slightly hot rodded.

In starting the restoration, Chuck knew that he needed help and that help came in the person of Bob Travis. For three years, Bob has spent every Monday at Chuck's house working with him and giving him the knowledge and encouragement to do a correct restoration and finish it. Chuck's not certain he would have finished without Bob's help. The car is in the paint stages now and should be on the road soon. Chuck also credits his significant other, Maureen St. Gaudens with helping on the Model A as well as his arts and crafts interests.

Chuck, who lives in a Craftsman home in Pasadena is an avid collector of arts and crafts furniture and artifacts. You would know it the moment you walk into his house. Every wall covered with beautiful art work, floors with oriental rugs and a 1920's refrigerator in the kitchen. He collects art and has some on display at museums. Chuck also collects oriental rugs among other things. His house is so full, that he eats his meals at Maureen's home.

As an aside, in the "small world isn't it" vein, it was former club member, Andrew Morrison who first told Chuck about the club and is also the person who sold the writer his first Model A, a 1928 Roadster Pickup, in 1995. Chuck tells me that another customer of his, who had visited the club several times, was the person who gave him my phone number for the initial contact. As another aside, Chuck's significant other is the grand-niece of Augustus St- Gaudens, the designer of the \$20 double eagle gold piece in 1905.

NEWS BITS - MORE

Pasadena High School Model A Ford Club (PHSMAFC) Car Raffle, 2019 By Wilbert Smith PhD. Club Advisor

The Pasadena High School Model A Ford Club (PHSMAFC) is restoring a 1929 Model A Roadster to be given to one lucky family on April 20, 2019. That's right! One grand prizewinner will own a beautiful roadster restored by the only model a club located on any high school campus in the nation.



A Model A Roadster will find its new home in mere months

PHS club members begin as early as the ninth grade, potentially enjoying four years of hands-on membership. Students, who early on could not identify a screwdriver or wrench, now eagerly operate power tools. They understand the elements of the Model A engine, its interior, while preparing the car's body in preparation for paint. however our president and vice president just happen to be female.



PHS club members begin as early as the ninth grade enjoying four years of hands-on membership. Above students pose with the vehicle now being restored for its new home.

We need your help

Our club receives no funding from Pasadena School District, or any assistance from MAFCA. We operate independently just as any other MAFCA chapter. We rely deeply on our friends and contributors to support our annual raffle and car giveaway. This is our only source of income.



Students rebuilding a Model A transmission at facilities provided by our partner Pasadena Community College.

Each contributor will receive one raffle entry per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) contributed. Our odds of winning are quite favorable, limiting our entries to 750. Cash prizes will also be awarded. Previously many purchased multiple tickets, and for your generosity we express our gratitude.

Please forward your tax-deductible contribution to: PHSMAFC, 1968 Lake Ave, Suite 101, Altadena Ca. 91001, phsmafc@gmail.com. Kindly include a stamped, selfaddressed envelope along with your phone number and email address. Please print clearly.

The winning ticket will be drawn at our "rememberance" concert scheduled to occur 4/20/2019, featuring the Participation is equally strong among both boys and girls, "Platters." Ticket information for the concert will be included with your return raffle entry. Talent for the Las Vegas quality show will be donated by some of the best performers of our time. Raffle winner need not be present.



Students removing the engine prior to rebuild.

COMING TOURS & EVENTS

Big Three Swap Meet in San Diego

February 22, 23

Dates for the Big Three swap meet have changed this year to Friday, Feb. 22 & Sat. 23. This is the 22nd year for the event which is held at San Diego's Qualcomm stadium.

Sea Biscuit Tour - Santa Anita Race Track

March 10

by Jim Frick

For a quick and local tour, our next excursion will be to the Santa Anita Race Track for what is called their Sea Biscuit Tour.

We will be meeting at the old Red Cross parking lot at 9:00 AM and leaving at 9:15 PM for the short drive to the West Gate



8 of the track. There will be a tram ride on a first come basis which is why we need to get there early for the 10:00 AM tour (which will take a little over an hour).

Although the first part will be very short the plan will be to drive afterwards for a lunch in Azusa. Therefore, driving your Model A will be the point as always. Signup sheets will be available at the February meeting so I can make lunch reservations. If you cannot sign up at the meeting, please contact Jim Frick. Hope to see you there for yet another fun-filled day.

St. Patrick's Day Party

Sunday, March 16

by Bob Moore

The San Gabriel Valley MARC invites the Santa Anita A's to this year's St. Patrick's Day party on Saturday, March 16. The party starts at 1:00 PM at the Peppertree Restaurant, 1020 E. Rt. 66, Glendora.



A traditional Irish lunch will include a salad with corned beef and cabbage, potatoes and cake for dessert. Nonalcoholic drinks are included. There will be music, singing, stories and games.

The price for the lunch including tax and tip is \$14.75 per person. Please send a check to Sheri Johnson or pay her at the meeting. Wear your green and bring your Irish spirit.

Drive your Model A especially if it is green OR if it has black fenders. Join the group that will <u>depart</u> from the Duarte Walmart parking lot at 12:25 PM. Gather in the northwest corner of the lot closest to Mountain Avenue. All surface streets for the 8½ mile drive.

Orange County Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, March 24

The 58th pancake breakfast sponsored by the Orange County Model A club will take place on Saturday, March 24. Same location, Hart Park, 701 S. Glassell St.,Orange, CA.

ORANGE COUNTY MODEL A FORD CLUB 58th Annual Pancake Breakfast Sunday, March 24, 2019

Hart Park, 701 S. Glassell St. Orange Bring your Model A family & friends for a great time (2-10 years) (2-10

Pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice & hot coffee served from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Adults \$7.00, Children (2-10 yrs.) \$4.00.

There will be many raffle opportunities. Over 300 Model

A's will be on display. Be sure to drive your Model A to get preferred parking.



Sierra Motoring Adventure

March 26 - April 1

Tour to the CCRG Jamboree in Merced by way of Sequoia and Yosemite National Parks.

The Central California Regional Group (CCRG) Jamboree will be held in Merced this year and we are organizing a seven day club tour for the event. The tour will include a route which will take us through the Sequoia and Yosemite National parks.



Those interested in participating should contact Joe Wilson. He will provide you with information to register for the Jamboree and provide contact information for the motels to make room reservations at the convention and our tour stops. We have blocked a limited number of rooms for the motels in Three Rivers, Yosemite and Tehachapi.

Bob Moore & Joe Wilson are the tour organizers

Alternate Tour Group to CCRG

John & Carol Emanuelli and Mickey & Bea Fruchter are planning to drive to the CCRG in Merced, CA. They plan to leave on Thursday, March 28th and stay overnight in Visalia and make it to the CCRG on Friday morning (29th). The plan is to leave the Meet on Sunday, March 30th and make it home that day. They will be taking some freeway and old Highway 99 up and back. Anyone interested in joining them should contact John or Mickey so they can begin to plan for this trip.

PAST TOURS & EVENTS

San Antonio Winery Tour

January 15

by Tracy Butkus

Joe and Nancy led the tour to the San Antonio Winery on Saturday 1/19/19, there were 5 Model A's and 1 modern car with a total of 12 of us on the tour. On the winery tour we learned that the winery was founded in 1917 dedicated to the Patron Saint Anthony and it was the only winery in LA that survived through the prohibition. The reason it survived is the Archdiocese of Los Angeles granted permission for the winery to make wines for sacramental and ceremonial purposes. This permission was granted because of Santo's strong relationship with the church.

We learned that the year on the bottle of wine is the date they picked the grapes, not the year it was bottled. The skin of the wine is what causes the color of the wine.

They have over 10 different labels of wine. Here are just a few of them: Stella Rosa, San Simeon, Maddalena and the Riboli which is named after the 2nd generation who took over the winery when Santo passed away. The whole Riboli Family is still running the winery today.

After the tour we had a yummy lunch at the restaurant and a few of us did a wine tasting. We had the pleasure of meeting Santo who is named after his Uncle and who is President of the Winery today.







Grand National Roadster Show

January 25-27

The Grand National Roadster Show is now in its 70th year, and has the distinction of being the longest running indoor car show in the world. Each year it attracts the best builders, hot rods, customs, and motorcycles, with the selection of America's Most Beautiful Roadster (AMBR) being the highlight of the show. Almost 40,000 spectators over this 3-day event had the opportunity to get an up close and personal look at more than 1,000 of some of the best vehicles the hobby has to offer. The indoor display boasted approximately 600 vehicles, with the remaining classics on display on the grounds of the Pomona Fairplex.



America's Most Beautiful Roadster Winner









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PAST TOURS & EVENTS - MORE

Grand National Roadster Show - Continued



Along with the highly anticipated America's Most Beautiful Roadster contention the highlight of this year's show is the amazing 90th anniversary of the Ford Model A exhibit presented by CW Moss. The building was full of customized Model A's including both highly modified street and NHRA and Bonneville record holding race cars.

The only original Model A in the building was Tony Catoppa's 1930 restored Model A Deluxe Coupe.

Tony purchased the car in 1980 and restored to an "as new" condition. Tony is only the third owner of the car. It's first owner was a dairy farmer who used it to make deliveries The second owner was a teenager who drove it until everything broke. The third owner is Tony.



Tony's car is parked next to Greg Zulim's 1931 Model A which he purchased in 1964 at the age of 14. In 1999 the car was completely rebuilt requiring over 100 body modifications.



MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2019

- The meeting was called to order by President Bob Harbicht at 7:01 PM.
- The flag salute was led by Patsy Harbicht
- Bob explained that since Joe Wilson was not at the meeting the club pens will be handed out next month.
- Randy Harper reported that we had no guests at the meeting tonight.
- Tours Jim Frick gave the following tour report:
 - 2/23 San Diego Swap Meet
 - 3/10 Santa Anita Race Track (Sea Biscuit Tour)
 - 3/24 Orange County Pancake Breakfast
 - 3/29/19 CCRG Merced
- Bob Moore reported on the March 16th MARC St Patrick's Day tour and invited the Santa Anita A's to attend. The lunch will be held at the Peppertree in Glendora again this year and we will have Corned Beef and cabbage. The cost is \$14.75 per person, this included drink tax and tip.
- Club Roster: Bob reported that if you have any changes in the Roster you must contact Joe Wilson by January 31st.
- Minutes: The minutes were approved as printed in the Spoken Wheels.
- Treasurer's Report The Treasurer's report was approved as read.
- Thank you: Bob thanked those that brought cookies tonight
- Pasadena High School: Wilbert Smith gave a report on the Pasadena High School Club. This year the President and Vice President of the club are female students.

The students will attend the next MAFCA Board meeting and give a report on the 1929 Roadster they are working on this year. The car will be raffled off at the spring concert April 20th. You can purchase raffle tickets tonight. Ticket cost is \$100.00 per ticket and all proceeds from the sale will go to Pasadena High School athletics and the music department.

- Program: Tonight's Program will be presented by club member Bob Travis.
- Bob Travis gave a recognition gift to each of last year's support staff, which included a certificate and a pair of Model A socks.
- Bob then gave a very informative talk and video on touring in your Model A. Some of the points he covered were to use common sense, make sure your gas tank is full, maintain your position in the group. He also said it is a good idea to have AAA Premiere tow coverage.
- Break
- Reminders: February is Auction Night. March meeting moved to March 21, 2019
- Regional Web sight: John Emanuelli explained that the So.
 California Region is looking for a new webmaster.
- Drive your Model A winner: John & Carol Emanuelli
- Wear your name Badge winner: Richard Ware
- 50/25/25 winner: Tracy Butkus and Martha Utter \$15.00 each
- Raffle

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM Respectfully submitted, Elaine Perry, Secretary.

Options for the Model a Ford Ignition System

This is the third and last in the series of discussions about the Model A Ford distributor, how it may be improved and other options that may be available. Previously we talked about how to manually control ignition timing to optimize the performance of your stock Model A engine. We also discussed the value of using a distributor with centrifugal advance mechanism to automatically control ignition timing. This month, we will look at currently available aftermarket distributors and the use of electronic components to replace the points.

If you want to maintain the original appearance of the Model A distributor consider installing a Nu-Rex Automatic Advance Unit. This centrifugal advance mechanism is installed inside the valve chamber and takes the place of the lower distributor shaft. When starting the engine, ignition timing is automatically retarded to 0 deg. As engine speed increases, timing is advanced up to a maximum of 29-30 deg BTDC. The actual curve is very close to optimum for the stock or mildly modified Model A or B engine. When installed, the mechanism is undetectable, initial timing is adjusted in the same manner as before with the spark lever all the way up. After starting, you just leave the spark lever in the full up position and let the Nu-Rex centrifugal advance unit automatically adjust the timing. No other modifications are required when using the Nu-Rex unit. This design that has been around from the time our Model A's were just a few years old.

Another option is the Zipper Distributor. It looks like the original Model A distributor but is made with a centrifugal mechanical advance and Pertronix electronic module that replaces the points. If you are using a Pop-Out ignition switch, it must be replaced with a conventional ignition switch. Other minor wiring modifications are also required. I do not have any information about the "curve" of the advance mechanism or how closely it may be to optimum.

FS Electronics also manufacturers and replacement distributor with centrifugal advance and an electronic module for Model A's. The advance curve designed into these distributors is not close to optimum but they could be modified for better performance.

Pertronix still lists a distributor for the Model A Ford with mechanical advance and an electronic module. I was not able to find any advance curve information .

For the most part, electronic ignition systems are reliable BUT one problem that all electronic ignition systems have in common is the difficulty of diagnosing the problem should your Model suffer an ignition related failure. This is especially aggravating when on an outing or touring with other Model A's.

If you are using an electronic ignition, I always recommend to be sure to include in your spare parts every component that makes up the ignition system. If a component should fail, it is unlikely that another owner would have the replacement part you need. Just do not take along a used component that you think may be good, take with you only new or known good used components that have been tested on your car.

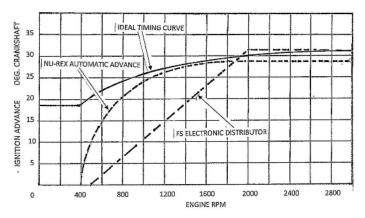
Nu-Rex automatic advance for a Model A Distributor



FS Electronics Distributor for a Model A

Zipper Distributor for Model A





Distributor Advance Curves

Tech Tip

When using any ignition system that incorporates a centrifugal automatic timing advance system always use a timing light to check and adjust the ignition timing. The best way to check timing is at 2000 RPM and NOT at idle. This will insure you do not have too much advance at normal highway speeds. For stock or mildly modified engines, timing should be set at 30-32 Deg BTDC at 2000 RPM with a max advance of 34 deg above 2500 RPM. For more heavily modified engines and engines with compression ratios above 6.0:1, Timing may have to be reduced to avoid detonation.

As the "A" era progressed, tops of dresses began with a long waisted, loose, straight up and down boyish look and finished with a short waisted, tight bodice, a broad shoulder, almost mannish effect, and in between, a quite feminine figure was seen.

Although the V-neckline was very popular during the era, it was not by any means the only neckline. The V-neckline was a favored neckline early in the era because the cut aided all, especially the larger busted women in looking stylishly flat or flatter chested. It remained popular (but not predominant all through the era) because it could be decorated in a variety of ways, such as filled with lace, vestee, etc. or covered with a scarf, cape, etc. Another equally important reason for its popularity was the ease of putting the dress on with the tighter bodices.

Early in the era, tops were assembled and then decorated with all sorts of trim tacked on, ribbons, flounces, etc. in same, contrasting or harmonizing colors. Late era dresses were found with different fabrics along with color contrasts for tops and skirts.

In construction, early era dresses were often made from three main pieces of material - top front, skirt, and whole back. By the end of the era, the top alone might have included three main pieces or more. Shirring or pin-tucks were used in the early part of the era on the shoulders to more or less square off or even up the tops. Later, shirring or pin-tucks were used to draw in the top, not only in the shoulders, but in the neck and waist as well, to show the actual figure. Darts in the bodice were also found later in the era for that figure-enhancing look.

1927- Through the entire year, many backs of frocks were cut in one piece with the front of the bodice and front of the skirt being separate. The bodice fronts were fitted on the shoulders, many by tiny little tucks sewn at equal distances on the inside of the frock resulting in a slight fullness over the bust line. Some fronts were fitted up close to the throat and faced with lining or dress material to which a simple straight collar was added. Collarless necklines were abundant in the spring. The shapes most popular included V's, round or square. Some plain, some of contrasting bands of color to the frock, some decorated with a one-sided jabot, flower, straight falling ribbon or material ends.

Summer found the new triangular neckline vying the V for favorite. The diagonal neck was also new, many with a bow at the left side. Separate boleros were also coming into wide use. Many frocks showed a double vest effect. Shirring was used at the shoulders for fit and fullness over the bust line.

In the fall, the diagonal neckline was favored; V-shaped and rounded followed in popularity, and many of these necklines were collarless. Peter Pan collars were often used on more tailored frocks. Shoulder bows were quite the rage. Through the end of the year, there was marked emphasis on bolero tops, tunics or jacketed frocks. Backs were still high and most were cut from one piece of material, though some two-piece cuts were available. Most backs were also very straight with the blousing in the dress front. Many frocks showed long plain panel fronts and/or collars running down the whole length of the frock, while the rest of the dress might be of flowered or patterned material.

In late winter, many dresses had collars trimmed of fur with matching cuffs. Fur also banded the hips, or hemlines. Tunics fell almost as long as the skirt. Fringed ends trimmed scarf collars and tassel trim was found along diagonal lines. Surplice collars were usually narrow and some frocks were found with caped backs.



For Sale Diamond Block Engine - \$1800

The engine was acquired as a spare in a car purchase years ago and was recently taken apart and inspected. The adjustable valve lifters were adjusted; the rods and mains were adjusted; new one-piece front pulley. The engine is mounted in an instrumented test stand and runs very well Buyer can see it run. Bryan Thompson 562-305-4973

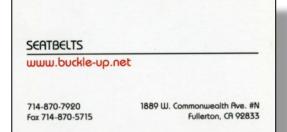


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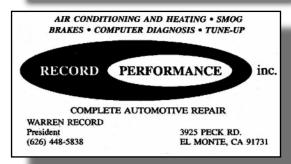
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Things To Do:

Attend the next meeting. Get a free pen and pick up your 2019 roster.

Purchase your raffle ticket for the Pasadena High School restored Model A Pick up.

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