

March 2019

Spoken Wheels

THE NEXT MEET ING

General Meeting - 7:00 PM, Friday March 22

Live Oak Community Center, 10144 Bogue St. Temple City

Note: Meeting date has been changed

Program - The program this month will be on the **Shakespeare Club** where we have enjoyed some of our SAA's Events. Janet Beggs is President and will let us know more about its purpose. The Club Historian, Candy Campbell, will provide a power point presentation regarding it's 130-year history. This is going be very interesting Program, please make sure not to miss out.

NEWS BITS

Pete Henderson Passes

Long time SAA's club member Pete Henderson died on February 25, 2019 after short time in the hospital.

Pete was born in La Canada Flintridge California in 1926. He and his wife were married in Las Vegas in 1947 and had celebrated 71 anniversaries together. They have three daughters, eight grand children and eight great grand children.



Pete was a real car guy. His 1932 hot rod became famous in 1945 for racing a horse from one telephone pole to the next - He won by a nose. He participated in vintage racing and enjoyed owning a wide variety of special cars.

2019 Santa Anita A's Membership Roster

The 2019 membership roster is now available and was distributed to members attending the February meeting. If you missed the meeting you can pick up your personalized copy at our March meeting. Additional copies may be purchased for \$2.00. Or, you can go to the SAA'S web site and download it from the "Members Only" section.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - BOB HARBICHT

The Model A Ford has been around for a little over 90 years now. Thought it might be interesting to look back ten years before that to 100 years ago: 1919. Of course, the Model T was the car of the day then. But there were also a few other automotive-related events.



For example, the first transcontinental motor convoy from Washington, D.C. to San Francisco crossed the country using the incomplete Lincoln Highway. The purpose was to determine how well troops could be moved from one side of the country to the other by motor vehicles. Took 'em 62 days to do it!

On February 25, Oregon placed a 1-cent per gallon tax on gasoline, becoming the first U.S. state to levy a gasoline tax. Now that might not sound like much, but it would be the equivalent of 14-cents today. In any case, Oregon unfortunately gave the other states and the Federal Government an idea for a new source of tax revenue.

On January 1, Edsel Ford succeeded his father to become head of the Ford Motor Company. Somehow, I think daddy still had a lot to say about what went down at the shop.

Prohibition was declared and women were given the right to vote. Thankfully, one of those was repealed a few years later. I'm going to resist the urge to make any amusing comments about the other one.

I think history is fascinating, and we're all driving living history. And even though our cars lack some of the modern amenities we've come to enjoy, they still get us where we're going. And in grand style too!

I mentioned in last month's message that Patsy & I are having our 1930 Roadster Pickup body restored. Mike Plessner is doing the work. I was informed that the numbers on our body and motor match, meaning that it's the same motor that was-put in the car at the Ford Factory (probably by Henry Ford himself, since Edsel was running the business end of things).

CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

March

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 4

26-31 CCRG - Merced, Sierra Motoring Adventure Tour

April

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

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

13 - Dodger Stadium Tour, see page 4

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

20 - Pasadena High School Model A Club Concert, see page 4

26 - General Meeting

May

2 - Mt Baldy Tour, details TBA

5 - Monrovia Home Tour, see page 4

18-19 Orange Empire Railway Tour, details TBA

June

1 - Maloof Furniture Tour, details TBA

9 - Henry Ford Picnic, details TBA

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

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

26 - East Fork Picnic, details TBA

July

4 - South Pasadena Parade

20 Long Beach Model T Club Parts Exchange, Veteran Stadium

PUBLIC NOTICES

Sunshine Lady - Diana Kincart - Mrs. Sunbeam

Gloria Henderson & Family - Pete passed Feb. 25 - (Sympathy card)

Joyce Travis - back in hospital (thinking of you card)

Chuck Sharpe - Broken hip - (get well card)

Joe Principe - Home from hospital having many tests (get well card)

Cookie Bringers - Vicky Bartlett - Head Cookie

Sally Baquet , Sue Chandler, Marianne Barrosa, Carol Emanuelli

Photo Donors -

Vicky Bartlett, Jim Kroeger, Tracy Butkus, Nancy Stancil, Joe Wilson

BIRTHDAYS & ANIVERESARIES

April Birthdays

3 - Karen Gollhardt

4- Susie Lacey

6 - Richard Favela

6 - Mickey Fruchter

6 - Betty Mallory

6 - Norma Canzoneri

12 - Tom Forbes

17 - Joe Farino

17 - Patty Lutz

17 - Jackie Gross

19 - Helen Johnson

19 - Evalyn Vaughn

24 - Larry McCullah

25 - Mike Plessner

27 - Art Moore

28 - Jack Dawson

29 - Tracy Butkus

April Anniversaries

9 - Jack & Barbara Dawson

16 - Larry & Gerry McKinney

23 - Frank & Mary Ann Sepulveda

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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 Pick-up



Jerry & Marlys Cleland

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Joined 1/1/2019 1929 Roadster Pickup

PONDER THIS

If everything's coming your way, you are probably in the wrong lane

NEWS BITS - MORE

Support the Pasadena High School Model A ClubBy Joe Wilson

I would like to make a personal appeal to every Santa Anita A's club member. Two years ago our club's Youth Outreach Chairman, Wilbert Smith did indeed reach out to the Pasadena High School administration and created the first ever MAFCA sanctioned high school Model A club. This has required considerable amount of Wilbert's, the high school counselors' and some SAA's members time and effort.

Again this year the high school club has completed the restoration of a Model A which is now being raffled off. Wilbert has had support from Model A clubs across the country who have purchased raffle tickets and he has inspired other clubs to emulate his efforts. Our club needs to also support his efforts to make the high school club successful. I ask that you, as a member of our club, provide that support by purchasing a raffle ticket. You can also participate in the school's fund raising effort by attending the Remembrance Concert on April 20.

You can purchase raffle tickets and concert tickets by calling Wilbert Smith's Allstate Insurance office at (626-791-7936). Concert tickets may also be purchased on line at remebranceconcert.evenbrite.com.

Auction Night at the Club

There was action at the auction during our last general meeting. Our annual fund raising effort netted the club \$2,090.

Members were successful in placing winning bids to secure objects they desired from the variety of goodies brought by other members. There were both happy buyers and happy donors. Auctioneer Bob Travis was ably assisted by Bob Moore and the new position of "Auction item Model", filled by Janet Beggs. A good time was had by all.







Tony Catoppa

Tony Catroppa has been a member of the Santa Anita A's since 1981. At the time, he lived in Alhambra and took an automobile restoration course at Temple City high school taught by former club member Sig Caswell. It was through Sig that he learned about the Santa Anita A's. He is coming up on his 40th anniversary with MAFCA.



A beautiful 1930 Deluxe Coupe that he purchased in 1980 sits in his garage. It was a basket case when he acquired it. A friend of his owned an automobile restoration shop and Tony needed a place to store the car. He parked at his friend's shop for a couple of years and when he picked it up, it had been totally restored. Tony had insisted that the car be restored to stock, just as it came from Ford with no artificial fillers.

Last month, Tony was invited to display his car at the Grand National Roadster Show in Pomona. The organizers of the show had spent weeks searching out the most original 1930 Roadster that they could find to display next to a winning totally modified 1930 Roaster. They wanted to show the before and after. When organizers saw Tony's car, they agreed on the spot that they didn't have to look any further. Tony's lifelong dream of participating in the Grand National Roadster Show became a reality.

Tony was born in LA and grew up in Lincoln Heights. While attending Lincoln High School, his parents moved to Alhambra. He was a varsity football player and elected to finish his last years at Lincoln commuting. Tony received a football scholarship from Arizona State University. However, before he finished, he joined the National Guard.

For most of Tony's working career, he was in sales in the medical equipment field, primarily physical therapy and related products. He started as a salesman, became a manufacture's representative, then a national sales manager for a different company and finally as vice president, running a division that manufactured stainless steel medical equipment products. He retired in 2011.

He has been married to Kathy for 24 years and she has recently retired from nursing. Up until a few years ago, Tony was a skier. In the small world category, Tony and Don McBride were in DeMolay together. He and John Emanuelli were one year apart at Lincoln High School and Tony was in kindergarten with Carol Emanuelli.

COMMING TOURS & EVENTS

Orange County Pancake Breakfast

Sunday March 24 by Jim Frick

For all of you that have been to this event in the past, you know this is an opportunity to see hundreds of Model A's all in one place.

For those of you who feel lucky, this event has one of the year's biggest raffles with more great prizes than you may have ever seen, all in one place. As usual, the breakfast is held at Hart Park in Tustin



(basically where Glassel Street meets the 22 Frwy). If you are reluctant to drive to this breakfast on your own there are usually two groups you can join; one via streets and one via freeway. Information on the groups traveling to the breakfast will be provided at the March general meeting.

Dodger Stadium Tour

Saturday April 13

by Jim Frick

If you've always wanted to know what was behind the scenes at Dodger Stadium - this is your chance. Be informed, this is a walking tour with stairs (wheelchair access will be available with prior notice to the guide). Cost is \$15 for children under 14, and seniors over 55, \$20 for everyone



else. Please note all sales of these tickets are final with no refunds. Tour guests must be at Dodger Stadium at the waiting area 15 minutes prior to

the 10 AM. tour, so we will be meeting at the Sears parking lot in Pasadena at 8:30 AM and departing at 8:45 AM. I will also need a headcount for those wanting to attend lunch at Philippe's the Original, in Downtown Los Angeles, following the tour. A sign-up sheet will be available at the March general meeting and/or you can contact Jim Frick at 626-303-5233. Payments must be made to Sheri Johnson no later than March 29.

Pasadena High School Model A Club "Remembrance" Concert

Saturday April 20

by Joe Wilson

This is an important event! Let's support the Pasadena High School Model A Club by purchasing your tickets for their "Remembrance Concert". Order tickets on line at remebranceconcert.evenbrite.com or by calling Wilbert Smith's Allstate Insurance office at (626) 791-7936.



Monrovia Home Tour

Sunday, May 5

by Jim Frick

It's that time of year again – the Monrovia Old Homes Tour. As you know, this is on May 5 and it's free if you drive your Model A.

Participants need to register for the tour by contacting Michael Khanchalian at mfkhanchalian@altrionet.com before April 30. Michael will then make you a nametag that will allow you to enter each home for free and also let you park your Model A right in front of each house on the tour.

The tour will start at 8:30 AM at the home of Michael and Janene Khanchalian, 320 Melrose Ave. Monrovia. There you will pick up your name tags. A limited number of cars will be permitted, on a first come basis to participate in the driving tour which will precede the home tour.

If you have questions about registering for the event contact Jim Frick at 626-303-5233.

PAST TOURS & EVENTS

LA Fire Department Museum Tour

February 16 by Jim Kroeger

It had been rainy and gloomy all week prior to Saturday's tour of the Los Angeles County Fire Museum. In fact, an email the previous day, on Friday, February 15, advised that the tour would be held even if it was raining. But Saturday morning was crisp, cool, alive with brilliant sunshine and not a cloud in the sky. Twenty-eight club members from the Santa Anita A's and the San Gabriel Valley MARC driving 12 Model A's and 4 moderns met at the Clearman's Northwoods Inn parking lot to start the leisurely 19-mile drive to Bellflower and the museum. Four additional club members and three guests joined us at the museum.









The museum was well prepared for our visit. We divided ourselves into three groups, one for each of the docents, retired Captains and Chiefs. Fire equipment dating back to the 1890's was on display, each with its own story. The change in design of fire truck over the years was all there on display. The museum highlights Engine 51 and Squad 51 and memorabilia from the fictional TV series *Emergency*.

After an hour in the museum, we walked around the corner to the museum's warehouse and restoration shop. It housed about 18 piece of fire apparatus including at least three that were horse drawn. Firemen, mostly retired, meet at the warehouse on "Wrench Wednesdays" to work on restoring some of the equipment and reminisce.

After our group picture in the warehouse, we walked the 1/10th + mile to Johnny Rebs' True South BBQ restaurant. We were seated as a group on their enclosed patio. The food was very good but the wait to order and be served was very, very long. All told, it was a good day.





PAST TOURS & EVENTS - MORE

Seabiscuit Tour

March 9

by Jim Kroeger

It's part of our club name, so what better place to go on our first official tour of the year than Santa Anita Racetrack for the Seabiscuit Tour.



We passed through the jockey training room, the paddock staging area and ended up in front of the Seabiscuit statue. This incredible thoroughbred beat War Admiral in a 1937 match race uniting the country during the Great Depression and was named horse



of the year in 1938. It won the 1940 Santa Anita Handicap in front of a record crowd and cemented its place in history as one of the greatest horses of all time.



Twenty-three club members woke up to clear skies but were soon disappointed to learn all tours had been canceled due to PETA's picketing the track because horses were being injured. After a slight delay our guide gave the go-ahead to proceed but only our group was allowed and it would be the only one of the day. Talk about preferential treatment!



We hopped on a tram and toured the barn area where we learned there are over 1000 trainers, groomers and attendants working with the horses of which 600 live on site. There is also an Equine Hospital

with a Veterinarian on call 24/7. It trully has a culture of its own as horses are given the utmost care, despite what the media has been reporting recently.

Next our tram ride took us past the Bob Baffert barn. He is one of the most successful trainers of all time and trained 2015 Triple Crown winner American Pharaoh as well as last year's winner Justify.

The tram came to a stop and it was time to "hoof" it for the rest of the tour. We entered the jockey room and were greeted with over 5,000 hanging silks that the riders use. Only one attendant knows where each specific color is located. Let's hope they don't call in sick on race day.

A short walk brought us to an area with three frolicking Clydesdale horses. These belonged to our guide Paige and are responsible for pulling carriages around the track. Despite a sign saying "no touching allowed", some of our members couldn't resist and became very friendly with the horses. The green light was given and other members were allowed to get up close to these magnificent animals. We wrapped up our tour with a visit to the Identification Barn where horses preparing to race are proven to be who they say they are.

It was then off for a short drive to Congregation Restaurant in Azusa for lunch.





I'd like to personally thank those who attended as well as your Tourmeister Jim Frick for helping put together the tour even though he was unable to attend. It was a remarkable day.





Time to Get Your Model A Ready for the Road

Spring is just around the corner and it is time to get your Model A ready for the road. To maximize the enjoyment of driving your Model A, a little maintenance now will go a long way toward heading off problems in the future. When new, our little cars were very reliable and with a little effort they can continue to be just as reliable today. Of course, if your Model A has not been properly maintained or correctly restored and is all worn out, it will take a little more than an oil change and a tune-up to bring it up to a satisfactory level of reliability. Personally, I would rather spend a few hours in the garage at home doing some routine maintenance than be stranded on the side of the road with a problem. Of course, there is no guarantee that you will never have a problem with your Model A, but routine maintenance will go a long way to keep problems to a minimum. I keep a small log book in all of my cars which greatly helps with remembering when maintenance and repairs were performed.

There are very good Maintenance and Safety Check lists in the appendix section of the Model A Ford Handbook, Vol. #1 by Les Andrews. How much maintenance is necessary and how often maintenance items need to be performed depends on how you use your Model A. Regardless of how we use our cars, all owners should perform the "Every Fuel Stop" and "Monthly" checks listed on page A-1 of the Handbook.

For those owners who only drive their cars a few hundred miles a year, mainly just for attending local events and club functions, it is actually necessary to perform some items at intervals based on time and not mileage. For the occasionally used Model A, I recommend that once a year the owner performs all the maintenance items on the "1000 miles" list in the Handbook. Transmission and differential fluid levels should also be checked annually. Every 2 years, the chassis should be lubricated and, to prevent rust and corrosion, the radiator should be drained, flushed and the coolant replaced. It is also a good idea to annually perform a complete Safety Check as listed on page A-2.

If you are using your Model A for long distance touring, perform the necessary maintenance as determined by mileage with the exception of oil change interval. With the availability of modern engine oils and because some owners have equipped their engines with oil filters, oil change intervals can be extended. Prior to a tour, do a complete safety check plus check all fluid levels. Inspect the spare parts, tools and supplies you are taking with you. If you have non-original type components on your car such as electronic ignition, be sure to include the necessary spare components should a failure occur.

Be sure your jack is in good working order. Use the jack to jack up your car, just as you would do if you were changing a flat tire. Some hydraulic jacks may work fine when new but after many years rattling around under the rear seat will refuse to work when needed. Personally, I like a mechanical jack just for that reason. A scissor jack or a mechanical bottle jack from earlier G M Pick-up's work well and are not expensive. A few wooden blocks can be very helpful when changing a flat.

It may appear that it is a lot of work to perform the maintenance and safety check items listed in the Handbook but if your Model A is in good condition, most of these items can be accomplished in just a few minutes. Remember, it is much easier and definitely a lot more convenient to take care of a small maintenance item in your own garage than try to make a repair on the side of the road.





Mechanical Bottle Jack



Tech Tip

When it comes to changing the oil, there continues to be a lot of discussion about which oil is best. Some owners insist on a particular brand and viscosity and claim the Model A engine will suffer excessive ware if other oils are used. Others say you must use oil with high levels of Zinc or the camshaft will wear out. Actually, almost any oil you can buy today is far better than the oils that were available when our Model A's were new.

I like to use 20-50 viscosity oil especially if the engine has

original type babbitt bearings. At highway speeds, the thicker oil provides a little extra protection for the bearings. Valvoline VR-1, 20-50 "Racing Oil" is available at most auto parts stores. VR-1 is not just for race engines, the label on the back of the container says it contains a high level of zinc and is also formulated for older classic and Muscle Cars.

Whatever oil you use, changing it at regular intervals will help keep your engine clean and free of sludge.





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Northern California Regional Group Jamboree

Mickey and Bea Plan to attend the NCRG in Sonoma, CA, May 27 - 30. Leave on the 25th and return on June 2, 2019. Anybody interested in joining us please contact Mickey at (626) 797-2048.

MEETING MINUTES

SAA General Meeting Minutes - February 22, 2019

- The meeting was called to order by President Bob Harbicht at 7:06 PM.
- The flag salute was led by Brad Balmot Announcements:
- Wilbert Smith told the club about the PHS Car Club raffle car and said tickets are available for the raffle and also the concert in April. Raffle tickets cost \$100.00 each and concert tickets cost \$35.00 each and you may purchase both from him tonight.
- Joe Wilson told members that the 2019 club Rosters are available; pick one up from him tonight.
- Bob Moore talked about the Saint Patrick's dinner March 16th at the Peppertree in Glendora. Cost is \$14.75 including drink, tax and tip. Send check to Sheri Johnson.
- Santa Anita Race Track (Seabiscuit Tour) in March 10th. Call Jim Frick to sign up.
- Auction time with Bob Travis auctioneer
- Meeting adjourned at 9:02PM
 Respectfully submitted, Elaine Perry Secretary.

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.



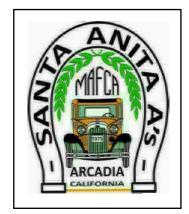
Sheri Johnson's Photo Featured in Restorer Magazine

When attending the MAFCA awards banquet last December in Tucson, Arizona, Sheri Johnson took this photo at the entrance to the Pima Air and Space Museum. The photo was included in the "Out and About " section of the Restorer magazine.



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These items are offered in the new club promotion catalog and are now available for purchase by club members.



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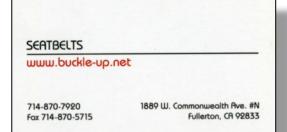


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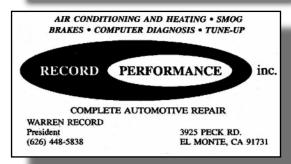
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Meeting date has been changed to Friday March 22

Do not come on the last Friday of the month If you do show up then, you will be there alone.

Things To Do:

Get your tickets to the Pasadena High School Remembrance Concert.

Buy your raffle ticket to win the Model A Roadster restored by the Pasadena High School.





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