



September 2019

Spoken Wheels

THE NEXT MEETING

General Meeting - 7:00 PM, Friday, September 27

Church of Good Shepherd, 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia

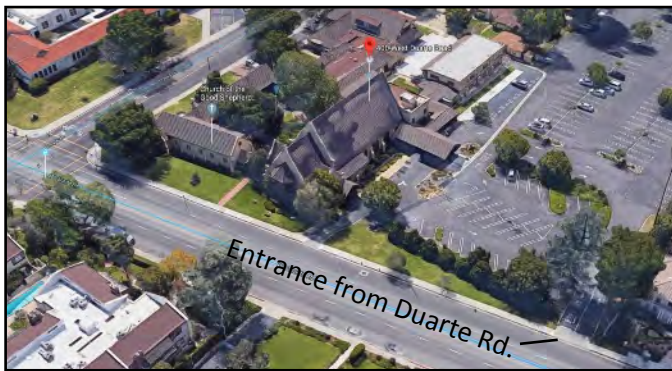
Program - Curiosities of the California Desert

This program will be presented by Alan and Claudia Heller who over the past 50 years have explored, photographed and published a book - "Curiosities of the California Desert: Historic, Offbeat & Forgotten Attractions" They have interesting stories to tell about their adventures in the unique areas of our state's deserts.

NEWS BITS

Santa Anita A's Have a New Meeting Place

The Santa Anita A's are moving their general meeting location to the Church of the Good Shepherd in Arcadia. This move will take place effective with our September meeting.



Church of the Good Shepherd - 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia

So DO NOT go the Live Oak Community Center in Temple City for our next gathering. If you do you will be alone with people you don't know. The new location will provide us with a large meeting room and convenient parking. So start bringing your Model A's to the meetings and participate again in some first class tire kicking.

The Church is located at 400 W. Duarte Road, at the corner of Duarte and Holly in Arcadia. Enter the parking lot from Duarte Road. The meeting room is in Jordan Hall, at the South end of the parking lot. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM on Friday, September 27. Come early, check out the new facility and partake in the art of socializing.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - BOB HARBICHT

One of the things I always enjoyed about our meetings was the pre-meeting. What I'm talking about was the informal meeting that took place in the parking lot where people stood around, admired each other's cars, told stories and generally communed with each other.



At our current meeting location we've missed that. Most of us are simply not driving our A's to the meetings because the parking lot is so crowded that we can't park together and socialize.

That's all about to change! We have a new meeting place: Church of the Good Shepherd at the southwest corner of Duarte Road & Holly Avenue in Arcadia. The church has a large parking lot on its west side (enter from Duarte Road) that will be mostly empty except for our Model A's. The old "spit & argue" pre-meeting will be back in action!

Our meeting this month of the 27th will be at the church. I hope everyone who has not been driving his or her Model A will do so for this meeting. It's time we all started showing off our cars again.

Do you ever stop to think of all the effort it takes to keep a club like ours functioning? It doesn't just happen by magic; many, many people are contributing to the Santa Anita A's.

For example, when you receive your monthly copy of the Restorer there is always a little blurb in there about what our club has been up to. Keith Smith takes care of that! Every issue! We have refreshments at our meetings because of the efforts of Vickie Bartlett. The ladies and men's raffle? Bea Fruchter and Nancy Stancil. Our outstanding *Spoken Wheels* newsletter comes about because of a lot of work by Joe Wilson (not to mention the proofreading help he gets from Olive Moore). There are many, many other people who serve our club in largely unsung roles. I've only named a few, but be assured that all are valuable and all are appreciated.

We are at the time of year when our nominating committee – headed up by Bob Travis – is seeking people to serve on the board and chairman positions. If you'd be willing to help out our club, please contact Bob (626-827-0666), travisinarc@gmail.com and let him know. Your club could use a little of your time, and you could have fun and get to know some new people.

CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

September

- 20 - International Model A Day/ East Fork Tour
- 27- Club Meeting, 7:00 PM, Church of the Good Shepard
400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia.
- 28 - Paradise Valley Model A Club Swap Meet - see page 6

October

- 2 - Pasadena High school car exhibit - see page 4
- 5 - Ticket to the 20's - See page 4
- 6 to 11 - Fall Colors Tour - See page 4
- 9 - Board meeting, 7:00 PM, Church of the Good Shepard, Arcadia
- 14 - Ladies Brunch, Annia's, 11:00 AM, San Gabriel Valley Airport
- 17 - Men's Breakfast, 9:00 AM Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport
- 17 - Ladies Day - See Page 4
- 20 - San Fernando Valley Car Show & Swap meet see page 6
- 25 - General Meeting -
- 27 - Alzheimer's Walk - See Page 5

November

- 2 - Mc Donald's Museum - See page 5
- 16 -17 - Orange Railroad Museum - See page 5

December

- 2 to 5 - MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Claremont CA - Page 3
- 15 - Christmas Party - Details TBA

PUBLIC NOTICES

Sunshine Lady - Diana Kincart - Mrs. Sunbeam
Sent sympathy card to Mickey & Bea Fruchter - Mickey's brother passed away.

Cookie Bringers - Vicky Bartlett - Head Cookie
Vicky Bartlett, Mickey Fruchter, Wilbert Smith, Patty Lampassi

Photo Donors -

Bob Moore, Joe Wilson, Steve Kurtz

BIRTHDAYS & ANIVERESARIES

October Birthdays

- 1 - Tony Catroppa
- 2 - Kathy Catroppa
- 2 - Toshiko Favela
- 7 - Larry Butkus
- 7 - Ruth Ann LeVay
- 11 - Marlys Cleland
- 12 - Alan Bennett
- 16 - Mary Ann Sepulveda
- 17 - Ann Peterson Pam
- 17 - Chuck Davies
- 21 - Vicky Bartlett
- 25 - Sue Chandler
- 25 - Joyce McCullah

October Birthdays (Cont.)

- 27 - Gary Weber
- 28 - Lisa Henzel
- 30 - Jim Dolan
- 30 - Jim Frick
- 25 - Jean Ware
- 22 - Trang Weber

October Anniversaries

- 4 - Gary & Trang Weber
- 20 - Eric & Jennifer Sandberg
- 22 - Charles & Myriam Davies

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Steve Kurtz submitted this photo for the club photo contest - taken during our National Parks tour in Utah several years ago

MAFCA National Awards Banquet

This year the annual MAFCA Awards Banquet will be held in Southern California, hosted by the Pomona Valley Model A Club. The four day event (Dec. 2-5) is structured much like the annual MAFCA convention and includes a variety of local tours, technical sessions and presentation of national chapter awards.



Event information and registration forms are now available on line at www.2019NAB.com

SAA's Club Members Support Requested

The Pomona Model A Club who is sponsoring the National Awards Banquet this year has requested some hands on help from our club members. Olive Moore, who is also a member of the Pomona Model A Ford Club visited our board meeting asking that our club members help host the "Hospitality Room". Sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting.

Local Model A Clubs will Make Presentations at the National Award Banquet

Santa Anita A's

Wednesday, December 4 - 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Randy Harper and Bob Moore, representing the Santa Anita A's will present a technical session on "Flow Testing and Trouble Shooting the Model A Carburetor". This seminar will demonstrate the mechanical setup and function of a flow test device and the importance of knowing the flow rates for each jet. The second part will show how to identify and correct four critical areas of concern on the Zenith carburetor.

Pasadena High School Model A Club

Wednesday, December 4 - 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

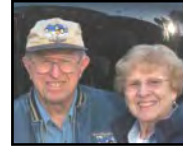
Wilbert Smith and John Emanuelli representing the Pasadena High School Club will present a program on "How to present the Model A Ford to a Younger Crowd". "We will inspire clubs to outreach and support high school and other youth Model A clubs by communicating tested approaches which yield favorable results".

MAFCA Membership Longevity Milestones

The Current issue of the Restorer magazine includes a list of MAFCA members that have reached certain membership milestones. Four SAA's club members names appear in the listing. Congratulations to each.

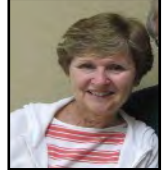
50 Years

Keith
Smith



45 years

Sue
Chandler



30 Years

Richard
Canzoneri



30 Years

John
McDannel



San Gabriel Humane Society Asks For Our Help



This group is celebrating its 95th anniversary on **Saturday, October 6** and would like to display some old cars as part of the party. This is a great chance to help out a worthwhile charity and show off our cars. They are looking for a half a dozen cars to be part of the celebration.

Participation would be from about 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM. They are offering a continental breakfast and other goodies.

If you would be willing to help the Humane Society out, contact Bob Harbicht and he will fill you in on the details. (626-484-4214, pbharbicht@gmail.com)

Nominating Committee Formed for Elections

Every year in September a nominating committee is formed to develop a slate of candidates for next year's club officers and board members. Bob Travis will serve as Chairman of this year's nominating committee. At the September meeting he will announce the names of those selected to serve on the Nominating Committee. The slate developed by the nominating committee will be presented at the October meeting.

Elections for officers and board members will be held at the November meeting and they will be official installed at the Annual Christmas part scheduled for December 15.

COMING TOURS & EVENTS

Pasadena High School Car Exhibit

Wednesday, October 2

by Jim Frick

As a lot of you will remember, a couple of years ago, we had a great turnout at the Pasadena High School to exhibit our Model A's. This not only was a lot of fun for all, but gave the kids a chance to be up close and personal to learn about our Model A's. This was a great way to spark interest in the school's Model A Club but could also potentially get some kids to think of Model A ownership (a long shot I know).



We're asking for your help to turn out again. There will be a boxed lunch provided to all as a small way to say "thanks" for your participation. As we did last time we will line up outside the school on Washington Blvd., just North of Sierra Madre Blvd. starting at 11:15 AM. Hope to see you there and thank you in advance for your help.

We need a head count so we will know how many lunches to prepare. I will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

Ticket to the Twenties

Saturday, October 5

by Jim Frick

It's time again for the "Ticket to the Twenties Festival" at the Homestead Museum in the City of Industry. Come experience the excitement of the 1920s at a festival featuring vintage jazz, dancing, fashion, silent films, crafts, shopping and much more.



As mentioned at the last general meeting, the powers that be have cut down the trees that used to provide shade in the area where we hung out. So bring your chairs and an umbrella to enjoy your day at the park. To start our short drive to the City of Industry, we will be meeting at the Perry's at 5526 N. Lenore Ave., in Arcadia, at 1:30 PM so we can all drive together. Hope to see you there.

I will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

Fall Colors Tour

October 6 to 11

by Bob Moore

The Fall Colors Tour will be a hub tour based in Bishop, CA. This tour will take us to a variety of locations in the area to enjoy the fall colors. We will travel each day returning to "home base" in Bishop. We will depart this area on Sunday, October 6 and return home on Friday, October 11.

I have booked 10 rooms at the Travelodge by Wyndam in Bishop, CA. Contact me for details on making motel reservations and details on the tour.



Ladies Day – 2019

Thursday, October 17

by Carol Emanuelli

This event will be held on Thursday, October 17, at the Almansor Court Restaurant in Alhambra, 700 South Almansor Street. We will gather at 11:30 AM and lunch will start at approximately 12:00 noon. We have a limited seating of 42 ladies. The price for this luncheon will be \$20.00 for Members and \$41.41 for Guests. Please make checks payable to the Santa Anita A's and mail them to me.

The deadline for making your reservation and paying will be Tuesday, October 1. No reservation will be accepted after the deadline date and there will also be no refunds after the deadline.

If you have any questions or need directions contact me. 9842 East Key West Street, Temple City, CA 91780 – Phone 626-286-5267. I will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.



COMING TOURS & EVENTS - MORE

Alzheimer's Walk

October 27

by Tracy Butkus

I will be participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer's for the San Gabriel Valley again this year. All funds raised through the Walk to End Alzheimer's further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association.



This event is very near and dear to my heart. The Walk will take place at Pasadena City College in Pasadena on October 27. I am hoping to get 10 cars again this year to volunteer that day to display their cars on the campus. Last year it was such a fun day having you all there to cheer us on and give your support! We really appreciated you all being there and we hope you will be able to make it again this year.

You will need to arrive by 8:30 AM and should be done by 11:00 AM. There will be vendors there giving away free food and beverages. I will have a sign-up sheet at the September and October meeting. I would like to thank you in advance for your support. Please feel free to contact Tracy Butkus at 323-646-7153 with any questions.

McDonald's Museum Tour

Saturday November 2

by Jim Frick

As the weather will finally cool down in November, I thought it would be fun to plan a trip to visit the McDonald's Museum in San Bernardino.

I would recommend that you watch the movie "Founders" on Netflix. Which tells the history of McDonald's and learn how the company was stolen from the McDonald brothers.



We will go straight out on Route 66 (Foothill Blvd. and Base line) with no turns at all until we arrive at our destination at 1308 N. E. St. (approximately a 40 mile drive). We will leave from Chase Bank at 1000 Huntington Drive in Duarte at 9:00 AM. We will be stopping for lunch on our way home (location TBA). So dust off your Model A's to join us for a nice drive. I will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

Orange Empire Railroad Museum

November 16 & 17

by Bob Travis

This is a big one you don't want to miss! It is a one night overnight tour which will take us to the Orange Empire Railroad museum in Perris, CA. The museum has the West's largest collection of locomotives, passenger and freight cars, streetcars, interurban electric cars, buildings, and other artifacts dating from the 1870's. During our visit to the museum we will have the opportunity to ride on a steam locomotive. The museum which was started in 1956 has grown in size to include over 200 streetcars and railway vehicles. At the end of the day we will retire to the Red Lion Inn and dinner at Denny's across the street. Check out the museum's web site at (www.oerm.org). This tour presents an excellent opportunity for those first time participants to experience the joy of driving a Model A on the open road with an overnight stay. We need a head count. I will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting

PAST TOURS & EVENTS

Hathaway Ranch/Museum Tour

September 10

This tour took us to a five acre ranch which has been turned into farming and oil drilling equipment museum hidden in the middle of Santa Fe Springs. We were met with a number of goats, wild chickens and a crusty old tour guide who led us on a walk through the property originally owned by the Hathaway family in the area known as the Fulton Wells.

Our tour guide was knowledgeable and wanted to share everything, absolutely everything, he knew about the Hathaways and the Fulton oil wells area. This required a considerable amount of our time and patience.



We arrived before the museum opened so we opted to have an early lunch nearby at Maggie's Pub. It is a very nice place featuring 17 television screens as well as a nice menu, good service and fine food.

It was a pleasant drive with no reported breakdowns. A good time was had by all.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

Paradise Valley Model A Ford Club Swap Meet & Car Show

Saturday, September 28 - 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Sunday, September 29 - 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Free Admission and parking - Show your car
For information call Phil Messenger at 909-262-9623.

Location - Western Little League Regional Headquarters
6707 N. Little League Dr., San Bernardino, CA.

San Fernando Valley Model A Ford Club Swap Meet & Car Show

Sunday, October 20 - 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Show open to all makes and models - 15 Trophy awards
Parking \$5.00 Car Show registration \$20 per vehicle
For information call Jim Lank at 818-367-4757

Location - Rancho San Antonio Boys' Home
21000 Plummer Street, Chatsworth, CA

Low End Boys Report

by Mickey Fruchter

Mickey predicts projects will take 89 years for completion

Much has happened since our last "Low End Boys" report:

Don Dawkins asked for help in getting his car back on the road. His car had some body paint work and when he went to pick it up it would keep blowing fuses. "Little Joe" (electrician) took a look at it and gave up. I suggested that Don should check on the "Marlin Perry Perm-a-fuse".

Many years ago, Marlin was using a ¼ inch bolt in his fuse holder. As advertised; it came in decorator colors, even Olympic Games colors (bronze, silver and gold). He now uses standard fuses.

Chris Wickersham figured that the paint shop took off the light bar (with lights and horn). The wiring was part of the problem and was repaired. The screw holding the wires to the cutout switch was too long and shorting out to the generator. Problem solved!

Jerry Lampassi needed help with his lights and horn. The headlights and horn were quickly repaired but the LED tail lights and stop lights would not work and it was suspected that when the electrical system was converted from 6 volts to 12 volts that LEDs burned out as he had not changed the LED lights to 12 volts. Jerry was going to have that checked out at an auto-electric repair facility.

Marlin Perry had trouble starting his new Model A pickup. It turns out the starter switch was bad. The Low End Boys recruited Elaine Perry to put two of the starter switch screws back as she had smaller fingers than the men. Problem solved!

Again, if you are having problems with your car starting, call Mickey at (626) 797-2048 or email MCFRU@AOL.COM.

REMINDER: We do not do brakes, routine maintenance or engine and transmission overhauls. We will assist you in getting you car on the road again.

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS

I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now.

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.

I decided to stop calling the bathroom the 'John' and renamed it the 'Jim'. I feel so much better saying "I went to the Jim this morning".

The biggest lie I tell myself is..."I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.



Win a trip for two to the Jay Leno's car collection in Burbank, CA

Raffel tickets \$25 to benifit the restoration of the bus for the Model A Museum

To buy your ticket call 734-427-9050 or contact Jay McCord 805-598-8133

Drawing date for the winning ticket is November 16 th at the Gilmore Car Museum

*This article appeared in the June 2019 issue
of the "Defender",
the Association of California Car Clubs newsletter.*

10 Tips to get the Best Price for Your Collector Car

1. MAXIMUM EXPOSURE

The more people who see that your car is for sale, the greater the chance you'll have a bidding war on your hands. Upload your advertisement into "Classic Cars For Sale" and put it into our sister newspaper "Classic Car Weekly"; both are FREE for private sellers to advertise. Do be aware that if selling on an online auction site, such bidding might not always be genuine, or in a satisfactory condition to make over-generous bids.

2. WATCH YOUR Ps AND Qs

Well-constructed advertisement prose will help sell your car, whereas poor spelling and scant descriptions can turn potential buyers away. The suggestion is that if the vendor is inarticulate, the standard of care the vehicle has received may be questionable.

3. HAVE THE CAR READY

There's nothing more embarrassing than having to explain away unexpected non-starting, whether it is due to a discharged battery, stale petrol, electrical problems or just about any other reason. Such a failure could at best lose you money, or at worst, send the buyer packing.

4. SET THE SCENE

A dingy, ill-lit garage can be a real turn-off. Try to show the car at its absolute best in a clean and dry environment. Granted, a spot of rain can help to hide blemishes on dull paintwork, but it can make potential buyers think twice when it comes to making a real offer.

5. SELL FROM HOME

Do this for a couple of reasons. The first is that it gives the buyer extra confidence that the sale is genuine. Even if the car is kept elsewhere, where possible ensure that the sale at least commences at the kept address. Also, there may be sales legislation complexities if the car is advertised for sale on work premises.

6. BE HONEST

One person's perfection can be another's average condition. If you can't pry those rose-tinted specs from your face, ask a knowledgeable pal for an honest critique of the car being sold. If it's a non-runner, then say so and if the paintwork is blistering, mention it in the description.

7. GET OUT AND ABOUT

Use the car so that it gets seen. It's surprising just how much interest can be generated by a classic car in a supermarket car park and if it has for sale notices prominently displayed in the windows; it's like a mobile billboard all the way there and back.

8. SPIT AND POLISH

If the car is looking its absolute best, then selling it will be easier. For years the author Barbara Cartland always seemed to be filmed in the softest focus. You need to emulate this glamour on your driveway. Consider a professional-grade detailing.

9. BE CONFIDENT

If you've made sure that the car is up to scratch in all aspects then there should be no reason why you shouldn't be happy to take it out for a decent test drive. However, as a private seller, be wary of allowing prospective buyers to drive the car themselves and never allow them to do so alone.

10. DETAILS, DETAILS, DETAILS

The more detailed and honest an advertisement is, the better the prospective buying public will trust the seller. Buyers like history files and restoration pictures. If there are any with the car, even if you haven't undertaken the work yourself, have the service and repair history ready for viewing.



Timing Your Model A

Is the ignition timing correct for your Model A? The timing of the ignition system is very important for a good running engine. Years ago, when most Model A's had a basically stock engine with 4.2:1 compression ratio, the ignition timing could be a little off and the engine would still run well. As owners have desired a little more power and the use of higher compression cylinder heads became more prevalent, ignition timing has become more critical. A lot of owners seem to have difficulty with checking and adjusting ignition timing but it is actually a simple process. I like to break it down into 3 easy steps. First gap the points, then position the engine on TDC (Top Dead Center) and finally adjust the position of the distributor cam for correct ignition timing.

STEP #1

Check and adjust the gap of the points. Remove the distributor cap and rotor and carefully rotate the engine until the points are fully open. This will occur when the point rubbing block is on the high point of the distributor cam. Using a feeler gauge, check the gap of the points and adjust if necessary. The point gap should be between .018 and .022 inches. I like to set new points at .022 and used points at .020. Setting new points a little wider will allow for some initial wear of the rubbing block. You will find it easier to turn the engine with a special designed wrench on the crank ratchet nut than to use a crank as Ford recommends in the Model A Instruction Book (Owner's Manual).

An alternate way to set the points is to use a "Quick Point Gap Setter" which is available from the better Model A Parts Suppliers. When using this tool, it is not necessary to rotate the engine until the points are fully open. This tool has a sleeve that slips over the distributor cam and a special gauge to check the point gap. I have found this tool to be simple to use and accurate.

Step #2

Position the engine on TDC (Top Dead Center) so #1 piston is at the end of the compression stroke. To do this, remove the timing pin on the front of the cam gear cover and insert the opposite end into the timing pin hole. Slowly rotate the engine while pushing in on the timing pin. As #1 piston approaches the top of the compression stroke, you will feel the timing pin fall into a depression in the timing gear. It may be necessary to back up the engine a little and repeat the operation a second time to be sure #1 piston is exactly at the top of the stroke. Replace the timing pin.

Step #3

Check to see if the position of the distributor cam is correct. When the engine is set on TDC, #1 piston, and the Spark Control Lever is in the full up position, the points should just be ready to open and the rotor should point toward #1 electrode of the distributor body. To check the position of the distributor cam, use a screw driver to carefully rotate the distributor cam clockwise to take up any backlash in the distributor shaft. The points should now be closed but just ready to open. Rotating the distributor cam just slightly in the counter clockwise direction should open the points. Moving the cam back in the clockwise direction will again allow the points to close. If the points do not open and close correctly, reposition the cam by first loosening the distributor cam screw just enough so the cam can be rotated. Then, replace the rotor and turn the rotor until it lines up with #1 electrode of the distributor body. Remove the rotor and turn the cam counterclockwise until the points are fully open and then slowly turn the cam back clockwise until the points just close. Tighten the cam screw and confirm the adjustment by moving the cam back and forth and watching the points. You can also use a test light or continuity meter to check when the points open and close. Replace the rotor and cap.

Another handy tool available from most parts suppliers is a "Timing Cam Wrench Tool" that simplifies positioning the cam and makes it easier to hold the cam while tightening the cam screw. Just use the easy to follow instructions that come with the wrench. This tool along with the Quick Point Gap Setter will make timing adjustment quick and easy. The procedure to check and adjust ignition timing is also available in the Model A Ford Instruction book (Owner's Manual) and Vol. #1 of the Model A Ford Handbook by Les



Timing Cam Wrench Tool



Quick Point Gap Setter

Tech Tip

Some replacement timing gears are made with a very shallow recess for the timing pin which makes it difficult to determine when #1 piston is at the top of the compression stroke. If the end of the pin is reshaped to make a more pronounced, sharper radius, it will make it easier to determine when the pin falls into the recess in the timing gear.

OTHER STUFF

Are you a member of MAFCA?

**We encourage all Santa Anita A's members to also be members of our national organization -
The Model A Ford Club of America**

~Membership Benefits~

The Restorer magazine (6 issues per year)

Technical Support (free via mail or email)

MAFCA Chartered Chapters in your local area

National Meets

National Banquets - National Tours

MAFCA also produces publications for sale including

Restoration Guidelines & Judging Standards,

Paint and Finish Guide; Hardware Standards,

A series of publications on How to Restore Your Model A, Era

Fashion Guidelines, and a number of

other publications related to the Model A Ford and its era.

Check out the MAFCA web site

Enter or Click on this web site address.

www.mafca.com

For Sale

Once again Bob Travis has Classic Car
Motor Oil Available. (20W-50)
Special call for special pricing.
(626-574-0665)



Wanted

1930 gas tank - Either oval or round speedometer opening
Contact Mike Pleasner 424-366-7627

For Sale

Original 411 ring & pinion \$225.

Excellent condition.

Contact Tom Endy 714-897-5861 or Bryan



For Sale 1930 Briggs Town Sedan

Ideal for touring

• H & H engine. Bob Travis says "It's the smoothest A engine I ever drove".

• LeBaron Bonney interior except reclining bucket seats (original rebuildable front seat included)

• 12 volt alternator conversion, turn signals, OEM spotlight, temp gauge

• Hydraulic brakes with silicone fluid • Mitchell overdrive

• 17 inch OEM heavy duty wheels • Grill guard

• Rear trunk and spare

Asking \$ 19,950 Contact Jack Dawson 818-790-6592



MEETING MINUTES

SAA General Meeting Minutes

August 30, 2019

- The meeting called to order by President Bob Harbicht at 7:04 PM.
- The flag salute was led by Bob Harbicht
- Membership: Bob Moore said the guests tonight were John & Carol Emanuelli's grandchildren Julianna and Johnny.
- Sunshine: No report
- Tours – Jim Frick gave the following tour report:
 - 9/10 Hathaway Ranch Tour (because it conflicted with Ladies Brunch day it was change from 9/9)
 - 9/20 East Fork Tour (this is a date change for Model A Day)
 - 10/05 Ticket to the Twenties
 - 10/02 Car display at PHS
 - 11/02 McDonalds museum tour

Jim Frick asked the membership about touring and why members are not attending tours. Jim said if you have any ideas for a tour please call him. He also said if you sign up for a tour and find you cannot attend please call and tell him.

Fall Colors tour - Bob Moore said dates are 10/6 to 10/11 this is a hub tour.

- Spoken Wheels: Joe Wilson read a list of members that contribute to the Spoken Wheels each month and he thanked them for their help. He gave special thanks to Olive Moore for proof reading the newsletter each month and giving him corrections to be made. Joe also reminded members to send in photos for the photo contest.
- Minutes – The minutes were approved as read.
- Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's report was approved as read.
- Thank you: Bob thanked all those that brought cookies tonight, we have many refreshments tonight.
- Old Business:

The meeting place will be moved as of the September meeting. We are moving to the Church of the Good Shepard located at the corner of Holly and Duarte Road in Arcadia. Bob Harbicht thanked the search committee of Bob Travis, Steve Concidine, Ken Mallory, and Bob Moore.

- Cautionary Tale - Wilbert Smith told the members about his brake problem with his Hearse he just purchased from The Netherlands.
- New Business: Nominating Committee: Bob Harbicht announced that Bob Travis will head the nominating committee this year, if you are interested in serving on the committee or wish to hold any office please contact him.

• Model A awards Banquet: Olive Moore talked about the MAFCA Awards Banquet in December. Pomona Valley Chapter is requesting help from SAA to work in the hospitality room - 2-hour shifts. There is a sign-up sheet in the back, please help.

• Break. The program will be after the break tonight so the screen can be set up, luckily Wilbert had one in his car.

• Announcements: Carol Emanuelli told the membership about Ladies Day this year which will be held on October 17th. The cost to members will be \$20.00 per member. The price for guests will be \$41.41. Deadline to sign up is October 1st; no reservations after that date. We will have a buffet luncheon at Almansor Court.

• Program: Bob Travis introduced tonight's speaker, Chris Wickersham. Chris presented part 2 on the Life and Times of Henry Ford.

• Drive your Model A : John & Carol Emanuelli

• Name Badge: Tom Endy

• 50/25/25 John Principe and Hall Anthony \$6.00 each

• Raffle

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM -

Respectfully submitted, Elaine Perry, Secretary.

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- **Our club meeting place has changed.**

Our next meeting, on Friday, September 27, will be held at the **Church of the Good Shepherd** which is located at 400 W. Duarte Road, at the corner of Duarte and Holly in Arcadia.

- Send in your photo for the club photo contest.
- Check the club calendar and sign up for the coming events.
- Consider participating in the MAFCA Awards Banquet.



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