



January 2020

Spoken Wheels

THE NEXT MEETING

General Meeting

General Meeting - Friday, January 31 , 7:00 PM, Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia.

Program

The program will be presented by Diane Wood who, with her husband, drove a Model A from New York City to Los Angeles. They replicated a Model A trip made by her grandparents in 1934. She wrote a book about the trip. They are members of the Orange County Model A club. This should be of particular interest to our members who are hesitant to drive their cars beyond the city limits.

NEWS BITS

New 2020 Club Roster

Preparation of the new 2020 club roster is underway. A preliminary roster was emailed to all club members who were asked to review the information associated with their name in the roster. They were asked to respond to the roster editor, Joe Wilson, advising of any needed changes or corrections. If no response is received from a member it will be assumed that the information is correct and it will be printed as it appears in the preliminary roster. Members who have not paid their 2020 dues by January 31 will not have their names included in the roster and will be dropped from the membership roll. The roster can also be found in the members section on our website (santaanitaas.org) [Click here](#).

Committee Chairs Found Unseated

Three Committee Chair positions remain unfilled: Refreshment Sign-up, Refreshment Host and Tourmeister. These are important positions. If you would like to know more about these committees please contact Bob Harbicht or Bob Travis. These chairs need to be occupied.



Three Empty Chairs

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - BOB HARBICHT

Well, we're into a new year and a new decade. The Santa Anita A's are now on a calendar year so this is also a new year for our club. Something interesting: every day this year at exactly 8:20 and 20 seconds in the evening it will be (military time) 20:20:20 2020! Enjoy it; it will never happen again in our lifetimes.



At our January meeting I will be acknowledging and making a little presentation to the many chairmen who helped make our club run in 2019. We all owe them a debt of gratitude for helping with advertising sales for our newsletter, editing the newsletter you are now reading, keeping track of our members who may be ill, and many, many other things that make our club special and help it to run efficiently.

I will also be announcing the names of those who are stepping up to fill these jobs in 2020, with a couple of exceptions. For example, we do not have anyone who has accepted the role of Tourmeister, an important job for the club. Tours are an important part of the club experience and we need someone to take on this job. It's a fair amount of work, I won't kid you. But it can also be fulfilling and you will be performing a real service to your fellow members. Contact me (pbharbicht@gmail.com or 626-484-4214) if you want information about the job or might be willing to help out.

You will also notice another change at January's meeting. When we take our break for our social time there will be no refreshments. We have been unable to find anyone who will take on the roles of refreshment sign-ups or refreshment host. Once again, we are hopeful someone will step forward and take on these roles.

Because tours are so important to our club, Joe Wilson, Jim Kroeger and I met in December to plan a tour for January. This tour will have already been done by the time you are reading this. I hope you were among the 30 people who have signed up for it. The fact that so many signed up further emphasizes the importance of this function and position to our club.

A club like the Santa Anita A's works because some of the members work! I hope some of you who love this club will step forward to fill these last few positions.

CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

January

31 - Club Meeting, 7:00 PM, Church of the Good Shepherd
400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia

February

6 - Open House at Warren Records Shop, see page 3
8 - Burbank Historical Society, see page 4
12 - Board meeting, 7:00 PM, Church of the Good Shepherd
10 - Ladies Brunch, Annia's, 11:00 AM, San Gabriel Valley Airport
20 - Men's Breakfast, 9:00 AM Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport
21,22 - San Diego Big Three swap meet
28 - Club Meeting, 7:00 PM, Church of the Good Shepherd
400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia - **Annual Club Auction**

March

7 - Tour to Valley Relics Museum, Van Nuys Airport, see page 4

PUBLIC NOTICES

Sunshine Lady - Sue Chandler - Miss Sunshine
Get well cards sent to Dick Canzoneri and Joy Wilson

Cookie Bringers - No Head Cookie
No Cookies and drinks at the meeting this month due to lack of volunteers for the positions of Refreshment Sign-ups and Refreshment Host.

Photo Donors -
Jim Kroeger, Joe Wilson

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

February Birthdays

8 - Michael Flick
2 - Patty Lampassi
5 - Keith Smith
5 - Karen Blaylock
8 - Myrian Davies
16 - Nancy Sharpe
21 - Lori Bonner
21 - Beverly Kniest
29 - Mike Srro

February Anniversaries

10 - Patrick & Martha Utter
14 - Brad & Vicky Balmot
14 - Tony & Kathy Catropa
24 - Sue & Carl Rogers
25 - Mark & Lisa Henzel
28 - Mel & Maria Foye

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Annual Club Auction planned for February Meeting

Now is the time to get ready for our February meeting when we will have our annual club auction. There you will have the opportunity to dispose of all of those things in your garage that you don't need and replace them with some valuable goodies. Think of it as a mini neighborhood Turlock swap meet. This is an important fund raiser for our club. So start gathering up all those auction worthy items.

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT BY BOB MOORE

Rob Johnson

Our newest member, is a 5th generation from Pasadena. We will see him very occasionally as he lives in Arizona. He grew up in Pasadena and in 1951 his family moved to Arcadia. He graduated from Arcadia High School in 1961. His family was part of the Santa Anita A's almost from the start and some of our old-time members will remember Rob Johnson, his mother and father, Betty and Butch Johnson and sister Pam. Butch had shortened his name from Grover Cleveland.



Rob's father Butch was a true car guy. Butch had the skills to modify any car into whatever he felt best and make it go fast. Rob said that he usually had 3 or 4 cars and when he ran out of room, he would sell one and start on another. Jay Leno tried several times to buy his father's Woody Wagon. It was very well built with juice brakes and an overdrive transmission to make it a long-distance car.

Rob's favorite Model A was a 1930 Roadster Pickup. Butch found the car in pieces at the back of the lot across the street from where they lived on 2nd Street in Arcadia. Butch put the truck back together with a flat head Ford, 39 transmission and a chopped top. After Butch died, the Model A was maintained until 2014 when it was sold after Betty was moved to a retirement home.

After High School, Rob started with Southern California Edison in Orange County as a meter reader and ended up supporting the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant by co-managing SCE's largest machine shop dedicated to serving the power plant.

Rob learned his car building and rebuilding skills from his father. While putting in his 38 ½ years with SCE, Rob built several hot rods, including a 1927 Ford Coupe which was featured in several hot rod magazines including *Hot Rod Magazine* and *Ol Skol Rodz*. His other cars were a 1970 Indy car built with his dad, a 56 Chevy Cameo pickup, and a 34 Ford pickup. Rob had an interest in restoring vintage homes and has restored Colonial, Spanish and Victorian. Victorian homes were in his blood, and after retiring after 38 ½ years with SCE, he and Judy, his wife of 30 years, moved to Prescott, Arizona into an 1898 Queen Ann Victorian home. He also built himself a five-car garage with all the equipment to rebuild any car. His current collection includes 1939 Ford woody, dad's Model A truck, 1970 Porsche 914-6, 1948 MG TC rally car powered by a Ford V8 60, and a 1951 Matchless motorcycle.

His mother had volunteered as "hostess" in the SAA club's 1986-1987 year and as a thank you, she was given a Model A rearview mirror with windup clock that was appropriately inscribed. Rob has always had it hanging in his garage.

This started him thinking about the Model A that had been his father's and wondered where it was and if he could buy it back. It was first sold to someone in Arcadia in 2014. One day a friend in Prescott called and said he thought the car was for sale locally. Sure enough, it was his and he purchased it. It now has his mom's mirror on the car and the license plate reads "Backhme".

Rob says they like Prescott for it reminds them of the informality of living in the 1950's. Doors aren't locked, friendly neighbors, a slower life style. He purchased another Victorian bungalow down the street and their daughter Ashleigh Kaitlyn will be heading there from Newport Beach in a few months.

Rob says that they will try to make some of the club's events. For now, he is happy just receiving the newsletter.

NEWS BITS - MORE

Randy Harper's Seminar Featured on MAFCA Web Site

Randy Harper's seminar at the MAFCA National Awards Banquet on Carburetor Flow Testing and Trouble Shooting was a big hit. His presentation is now available as a PDF file from the National Awards Banquet website. Click [HERE](#) to go there.

Club Committee Position Eliminated

At the last SAA's board meeting it was decided to eliminate the Committee position of Youth Outreach. In recent years the position was held by Wilbert Smith who established the Pasadena High School Model A Club. Individual SAA's club members involved with the high school club will continue to support the efforts of the high school Model A Club.

Open House at Warren Record's Shop

Club member Warren Record is having an open house at his shop on Thursday, February 6. Warren has a nice collection of old cars which will be on display. Warren has invited our club members along with a number of people from other local car clubs. He expects a large crowd. His shop will be open for viewing. He provides a wide variety car services including making Model A's go. There will be a Taco truck there along with drinks. The event officially starts at 6:00 PM. They suggest we arrive no later than 5:30 PM to be able to find a parking space on his lot. Come check out his facility and a bevy of fun cars.

COMING TOURS & EVENTS

Burbank Historical Society

Saturday, February 8

by Jim Kroeger

The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson, Warner Brothers Studios and the Lockheed Aircraft Company all have one thing in common - They began in Burbank, California.

Join us on tour as we travel to the Burbank Historical Society and discover the city's early beginnings through a large complex of exhibits. Burbank was born during the land boom of the 1880's when many Americans came West during the railroad rate war between the Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific. The city was named after Dr. David Burbank, a dentist and land owner who sold his holdings in 1886 that began the city.

Please meet at Jim Kroeger's home, located at 2669 E. Villa Street in Pasadena at 9:30 am. We will be taking surface streets. Our docent led tour of the museum will begin at 11 am and costs \$5.00 per person which you can pay when we arrive. Lunch will take place at Tallyrand, a classic American diner just around the corner. Sign up at the January general meeting or call Jim Kroeger at 626-710-6592 for more information. Hope to see you on tour



Valley Relics Museum

Saturday, March 7

by Jim Kroeger

All airports have hangars but that does not mean they all contain airplanes. In fact a certain hanger at the Van Nuys Airport has no planes at all.

Save the date for March 7 as we continue our exploration of the San Fernando Valley with a visit to Valley Relics Museum located at the Van Nuys Airport.

This museum is comprised of items from businesses of the San Fernando Valley that no longer exist. It includes neon signs, advertising and giant marquees that most of us are familiar with.

To end the day in grand fashion we will lunch at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant on the tarmac at the airport. More details to follow in the next Spoken Wheels. Sign up at the next general meeting.

PAST TOURS & EVENTS

Annual Holiday Motor Excursion

December 29

by Joe Wilson

As usual the Annual Holiday Motor Excursion sponsored by the Horseless Carriage Club of Southern California had a big turnout and was a big hit with both participants and observers. The event was held this year at the Arcadia Regional Park.



A number of Santa Anita A's members were on site to show their cars. Jay Leno was on hand as usual and gave a "Thumbs Up" to Rick Phillips in his nice 1930 Town Sedan.



PAST TOURS & EVENTS - CONT'D

Lummis House Tour

January 11

by Joe Wilson

The question of who is Lummis and why does he have a house was answered on our recent tour to his home in Highland Park.



Our tour guide was very knowledgeable and provided us with information that answered our questions about who was Lummis and why did he build this house.

The Lummis House, also known as El Alisal, is a Rustic American Craftsman stone house built by Charles Fletcher Lummis. The 4,000-square-foot home took 13 years to build. The exhibition hall has a concrete floor so that after a party that might include artists, writers and musicians, it could easily be cleaned with a bucket of water. Notable people who stayed in his guest houses included Clarence Darrow, Will Rogers, John Philip Sousa and John Muir. It is located on the edge of Arroyo Seco in Northeast Los Angeles. Lummis (1859-1928), was an author, editor, poet, athlete, librarian, historian, and archeologist. The house's name means "alder grove" in Spanish.



He selected this site in 1895 chiefly because of a mammoth, ancient sycamore (El Alisal).



After the house tour we motored downtown to the world famous Phillippe's French dip sandwich shop. We had a good turn out for this tour with 30 people in 10 cars.



Charles Lummis was reincarnated in the form of Chris Wickersham



Charles Fletcher Lummis



Our Tourmeister for the day, Jim Kroeger explains to our group the art of eating a French Dip Sandwich.

OTHER STUFF

I Pledge Allegiance

Rather than just recite a few words with blind thought as to the meaning, take a few minutes and review the short historical narrative provided by U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.



Thirty—one words which affirm the values and freedom that the American flag represents are recited while facing the flag as a pledge of Americans' loyalty to their country. The Pledge of Allegiance was written for the 400th anniversary, in 1892, of the discovery of America. A national committee of educators and civic leaders planned a public-school celebration of Columbus Day to center around the flag. Included with the script for ceremonies that culminate in raising of the flag was the pledge. So it was in October 1892 Columbus Day programs that school children across the country first recited the Pledge of Allegiance this way.

I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

Controversy continues over whether the author was the chairman of the committee, Francis Bellamy who worked on a magazine for young people that published the pledge or James Upham who worked for the publishing firm that produced the magazine. The pledge was published anonymously in the magazine and was not copyrighted.

According to some accounts of Bellamy as the author, he decided to write a pledge of allegiance, rather than a salute, because it was a stronger expression of loyalty, something particularly significant even 27 years after the Civil War ended. "One Nation indivisible" referred to the outcome of the Civil War, and "Liberty and Justice for all" expressed the ideals of the Declaration of Independence.

The words "my flag" were replaced by "the flag of the United States" in 1923, because some foreign-born people might have in mind the flag of the country of their birth, instead of the U.S. Flag.

A year later, "of America" was added after "United States." No form of the pledge received official recognition by Congress until June 22, 1942, when it was formally included in the U.S. Flag Code. The official name of The Pledge of Allegiance was adopted in 1945.

The last change in language came on Flag Day 1954, when Congress passed a law which added the words "under God" after "one nation."

Originally, the pledge was said with the hand in the so-called "Bellamy Salute," with the hand resting first outward from the chest, then the arm extending out from the body. Once Hitler came to power in Europe, some Americans were concerned that this position of the arm and hand resembled the salute rendered by the Nazi military. In 1942, Congress established the current practice of rendering the pledge with the right hand placed flat over the heart.

Section 7 of the Federal Flag Code states that when not in military uniform, men should remove any headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, thereby, resting the hand over the heart. People in military uniform should remain silent, face the flag and render the military salute.

The Flag Code specifies that any future changes to the pledge would have to be with the consent of the President. The Pledge of Allegiance now reads:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The Model A Is Recognized For It's Adaptability

Two diverse groups are in agreement that the Model A Ford will be able to adapt to the geophysical predictions now being presented to the public. This is in regard to concerns about climate change and the possible end of the world as we know it in 12 years.

The first group is advocating significant expenditures to stop the world's climate change predicted by a "consensus" of scientists representing the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), an intergovernmental body of the United Nations. This group has predicted that the oceans will rise and cover many of our highways and railroads tracks, hindering our means of transportation.

The second group represents those persons who believe the earth's climate will continue to change as it has for millions of years. They believe there is an alternate way to react to the change in climate be it colder or warmer. This group believes "Science in not a consensus and a consensus is not science." They are sometimes referred to as "Climate deniers".

Fortunately both groups recognize that the Model A, because of it's rugged design and high road clearance will be able to easily adapt to driving on either hot water or snow covered roads. The concern now is how to accommodate those persons who do not now own a Model A.

A representative of the United Nations, who asked not to be identified for security reasons, stated that a new committee has been organized to study the possibility of cloning the Model A's with some slight genetic modifications which will still meet MAFCA judging standards.

Dressing Young in the 30's.

Those college kids got to have all the fun fashions! This sentiment was shared by many back in the day as more young people were finding their way into college! After World War I more opportunities became available to those having served their country, to attend a good college or university. Young women were attending colleges in greater numbers, and with more regularity as well. As soon as the young ladies were able to give up the corset everything moved towards a freer road ahead. Women were going to work outside of the home in greater numbers as the young 20th century gained momentum.



For the college students, being away from parents (who had previously done their laundry) had need for sportier clothing, such as knee length knit suits and knit dresses. They also had need for knit sweaters knit vests, knit socks and knit gloves.

They were easy to wash. The kids also wore cotton, silk, linen and rayon dresses but knitwear was sportswear and sportswear is what every college kid was wearing. As for shoes, you guessed it, sporty two-tone Oxfords, straps and pumps were in vogue, and flashy satin Sandler's were out. In Winter wearing a raccoon coat was high fashion!

A sorority girl living in a community house needed a lounging robe or house jacket and slippers to remain modest. Her busy school schedule did not excuse her from changing clothing several times a day.

Each girl's wardrobe should contain an extra dress or two which could be worn to meals. At breakfast and lunch the girls were expected to wear the dresses that they wore to class. At dinner they were to wear something different. The reasoning behind this expectation was for social purposes. It was thought that they would find themselves fresher in appearance and would behave in a more sociable manner!



A casual 1920's day outfit might combine, for example, a pleated skirt, blouse, long knit vest, thin belt and a knit beret hat. Add a pair of walking Oxfords, and a school day outfit such as this would suit until the time to dress for dinner.



Specific sports called for different types of clothing; however, there were two primary sets. The first set was worn by golfers, tennis players and other ladylike sports. It consisted of a long or tea length skirt, long sleeve blouse and a loose-knit vest or sweater. A thin vest tied the waist in. A low heel Oxford or flat saddle shoes were best on grassy surfaces. It was a look that

inspired sporting games. The second look was for more vigorous outdoor activities, such as hiking, riding, camping and fishing. Instead of a skirt, women wore wool knickers also plus fours, togs, breeds or jodhpurs. They were wide and baggy around the hips with a button cuff below the knee. Women wore thick stockings or knee high argyle socks with a pair of flat Oxfords. A button down shirt with collar and a skinny black tie gave a nod to men's wear. Knit vests, pullover sweaters, and long cardigans added warmth. Men did not appreciate this masculine look but young adventurous women loved it!

Being able to wear pants (knickers) and "men's" clothing gave freedom to a new generation of women who embraced non-traditional roles.

A Modern Model A Engine?

Long time MAFCA member Terry Burtz of Campbell California has long been working on a project to manufacture new Model A engine blocks, crankshafts and connecting rods. The engine block will be identical to the original Model A block on the outside but will have 5 main bearings, a balanced crankshaft, and full pressurized oil system.



Terry began this project in 2007 and has worked with California foundries for several years trying to get an end product that would cost about the same as rebuilding an original Model A engine. The project stalled in 2015 and for the 4 years, there was no new news.

However, this year, Terry got in touch with a man with businesses in China and USA that manufactures engines. They have met and discussed Terry's project and it looks like the project is back on track.

The team will send updates including pictures as the project matures. The articles that Terry has been emailing interested parties over the years can be found on his website www.ModelAEngine.com under the menu item UPDATES.

The latest update can be found here. Last Updated: 01/06/2020

<https://www.mafca.com/documents/NEWS/NewAEngine2019-11.pdf>

Time to Repair the Electrical System

It is the beginning of a new year and it may be a good time to address some questions that have often come up involving the electrical system of our Model A's. The electrical system as Henry designed it is quite simple and when new, our cars were reliable, dependable and required little maintenance. After years of poor repairs and amateur modifications, many owners find their Model A's are not very reliable and are prone to refusing to run at the most inconvenient time. If your Model A fits in this category, it may be time to overhaul the electrical system. While very good information is available in the Les Andrews series of repair manuals, the following are some tips that may help.

Purchase good quality wiring harnesses from one of the major parts suppliers. Do not look for the cheapest price but the best quality. If you are using turn signals, main wiring harnesses are available that incorporate the additional wires required for turn signals and you won't have to add them later. Besides the main harness and the harness from the junction box to the instrument panel, there is other wiring that also may need to be replaced. Be sure to inspect the headlight, cowl light, tail light sockets and replace or rewire as necessary. If you have a good soldering iron, some rosin core solder and a little wire, you can rewire the sockets yourself. The result will be better than some of the poor quality replacement components available. Also, do not forget about the wire in the center of the horn rod and the ignition switch to distributor cable. A kit is available for the horn rod but if you are using an original Pop-Out Ignition Switch, you may want to have an expert rebuilt this component. Other wiring that may be in need of replacing is the wiring for an electric windshield wiper and interior dash and dome lights. At this time, also consider installing a fuse assembly to help protect the electrical system from damage should a short circuit occur. Just be sure to carry extra fused with you.

Battery cables are also part of the electrical system. You will find good quality cables from a major supplier are sized correctly and will fit better than generic cables that you will find at your local auto parts store. This may also be a good time to install a master electrical disconnect switch and an extra ground cable from the battery frame ground connection to the engine/transmission assembly. If you need to replace the battery, consider an Optima battery. While a little more expensive, Optima batteries will hold a charge a lot longer, have more cold cranking amps and can last as long as 12-14 years before needing to be replaced.

Other components of the electrical system that may need to be rebuilt or replaced are the starter, generator and distributor. If these components are not in good order, you will never experience the reliability that was originally designed into your Model A. Parts and information is readily available for those owners who want to rebuild these components themselves or rebuilding services are available from the better parts suppliers. If you want to install an alternator, one with 30 amp output and positive ground work well and do not require modifications to your stock wiring. Alternators with higher output will require modifications. It is not necessary to convert your car to 12 volts if the original 6 volt electrical system is in good condition.

The Model A horn may be the most important component on the car. There is nothing that identifies with the Model A Ford more than the sound of a good operating "Ahooga" horn. I find when driving my Model A, there will often be someone who wants me to honk the horn. Most of the time, a good careful cleaning and lubrication of the motor is all that is necessary to restore a horn to operating condition. For a horn that may need more extensive repair, rebuild kits are available or you can send your horn to one of the experts for a major overhaul. A Model A is not a Model A without a good operating Ahooga horn.



Tech Tip

An excellent resource for rebuilding original Pop-Out Ignition Switches is:

Dick Crabtree
555 Missouri Drive
Pickstown, SD 57367
605-487-7229 or 281-615-2261
mbcrabtree@aol.com

Dick is also an excellent locksmith and he can repair and restore all the door and deck lid locks and can key the ignition to the door locks and deck lid locks.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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~

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Wanted

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Contact Mike Pleasner 424-366-7627

For Sale

Original 4:11 ring & pinion \$225.

Excellent condition.

Contact Tom Endy 714-897-5861 or Bryan



For Sale

Old style Model A
2 door Phaeton hot rod
project car. 265 Chevy
w/ stick, drum brakes,
decent body, not
drivable, bill of sale only.
\$6500. Mike Plessner
424-366-7627



MEETING MINUTES

SAA General Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2019

- The meeting was called to order by President Bob Harbicht at 7:05 PM.
- The flag salute was led by Bob Harbicht
- Announcements:

Black Friday Sale of SAA Clothing Joe Wilson told the group that we only have 23 days until Christmas and the club is having a Black Friday Sale of SAA Clothing. He explained how the sale works and passed around order forms to the members.

Car Parts for sale - Mickey said that former member Pete Hazard is clearing out his remaining car parts, Mickey has his phone number if you are interested.

Club dues are due send checks to club PO Box before Dec. 31, 2019

- Membership: Randy Harper introduced guest Sal Diaz
- Sunshine: Diana Kincart sent cards to Chris Wickersham and Toshiko Favela
- Tours: Joe Wilson said there is going to be a Secret tour on January 11th. More information to follow on place to meet and time
- Spoken Wheels: Joe Wilson said that there will be a December Newsletter.
- Holiday Excursion: Chris Wickersham said that the Horseless Carriage Holiday Excursion will be held on Dec. 29th. Meet at Arcadia Regional Park
- Minutes – The minutes were approved as printed.
- Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's report was approved as read.
- Thank you: Bob thanked all those that brought cookies tonight, Janet Beggs, Carol Emanuelli, Carolyn McBride
- Program: Bob Travis introduced tonight's speaker, club member Peter Gutierrez. Peter gave a very informative presentation about his involvement in midget plane displays at event for children with disabilities and major illnesses.
- Old Business:
 - Christmas Party: Sign up and pay tonight cost is \$25.00 per person date is December 15th.
 - Elections: Bob Travis, head of the nominating committee, thanked the members on the committee: Joe Wilson, Janet Beggs, Jim Kroeger Steve Concidine
 - Bob asked the members for a hand vote on the recommended slate for 2020 as listed below:
 - Bob Travis gave the Nominating Committee Report as follows:
 - President: Bob Harbicht
 - Vice President: Bob Travis
 - Secretary: Elaine Perry
 - Treasurer: Chuck Davies
 - Board members: Jim Kroeger, Janet Beggs, Joe Wilson, Chris Wickersham and Marlin Perry
 - Motion was approved by membership.
- Break.
- 50/25/25 Joe Wilson and Tracy Butkus \$14.00 each
- Name Badge: Joe and Joy Wilson
- Drive your Model A: LeRoy Kehret
- Raffle: Thank you to Mickey Fruchter and Martha Utter for purchasing raffle prizes this month.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:07PM

Respectfully submitted, Elaine Perry Secretary.

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