



April 2020

# Spoken Wheels

## THE NEXT MEETING

### General Meeting

The April Meeting has been canceled due to concerns about the coronavirus.

### Program:

No meeting- no program

## NEWS BITS

### Santa Anita A's Cancel All Activities

As a result of the coronavirus and the quarantine now in place, all club activities in the near future have been deleted or put on hold.

But, fear not – we will return. Meeting, lunches and tours will come again. Your cars will be on the road again. Take this pause in world activity to spend time in your garage getting your Model A ready for the “big break out”. For a start check out Chris Wickersham’s article on page 8.

Missing in this issue of the Spoken Wheels are the articles on past months events (there were none) and the articles on the upcoming events (there are none).

### Ken Mallory is Shut Out at Dodger Stadium

SAA's Club member, Ken Mallory, was scheduled to be honored at Dodger Stadium as Dodgers' military hero of the game, but was shut out by the coronavirus. The Dodgers have a tradition of honoring a war hero in the middle of the second inning of every home game - but not this year.

Ken's disappointment was reported in an article in the April 16 issue of the Los Angeles Times, written by sports writer Bill Plaschke.

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*Ken Mallory, 95, in his WWII uniform, shows some of his army souvenirs..*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BOB HARBICHT

As I'm sure everyone is aware, there are no Santa Anita A's activities planned for the foreseeable future. There was no Board meeting this month and our general membership meeting originally scheduled for April 24 has been canceled. As for May, all we can do is “wait and see.”



Since most of us are spending the majority of our time just sitting around the house, it might be a good time to take on some of those projects that you've been meaning to do on your Model A.

I decided it would be a good time to lube my '30 Roadster Pickup. So, I first went through my collection of Model A books and papers, looking for the illustration that shows where all the fittings are that you're supposed to lube. After reading several articles that I have been intending to read “sometime,” I found it. Didn't remember that it looked that complicated.

I then got out my grease gun. It's a handy little thing that takes these cartridges. After searching for a while for a new cartridge, I realized that I didn't have any. But I did wipe down the gun real good, and my hands, because they had become covered with grease while fooling with the gun. Fortunately, I have another grease gun.

I didn't really remember how to work the other grease gun, so I looked for the instructions. They were handily stored in the box, right under the grease gun. Unfortunately, grease had leaked onto the instruction sheet and it was unreadable.

Right about then, I decided it was time to make a sandwich. I carefully returned all the lubing paraphernalia to where it belongs, deciding that this wasn't the right time to perform the lube job. I'm not sure what will be better about a later time, but was convinced that it would be better than now.

I'd like to make note of the sad news that longtime Santa Anita A's member Joy Wilson has passed away. I'm sure I speak for the entire membership as I express our condolences to Spoken Wheels Editor and Board Member Joe.

## CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

### Here's what is on our scheduled not to do

#### April

24 - Club Meeting - Canceled

#### May

7 - Mt. Baldy tour - Canceled  
 11 - Ladies Brunch, Annia's, Canceled  
 13 - Board meeting, 7:00 PM, Canceled  
 17 - Ladies Day Lunch and stage show, Canceled  
 21 - Men's Breakfast, 9:00 AM Annia's, Canceled  
 29 - General meeting, Canceled  
 30 - Tour to the Pasadena Museum of History, Canceled

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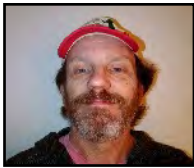
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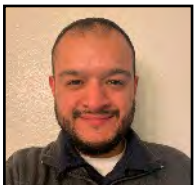
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## A Thank You Note

I want to thank our members who were very generous in their phone calls, emails and cards expressing their sympathy and support following the passing of my wife, Joy.

Joe Wilson

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## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### May Birthdays

2 - Martha Utter  
 2 - Richard Morgan  
 2 - Joe- Escandon  
 3 - Chuck Mauch  
 5 - Leroy Kehret  
 6 - Howard White  
 9 - Sue Rogers  
 13 - Sandra Loe  
 13 - John Spielmann  
 16 - Bill Stoner  
 16 - Chuck Boekennoogen  
 16 - Jack Conway  
 19 - Nancy Stoner  
 20 - Lan Skalicky

### May Birthdays Cont.

22 - Chuck Sharpe  
 25 - Marianne Barrosa

### May Anniversaries

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

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**Sunshine Lady** - A card was sent to the Wilson family expressing their condolences for the passing of Joy Wilson.

**Cookie Bringers** - No head cookie, But Janet Beggs has volunteered to purchase and bring cookies this month.

**Photo Donors** - Wilbert Smith, Mickey Fruchter and Joe Wilson

## Nancy Stancil

It would be hard to argue that anyone other than Nancy Stancil is our club's best hugger. She was the youngest of three children in the Perry family with her brothers Marlin and William. Nancy was born in Greenville, South Carolina.

When she was very young, her 96-year-old grandmother needed some help, and the family moved into her large house in Woodruff, South Carolina. It was the largest house in town, and her grandmother rented out the parlor for special occasions.

After her grandmother died at 102, the family eventually moved to California. They settled on an acre plot in the county area of San Gabriel because her father wanted to continue to raise chickens and rabbits. Nancy was nine. She said her father converted the chicken house into a bedroom for her brothers Marlin and William.

After graduating from San Gabriel High School, Nancy spent her early years working for a variety of automobile dealers. After her divorce, she started with Knox Motors which represented Toyota, Datsun, Volvo, MG, and Sunbeam. When sales of Toyota and later Datsun took off, the manufacturers required dealers to be exclusive to one brand. Nancy went with the Toyota dealership and years later to Pomona Valley Dodge as their Office Manager.

Nancy was well aware of the Santa Anita A's as her brother Marlin and sister-in-law Elaine were both involved. In 1978, Marlin asked her if she wanted a Model A and offered his "Mr. Moon" Tudor sedan to use for a year. A year later, he helped her find a black 1930 Model A Coupe. In 1982, Marlin learned that Don Cass, President of the SAA, had a fully restored green 1928 Roadster for sale. After the purchase, Marlin insisted that Nancy attend the SAA seminars to learn more about a Model A. (I joined the club in 1998 and remember Nancy attending the seminars).

In 1981, Paulette Bruns told Nancy about an opening at one of the schools in the Hacienda-La Puente School District. A year after the interview, she received an offer of a position at La Puente High School as then Associated Student Body Secretary. She spent 23 years at the school district progressing to Administrative Assistant to the Chief Academic Officer. She retired in 2005.

About then, Marlin suggested that touring might be more enjoyable in a sedan. He learned that Ron Mosher was selling one for a customer. She purchased the 1930 four-door sedan and sold her green 1928 Roadster to a pilot from France.

In 2006, Nancy signed up for the club's Death Valley tour. Driving alone at the end of the line of Model A's, her fan blade snapped and went through the radiator. A Highway Patrol officer raced ahead to alert Marlin. Soon, all the Model A's returned as they had missed a turn many miles back. Nancy went home in a tow truck. The next day she drove to Death Valley in her modern car. At the business meeting that night, she ask Joe Principe if she could ride with him and that's how their friendship began.



## Club Member Joy Wilson Passes

Club member Joy Wilson passed away on March 30, 2020 at the age of 86. She had been hospitalized with pneumonia and congestive heart failure.

Joy and her husband, Joe, joined the Santa Anita A's in 2006. She had served one year as club secretary and had served as editor of the newsletter with her husband. She had participated in many of the club activities and tours.

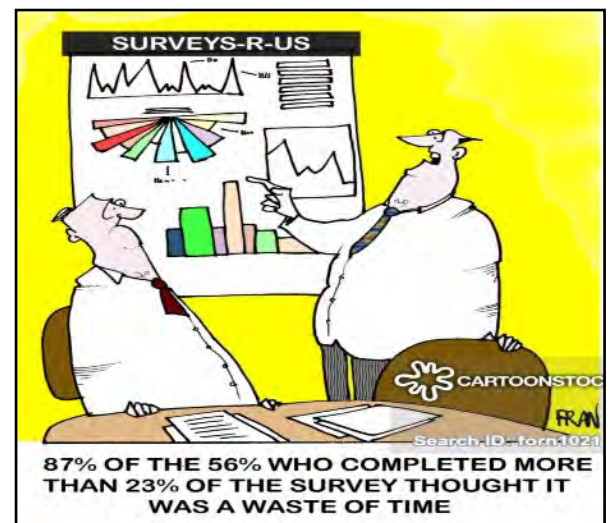
Joy was a member and past president of the Assistance League of Flintridge, co-founder of the La Canada Historical Society, and had founded "Homestay International" an organization that brought Japanese students into area communities each summer to live with local families. Joy and Joe have three daughters, nine grand children and nine great grandchildren.



## Tour Survey

While we are at a pause in our normal tour activities, we thought it would be a good time to invite our club members to provide some input on how we select and organize our tours.

In the near future you will receive an email which will include a short survey form which we ask that you fill out and return. You will have the opportunity to add any comments you would like to add. We invite you to participate in making our tours appealing to all members.





## MORE NEWS BITS

*Ken Mallory - continued from page 1*

The Dodgers' tradition of honoring war hero starts with the hero being escorted to the field and introduced. His accomplishments are read by the announcer and the hero's branch of service theme is played by the organist. He then would walk to the stand, past the Dodger dugout where third baseman, Justin Turner would shake his hand and gift him a signed baseball.

Ken had purchased 15 tickets for his family in addition to the four he was given by the Dodgers. He had dug out his ribbons and badges and had planned on wearing the same uniform he had worn as a sergeant in the Army. But to no avail.

Ken served both in the Pacific and the European theaters, serving under George Patton in the Battle of the Bulge. While at Pasadena City College he served as water boy for the Pasadena Junior College football team led by Jackie Robinson. Ken said he learned a lot about life from him.

Although Ken missed the opportunity to be honored at Dodger Stadium, he was honored through a zoom video conference call with his family. The participants in the call wore Dodger jerseys, held Dodger dogs and serenaded him with "Take me out to the ball game."

But there is more to the story - After the Ken's story appeared in the LA times, Ken received a phone call from Vin Scully, the Dodgers game announcer. Ken (95) and Vin (92) had an interesting 20 minute conversation.

Ken and his family beat the shutout attempt by the coronavirus.

## Birthday Tour

A spur of the moment tour was organized on Thursday, April 16 by Bob Moore. The purpose of the tour was to do a "drive by" at the home of Chuck Davies' grand daughter, Christina Koroneous. It was her second birthday but had no way to party.

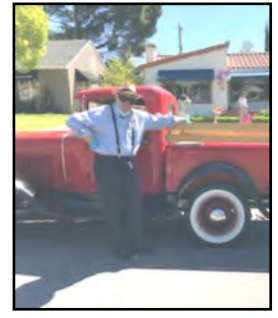
At the same time the "touring bug virus" was spreading throughout the club's membership requiring a quick antidote. Bob's invitation went out by email on Wednesday, April 15 announcing the tour for the following day. That was the cure needed.

Eighteen SAA's club members driving 10 Model A's met at McDonald's in La Canada. An extra stop was added to the tour, at Barbara and Jack Dawson's house which is near by. Jack and Barbara have been house bound for some time so this was a good way to include them, in a small way, in one of our club activities. After the Dawson drive by, it was a short distance to the birthday girl, Christina's home in Montrose.

Peering through their front window Christina and her parents were able to view the passing parade of cars celebrating her birthday.



*Jack and Barbara were waiting in their front yard for the The Model A car parade.*



*Chuck Davies arrives in front of his Granddaughter's home.*



*Grandparents Myriam and Chuck Davies greet their granddaughter Christina through her home's front window.*

Participating in the event were SAA's "Mask people": Chuck and Mirian Davies, Bob Moore, Bob and Patsy Harbicht, Bob Travis, Wilbert Smith, Art and Olive Moore, Brad Balmot, Eric, Trevor and Ryan Sandberg, Jim constantian, Larry and Gloria Metz, Nancy Stancil, and Joe Wilson.

As they left someone asked a neighbor "Who were those masked people?" The neighbor answered "I don't know - but they left this silver bullet".



*Nancy Stancil and Joe Wilson, caught without masks, were reported to the "Mask Patrol", apprehended, put in Wilbert Smith's Paddy Wagon, then sent to some dark secret place*

## OTHER STUFF

*This article courtesy of Phil of the Happy Honkers & Charter Oaks Model A Ford clubs*

### Metal Mistresses

I have been a car guy all my life. According to my mother my first words were "Is a car". It all went downhill from there. At the ripe old age of 14 I got my drivers license and by the end of the year I had two cars. I did not need two cars but I was addicted to the darn things. The only thing I liked better than cars, beyond the necessities of life, were girls. Cars were easier to get and, at first, were less demanding. Like many guys my first cars were worn out, has been floozies. They were not the classy sophisticated types. A weathered 28 Durant and a five dollar 32 Chevy were my early companions.

This is the way it went for a while, one junky car after another. As time went on I filled the metal mistresses with girls. It was a push as to which demanded the most. The girls wanted food, fun and time. The cars wanted gas, repairs and polish.

As time went by the girls got classier and they seemed to be less needy and more understanding. As the cars got classier they demanded more polish and time. What is wrong with this picture? It all came to a head when I married a gem of a girl that was low maintenance and understanding of my addiction to cars. She too was a car person and had her own classy car, a nice Corvette. We soon had three Corvettes, a couple of collector cars and a national level show car.

It was not long until we discovered we were becoming slaves to the cars. The cars demanded sooooo much. All that polishing and fixing was eating all our spare time. The nicer the car, the more it demanded to keep it nice. My lovely wife had been seen waxing the frame on the show car. We have seen four men with white groves under the car trying to find dust on the chassis. The metal mistresses were taking over our lives. What to do????? We were becoming a slave to our hobby!!

As all this was happening to us I bought a rundown 31 Ford coupe. I got it running and deemed it unworthy of a restoration. We would just use it the way it was. Eureka, could this be the answer? Just drive old beaters. Just hose it off and dry it with an old towel and it thinks it is in hog heaven. I know there is an engine under all that muck under the hood because the car runs. Who cares what the original engine color was?

Don't get me wrong, I still love those shiny cars you guys bring to the shows. I have had them too, but they are prima donnas and always demand the very best of attention. The old beaters we drive now are happy to get a wash once in a while, and maybe an annual wax job, if we get around to it, well, maybe we won't; who cares? The old 31 never complains about not getting waxed. It is happy to even still exist. No more show winners for us. We are happy to drive survivors. So if you see me drooling over your super car at an event, just remind me, this is a metal mistress and demands the very best, all the time, because she deserves it. I will understand and appreciate all the work you put in, then happily drive home with my classy wife in my old beater.

### The Case for Driving a Beater - Your Choice

The Metal Mistresses article poses an interesting optional attitude toward the car collection hobby. Is there a right or wrong? Who cares if you're happy with what you have.



*Here is an example of an extreme beater.*



*If you are a purist you may prefer to restore your car to absolute original specification.*



*Your interest may extend beyond Model A's, permitting you to pursue high end show cars.*



### Thou Shall Not Leave Your Home

Our daughter forbid us to leave our home. I accused her of making sure that we stay at home.....the tree won't let us move the Scion which is blocking Bea's Toyota Camry and our Pandora...

New project to do while staying home.

Mickey Fruchter



### I am really bored

I renamed all the rooms in my house so that I could say that today I went to the gym, headed into my office, grabbed a quick bite at the diner, and have an appointment at the spa this afternoon. Last week I traveled to Patio Vallarta.

There are 2 types of people in the world...



### So What Did You Do Today?

*Les Eddington sent me a copy of his personal journal which chronicles his first days at home during our quarantine. Perhaps you are having a similar experience.*

Day 1 – I Can Do This!! Got enough food and wine to last a Month!

Day 2 – Opening my 8th bottle of wine. I fear wine supplies might not last!

Day 3 – Strawberries: Some have 210 seeds, some have 235 seeds. Who Knew??

Day 4 – 8:00 PM: Removed my Day Pajamas and put on my Night Pajamas.

Day 5 – Today I tried to make Hand Sanitizer. It came out as Jello Shots!!

Day 6 – I get to take the garbage out. I'm so excited, I can't decide what to wear.

Day 7 – Laughing way too much at my own jokes!!

Day 8 – Went to a new restaurant called "The Kitchen". You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.

Day 9 – I put liquor bottles in every room. Tonight, I'm getting all dressed up and going Bar hopping.

Day 10 – Struck up a conversation with a Spider today. Seems nice. He's a Web Designer.

Day 11 – Isolation is hard. I swear my fridge just said, "What the hell do you want now?"

Day 12 – I realized why dogs get so excited about something moving outside, going for walks or car rides. I think I just barked at a squirrel.

Day 13 – If you keep a glass of wine in each hand, you can't accidentally touch your face.

Day 14 – Watched the birds fight over a worm. The Cardinals lead the Blue Jays 3-1.

Day 15 – Anybody else feel like they've cooked dinner about 395 times this month?



## Fabrics of the Era

This month we will be looking at fabrics used during the Model A era, or essentially during the 1920's. During the 1920's fashion, women's clothing was made from fine, high quality fabrics that were light, airy, and soft to the touch. Because people in this era didn't have a gentle cycle on their washing machines, this also meant they were notoriously hard to clean. This explains why it's difficult to find authentic vintage items in truly pristine condition. Unlike today's clothing that is mass manufactured and made from highly durable synthetic fabrics, the quality and care that went into the construction of clothing during the 1920's fashion is nothing short of impressive. These fabrics were all carefully used to create gorgeous, statement-making styles that took the nation by storm during this decade.

**Cotton** was a booming industry in America in the 1920s fashion era. Not unlike today, cotton was a highly favored fabric that had a variety of uses. It is a breathable material, great for creating clothing that would withstand wear, it could also be treated in various ways to create different textures and looks.

Voile is an elegant, gossamer-like fabric that is made from cotton or cotton blended with linen or polyester. Sheer, yet sturdy, it takes dyes exceptionally well and has a solid texture that is slightly more durable. It was used to create colorful, lightweight dresses that had an ethereal appearance but were still incredibly easy to wear on a day to day basis.

Mercerizing is a chemical treatment that increases the sheen and strength of cotton, creating a lustrous look that was incredibly popular during this period.

Because silk was rare, Mercerized Cotton and Lisel (A fine, smooth, tightly twisted thread spun from long-staple cotton) were excellent alternatives when manufacturing ladies' stockings.

**WOOL** is always a popular fabric that was durable and perfect for many garments manufactured during this time period. Because of its rough and bristly texture, wool was often combined with softer fabrics to create a wool blend that was slightly more comfortable to wear. Other fabrics like cotton or silk made this fabric soft to the touch and easier to maintain. During this decade, wool was used to create garments where a little weight and warmth was necessary. Men's suit jackets and other outerwear items during this era were made from tweed, which is a thick form of wool. Softer wool blends were used to create women's dresses and skirts, as well as men's suit jackets and pants.



**SILK** has an exceptionally soft feel that is simply unmatched. This difficult-to-obtain fabric comes in a variety of different textures, making it perfect for a variety of uses and garments. Traditional silk has a thin, shiny appearance that is smooth and pleasing to the eye. When silk threads are combined to create a heavier, rougher texture, this fabric is called Crepe. Crepe and crepe georgette were used during the 1920's to create evening gowns and other stunning, drop-waist dresses.

**CHIFFON** is also made from woven silk threads. However, unlike crepe it is a sheer, lightweight flowing material that is perfect for draping.

**RAYON** is a fabric made from purified cellulose fibers, which are typically created from wood pulp. Though rayon is derived from natural materials, it requires certain chemicals, so it's considered to be a semi-synthetic fabric. Similar fabrics, Viscose and Modal were also manufactured through a similar process. Because synthetic fabrics were in their infancy during the 1920s, at first this fabric had a rough, unappealing texture. As time went on, however, Rayon was combined with other materials to create a soft blend that can imitate the feel and texture of natural fibers such as silk, wool, cotton, and linen.

**LINEN** is a fabric that has been around for centuries, thanks to its sturdy texture and breath-ability. This fabric has a crisp quality that provides endless appeal. A natural fabric that has been favored since the Egyptian Era, it was a popular choice for garments in the twenties and remains relevant to this day. During the Art Deco period, you could find linen fabrics within a variety of clothing items. Linen was a great choice for men's suiting, as it's lightweight yet structured look and feel allowed breath-ability and comfort.



## Now What Do We Do?

Now that this Coronavirus situation has taken hold and we are all hunkering down for the duration, we need to find something to do instead of just sitting around reading the paper and watching the news. How about doing some real good, and probably long overdue, maintenance on your Model A?

Most of us know when the last time was that we changed the oil but what about the other fluids in the car? The transmission and rear end lube should also periodically be changed, certainly, not as often as the engine oil but it should be periodically be changed. Henry recommended the transmission and differential lubricant be changed every 5000 miles. With the quality of today's oils and how we use our cars, I recommend 10,000 miles or 5 years, whichever comes first. The oil itself does not wear out but instead, these components will accumulate moisture and contaminants which over time will cause the internal pieces to corrode and deteriorate. Periodically changing the lubricant will remove these contaminants. If you have an overdrive or a replacement transmission, follow the manufacturer's recommendations for service interval and the type of lubricant to be used. The oil that is correct for a stock Model A transmission is not what is needed for a modern transmission.

Do not forget the wheel bearings. Again, Henry recommended cleaning and repacking the wheel bearings every 5000 miles. I think this can be safely extended to 10,000 miles or 5 years for the same reason as the transmission and differential lubricant. This will also give you an opportunity to look at the condition of the brakes. Be sure to use the correct long fiber Drum Brake wheel bearing grease.

This is also a good time to do a complete and thorough lubrication of the chassis. There are a lot of lube points on the chassis so refer to the Instruction Book (Owner's Manual) or other published information to be sure you get everything properly lubricated. There are not only grease fittings but a lot of other items that need a little oil such as the brake clevis pins, generator, distributor, horn, accelerator linkage just to name a few, and do not forget the accelerator cross shaft behind the engine. Thru the years, there may have been additional grease fittings added to the chassis, usually the clutch and brake pedals, the clutch release shaft and on some cars that did not have them from the factory, the emergency brake operating shafts in the rear brake backing plate assemblies. Some of these lube points may be a little hard to find so to be sure to look at the Instruction Book or information supplied by Les Andrews and others.

While the hood is opened, spray a little lubricant on the hood hinges. You will be surprised how much better the hood opens and closes. A drop of oil on the door hinges and latch assemblies is also necessary. Spend some time and lubricate all of these areas of your Model A.

If your Model A is equipped with a Mitchell overdrive, you have to periodically lubricate the slip spines in the drive shaft. This is accessed by removing a plug in the torque tube and installing a special grease fitting. Refer to the Mitchell instructions for this procedure.

Now, after a complete and thorough lubrication, treat your Model A to a good cleaning, both inside and out and after polishing the exterior paint and bright work, you will be ready for a whole season of fun.



## Tech Tip

### Keeping a log book.

I keep a little pocket size note book in my car. In the front I have all the necessary information such as my name and address, the year, body style "VIN" Number and License Plate Number. I also include the part numbers of any special components that are not stock Model A such as aftermarket points, condenser, coil, fan belt etc. This makes it a lot easier should I be on a tour and away from home and need a replacement part.

I log the date and mileage when I perform maintenance or a repair. This makes it easy to keep up with routine maintenance and not let things get put off too long. In the back, I recorded a brief history of the car. When I purchased it, previous owners interest, past history etc. This information will be much appreciated by a new owner.



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### For Sale Entire Rear End Assembly With 4:11 Ring and Pinion Gears

Why spend \$650 for a new 4:11 ring and pinion for your Model A Ford when you can have the entire assembled differential including the axles and torque tube, plus backing plates for \$500? The differential was assembled by Tom Endy, the premier differential builder with a new 4:11 ring and pinion gear. All new parts were involved in the assembly. My plan was to use a Pinto motor in the Model A, but the engine and the car never made it out of my garage. After 20 miles, three weeks ago, I purchased another complete differential with a 3:78 ring and pinion and installed a Model A engine. Pick up only.  
Contact Bob Moore 626-358-2027

### For Sale

5 - 15" Steel Wheels, Powder coated red  
With 5 P215/75R Kelly radial tires. Virtually new.  
5 good hub caps and beauty rings. \$400 for all.  
Contact Bart 562-397-8907

### Used Parts For Sale

- 3RD BRAKE LIGHT 6-volt - Can be wired to flash with your turn signals! Comes with wiring diagram and instructions. New \$62.95. Used \$20.00.
- Battery 6-volt, Interstate, 3 years old. New \$120.00. Used \$20.00.
- Fuel Pump Electric (2 ea.) For downdraft carb. Carter 6-volt, New \$98.00. Used \$20.00 each.
- LED Tail Lights, Left and right, 6 volt, just plug in. New \$30 and \$38 each. Used \$15 each.

Contact Rick Phillips (626) 221-3846

### Wanted

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

### For Sale

Original 4:11 ring & pinion - \$225.  
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