



October 2021

# Spoken Wheels

## THE NEXT MEETING

### General Meeting

The October meeting has been canceled because of bad governmental leadership.

### Program

The program for October will you reading the Book by Laurence J. Peter, "The Peter Principle." Look it up.

## NEWS BITS

### 2022 Member Club Dues

Last year the SAA's board decided not to charge members dues for the calendar year 2021. This decision was made because the covid crisis had prevented the club from holding meetings and scheduling tours and events.

At the recent board meeting the decision was made to reinstate the annual dues. The annual dues are \$30 and are payable in December 31, 2021.

In November an invoice will be sent to all members formally requesting that they submit payment for their 2022 dues.

The board anticipates that our monthly meetings will soon be reinstated and hopefully our activity schedule returned to normal.

### 2022 Elections

We are approaching the time of year when elections are held for next year's officers and board members.

In November 2020, due to the Covid shut down, the elections for 2021 officers and board members was held by email. The same procedure will be used this year.

Next month you will be sent by email a "slate" of names proposed to fill all of the club's officers and board member positions. You will be asked to respond by email, voting yes or no if you wish to elect the slate for the calendar year 2022.

At this time, all of the current officers and board members have agreed to fill their position next year.

If you would like to offer a name to be considered for a position in 2022 please contact Bob Harbicht.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BOB HARBICHT

### Let's Get out and About

It's time to get out of the house, exercise your Model A, and re-connect with old friends. We're having the East Fork Picnic Tour, a long-time club favorite.



Patsy and I will lead you on a gentle ascent up San Gabriel Canyon, along the river of the East Fork, to the Oaks Picnic Area. It's 23.5 miles each way. You're sure to enjoy your lunch, because you're fixing it yourself. Bring what you want to eat and drink. If you'd like to bring a treat to share with other, please do so. Here are the details: •Where to meet: Arcadia Park, Santa Anita & Huntington in Arcadia •When: Wednesday, November 17 •Time: meet at 9:00 a.m. or so, for a 9:30 departure. To help with planning, please RSVP to Bob Harbicht (pbharbicht@gmail.com or 626-484-4214) We hope to see a great turnout for this event

## THE SATURDAY EVENING POST



*Have a Spooky Halloween*

## CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

### November

- 8 - Ladies Brunch, Annia's, 11:00 AM, San Gabriel Valley Airport
- 17 East Fork Picnic Tour, see page 3
- 18 - Men's Breakfast, 9:00 AM Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport
- 20 - Arcadia Festival of Bands - See below
- 26 - General meeting - Canceled

### December

- 11 - SAA's Christmas Party - See Page 3

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### November Birthdays

- 2 - Larry Pare
- 3 - Bob Moore
- 3 - Jim Austin
- 4 - Adel White
- 5 - John McDannel
- 9 - Mark Gollhardt
- 11 - Elsie Johnson
- 12 - Steve Newton
- 14 - Don McBride
- 15 - Frank Sepulveda
- 17 - Marlin Perry
- 18 or 19 - Joe Wilson
- 19 - Wilbert Smith
- 19 - Sue Guarrera
- 20 - Scott Bonner

### November Birthdays

- 24 - Maria Foye
- 24 - May Pare
- 26 - Judi Moore
- 28 - Carol Emanuelli
- 28 - Marianne Spielmann

### November Anniversaries

- 1 - Tracy Perry & Larry Butkus
- 15 - John & Susie Lacey
- 20 - Keith & Joann Smith
- 22 - Steve & Barbara Voors
- 23 - Steve & Kathy Concidine
- 25 - Chuck & Gail Boekenogian

## NEWS BITS - MORE

### Festival of Bands is Back by Bob Harbicht

Maybe the world is starting to return to normalcy. The Arcadia Festival of Bands is returning, and they need our help!

For at least twenty years the Santa Anita A's have supplied cars to drive dignitaries down the parade route before the bands start. They have asked for our help again.

Here's the deal:

Saturday, November 20, 7:45 a.m.

855 S. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia

The whole thing should be over by 9:00

You can bring your Model A or any other classic car you might have that you'd care to drive.



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**Sunshine Lady** - Sue Chandler, Miss Sunbeam

A get well card was sent to Rick Phillips

**Cookie Bringers** - The Cookies crumbled

**Photo Donors**- Bob Moore, Randy Harper, Jim Kroeger

## NEW MEMBERS



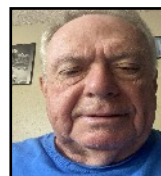
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## COMING TOURS & EVENTS

### Christmas Party / Installation Banquet

Saturday, December 11

Christmas is closer than you think. The Santa Anita A's Christmas party is planned for Saturday, December 11 so you need to put it on your calendar and add your name to the "I'll be there list". It has been two years since we celebrated Christmas together. This year we will have a party you dare not miss.



Janet Beggs is the organizer of this year's celebration and has secured the Shakespeare Club for our use to hold the event. As in the past we will combine our Christmas party with our annual Installation banquet

The Shakespeare Club is a beautiful facility; we have had events there before. In 2015 we held our club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, "Ruby Gala" there. In 2017 we celebrated our combined Christmas and Installation party. The evening will begin at 5:00 PM with refreshments and conversation followed by a sit down dinner at 6:00 PM.. Jay Munns will provide a musical background. Installation of the officers and board members will follow dinner.

The Shakespeare Club is located at 171 South Grand Ave, Pasadena.

Your cost for this event is \$30 per person. The club is subsidizing the rest of the cost of the event.

**It is important that you make reservations for this event.** Prepare a check, made out to the Santa Anita A's, in the amount of \$30 for each person in your group attending. Send the check to Elaine Perry, 5528 N. Lenore Ave. Arcadia CA 91006.

The cut off date for making reservations is November 27.

**Don't Miss this Special event -  
Sign up now before you forget!**

### East Fork Picnic Tour

Wednesday, November 17

by Joe Wilson

The East Fork Picnic Tour is a long-time club favorite. We will drive up a gentle ascent up the San Gabriel Canyon, along the river of the East Fork, to the Oaks Picnic Area. The drive is 23.5 miles each way.



This will be a "Bring your own lunch" tour. Buy or make what you want to eat and drink. If you'd like to share something special with others, please do so.

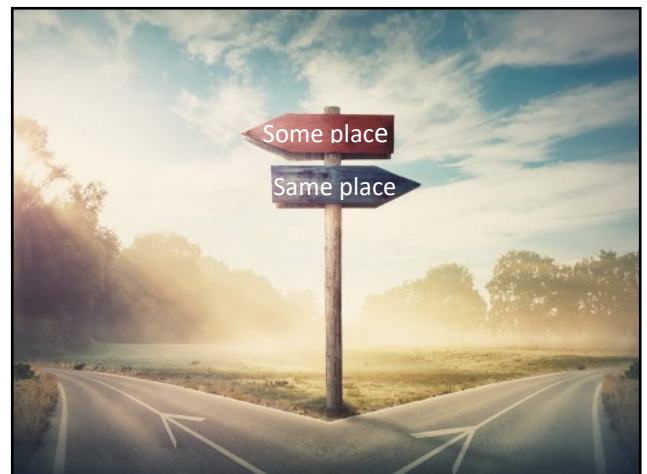
The starting point will be Arcadia Park, located at the corner of Santa Anita & Huntington in Arcadia.

The tour will be on Wednesday, November 17. Be at the starting point at 9:00 AM or so, for a 9:30 departure.

#### **Please, RSVP to Bob Harbicht**

(pbharbicht@gmail.com or 626-484-4214)

We need to know your intentions; we don't want to leave without you.



**When You Get to the Y in the Road - Take it**



## SPECIAL REPORT

### Road Trip Report

by Randy Harper

September 9-11

Bob Travis, Bob Moore, Chuck Davies and myself drove up to Santa Maria to be in the Orcutt Car Show on Saturday, Sept. 11. Bob, Bob and I drove our Model A's while Chuck ran a freeway blockade for us, with his GMC Pick Up.

Going up Friday morning, we went the back way; that's Angelus Crest Hwy. to the Palmdale cutoff, and just before Palmdale we turned off, going East and connected up with Hwy. 138. Eventually we came into Gorman for a needed gas stop. Continuing North-Easterly, we connected up with Hwy 166 which brought us into Santa Maria. That was a nice little 7 ½ hour drive. We stayed at the Airport Radisson in Santa Maria where most of the car show participants stayed.



Saturday we had a great time at the car show, that was hosted by the Santa Maria A's. They did a fantastic job organizing it. The theme was "All Fords". The Bakersfield Model A Club had quite a large turn out.



We had all day Sunday to take in some extracurricular activities. After breakfast we headed over to Gaviota Beach and did some whale watching. The Blue and Humpback whales are migrating through this time of year. We saw many breaching as they swam northward. A Blue whale's tongue can weigh as much as an elephant. Then we headed up to Oceano and drove our Model A's on the beach. Yes, there's plenty of Pick-ups driving around with tow straps if we got stuck.

We then headed to the "Rock n Roll Café", which is two train dining cars combined into a restaurant. Get it, Rock n Roll, train cars.....

After that we headed over to the "Lufa Farm", (In Nipomo, across the street from "Black Lake" Golf Course), where they raise Lufas from seeds, and then harvest when full grown. They look like giant cucumbers, but are actually gourds.

After that, to wrap things up, we took in a comedy show at the "Melodrama Theater".

### Men's Breakfast Continues in Popularity

Every third Thursday of the month a group of Model A's and their owners gather together at the San Gabriel Valley Airport for breakfast and conversation. This month we had a very large turnout. Lots of Model A's and tire kickers.

If you haven't been to this event, stop by. It's a good way to reunite with other members after being locked up in our garages this past year.





## SPECIAL REPORT

### Richard Goes to Washington

By Bob Moore

We don't see much of members Richard and Jean Ware from late spring to early fall as they are back in Kansas tending to their farm. The farm has been in Richard's family for many years.

This summer Richard received a great honor by being named one of the 31 Kansas Veterans of World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War selected to participate in the Kansas Honor Flight #83. Richard represented the Air Force, where he served as a Medic with Air Rescue in Thailand and Vietnam.



The Kansas Honor Flight is an all-volunteer organization that works to honor Kansas Veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. It provides them with a three-day, no expense journey of honor and remembrance to visit their memorials in Washington, D.C.

The trip began in Wichita, KS where they came together for a welcome breakfast. Boarding a plane at the Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport, the first stop was St. Louis, where the city saluted their group with two streams of water from fire trucks forming an arch over the plane as it entered the taxiway. Applause greeted the group as they de boarded the plane for a welcome ceremony and brunch.

The next stop was Baltimore where they were again saluted with arches of water over the plane. Once again, applause greeted the group as they entered the airport. That evening a welcome ceremony and banquet was held in their honor.



The next day, they traveled to Washington, D.C. where they visited the Navy, WWII, Korean, Lincoln, and Vietnam Memorials. Upon arriving at Arlington National Cemetery, Richard was one of the four Veterans representing different branches of service chosen to place a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

On the following day, the group returned to Wichita. Richard is incredibly proud to have been chosen for the Honor Flight. He enjoyed his time visiting the Memorials with his fellow Veterans.

## OTHER HAPPENINGS

### The Antique Nationals

The Antique Nationals was held at the Irwindale Raceway on October 17. SAA's member Art Moore and Larry Metz won first place trophies in their respective race classes. Other SAA's members attending the event were: Olive Moore, Larry and Gerry McKinney, John Emanuelli, Dennis Chapman, and Warwick Nethercoat.

### A Little Background

The Antique Nationals were continuously ran for 48 years straight until 2019 when the 49th annual event was canceled due to bad weather forecast. The plan was to run the 50th annual Antique Nationals (1970-2020) in the Spring of 2020. Due to Covid 19, racing was canceled for the rest of the year, and the beginning of 2021. With both the 49th and 50th annual races missing their continuous racing dates, it was decided to re-set the racing event numbers, and go back to the "Race that Never Was" with the 49th Running of the Antique Nationals in Irwindale, California on Sunday October 17th 2021.

### A History of the Antique Nationals

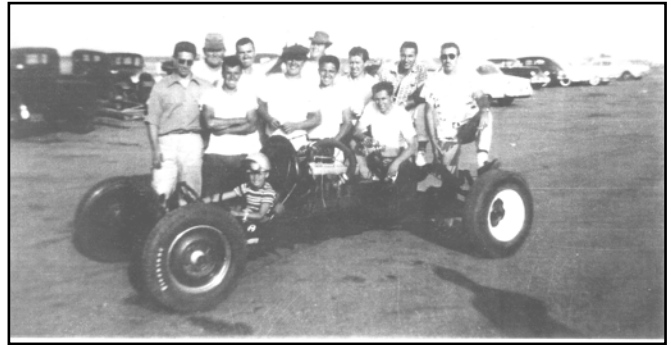
*Below is an article written by Jim Brierley about the Antique Nationals, the 4 ever 4 Club and the Model A's role in racing.*

The Antique Nationals is a wholly owned entity of the Four Ever Four Cylinder Club, Inc. (4 ever 4). The event has been held annually for fifty years, and it looks like future events will be held at the Irwindale Raceway.

### The Early Years

The 4 ever 4 Club started staging events at the Smokers events in Bakersfield in 1960 as an "event within an event." Three or four of these events were held, strictly for 4-bangers at that time. The idea stemmed from the fact that the 4-bangers were treated as "second cousins" at regular drag strips and was even worse at major events. We needed a place to run where we were in control and received top billing.

An event called 999 was held in Long Beach, California, also in the early sixties. The 999 race was staged by a group of guys that felt the need for an event showcasing 4-bangers. This was not a 4 ever 4 sponsored event but the 999 turned over their profits to the 4 ever 4 Club with the hope that we would start an annual event. At the time, with about 12 members, we were a larger and more active group. Another couple events were held in the mid-sixties. These were small events with little or no advertising done. These events were also "events within an event." As an aside note, at one time the 4 ever 4 Club members fielded as many as six dragsters per event. There were more flathead V8's. Now we are lucky to field two 4-bangers and maybe four flatheads.



#### **1st 4 ever 4 Outing to Santa Ana Dragstrip (1954-55)**

*Pictured from left to right are: Ray Lazano, Don Doerr, Willie La Rosa, Berry Waldrop, Dick Patterson, Bob Brown (with trophy), Al Mancillas, George Gillhoover, Vic King, Nick Radoumis, and Kenneth (Kenny) Lucas. The "Hot Shoe Driver" is Mike La Rosa. The trophy was won by either Gillhoover or King and was never settled. This is likely the first Club dragster. Note the rear engine set-up way before Don Garlits made it famous in the 70's.*

### The Antique Nationals is Born

The first event, called "Bonnie & Clyde," was held at the Orange County International Raceway (OCIR) in 1969. The event became known as the Antique Nationals in 1970 at Orange County. It was in Orange County that we first opened the event to all 1934 and earlier. Still at Orange County, we opened it to 1954 and earlier vehicles. The idea of opening it to later cars was strictly financial. There were fewer and fewer 4-bangers running and not enough to cover the costs of hosting the event.

The Antique Nationals were staged at Orange County until it closed after our 1975 event. We then went to Irwindale Raceway in 1976, and raced there until it closed. The event's next home was at the Los Angeles County Raceway in Palmdale, until it closed after our 2007 event. During some early years we staged two events per year, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. The Fall event never drew as many competitors as the Spring event, and when the Fall began to lose money we eliminated it. At our last Fall event, when we lost money, the OCIR felt sorry for us and reduced their charges enough so we broke even. Imagine that happening anywhere today!

### A Legacy of Speed

The Antique Nationals has been going strong for nearly half a century now, and shows no signs of stopping. 2020 marks the 50th year 4 ever 4 has held the event. For the past several years, the Antique Nationals have been held at the Auto Club Dragway in Fontana. The event now includes classes for vintage motor cycles and Whizzer motor bikes. We are now allowing vehicles 1959 and earlier to race.



## MORE OTHER HAPPENINGS

### Art Moore wins at Antique Nationals & RPM Nationals

By Olive Moore

Although 2021 has been quite uneventful for the most part, it has been a very successful year for Art Moore. He participated in three races: The RPM Nationals in June and again in September as well as the Antique Nationals in October. The RPM Nationals was held on the Barona drag strip in San Diego Cty. on June 27<sup>th</sup> and then again on September 25<sup>th</sup> on a ranch in Santa Margareta, which has a private runway.



At the September race there were approximately 100 racers and over 1,000 spectators. This race is by invitation only and your race car must be 1959 or older. It is strictly a heads-up race with a flag being dropped for the takeoff. That means no timing lights or speed record. It's just whoever gets to the end of the eighth-mile track first is the winner.



There are 4 or 5 classes determined by what is "under your hood" and whether you are a street car or strictly a race car.

The Antique Nationals was held on October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Irwindale Speedway, which is also an eighth-mile drag strip. However, this one is quite different in that it has the lights at the starting line and is bracket racing. Cars must be 1959 or older. Brackets are determined by the car's ET. Art's best time was 8.6 seconds and speed of 77 mph. This race is sponsored by the Four Ever Four car club with our own member, Clark Crump, as the organizer and club president. There were 75 racers and approximately 750 spectators.

Art won "Best in Class" in all three races. Yeah Art!



### Larry Metz Wins at Antique Nationals

Club Member Larry Metz won first in his class at the Antique Nationals with his 32 Ford coupe. Larry ran in the "SF" Class which included V8, inline 6 and 8 Flatheads as well as overheads. In the elimination rounds the cars had a handicap start based on the driver's anticipated elapsed time, or "dial in" for the 1/8 mile course.





## Fashion in Vintage Halloween Costumes

Halloween seems to be back for us to enjoy this year. Since you might be trying to decide what to be this year for the festivities, I might suggest 1920's Model A era costumes. The flapper costumes are always fun and fairly easy to put together. Just find a dress with some fringe on it, pick up a feather boa somewhere and tie a band of ribbon, or leather around your head and you are ready to go. Don't forget to wear a long beaded, single strand necklace of beads or pearls!



Another fun idea for a vintage costume could be a gangster for men, and a gangster's partner in crime for the ladies. For the gents a dark suit, a skinny mustache in black; use an eyebrow pencil (ask your wife to borrow hers), some large gold toned rings, with diamonds of course and be sure to put some hair gel, or pomade on your hair to slick it back.

The ladies can wear a dark dress, add a dark colored cap sitting diagonally on the head, and use lots of dark eyeliner on tops and bottoms of eye lids. Wear mascara, rouge and red lipstick creating a v shape on the center of the upper lip. Add a "beauty mark" as a small circle of black beside the mouth like Marilyn Monroe used to do. There you have it, two relatively easy to put together Halloween costume ideas.

Now, you might be wondering what the folks who were around during our Model A era wore for Halloween costumes. Well, they were busy being witches, black cats, goblins, and monsters like Frankenstein for example. Some dressed up as pumpkins, an easy costume idea, all you



need is a white sheet with a few holes cut to see and breathe through. Can't beat that one for ease and appropriateness for the day! You might want to tie a ribbon around your neck area to keep the sheet in place. They had fun at Halloween then, and had parties, and more tricking than treating, but all in all it was the kick-off to the Holiday Season even then! Happy Halloween to everyone this year!!





## The last Word About Fluid Leaks.

A Model A Ford should not leak fluids, maybe a drop or two but not leave a puddle every time it is parked. When our Model A's left the factory, there was not a trail of oil or water behind. Over the past three months we discussed engine oil leaks, water leaking from the cooling system and gas leaking from the fuel system. We talked about what may be causing the leaks and possible solutions. Now that we have all of these leaks repaired, we can then move onto three other components that are prone to leaking fluids.

First, let us consider the steering gear. It is not uncommon for the steering gear to leak oil around the horn rod and into the head light switch assembly. This not only makes a mess but often the headlight switch will not work because the switch contacts are all coated with oil.

Originally, there was a cork seal that fitted around the horn rod and prevented oil from leaking from the steering gear and into the switch but eventually, the cork would fail and the oil would leak into the switch housing. Ford continued the same head light switch design well into the late thirties but designed a tube that fit around the horn rod that prevented oil from leaking into the head light switch. Tube assemblies that will replace the original cork seal for both the early seven tooth and the later two tooth steering gears are available from most parts suppliers.



Another place the steering gear may be leaking is around the sector shaft. O rings and seals are available that may help this situation. If the sector bushings are tight and the proper 600W oil is used, most steering gears will not leak. For the steering gears that do leak, you may try using a semi fluid grease such as Penrite 1500W. This semi fluid grease will still flow and allow adequate lubrication of the internal components but will not drip or leak.



The second component that may be leaking oil is the transmission. If there is evidence of oil leaking from the drain hole in the bottom of the flywheel housing it may be transmission oil. This is often caused by oil leaking around the shift rails and into the bell housing. To correct this, Mitchell Manufacturing makes a seal kit that seals the shifter rail clearance holes in the bell housing. This kit can be installed when the engine and transmission are in place in the car but it is much easier to install when the bell housing is not attached to the engine.



Another common place for the transmission to leak is around the cluster and reverse idler shaft holes in the rear of the transmission case. There is a kit available to cover and seal this area. This is not difficult to install, just be sure to carefully follow the instructions.



The last component that can cause a problem with leaking oil is the rear end assembly. The most common problem area is oil leaking where the axle housings bolt to the center housing. This is a difficult area to repair as often it requires disassembling the rear axle assembly and replacing the gaskets. Sometimes a leak may be stopped by just tightening all the bolts but if the leak is severe, it may require major work to correct.

So put your coveralls on and get under your Model A. With a little effort and a few parts, often a lot of fluid leaks in your Model A can be repaired. You will have a cleaner garage floor and you will not have to hear about your Model A leaving a puddle every place it is parked.

## Tech Tip

It is not advised to use chassis grease in the steering gear of a Model A. This thick grease will "channel" and move away from the components as the steering gear is used and will not flow back and keep everything well lubricated. Use 600W oil or a semi fluid grease.


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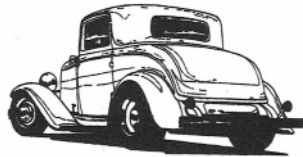
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