



February 2023

Spoken Wheels

THE NEXT MEETING

General Meeting

The next meeting will be on Friday, February 24
7:00 pm, Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia

MEETING PROGRAM

Annual Club Auction

Friday, February 24

Our next meeting will feature the return of our annual club auction. For those who have never experienced our auction, here is how it works:

1. Members are asked to bring items to our February meeting for auction. The items could be Model A parts, tools, books, cookies, pies, pictures, clothing, resort rentals, or any family heirlooms that you no longer cherish.
2. Do not bring anything that is broken or unusable. Be prepared to haul home any of your items that do not sell.
3. When you arrive, you will be issued an "auction paddle" with your number on it.
4. If you wish to offer a bid on an item selected for sale, hold up your numbered plate until it is recognized.
5. The item will be sold to the highest bidder who will hold up their numbered plate so that it can be recognized by the ladies at the "bid recording table"
6. After the auction is over, you may proceed to the "recording table" where you will pay the total amount of all the items you purchased.
7. Collect any of your items that were not sold and take them home with you. They may be brought back next year for a re-run.
8. The auctioneer will be Bob Travis, aided by Bob Moore and Chris Wickersham.



Big Note:

Come early - 6:30 pm to set out your items for auction and get your "auction plate". **The auction will start at 7:00 pm.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - BY MICKEY FRUCHTER

Thanks to Wilbert Smith for a wonderful look into the Pasadena High School Model A Ford Club and their members at our January meeting. We had a lot of positive feedback from our Santa Anita A's members.



The February meeting is our annual Santa Anita A's Auction. You can come as early as 6:30 to bring donations; and the meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. If the items you bring do not get sold, please take them home with you. There will be NO break in the auction, so help yourself to refreshments anytime.

We will be passing a clip-board around for members to volunteer to bring cookies for upcoming regular meetings. Members need to pay their club dues NOW in order to be listed in the Club Roster.

Be sure that you return the survey that was mailed to you. Information gathered from the returned surveys will be considered by the board for future actions.

Regarding club events and tours: All Santa Anita A's members are invited to drive either their Model A's or modern cars on all club tours. Modern cars should follow at the end of the group.

See you at the meetings and on the road.

MICKEY Ahooga, ahooga, ahooga

NEWS BITS

High School Model A Club Visits Santa Anita A's

Read about the special program presented by the Pasadena High School Model A Club at our January meeting. *Story on page 3.*

Raffle tickets for the Model A they are restoring are now available for purchase by calling 626-390-7322.



SAA's member's cars on display for high school club

CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

February

24 General Meeting - **6:30 pm**, Church of the Good Shepherd,
400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia

March

13 - Ladies Brunch, Annia's, 11:00 am, San Gabriel Valley Airport
(Call Bea Fruchter to confirm your participation (626-797-2048))
16 - Men's Breakfast, 9:00 am, Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport
19 - Orange County Pancake Breakfast - see page 4
26 - Tech Seminar - see page 5

April

20, 21, 22, 23 - CCRG, Contact Bob Moore for information.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March Birthdays

1 - John Emanuelli
3 - Josie Byrd
3 - Scott Nielsen
3 - Carolyn McBride
4 - Jim Constantian
5 - Ruth Harper
10 - John McDannel
14 - Fred Weideman
18 - Lyla Eddington
19 - Randy Harper
20 - Warren Record
22 - Mike Plessner

22 - Larry Metz
24 - Dick Canzoneri
24 - Nancy Stancil
27 - Warwick Neathercoat
28 - Jennifer Sandberg
30 - Susan Homet
31 - Steve Concidine

March Anniversaries

25 - Daniel & Jacki Boardman
12 - Jim & Jamie Frick
3 - Larry & May Pare
10 - Larry & Suzanne Rummens

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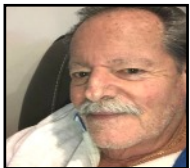
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Sunshine Report - Sue Chandler - Miss Sunshine
A get well card was sent to Bob Travis who had back surgery.

Cookie Bringers - Dino Falabrino, Nancy Sharpe

Photo Contributors -Dennis Chapman, Tracy Butkus, Joe Wilson

NEWS BITS

Cut off Date Set for Receipt of 2023 Dues

An email reminder was sent on February 11 to all SAA's members who had not yet paid their 2023 dues. Those receiving the email were asked to confirm that they wanted to continue their club membership and have their name included in the 2023 Club roster. The cut off date for receipt of dues is February 28, 2023.

We ask that those members who have not yet mailed their 2023 dues please do so prior to February 28. Send a check for \$30 made out to the Santa Anita A's and mail it to **PO Box 660904, Arcadia, CA 91066.**

PAST TOURS & EVENTS

Raymond Alf Museum

Saturday, January 28

by Tracy Butkus

The Santa Anita A's were invited to participate in a tour to the Raymond Alf Museum arranged by the San Gabriel Valley MARC Model A Ford Club.



Our group in front of the Alf Museum at the Webb school in Claremont, home to the Peccary Society which recognizes the discovery by Bill Webb of a new species of Peccary, a pig like animal.

"The Museum is dedicated to bring the wonders of paleontology – which is really the story of life on Earth – to as many members of our community as possible," said Dr. Andy Farke, director of the Alf Museum. The museum houses an amazing collection of dinosaur fossils where the basic principles of paleontology are explained - what are (and aren't) fossils, what makes a dinosaur a dinosaur.

Raymond Alf was a celebrated college sprinter when he came to teach at the Webb School in 1929. In 1936, Alf took a group of students to a site near Barstow where Bill Webb discovered a new species of peccary (a member of the pig family). This discovery and a chance meeting with renowned scientist in South Dakota in 1937 sparked in Alf for a lifelong pursuit of paleontology. The "Peccary Society" was born.

Alf was an enthusiastic educator and collector. He and his students collected thousands of fossils throughout the western United States from the 1930's into the 1970's. The students at the Webb School continue to go on digs throughout the United States as well as in other countries.

We had 10 Model A's, 4 modern cars with 27 people attending the tour. Monique, our tour guide, did an amazing job giving us the history of the Raymond Alf Museum. I highly recommend taking a visit to the museum. After the museum tour we headed to Legends for lunch. It was a Great Day!



Our tour guide, Monique, explained the history of bones

Pasadena High School Model A Club visits Santa Anita A's

by Joe Wilson

It was a special night for both the SAA's members and the Pasadena High School Model A Club who attended our January meeting.



Pasadena High School members get a front row seat at our meeting

The sixteen high school club members arrived early to spend time visiting with the Santa Anita A's in the parking lot while admiring their Model A's. This was the first time the high school club has met with our club.



High school club members are introduced at meeting

The high school club's president, Ashly Castillo, and Vice President, Maritza Casas, were the club's speakers. They were accompanied by Mr. Todd Dirks, teacher and club's adviser, along with the wife (Heather) of the school's principal, Mathew Kodama.

Our club member, Wilbert Smith, presented a video showing the club in action restoring Model A's which they auction off every year. The students handed out awards to the Santa Anita A's members as a thank you to those who contributed to the success of the high school club.

Santa Anita A's member, Wilbert Smith, started the high school club seven years ago. It is a chartered member of MAFCA



Club founder, Wilbert Smith, and Mr Todd Dirks, teacher and club's adviser



President, Ashly Castillo, speaks about the club's activities.

The club is not funded by the local school district and relies solely on the proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets for the Model A's the club restores. Tickets, priced at \$100 may be purchased from the club by calling 626-390-7322.

COMING TOURS & EVENTS

Out And About With IN-N-OUT

Saturday, February 25

by Bob Harbicht

Mark your calendar for a fun tour to the IN-N-OUT replica in Baldwin Park. The entire tour is just under 30 miles, a great chance to get out with your Santa Anita A's friends and take a short tour in your A.

We will be traveling to the replica of the very first In-N-Out in Baldwin Park, which is now a museum of sorts for the hamburger chain. After a short visit we'll head a short block up the road to have lunch at a new IN-N-OUT.

Meet at Arcadia Park (Santa Anita & Huntington) at 9:30 for a 10:00 start.

Let Bob & Patsy Harbicht know that you're coming pbharbicht@gmail.com.

The tour is less than one week off, so let them know ASAP.



Orange County Pancake Breakfast

Sunday March 19

We have been there before and know this is a real biggie. We traditionally have two groups assemble for the drive to the event, one by surface streets, the other by freeway. Departure times and other details have yet to be determined. We will email information when we hear from the tour gods.



New 2023 Santa Anita A's Roster

by Joe Wilson

Preparation of the 2023 club roster is underway. You recently received an email asking that you review your contact information as shown in the attachment to the email.

It is important that you respond to this request so that we can be assured your contact information in the roster is correct and up-to-date. Please send an email to Joe Wilson (joejoy@pacbell.net) advising if any changes or corrections need to be made.

The new roster will be printed early in March and distributed at the March SAA's meeting.

I ask that you identify and advise me of any changes and corrections by February 28. If I receive no request for changes or corrections, the current contact information will be used.

If anyone would like to "update" their photo in the roster, please send me a new one. Send it as an attachment to an email. I also invite those members who didn't include their spouse in their roster photo to send me a new one, preferably one which will match the names shown below the photo.



Ladies Model A Driving Class

Ladies, here's your chance! You may have been comfortable sitting in the front right seat but secretly wanted to slide to the left and take command of the wheel. But once there, what do you do?

A ladies driving class has been proposed, are you interested? A sign-up sheet will be available at the next general meeting. If there is enough interest, a time and place will be found and announced.

Your Board is striving to provide the best experience possible for our members. To help with that, you recently received a survey about certain aspects of the club. Many of you took the opportunity to express your opinions, particularly about monthly meetings and club tours. Following is a brief discussion of some of the high points of that survey.

Monthly meetings. There are two things that your board will discuss that came from the survey.

Quite a few of those who do not attend regularly said Friday was a bad night for them. A smaller group opined that *any* night is not to their liking. Should we consider another night for our meetings? Maybe daytime meetings? The board will take up these questions at next month's board meeting.

Tours. Far and away the major reason given by people who do not tour regularly with the club is that their car is not running, or they don't have confidence it is running well enough for a tour. On the surface, there's not much the club can do about that, but the board will be discussing this also. There were very few criticisms of the tours themselves.

If you have any additional thoughts that you would like the board to consider, send an email to President Mickey (mcfu@aol.com) or any other board member. A list is in this newsletter.



Tech Seminair

Sunday, March 26

It has been awhile, but it's time. Yes, time for another H-Tech Model A seminar. We know, who, when and where but not what and why.

The where is at Bob Moore's garage at 529 Winston in Bradbury

The when is Sunday, March 26.

The Who is Chris Wickersham, the instructor and you

The What and Why will be selected from a large list of important technical topics.



More info to come.

MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2023

- The meeting was held at Church of The Good Shepherd, United Methodist Church, Arcadia, CA.
- Prior to the meeting, starting at 6:15 club members, & students from the Pasadena High School (PHS) Model A Ford Club, gathered in the church parking lot to view & admire the 14 Ford Model A's in attendance.
- The meeting was called to order by Mickey Fruchter at 7:00 PM, followed by the flag salute.

Announcements:

- Mickey announced that all club members would soon be receiving a survey that was being conducted by the board. Members were encouraged to complete the survey and return it in the postage paid envelope provided.
- Jim Kroeger invited all club members, who were interested, to Bob Moore's house to assist in the removal of the differential and driveshaft of his car, at 8:00AM Saturday morning.
- Mickey reminded club members that the Annual Club Auction would be held at the next General Meeting in February and were encouraged to bring items for the auction.
- Carole reminded lady members of their brunch on the second Monday of the month.

Program:

- Mickey introduced club member Wilbur Smith, who proceeded to provide a presentation on the Pasadena High School (PHS) Model A Ford Club. There were 15 student members of the club, as well as the club administrators in attendance.
- The presentation included a video of the club's activities, as well as the presentation of a small token of appreciation to 12 members of the Santa Anita A's who have provided assistance to the club.

Treasurer's Report:

- Members who wanted details on the treasurer's report were encouraged to contact Chuck Davies.

Tours:

- Orange County Pancake Breakfast - March 19, 2023
- CCRG - April 20-23, 2023

Member Drawing:

- Drove a Model A - Chuck Davies
- Name Badge - Nancy Sharpe
- SAA Apparel - Chris Wickersham

Cash Raffle:

- Eight prizes conducted by Bea Fruchter.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Warwick Nethercoat, Secretary

Keeping the Engine Compartment Clean

After putting a lot of work into a restoration or even if you have just cleaned and detailed the engine and other under hood components of your Model A, you want to keep it that way. It is easy to keep the engine area looking its best if your Model A was restored as a show car and rarely driven but how about those of us who often drive our cars and participate in long distance tours. One area that is especially a problem is the left side of the engine where the oil fill and breather tube are located. Normal blow-by and oil droplets from the oil fill tube can wet the driver's side of the engine including the water inlet tube and hoses, wiring, firewall, pedals and floor boards. The starter is one component that is especially susceptible to being coated with a film of oil. Not only does the oil make a mess and collects a lot of dust and dirt but oil can dehydrate the radiator hoses and electrical wiring insulation. So, in order to keep the engine area of our Model A's clean and presentable, we can either routinely clean up the oily mess or try to reduce the amount of oil that is expelled from the oil fill and breather tube, and direct what is left out of the engine compartment in a manner that keeps everything cleaner. So how do we do this?

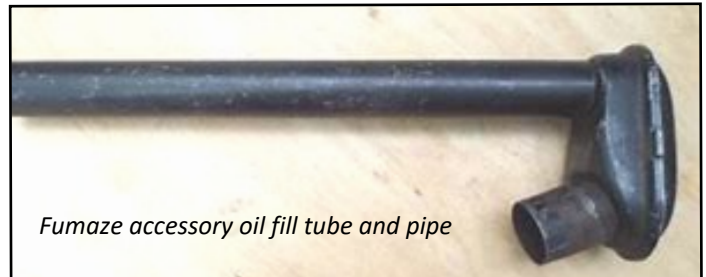
First, let us take a look at the evolution of the Model A oil fill tube. The Model A oil fill tube performs two functions. First it provides a means of adding oil to the engine and second, it provides a means for the engine to "breathe". All internal combustion engines must have a way to allow excess products of combustion that may pass by the rings (blow-by) to exit the crankcase and allow fresh air to enter the crankcase. The Model A oil fill tube was designed with internal baffles that were supposed to only allow fumes to escape but trap and return any oil droplets back into the crankcase. This original arrangement proved less than satisfactory and the baffles received two re-designs to attempt to reduce the amount of oil droplets that were allowed to exit the engine. The improved baffles did help some but the problem still persisted.

Soon after the Model A was introduced, accessory manufacturers offered many "fixes" for the oil droplet, blow by problem. Different design oil fill tube caps and special baffles or screens that went inside the tube claimed to prevent this from happening while other designs incorporated a pipe or flexible tube that directed the fumes and droplets down and to the rear of the engine compartment.



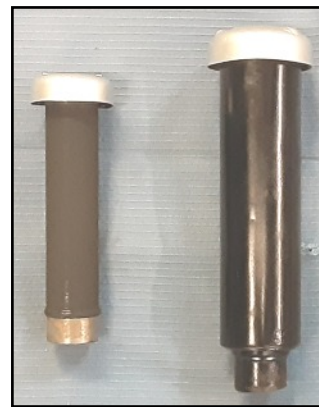
Accessory oil fill cap with flexible vent hose

The Fumaze accessory oil filler is the one that I like best. It has a handy cover that can be opened to add oil to the engine and a pipe that directs the fumes and oil vapor down and to the rear of the left engine splash pan. This helps to keep most of the droplets and fumes out of the engine compartment and definitely keeps the left side of the engine compartment much cleaner. These "fixes" all help to a degree, none completely solve the problem.



Fumaze accessory oil fill tube and pipe

The engineers at Ford were well aware of this ongoing problem so as part of the design upgrades for the 1932 Model B engine, the oil fill tube was made substantially larger with a much more sophisticated baffle design. While not perfect, the Model B oil fill tube is much better at controlling oil droplets while still allowing the engine to



Model A Oil Fill Tube (Left)
Model B oil Fill Tube (Right)

properly breath. The Model B oil filler tube and cap is a direct replacement for the Model A. At this time, they are not being reproduced so you will need to **look** for a good used one

In summary, to control the oil droplets coming from the oil fill tube, be sure the oil fill tube is in good condition and all the baffles are in place. The later design oil fill tubes work better than the early design. Accessory fillers with a separate vent tube will help reduce the mess in the engine compartment. The Model B oil fill tube and cap is the best solution to control blow-by and keep oil droplets from making a mess in the engine compartment.

Tech Tip

If you are cleaning a used oil fill tube, DO NOT use a bead blaster or a sand blaster. The sand or glass beads will get into the baffles and are almost impossible to remove. Glass beads or sand can do major damage if it gets into the crankcase. A good way to clean the inside of a used oil fill tube is to immerse it in solvent for a day or two and then wash out with dish washing detergent and hot water. This may have to be repeated several times if the tube is excessively dirty.

Crazy Quilting

Quilt making has been around for a long time. The earliest quilt tops were built in such a way that the top layer of the quilt was made by stitching one section of cloth onto another section until the desired length was reached. By the 1830s and 1840s most quilts were constructed in a block to block fashion. This allowed the quilts to be made in squares of ten square inches or twenty square inches. This way of making quilts was far easier to work on as it allowed portability. It was also easier to work on this small scale as one did not need a great amount of space to work in. Some quilt makers kept a rag bag in which they could store remnants of fabrics until they had collected enough scraps to make a quilt. This is how quilting came about through the ages. It was a practical pursuit that allowed women to use what otherwise would have been thrown away.

The use of quilts was for practical purposes such as staying warm at night. Women could employ thrift, and in those days everything was used. Eventually women began to create some patterns in their quilt making. Just by stitching one square of dark material followed by one square of light they had a pattern of light dark, light dark and so on. In the latter part of the century, around the Victorian Age the use of velvet fabric came into wide use for creating quilts. Along with the fabric came a new manner of creating quilt design. The "Crazy Quilt" was born!

This new manner of creating quilt design was for the quilts to have no design! The result were quilts made in a free form manner, sort of a chaotic style with no definite design employed! There was no attempt made to use a geometric pattern in the quilt. The selection of colors at this time ran along with the styles of the day calling for dark and rich colors and tones. The Queen of England, Queen Victoria was on the throne of her country at the time and her style influenced far and wide. England was still ruling in India for one, and the range and influence of England was vast.

The Victorian Age was one of excess in everything. The mansions that were built here in our own country were built in the fussily and detailed manner influenced by Victoriana. The houses of the period built in the Victorian style were large and had many rooms. The surround porches, the parlor and Terrariums are some examples of rooms found in the houses which were built during this time. The homes were painted in many bright colors that went together well. Ladies dressed in clothing with many layers, and the corset was one of those. Necklines stopped under the chin, sleeves were long and had

ballooning top sections then tight all the rest of the way down. Skirts were to the ground and some dragged behind the wearers in long trains. So the women of the day were not all that comfortable!

One can suppose that the excitement of crazy quilting offered some relief from all of the other very structured aspects of Victorian living. During the crazy quilting days of this time women began to embellish their crazy quilts by embroidering them with birds, flowers and other naturalistic details. They also used laces and ribbons to add to the effect. There were contests for the most extravagantly decorated ones. So at the end of the era which was also around the end of the century a new era entered the scene. It was known as the Edwardian Era, also named after another English monarch, King Edward. The fashions changed again and much more comfortable women's clothing was introduced, no more corset wearing and shorter skirts, still just above the ankle, became popular.

Crazy quilts took some time out, and reemerged on the scene in the 1920s. During the beginning twenties women were focusing more on the quality of their stitching. They were meeting for quilting bees where they would stitch over the finished quilt's top layer in lovely patterns which covered the entire quilt and were very work and time intensive. They used light colored or white thread in patterns with names like feather pattern.

During the time following in the twenties the crazy quilts came back in fashion. The use of men's silk ties came into vogue as material with which to make the quilts. The ties were disassembled in order to open them up so that they might be used by sewing them together to create enough surface to make a quilt. After the pieces were sewn together, still in squares of ten or twenty square inches, they were embroidered along the edges of the junctions of the different ties. The embroidery threads were in bright colors and various styles of stitches were used. These wonderful quilts continued to be made throughout the thirties and the forties. The material changed from the silk previously used in the designs, to fabrics costing far less. So synthetic materials were now used to make ties and thusly quilts. The stockings during the twenties and thirties were called silk stockings, and their replacements were known as nylons.

This has been a short review on the history of quilts, however the art of quilting is extremely popular these days, and magazines and books can be found easily just about anywhere. Check out your market's magazine section the next time you are shopping if interested!



Revolutionary Model A Overdrive Announced

By Bob Harbicht

The Ford House Car

Adapted from an article by Elena Gorgan

The Ford House Car was introduced in the late '20s, at a time when many people were not able to afford housing in big cities and, because of it, were forced to convert their vehicles into mobile homes. Unlike those conversions, this was a factory-built motorhome, and it offered sleeping for two, a kitchen and a dining area, and some storage. It was cramped, but it had a roof over the head and wheels that could take you from city to city in search of better job opportunities, and because of that, it was invaluable. *Twot*

Two House Cars are known to exist today, one is a 1928 on display at the Volo Auto Museum in Illinois, after it was found and restored by the prestigious Flyte Camp. The other one is a 1937 model, a barn find that was eventually sold in 2001 for \$35,000 after a full restoration by the owner.

The Ford House Car sat on a Model A truck, and came with a rear of wood wrapped in a metal skin painted a matching color. The interior was also all-wood, as was the roof, which had a thick canvas on the exterior to protect it from the elements. Both surviving units have expandable roofs: in the earlier model, the entire roof pops up to offer more headroom, while in the latter, only a section of it does, but it includes a skylight.

The House Car had opening windows for ventilation, and curtains on all of them for that homey feel. The passenger seat could fold down and move out of the way, to allow easy access inside. On one side was a kitchen block with counter space for meal prep, while the opposite block contained a sink and a fold-out dining table. The bed was in the back, under a large window. Storage space was available under the bed and the kitchen cabinetry.

Without a doubt, this is a very basic motorhome, offering just enough space for the daily activities and a minimum of comfort. If anything, looking at it through modern lenses, it was barely enough for one person, let alone two.



Many Model A owners have installed overdrives to allow them to drive the car on freeways. Well, say goodbye to all that rigamarole. Installing the revolutionary new Model A overdrive is as easy as changing a tire. How does it work? I thought you'd never ask.

This may get a bit technical, but bear with me. The diameter of a properly inflated tire on a 1930 Model A is 29 1/4 inches. To determine how far your car travels with one revolution, we apply our old grade school formula for the circumference of a circle, which tells us that one revolution of the tire takes the car 91.9 inches; let's call it 92. But, if the diameter of our tire were a larger 36 inches, a single revolution would take our car 113 inches, 21 inches further. Doesn't seem like much, but that's a 23% increase in distance traveled, exactly what an overdrive does for us.

You simply install four *Acme Overdrive Wheels* on your car, just like changing a tire. What is an *Acme Overdrive Wheel*? So glad you asked.

The *Acme Overdrive Wheel* is cut into eight parts, like a pie. Just visualize a giant pizza where your wheel used to be. It also features an extremely flexible tire. When you've reached your normal cruising speed of 40 to 45 miles per hour, you pull a handle cleverly hidden under your dashboard. The eight pieces of the pie start expanding outward, pushing the extremely flexible tire to an increased diameter of 36 inches. Voila, your car is now travelling over 50 mph while your engine is running at exactly the same speed.

Of course, you don't absolutely have to install the *Acme Overdrive Wheels* in place of your front wheels because they play no role in propelling the car forward. But we have found if you don't, people keep sliding forward off the seats because the rear end is so much higher. An alternative is to get really strong seatbelts.

The expansion of the wheels and tires is effectuated by an electric motor, activated by the handle under the dash. The standard 6-volt Model A battery provides inadequate electricity to power such a motor. Consequently, you just install a Tesla battery under the driver's seat. Wouldn't that require a lot of expensive electricity you ask? No. According to our politicians, electricity is free and you can't factor it into the cost of operating anything automotive.

There are still a few bugs to be worked out (a tire that flexible has not been invented yet and a few other minor details), but an easily-installed overdrive is in your future. Orders are now being taken. Send \$2,000 (\$2,500 if you want your spare to match the other wheels) to reserve your set. Preferred payment is Walmart gift cards in \$100 denominations.

Santa Anita A's Promotional Items

These items are now available for purchase by members.



Magnetic Car sign
8" x 12"
\$ 3.00



Decal
3 1/8" x 3 5/8"
Static cling, reusable
\$1.00



Decal
2 1/8" x 2 3/8"
Static cling, reusable
\$.50



Decal
11 x 2" Static cling, reusable \$1.00



Coffee Mug - 14 oz.
\$5.00



Licence Plate - Plastic, std. Size
\$2.50



Ball Point Pen with SAA's Logo
\$1.00



Key Chain with logo
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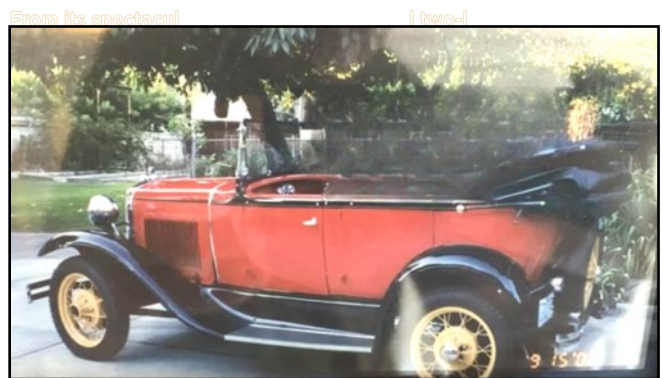
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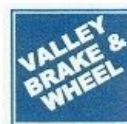
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