



July 2023

Spoken Wheels

THE NEXT MEETING

General Meeting

The next meeting will be on Friday, July 28, 7:00 pm, Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

MEETING PROGRAM

This month's program was planned for our last meeting but the presenter had an emergency and was not available. Bob Harbicht presented a substitute slide program showing his hiking trip in England.

Do you know of any famous people from Arcadia? You might name one or two, but there are a lot more. Some will surprise you. Our speaker this month will be Laura Henneforth from the Arcadia Historical Museum. Come find out about your neighbors, or former neighbors. This program should be a lot of fun.

NEWS BITS

Problems Interfere with Newsletter Production

By Joe Wilson

This month's newsletter is both short in pages and late in distribution. During preparation of the July newsletter my computer decided to take a rest. The almost finished newsletter disappeared due to a hard disk failure. The computer has been repaired but the data is gone.

Finding the original source of all the photos and recreating all of the stories was possible but time-consuming. It is important that the newsletter be distributed well before our monthly meeting.

This July newsletter has only four pages and contains only time critical information. Information on the upcoming tours is included as is the calendar section.

Stories and reports not included in this month's Spoken Wheels will be included in the August issue.



"Are you sure that hitting it with a baseball bat will work?"

East Fork Picnic

Wednesday, July 19

by Bob Harbicht

Ready for a pleasant short day drive? It's time for our East Fork picnic. Pack or bring your **lunch** (extra goodies if you want to share) for a quick drive to be with our Model A friends. This is only a 21 mile drive into the foothills above La Verne and is always a nice excuse to get together.

We will be meeting at the Arcadia park (Santa Anita Ave. & Huntington Dr.) at 10:15 am and leaving at 10:30 am. Hope to see you there driving your Model A's. Send an email to Bob Harbicht at (pbharbicht@gmail.com) to confirm you are participating.



The East Fork of the San Gabriel river is famous for it's "Bridge to Nowhere". It is an arch bridge built in 1936 north of Azusa, California, in the San Gabriel Mountains. It spans the East Fork of the San Gabriel River and was meant to be part of a road connecting the San Gabriel Valley with the town of Wrightwood, California. The bridge was built, but not the road. ***This is not on our schedule. It's a long hard hike.***

Tour Not Canceled But Rescheduled

This tour has been rescheduled due to the hot weather. A new date will be selected pending a discussion with the guy that makes the weather.

CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

July

28- General Meeting - 7:00 pm, Church of the Good Shepherd,
400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia

August

12 - San Antonio Winery - See page 3

14 - Ladies Brunch, Annia's, 11:00 am- San Gabriel Valley Airport
(Call Bea Fruchter to confirm your participation 626-797-2048.)

17 - Men's Breakfast, 9:00 am- Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport

17 - Tournament of Roses House (Wrigley Mansion) - See page 3

25 - General Meeting

September

16 - Mt. Wilson Tour- details to be announced

December

16 - Christmas Party & Installation of club officers

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August Birthdays

1 - Alice Mount
2 - Mike Kniest
5 - Terry Mills
5 - Pam Kehret
6 - Phillip Chen
13 - E.J. Callahan
14 - Reina Rogers
17 - Jerry Cleland
18 - Barbara Dawson
21 - George Hotaling
22 - Sheri Johnson
28 - Soli Solomon
28 - Jackie Boardman

August Anniversaries

1 - Dan & Michelle Morgan
4 - Marlin & Elaine Perry
6 - Mickey & Bea Fruchter
8 - Joe & Sue Guarrera
9 - Jay & Margaret Russell
10 - Larry & Gloria Metz
19 - Joe & Barbara Farino
19 - Mark & Karen Golhardt
27 - David & Patty Lutz
28 - Rick & Carolyn Phillips
30 - Richard & Sandra Loe

PUBLIC NOTICES

Sunshine Report - Sue Chandler - Miss Sunshine

A get well card was sent to Art Moore who is recuperating from an infection.

Cookie Bringers - Melanie Anderson, Vicky Bartlett, Dennis Chapman, & Elaine Perry

Photo Contributors - Joe Wilson

NEWS BITS

Long Time Member Passes

Joann Smith passed away recently. Keith and Joann were long time members of the Santa Anita A's but dropped out when they were no longer able to tour. They lived in Canyon Country and were also members of the San Fernando Model A Club.

MEETING MINUTES

Santa Anita A's General Meeting June 30, 2023

The meeting was held at Church of The Good Shepherd, United Methodist Church, Arcadia, CA.

- At 7:05 pm Mickey Fruchter brought the meeting to order.
- Mickey asked Janet Beggs to conduct the salute to the flag.

Announcements:

- Vicky Balmot encouraged the ladies in the club to sign up for Ladies Day Out, to be held on Thursday, July 13 at The Derby in Arcadia, from 11:30 am till 2:00 pm. The guest speaker will be Trudie Strobel, Holocaust Survivor and Artist. The cost of the lunch is \$20.00, & the club will subsidize \$38.00 for each lunch. She also thanked the club for subsidizing the luncheon.
- Mickey encouraged the members present to sign up on the Cookie Donation sheet.

- The minutes to the May General meeting were approved.
- Bob Harbicht provided a brief outline of upcoming tours:
 - July 19 - East Fork tour & picnic. Tour participants were asked to provide their own picnic lunch, & the tour would be approximately 21 miles.
 - August 17 - The club would tour Tournament House, home to the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association (former Wrigley Mansion). Details to follow.

August 13 - Bob Moore reminded the members that the club would be joining the MARC San Gabriel Valley Region for a tour and lunch at the San Antonio Winery. The tour departs at 10:00 am.

- The cookie bringers for the meeting were: Melanie Anderson, Vicky Bartlett, Dennis Chapman, & Elaine Perry. Dino Falabrino provided the coffee.

Program:

Mickey introduced club member Bob Harbicht. He explained that the evening's program was to be provided by Laura Henneforth of the Arcadia Historical Museum. Unfortunately, her father had taken ill & she had to go to Las Vegas on short notice. Bob stepped into the breach and provided the evening's program, A Walking Tour of The Cotswold. He presented a slide show & lecture of a tour he & Patsy took with their friends, of this protected area in South Central England.

Club Raffle - Conducted by Carol Emanuelli

Jim Kroeger - Driving a Model A
Dino Falabrino - Club Badge
Marlin Perry - Club Clothing

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Warwick Nethercoat, Secretary

COMING TOURS & EVENTS

Tournament of Roses House Tour

Thursday, August 17

by Joe Wilson

We will be treated to a private tour of the Tournament House in Pasadena at 12:30 pm on Thursday, August 17. After our tour of the house we will proceed to the world famous Twoheys Restaurant in South Pasadena for a chance to enjoy one of their world famous ice cream sundaes or even a late lunch or early dinner.



Pasadena's Orange Grove Boulevard has long been known as "Millionaire's Row" for the lavish mansions that once lined the street. Though many of those mansions are long gone, chewing gum magnate William Wrigley's three-story, 21-room home lives on as the headquarters of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association. One of six palatial estates the Wrigleys owned across the country. The home was reportedly Mrs. Wrigley's favorite, as she enjoyed watching the Rose Parade pass by from her vantage point on the porch.

After Mrs. Wrigley's death in 1958, the home was gifted to the City of Pasadena with the stipulation that it serve as the Tournament's headquarters. Inside the home, 125 years of Tournament of Roses memorabilia are on display, including the formal portrait of the reigning Rose Queen, crowns and tiaras worn by former queens and princesses, and a unique Waterford crystal bowl commissioned for the Tournament's centennial celebration.



Surrounding the Tournament House is the Wrigley Garden, which spans four and a half acres and features more than 1,500 varieties of roses, camellias and annuals.



We will meet at the tournament house which is located at 391 Orange Grove in Pasadena. If you are coming South on Orange Grove, turn right onto Arbor St. which is one block before the Tournament house. Drive 400 ft then turn left to enter parking area behind the house.

We need to assemble there at 12:00 in preparation for our 12:30 tour which will last about 1 ½ hours. **After the tour we will drive about 2 miles to Twoheys restaurant for an ice cream stop.**

What you need to do: An email will be sent to all members in a few days inviting you to sign up for the tour by responding to the email. This will be a very special tour, one you do not want to miss.

San Antonio Winery Tour

Saturday, August 12

by Joe Wilson

The San Gabriel Valley MARC has planned a tour to the San Antonio Winery on Saturday, August 12, and has invited the Santa Anita A's to join them.



San Antonio Winery remains the oldest and largest producing winery in Los Angeles with over 100 years of wine making, making it an essential component of the city's cultural and historical landscape. Still sitting on its original location on Lamar Street, the winery is the last vestige of the rich wine making tradition of greater Los Angeles.

What you need to do: The group will meet at 10:15 am along the westbound side of Huntington Drive opposite the Colonial Kitchen in San Marino. Plenty of room for a line of Model A's and others to park at the curb. Lunch on your own. The winery has a full lunch menu. We will be seated as a group. Joe Principe will lead the group departing at 10:30 am—no need to notify anyone. **Just show up.**

Spoken Wheels is the monthly publication of the Santa Anita A's based in Arcadia, California. The organization is dedicated to the restoration, preservation and enjoyment of the Model A Ford. It is a chapter of the national organization, MAFCA (Model A Ford Club of America). Meetings are held on the last Friday of most months at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, California. Address: PO Box 660904, Arcadia., CA 91066. Website: www.santaanitaas.org

Read the newsletter and sign up for everything

Model A Ford Club of America

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