March 2024



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#### THE NEXT MEETING

#### **General Meeting**

General Meeting - Saturday, March 30th, 10:00 am Church of The Good Shepherd. 400 W. Duarte Rd.,

#### Club meeting time changed to 10:00 am

We will temporarily move our meeting time from the last Friday night of the month to the last Saturday morning of the month.

Meetings will start at 10:00 am. For the next several months we will move our meeting time. Meetings will remain at the same location.

#### MARCH & APRIL BIRTHDAYS

#### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 John Emanuelli
- 3 Josie Byrd
- 3 Caroyln McBride
- 3 Scott Nielson
- 4 Jim Constantian
- 5 Ruth Harper
- 8 Mitsuko Hays
- 10 John MacDonald
- 14 Fred Weideman
- 19 Randy Harper
- 18 Lyla Eddington
- 20 Warren Record
- 22 Scott Nielson
- 22 Larry Metz
- 22 Mike Plessner
- 24 Dick Canzoneri
- 24 Nancy Stancil
- 27 Warwick Nethercoat
- 28 Jennifer Sandberg
- 30 Susan Homet
- 31 Steve Concidine

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS** 

- 3 Karen Gollhardt
- 4 Susie Lacey
- 6 Norma Canzoneri
- 6 Richard Favela
- 6 Mickey Fruchter
- 7 Donna MacDonald
- 12 Tom Forbes
- 13 Nelson Stanford
- 17 Joe Farino
- 17 Jackie Gross
- 17 Patty Lutz
- 23 Benjamin Stone
- 25 Al Backes
- 25 Andrea Plessner
- 27 Art Moore
- 28 Sheryl Hunter
- 29 Tracy Perry

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Going once, going twice, sold! Yes, that's right, our February meeting was our annual auction and I want to thank you all for donating items that were sold on behalf of our club. Once again, hats off to Chris "let's make a deal" Wickersham



Dino Falabrino for assisting me on this fun event.

March 16<sup>th</sup> will be the tech seminar on the Model A ignition system. It will be hosted at Chris Wickersham's garage in Pasadena. Be sure to join in on the fun.

Our formal monthly meetings will continue on Saturday mornings but will start at 10:00 am.

Prior to the start of the meeting, for one hour Chris Wickersham and Les Eddington will conduct a safety inspection in the church parking lot.

This will take place at each monthly meeting until further notice. They will be able to inspect up to 3 Model A's per meeting. So to have your car looked at contact Les Eddington.

Some members have expressed a desire to continue the camaraderie of our group by going to lunch after the meeting. Thus, another reason for the little later start time of the meeting. Totally optional but could be a lot of fun. Pick a nice place and go to lunch or brunch!

Hope to see everyone at the March 30th meeting

#### MARCH & APRIL ANNIVERSIRIES

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Larry and May Pare 3 Larry & Suzanne Rummens 10 Jim & Jamie Frick 12

#### **APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

Frank & MaryAnn Sepulveda 23

#### CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

#### 2024 OFFICERS, BOARD & CHAIRS

MARCH
8-9 - CCRG JAMBOREE Clovis, CA
11 - <b>Ladies' Brunch</b> , 11:00 am
Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport
(Call Bea Fruchter to confirm participation 626-797-2048
16 - <b>Seminar</b> – Chris Wickersham's shop See pages 3 & 4
16- Seminar - Pasadena High School 10am-Noon Our Club
member Ben Stone will conduct a transmission rebuild.
See page 11 for the history of the club.
21 - Men's Breakfast, 9:00 am
Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport
23 – Ron Mosher Open House & Swap Meet - See page 7
30 - General Meeting - Saturday 10:00am NEW START TIME
Church of the Good Shepherd 400 W Duarte Rd. Arcadia
(Note date & time change).
APRIL

14 - Orange County Pancake Breakfast – see page 10 MAY

2- Annual Car Show on the National Day of Prayer- Bradbury, CA Mount Baldy Tour – Details to be announced JUNE

23-29 - MAFCA 2024 NATIONAL CONVENTION RUIDOSO, NM

#### PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**Sunshine Report** - A condolence card was sent to the family of Hal Anthony who passed away. Thinking of you card was sent to Olive and Art Moore. Art is now in a skilled nursing facility in Upland.

**Cookie Bringers** -Dino and Gina Falabrino provided the coffee and Carol Emanuelli, Jean Ware, and Nancy Sharpe brought cookies.

**Photos and articles provided by** – Nancy Stancil, Bob Moore, Bea Fruchter, Bob Travis, Dennis Chapman and many more.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

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Joined 1/27/2024 1930 Coupe

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,	323-788-4778	Chris Wickersham	626-639-3141	
Membership:		TourMeister:		
Randy Harper	626-357-6442	Bob Harbicht Webmaster:	626-484-4214	
		Eric Sandberg	818-330-9311	

#### LOVELY NEWS BITS

#### Ladies Brunch



Come and join the ladies for a Brunch on the second Monday of every month. We discuss everything except Model A's. Brunch is at Annia's, 11:00 am - San Gabriel Valley Airport. Call Bea Fruchter to confirm your participation 626-797-2048.

#### SAFETY COMMITTEE SEMINAR #2

"Safety Driving/Touring Check List" was designed by an Ad Hoc Safety Committee for the Santa Anita A's. The committee is comprised of: Les Eddington, Chuck Davis, Bob Moore, Dino Falabrino, and Richard Anderson.

We propose the Safety List be used as a guide for self-inspection of your car. This is in anticipation of driving to the Saturday member's meetings, Men's Breakfast, and upcoming touring.

Starting at the March general meeting, we can inspect three Model A's - to be done at the 9:00 am coffee and doughnut time. There will be a sign-up list at the February general meeting or you can call one of us to schedule an inspection.

If you need any assistance getting your Model A running, please contact one of us or the Low-End Boys. We will put a team together to help you. We look forward to seeing your car at the future meetings and/or touring.

Low-End Boys:

**Chuck Davies & Mickey Fruchter** 

#### SANTA ANITA A'S Safety Committee Seminar # 2

When: Saturday, March 16, 2024, 10:00 – 12:00 pm (9:00 am Coffee, Doughnuts, and Selection of Model A Parts)

Where: Chris Wickersham's Garage 1835 East Walnut Street Pasadena

What: Ignition, Distributer, & Electrical (Points and Plug Gapping, Distributer and Timing, Testing of Coil & Condenser, Ignition Switch Issues.)

This Seminar will deal with age-old electrical issues for the owner. Appropriate **tools and testing procedures** will be demonstrated plus a promise of "hands on" experience for the members present. There also may be a give-a-away and minimally priced parts available during this session.

Parking at the shop for Model A's and street parking for regular cars.

Come early for a social time and refreshments. Please indicate attendance by calling, texting, or emailing Les Eddington (626) 533-7145 or Leseddington@aol.com.



#### **SEE PAGE 4 FOR THE SAFETY CHECKLIST**

#### **OFFICERS AND BOARD**

President: Dino Falabrino Vice President: Mickey Fruchter Treasurer: Nancy Sharpe Secretary: Warwick Nethercoat Board of Directors: Richard Anderson Scott Doudrick Joe Wilson Les Eddington Carl Rogers

#### SAFETY DRIVING/TOURING CHECK LIST

#### Santa Anita A's

Owner\_\_\_\_\_Year \_\_\_\_\_ Body

\_\_\_\_\_

Directions:

Check if OK. X by number – needs attention.

Style\_\_\_\_\_

ОК	XX		Notes
		A. Engine Related	
		1.Fuel Lines/Carb Leaks	
		2.Oil and/or Grease Leaks	
		3.Fan Blades, Belt Tightness	
		4.Radiator Hose/Leaks	
		5.Water Pump Leak/Bearing Noise	
		6.Exhaust Manifold & Tailpipe Clamp Tight	
		7.Battery Posts Tight/Corrosion Free (Owner	
		Check)	
		8.Accelerator/Distributer Linkage/Coil Secure	
		B. Starting, Stopping, Driving Related	
		9.Tire Pressure (30-34 lbs.), Tread Wear, Cracks	
		10.Door Latch Safe, Window Cracks, Rear View	
		Mirrow, Fire Extinguisher	
		11.Lights: Running, Stop & Brake	
		12.Proper Clutch/Brake Pedal Play (1-2")	
		C. Steering	
		13.Excessive Play in Wheel (Loose if Over 2")	
		14.Tight Tie-Rod, Pitman Arm. Steering Column	
		15.Tight Radius Ball	
		16.Proper Tow in, Camber, no Wobble	
		17.King Pin Check (Shimmy?) Owner Check	
		18.Alignment Check	
		19.Steering Box Lube	

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### General Meeting – February 24, 2024

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

There were 10 Model A's in attendance at the meeting.

#### Announcements:

Dino Falabrino brought the meeting to order at 9:20am.

He asked all members present to sign the attendance sheet at the back of the hall.

He asked Carl Rogers to conduct the salute to the flag. The minutes of the January general meeting were approved.

Dino introduced John, a guest from South Pasadena, who has a 1928 Model A Roadster that he is looking forward to getting back on the road. He said it was painted Baby Blue, a very rare color.

He thanked Dennis Chapman for providing the donuts and Bea Fruchter for providing the cookies.

#### Tours:

Dino stated that the Sweetheart's Tour on February 10<sup>th</sup> was well attended and there were no breakdowns. The Retiree's Tour on February 20<sup>th</sup> was rained out.

Dino also announced that there would be an open house at the home of Ron Mosher in Santa Clarita, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Ron, who passed away recently, was a longstanding member of the San Fernando Valley Model A Club, the Four Ever Four Club, and the publisher of the F.A.S.T. magazine. There will be a large selection of Model A parts and memorabilia for sale. Light refreshments will be provided.

#### Seminars:

Dino introduced Les Eddington who said there was a sign-up sheet at the back of the hall for 3 members who would like to participate in a safety inspection of their Model A prior to the March general meeting. Also provided were copies of the checklists of the items to be inspected.

Dino introduced Chris Wickersham who outlined the Technical Seminar to be held in his shop on March 16th. There will be coffee and donuts from 9:00 am to 10:00 am and the seminar from 10:00 am to noon. There will be used parts for sale from 8:00 am to 9:00 am.

Chris also asked that the front row in the parking lot be reserved for members that drive their Model A's to the meetings. All members arriving in modern vehicles should park further back in the lot. This will make for photo opts.

#### **Program:**

The program for the meeting was the annual club auction.

After the auction was concluded, Dino thanked Bea Fruchter, Gina Falabrino and Nancy Sharpe for recording the auction sales.

Raffle Winners were: Steve Kurtz Scott Doudrick Nancy Sharpe The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.

Respectfully submitted. Warwick Nethercoat, Secretary

#### BLACK HISTORY PARADE

The Santa Anita A's had 4 autos in the parade this year to haul the dignitaries: our own Bob Moore, Howard Hays, Wilbert Smith and Mickey Fruchter. They enjoyed a nice breakfast at the Jackie Robinson Center before loading up the distinguished guest and traveling the parade route of Fair Oaks and Lake Ave. Nice weather made it a perfect day for a parade.



#### MARCH SPEAKER

The March 30, 2024 meeting of the Santa Anita A's will feature our own SAA's member, Scott Bonner. He will present a program entitled "The Importance of Wills, Trusts and Probate." He will take a few short general questions from the members, time permitting.

Scott Bonner is an attorney specializing in trusts and estates, as well as family law. He is also an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of La Verne College of Law and Public Service. He holds a Bachelor degree from Cal Poly, Pomona and a Master degree from the University of Redlands in addition to his Juris Doctor degree from the University of La Verne College of Law.

Prior to his law career, Scott was a public school teacher for 33 years, teaching music. He still maintains a schedule of conducting and clinics for music groups in the area.

He has a 1931 Fordor Sedan, which he rebuilt with the help of the Santa Anita A's club and his father-inlaw, Mickey Fruchter. His other hobbies include bicycling and wine-making. He spends his off hours with his wife, Lori, who is also a teacher and licensed attorney.





The annual auction was a huge success!! There were some very special items sold at some very special prices. Rumors are the club made over \$1000. A good day for all.



SAA ANNUAL AUCTION 2024



## **OPEN HOUSE / SWAP MEET**

IN MEMORY OF RON MOSHER

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD 10:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.

23314 8TH ST., NEWHALL

Questions: Carol-661-904-8227

## A BLT BANNER DAY

Another banner day was observed by the BLT Guys organization on February 23, 2024. However, it <u>did not</u> involve the installation of a Mitchell overdrive in a 1931 coupe. The 31 coupe is owned by Christine Foster, who lives in Long Beach and is a current member of the Orange County Model A Ford Club, and a former member of the Santa Anita A's of Arcadia, California. Christine asked us to install a new ammeter in her car and change the oil and she made a very generous donation of \$300 to the Model A Youth Restoration Award program. Christine's car has a unique history. She bought it when she was 16 years old to drive to Pasadena High School when it was on the campus of Pasadena City College. She paid \$75 for it and has been driving it ever since. We are not going to speculate how many years ago that was.

Over the years any number of repairs have been made to the car. Somewhere along the line the original ammeter was replaced with a reproduction that recently quit working. The new ammeter Chris provided for us is also a reproduction and they are known to be of poor quality. The first showstopper we ran into was the replacement ammeter had a reversed polarity and we had to reverse the wires to have the ammeter point to positive when the generator was charging. The second problem was the ammeter did not mount securely in the dash panel mounting hole and wanted to rotate in the mounting when the engine was running. We solved the problem by applying some JB weld to the inside of the dash panel. The oil change went off without a hitch. We also checked the oil in the transmission, differential, and the steering box, and greased the car. We flushed the radiator and cleaned the spark plugs and adjusted the ignition points. We torqued all the wheel lug nuts and checked the tire pressure. We also cleaned up a cruddy looking engine compartment. A drop of oil was applied to many locations that needed it. At the end of the day the coupe performed as Henry ordered. **By Tom Endy** 



#### Christine Foster and her \$75 1931 Model A coupe.

## ARE YOU GETTING SPRING FEVER?

It's almost Spring!! Time to take the skis and chains off and put the front tires on.



## LOOKING AHEAD

The Article provided by from Bob Travis and Written by Steven Symes with *The Auto Wire* 

## California Looking to Restrict Travel for Classic Cars.....

The state of California is looking seriously at instituting or allowing local governments to institute ZERO-EMMISION ZONES in the near future. In preparation for such a move, The California Air Recourses Board (CARB) reportedly is gathering information about classic cars and how their owners use them. We knew something like this was coming to

the US and California would likely be first, but this is still concerning.

According to the Daily Caller report, on Aug 2, CARB sent out a survey to owners of classic cars from model year 1978 and older

Knowing how increasingly authoritarian many government agencies seems to be trending, this is concerning to many car enthusiasts who still live in the Golden State.

Back in the day, California was arguably the epicenter of the cool car culture with many legendary brands. Builders and other hobbyist emerging from the state. That all emerged at a tie when individual expression, not institutionalized expression, reigned supreme, Unfortunately, that looks to be going the away of the dodo before long.

It's also pointed out how CARB issued a report back in 2019 suggesting the state should allow "local jurisdictions to create zero-emissions zones." If that sounds a little too similar to the ULEZ zones that have taken over all of London's boroughs in the UK, with plate readers fining people daily for violations, you're not alone.

Of course, the justification for full-on banning of older cars from certain areas or making the owners pay a daily fee to drive there is climate change. After seeing the amount of emissions produced by private jets, cruise ships, EV mining/producing, SpaceX rockets, and many other things that are widely celebrated, defended, and/or enjoyed, one can't help but feel cynical about these mounting restrictions.

But California has a net zero carbon emissions goal set for 2045 and so we can expect even more restrictions on the horizon. We hope it doesn't get to the point that authorities go door to door looking for classic cars to seize and crush. But the mere mention of zero-emission zones would've been dismissed as a crazy conspiracy theory only a few years ago.



#### PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL MAFC

#### by Tom Endy {Rev. 2024}

Pasadena High School was built in 1960. Prior to that the last two years of high school in Pasadena were conducted on the campus of Pasadena City College (PCC). Junior high schools in Pasadena before 1960 went up through the 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

The Pasadena High School Model A Ford Club was established in 2016 by Wilbert Smith, a member of the Santa Anita A's Model A Ford Club (SAA).



**Pasadena High School** 



Pasadena City College

A number of technical seminars for the high school Model A Ford Club have been conducted at PCC. The instructors there volunteer their time to open the automotive shop on a Saturday morning to enable the activity. One of the seminars was held there on Saturday November 16, 2019. The subject was the assembly of an overhauled Model A Ford transmission and bell housing that were installed in a Model A Ford the club later raffled off.



Wilbert Smith, the founder of the Pasadena High School Model A Ford Club, is seen here on the right directing the 2019 seminar.



The young lady on the right is Gigi Castro, the club president for two years. Gigi was a senior and graduated in June 2020.

Pasadena City College is located on the corner of Colorado Boulevard and Hill Avenue in the city of Pasadena. It was established in 1924 and is a two-year community college. In the old days, the Rose Queen and her court came exclusively from PCC. This ensured there was always an abundance of beautiful girls on campus.

A distinguished PCC alumnus is Ken Mallory (Santa Anita A's Model A Ford Club). Ken was a student at PCC during WWII when he was drafted into the army. He later fought in the Battle of the Bulge and crossed the Rhine River in a rubber boat under machine gun fire. Another Santa Anita A's distinguished alumnus is Rick Phillips, who was a PCC student and later became an instructor there.

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# FORGET!

Read the newsletter and sign up for everything.

#### **Model A Ford Club of America**

Santa Anita A's is a chartered member of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). It is a California not-forprofit corporation and a national historical society dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Model A Ford vehicles as manufactured from 1928 through 1931.

We encourage our SAA's members to also participate in the MAFCA organization. Check out their website. It contains a wide variety of information about the organization, activities, technical references and instructions on how to join the organization. (www.mafca.com)



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