



May 2025

Spoken Wheels

General Meeting

General Meeting –Saturday, May 31th, 10:00am
Church of the Good Shepherd
400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA

**An annual Auto Inspection Day is being organized.
Stay tuned for more information about this.**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

JUNE BIRTHDAYS – MEN

DAVE GALASSI – 2
JAY MUNNS – 2
BOB HARBICHT – 4
CLIFF MOUNT – 9
JOE GUARRERA – 12
DAN PAIGE – 12
PHIL WAY – 24
SCOTT DOUDRICK – 28

JUNE BIRTHDAYS – WOMEN

BEA FRUCHTER – 12
PATSY HARBICHT – 20
BARBARA VOORS - 21

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

NELSON & SUSIE STANFORD – 3
STEVEN & SONDR A KURTZ – 4
GARY & SHERYL HUNTER – 12
JAY & CHERYL MUNNS – 12
ISAAC & KERRI RAMOS – 14
DINO & GINA FALIBRINO – 16
DICK & NORMA CANZONERI – 17
JERRY & MARLYS CLELAND – 17
DON & CAROLYN McBRIDE – 24
LEROY & PAM KEHRET – 26
E J & BARB VOMELA CALLAHAN - 28

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow Model A enthusiasts! As I write this message, I'm still thinking about our April guest speaker, Joe "Pepe" Sciarra. This 100-year-old veteran spoke about all of his experiences in WWII like it just happened yesterday. I stood there in amazement



Dino Falabrino

watching him speak so eloquently for almost an hour and kept us wanting to hear more. Pepe is a National Treasure and we were so lucky to have him visit the club. My original plan was to bring him in my Jeep but bad weather cancelled that idea. I promise he'll get that ride when the weather is right.

A few weeks ago, we had another anniversary event dubbed "Pioneers and Pies". We drove to La Puente and toured the Rowland House. From there we motored to a nearby Marie Callender's Restaurant for lunch. That's where the "Pies" came into the tour. It was a great tour, great turnout and great weather for the day. A special thanks goes out to Janet Beggs and our tour guide Jim Kroeger for leading us on a great event.

There's lots of fun stuff planned for the rest of our 50th so sign up and come celebrate with us.

By the way, if you have a Model A, know someone who owns one or know people who like them and are looking for a club your search is over. We're it even if the Model A is not quite original and has some modern improvements, may lack some running abilities or whatever! Come to an event or a meeting, meet the members and share your visions.

As always, Dino Falabrino

STOLEN MODEL A

Be on the lookout for a Yellow & Black 1930 Tudor that was stolen from the Public Storage in San Gabriel Valley around Feb. 27th. CA license plate is HACPRUF. Any information should be directed to Arvid Olson or Dennis Chapman

UPCOMING EVENTS

May

May is Model A Youth Month

- 8 -- **Board meeting** – 7pm Church of the Good Shepherd
- 12 – **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 15 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 23-25 – **NCRG Roundup** – Sacramento, CA
- 24 – **Tom Endy Transmission Seminar** – See page 5
- 31 – **General Meeting** – Church of the Good Shepherd

June

- 5– **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 9 – **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 12 – **Board meeting** – 7pm Church of the Good Shepherd
- 19 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 21- **Golden Gala** – Shakespeare Club – See page 6
- 16-20 - **MAFCA 2025 National Tour** – Virginia Battlefields
- 28 – **General Meeting** – Church of the Good Shepherd

July

- 3 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 8 - **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 10 - **Board meeting** – 7pm Church of the Good Shepherd
- 17 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 26 – **General Meeting** – Church of the Good Shepherd

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PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Sunshine Report – No cards sent this month. No news is good news. We do send thoughts and prayers out to those who are battling illnesses on an ongoing basis.

Cookie Bringers – Bob Moore provided the tasty donuts this month. Sue Rogers next time. Volunteers are needed.

Photos and articles provided by Nancy Stancil, Janet Beggs, Jim Kroeger, Randy Harper and others just to name a few.

MANEUVERING OUR 50TH

As we enjoy our 50th anniversary as a club, we are showing historic club slide shows during our monthly meetings. If you have relevant pictures, videos, audios, etc. please contact Scott Doudrick at 626-437-0947 or email to 1939mars@gmail.com

Depending on what kind of response he gets he will put together some interesting programs.

FASHION 1928 - 1931

With the Kentucky Derby being the first weekend in May I felt that hats would be a good thing for the fashion corner.

Anyone interested in doing this column?



MT. BALDY TOUR



Look for a report on this tour next month.



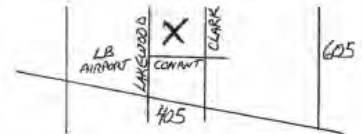
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LOVELY NEWS BITS

LADIES' BRUNCH 11am

Every second Monday of the month the ladies gather at Annia's Kitchen, 4233 Santa Anita Ave., El Monte, CA.

Last month I wonder if they all came in the same Model A?

Next month I'm sure they will have more than a carload there! Come join in the fun.



NOT SO LOVELY NEWS BITS

MEN'S BREAKFAST 9am

The men are really turning out for breakfast! We are getting around a dozen on the 1st and over 2 dozen on the 3rd Thursday outing.

Tire kicking starts around 8:30am and food at 9:00am every month on the first and third Thursday.

San Gabriel Airport's Annia's Kitchen, 4233 Santa Anita Ave., El Monte, CA.



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

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

Dino Falabrino brought the meeting to order at 10:02am.

Here's highlights of the April meeting. Full meeting minutes will come out in an email blast.

We had 54 people and 2 cars at this month's meeting. The rain or threat of didn't keep the people away but did keep the Model A's away.

The speaker you can read about in the President's message. He did a wonderful job entertaining us with his stories.

Prize Winners are as follows;

Scott Doudrick - \$40

Nancy Stancil - \$25

Suzanne Rummens - #30

Paul Cella - \$50

Pat Utter – Wore club clothes

Cliff Mount – Wore club badge

Carl & Sue Rogers – Drove an A

TRANSMISSION SEMINAR

Tom Endy will give a transmission seminar on Saturday May 24th at 10:00 am. Coffee and donuts will be provided at 9:00 am and you'll have time to have fellowship with your Model A enthusiasts.

Tom will go over the pitfalls and tips of the transmissions and answer many of your questions.

The location will be Chris Wickersham's shop. 1835 East Walnut, Pasadena, CA 91107 There will be special parking for those who drive their A's.

TOUR ORGANIZING TIPS

Ever want to plan a tour for the club? Not sure how exactly to do it? Want to learn more?

Well Bucko you're in luck! Read this month's Restorer Magazine for a full article on how to do a tour. Your club will love you!

THE EXCEPTIONAL CREW

Recognition is hereby given to the individuals of an exceptional BLT crew that installed a Mitchell overdrive, sync transmission, V-8 clutch, machined flywheel, and rebuilt bell housing, all in six hours from when the car arrived at the work place.

Four BLT members were on hand at 1 PM when the car arrived from Yuma, AZ on a trailer. Three more BLT members showed up a short time later. By 7 PM the job was completed. The installation raised \$1200. for the Model A Youth Restoration Program. By Tom Endy

Bryan Thompson - Santa Anita A's

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Saturday / June 21 / 5:00 pm

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Sign up at the monthly meeting or send your check and food selection to:

Janet Beggs

1701 N. El Molino

Pasadena, CA 91104

Our Golden Anniversary has arrived!

The celebration for the 50th anniversary of the Santa Anita A's will return to the Shakespeare Club of Pasadena which was the scene of our Ruby Anniversary a decade ago. This is a dress-up event although our 50th Anniversary club shirts (the black ones) are also appropriate. You are most welcomed to reach out to former members to invite them. For your convenience an e-blast with an invitation will also be sent.

This is one event not to be missed! There will be cars and people there you haven't seen in a while. Fun is always guaranteed and lots of people have already RSVP'd. Don't miss out!



MYSTERY MANSION LOCATION REVEALED!

By Jim Kroeger

For over two months club members tried to figure out where the mystery mansion location was on our Pioneers and Pies Tour. No one was successful even after it was disclosed it was near our lunch stop, Marie Calendars.

Twenty-five members and eleven Fords met in the Walmart parking lot and found out they were headed to the John Rowland Mansion in La Puente. The home is located on the La Puente Unified School District office property and our own Nancy Stancil couldn't contain herself. She had worked for the district for over 30 years and was the only one familiar with the property. Upon arriving we were met by Amy Rowland, a 6th generation descendant of the family. What better person to have as our docent! All classic cars were escorted through a private gate and were allowed to line up in front of the mansion for photographs.

There are basically three buildings located on the property: the cookhouse, the Rowland home and the Dibble Roundhouse. The mansion was built in 1855 and was the first two-story brick house in Southern California and is the oldest brick house now standing in the area. In 1887 the mansion was remodeled by changing the slope of the roof, stuccoing the brick and adding a kitchen.

The roundhouse is a re-purposed water tank for the ranch that was turned into a museum in 1950 and contains ranch equipment and Indian artifacts. The roof is supported by mahogany beams in a beautiful spiral pattern. All these structures are owned and maintained by the La Puente Valley Historical Society.

An additional bonus to our tour was the discovery of a very special Model A. Descendant Rick Rowland brought an original 1930 roadster sports coup that was purchased by Walter Temple Jr. for his wife Nellie. Mr. Temple's family home is located down the street known as the Workman, Temple Family Homestead Museum. Rick is now the second owner of the Model A.

As we concluded our visit, Santa Anita A members passed the hat and donated over \$200 to help with a mansion restoration project. Amy had tears in her eyes and will use the funds to restore the living room chandelier. Well done A's!



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Richard Jr. also sits on the Board of the Santa Anita Model A Club.

FOR SALE

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Contact Dennis Chapman by email, phone or catch him at a meeting or tour.

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