



October 2023

Spoken Wheels

THE NEXT MEETING

General Meeting

General Meeting - October 27, 7:00 pm, Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

MEETING PROGRAM

Model A Memories

Some of our most fun programs have come from our members. At our upcoming meeting we'll have a chance to share our own Model A memories with our fellow club members. Topics might include:

- A memorable Model A experience
- Model A disasters
- Disasters avoided, or fixed
- Memorable trips
- Finding the right Model A to buy
- Or any other memory you'd care to share

Put your thinking caps on and be prepared to share with everyone.

ATTENTION

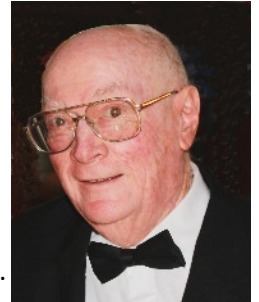
The date for our November meeting has been moved one week earlier to November 17. This change was made to avoid competing with the Turkey Day holiday weekend.



Gas Pumps in transition. Some of us remember using these old pumps

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Santa Anita A's club has been quite active this month. We had a great tour to the East Fork of the San Gabriel River. We enjoyed last month's program at our meeting. It was fun to see videos of many of the members during their trip through the Maritime Provinces of Canada. Many of the people on the video are no longer with us.



Welcome back to Gus & Alice Chavarria who recently rejoined the Santa Anita A's.

Thank you to Don McBride for the box of spare parts that he donated to the "Low End Boys" to help club members who need assistance with getting their cars on the road.

Another thank you goes out to JoAnn Formia who donated the collection of "Restorer" magazines and "Model A Times" magazines that her late husband Louie had saved over the course of many years. I encourage new members to take as many of the magazines as you would like to help complete your resource collection. I will bring all the magazines to the October meeting for members to take to complete their library. Please help yourselves.

We had a great turnout for the men's breakfast this month. Thank you, Marlin Perry, for calling members to remind them about the breakfast. The ladies who miss their monthly brunch are actually missing a pleasant time to socialize and get to know each other better. Call Bea if you have any questions.

I hope to see you all at our October 17th meeting.
Happy Model A'nnnnnn

NEWS BITS

Happy Halloween and have a meaningful Veterans day. See "History" stories on pages 3 and 4.

CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

October

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

November

4 - Safety Seminar - see page 4
 13 - Ladie's 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
17 - General Meeting - 7:00 pm, Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia (Note date change)

December

16 - Christmas Party/ Installation Banquet - see page 4

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

November Birthdays

2 - Larry Pare
 3 - Jim Austin
 3 - Bob Moore
 4 - Adel White
 9 - Mark Gollhardt
 11 - Elsie Johnson
 12 - Steve Newton
 14 - Don McBride
 15 - Frank Sepulveda
 17 - Marlin Perry
 18 - Joe Wilson

Birthdays continued

19 - Wilbert Smith
 19 - Sue Guarrera
 20 -Scott Bonner
 24 - Maria Foye
 24 - May Pare
 26 - Judi Moore

November Anniversaries

15 - John & Susie Lacey
 27 - Cliff & Alice Mount
 22 -Steve & Barbara Voors

PUBLIC NOTICES

Sunshine report

A get well card was sent to Brad Balmot who has an infection. A sympathy card was sent to Vicky Bartlett whose daughter passed away. Olive Moore reports that her husband Art is still in the hospital but getting a little better.

Cookie bringers - Who knows

Photos - Karen Gollhardt, Julie Creps, Joe Wilson

NEW MEMBERS



Guzman (Gus) & Alice Chavarria

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 gear1@sbcglobal.net
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NEWS BITS

Club Elections Scheduled For November

Election of our club officers and board members for 2024 will take place at our November meeting. A nominating committee headed up by Randy Harper has been developing a slate of officers and board members which will be presented to the membership at our October meeting. We will take nominations from the floor that night.

There are no plans for debates between candidates. Club elections will be held at our November general meeting. Installation of officers and board members will take place at our Christmas banquet. Members do not have to pre-register or show I.D. to vote.



PAST TOURS & EVENTS

East Fork of San Gabriel River Tour

October 4

by Joe Wilson

Our traditional East Fork of the San Gabriel River picnic was originally scheduled for July 19 but was canceled due to hot temperatures. October brought cooler weather and a fine day for touring.



We proceeded on course and just as we started to gain altitude we encountered a road block. The road was closed for repairs! Bummer. A quick field meeting was held to discuss options. A decision was made to proceed to the San Dimas Canyon Park picnic area. This location provided shade, picnic tables and a real restroom.

The plans for fresh ice cream also hit a roadblock. Tour leader, Bob Moore, was unable to locate dry ice. No dry ice - no ice cream. But the show did go on as it must.

The group included: Chuck Davies, Jim Frick, Bob Moore, Dick and Norma Canzoneri, Bob Travis, Richard Ware, Joe Wilson w/his Daughter Julie and son-in law Jay. Bob Moore had invited Bob Reeves from the Jewel City club.



HISTORY- VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day is a U.S. legal holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars, and Veterans Day 2023 will occur on Saturday, November 11.



In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as "the Great War". Commemorated in many countries as Armistice Day the following year.

November 11th became a federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became known as Veterans Day 12.

Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, organized "National Veterans Day," which included a parade and other festivities, to honor all veterans. The event was held on November 11, then designated Armistice Day. Later, U.S. Representative Edward Rees of Kansas proposed a bill that would change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The bill was signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on May 26, 1954.

Today, Veterans Day is celebrated across the United States with parades, speeches, and other public events to honor those who have served in the armed forces 14. It is also customary to observe a moment of silence at 11:00 a.m. on November 11th each year to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.



COMING TOURS & EVENTS

Christmas is coming along with our installation Banquet

Janet Beggs was assigned the “task” of organizing the Christmas party so you know it will be extra special. A lot of research was done of venues and caterers in an effort to create the perfect template for this and future Christmas dinners for the Santa Anita A’s.

The Almansor Court was chosen as perfect for this group – good location, good parking, all on one level, on-site catering, reasonable costs. This venue is well known to many of you for your own special celebrations.

Your Board has reviewed and accepted this proposal and agreed to underwrite a significant portion of the cost! Thank you Board!

A sign-up list will be at both the October and November club meetings. You will need to list the name of each person coming and make a menu selection. You will also need to leave a check with the clipboard made payable to “Santa Anita A’s”.

For those unable to attend the meetings, you may mail your check to: Janet Beggs, 1701 N. El Molino, Pasadena CA 91104. Be sure to list the name of all attendees and their menu selections. You may choose: (1) Prime Rib, (2) Sea Bass, or (3) Vegan Tartare.



Santa Anita A's Christmas Party & Installation Banquet

Saturday  December 15  6 pm

\$35 per person

Select (1) Prime Rib, (2) Sea Bass, or (3) Vegan Tartar

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Safety Seminar

by Les Eddington

An interactive Seminar will be held at Valley Brake and Wheel, 12133 Valley Blvd., El Monte, CA 91732 on Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM. The purpose of the seminar is to ensure the safety of your Model A vehicle.

Coffee and doughnuts will be available and there should be plenty of parking. A lift will be available to examine at least four cars, where the owner suspects there may be brake, steering, or alignment issues. The seminar will be examination/assessment based, as opposed to lecture.

If you would like to have your car selected as one of the cars (Model A of course), please send your name and cell number to Les Eddington (626)533-7145. Bring your own chair if needed.

We need to know if you are coming so we have enough handouts, coffee & doughnuts. Please respond directly to Les Eddington (leseddington@aol.com).

Another practical seminar is being planned in the near future. We encourage all members to get your car running safely.



HISTORY - HALLOWEEN

Halloween is a holiday celebrated each year on October 31, and Halloween 2023 will occur on Tuesday, October 31. The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts.



In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints. Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallow's Eve, and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating treats.

Thus, a new American tradition was born, and it has continued to grow. Today, Americans spend an estimated \$6 billion annually on Halloween, making it the country's second largest commercial holiday after Christmas.

A Thank You from Vicky Balmot

I want to thank everyone who have by phone calls, emails and texts expressed concern for my daughter and her family who live in Israel. Thank God she and her family are safe. They live in Jerusalem which has had about 20 air raid sirens over the last week but no direct hits. There have been many days of quiet which has allowed her to stock up on necessities and calm her children. She has shielded the children from the atrocities of Hamas and is working on helping IDF soldiers. Everyone in Israel is stressed and overwhelmed, but overall, considering the situation, they are doing quite well.

I visited my daughter for 3 weeks in August and am very grateful that I had a wonderful trip when all was calm and safe. They and all of Israel need our support and prayers.

Annual Food Drive is Revived

We are reviving our annual food drive which we haven't had since before covid. We are asking Santa Anita A's members to join in an old tradition of bringing non-perishable food items to our holiday party on December 16th or to our regular club meetings on October 27 or November 17 (moved up one week to not conflict with Thanksgiving weekend). Please leave your bags near the door and they will taken to local food banks. It is a nice tradition that we hope kick start again. Also, toys will be appreciated. Nothing wrapped!



Club Clothing Now Available for the Holidays

It is not too late to place an order for your clothing gifts for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. There is a wide variety of shirts, jackets and hats which can be customized with your very own name or someone else's. The complete catalog can be found on the SAA's website (www.santaanitaas.org).

Samples of the clothing will be on display at the next meeting. Stop by the display table to check out the offerings available for the Holidays.

A list of clothing and promotional items are shown on page 9.



Cleaning Out Chuck Sharpe's Garage

by Joe Wilson

On Saturday, October 7, members of the Santa Anita A's helped clean out Chuck Sharpe's Model A garage. Chuck had passed away in July, 2022.

Chuck was a hot rod and Model A enthusiast and a former member of the Forever Four and Santa Anita A's.

The garage was full of many parts, tools and assorted "stuff". Although there was a reasonable turnout and sales activity, there is still a lot of "stuff" looking for a home. If you have questions about what is still available, contact Bob Moore at 626-353-1889.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAFCA Announces 50 Year Chapter Award Program

This article appeared in the current issue of the Restorer and was written by Will Langford, 2023 Chapter Coordinator

Each year one of the privileges for the Chapter Coordinator for MAFCA is to recognize those chapters who have achieved certain milestones in their history for their years of continuous operation. This is done by awarding a certificate of achievement designating that milestone. These are then delivered to each chapter to display.

We are proud to announce a new program to enhance this. This year, by unanimous vote, the MAFCA Board of Directors and in an agreement with MAFFI and the Model "A" Ford Museum, we approved to begin recognizing those chapters who have achieved the high honor of 50 years of continuous membership in the Model "A" Ford Club of America in a special way. For those chapters, an inscribed brick will be placed on behalf of MAFCA at the Model "A" Museum by the Model "A" Ford Foundation or MAFFI.

This permanent enshrinement of this accomplishment will be on display 365 days a year to celebrate this high honor. We cannot however just begin this recognition in 2023. We must also look back to past award recipients as well as look at our current winners. To do so, 94 bricks will be ordered this year that will include all previous 50 year Chapter Longevity Award winners. This begins with our first chapter, the Bakersfield, California Club, as well as including the 2023 and 2024 winners which will be placed in time for the 2024 Model A Days celebration.

Each year after, a brick will be placed in honor of those 50 year chapters reaching this milestone. Those recognized in this sidewalk of 50 year Chapter Longevity Winners is meant to demonstrate their special place in MAFCA's history and their significance in the success of MAFCA. It is our hope that with this permanent recognition and placement of these bricks, those MAFCA members and others who visit the museum, will feel the same sense of pride and accomplishment in these recipient's as the Model A Ford Club of America does.

Santa Anita A's to celebrate it's 50th Anniversary

The Santa Anita A's Model A club was founded in 1975. In a few short years we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary.

Our membership currently includes 131 family units, with a total of 214 individuals.

Participation in our meetings and events have not returned to the level we enjoyed prior to the covid shut down. We encourage you to "come on back" by attending the December 16th Christmas/Installation banquet.



Testing a Girl's Priorities

By Tom Endy

My grandson, Ben Stone, a member of the Santa Anita A's Model A Ford club, has been driving his 1930 Model A Tudor to school for the past three weeks. He is a senior at Huntington Beach High School. As a senior he has on campus parking privileges. Since he is on the swim team he has to show up for practice each day at 0630 in the morning. The Model A has caused a bit of a stir on campus. Most likely the last kid to drive a Model A to Huntington Beach High School was back around 1948.

Not everyone at school is excited about it. A girl in Ben's French class, who lives near him, has occasionally asked him for a ride home. Last week when she asked for a ride, he said "no problem meet me in the parking lot after school". When they met after school she asked "where is your car?" Ben pointed to his Model A and said "right there." "But where is your Subaru", she asked?"It's at home, this is what I'm driving." The girl would not get in the car, she said it was unsafe and a death trap. "Suit yourself", he said, as he drove away. She apparently walked the 3 or 4 miles home.

Ben does not plan to ask her to the prom, but he does plan to drive his Model A there.



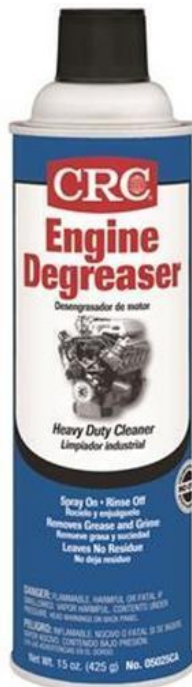
Ben and his 1930 Tudor last December when we finished up the restoration with the installation of a Mitchell overdrive.

Cleaning the Working Parts of Your Model A

Recently while replacing the engine in one of my Model A's, I was confronted with the problem of what to do about all the dirty nuts, bolts and small parts that I removed and was intending to re-use with the new engine. About 15 years ago, I had completely restored this car with the intention of using it for local Model A outings and club events but also as a car to take on long distance tours. I had powder coated the frame and other major under chassis components to make it easier to keep clean and looking nice. After 19,000 miles of club events and long distance touring, while the engine and undercarriage looked reasonably clean, when I started to take things apart, I found everything was a bit dirtier than expected and most components had a coating of grease and oil. Certainly, with a new freshly painted engine being installed, I wanted everything else to be clean and presentable.

After removing the old engine and transmission, I sprayed CRC Engine degreaser on the front suspension components and areas of the chassis that were dirty and greasy. After letting it set over night, I pushed the car outside and just hosed off the front suspension and engine bay. I was surprised how clean everything was. The powder coated components were really easy to clean up. I was careful not to get any engine degreaser on the fenders or body as I was not sure how it would react with these paint finishes. To clean the firewall, I used Simple Green spray cleaner. I have been using this cleaner for many years with very good results. It is not hard on finishes and does a good job of removing dirt and is easy to rinse off with water.

I used a shallow flat metal tray to clean all the small parts and nuts and bolts. I then sprayed both sides of everything with the engine degreaser and let it set for an hour or so then rinsed them off with hot water. For a final clean, I could use either Simple Green or liquid dish washing soap and then rinsed with hot water. Liquid dish washing soap does a good job of removing the oily film that can remain after using the engine cleaner. Dish washing soap also does a good job cleaning your hands and the lemon scent will make everything smell good.



For really dirty parts, I will first soak them in kerosene and then use simple green or dish washing soap. Be careful using kerosene. It is flammable but does a good job cleaning really grimy parts. If you are cleaning parts with kerosene, use in a well ventilated area away from any open flame and be sure to store it properly.

With a little effort and good cleaning agents, it is not difficult to keep the working parts of your Model A clean and presentable.



Tech Tip

Use Hand Protection When Working on Your Model A

To protect your hands when working on greasy or oily components of your Model A, it is a good idea to use disposable gloves made especially for the mechanic. This is especially true when using solvents or harsh cleaning agents. When finished, be sure to wash your hands thoroughly and use a good hand lotion. Good oil and solvent resistant disposable gloves are available at most auto parts stores.



SPECIAL REPORT

A Hidden Club Asset

by Tom Endy

The Santa Anita A's Model A Ford Club has an asset that I was not aware of. His name is Al Backes, he is a member of the club, lives in Pomona, does not own A Model A, and does not come to the meetings. However, he runs an ad each month in the club newsletter advertising that he has a cottage industry dealing with antique auto glass.

I managed to break the window glass on the driver's door of my Victoria while trying to set the glass in the rail and put it back in the car. A Victoria door window glass is the most difficult to deal with in the Model A kingdom. The newsletter ad only gives a phone number, so I e-mailed a number of club members asking if they know anything about this business and have any members done business with them. Bob Travis responded that he knows Al Backes and has done business with him, as have other club members.

Al does good work and his prices are reasonable. Joe Wilson also responded and advised that Al Backes is a member of the club and his contact information is in the roster. I contacted Al and he not only provided me with a replacement door window, he delivered it to my house and set it in the rail and installed it in the Victoria, This was not only really great service, but reasonably priced. While at the house he also set the wind wing glass in the brackets for my grandson Ben Stone's 1930 Tudor that I had been struggling with. This was the last item needed to complete the three year restoration.

This is certainly a club treasure and Al Backes should be known to all club members. He can provide window and windshield glass for all makes of vintage cars, and he will come to your home to deliver the glass and provide the service. Al Backes 909-816-5055.



MEETING MINUTES

General Meeting September 29, 2023

The meeting was held at Church of The Good Shepherd, United Methodist Church, Arcadia, CA. Mickey Fruchter brought the meeting to order at 7:07pm. He asked Richard Ware to conduct the salute to the flag. A motion was passed to approve the August General Meeting minutes.

Announcements:

- Mickey asked members to sign the Sign In Sheet on the table at the back of the hall. He also asked members to sign up to donate cookies for the General meetings.
- Mickey announced that there was a large club jacket donated by a former club member available at the back of the hall.

Sunshine Report

- Sue Chandler announced that Vicky Bartlett's daughter had passed away, and that John Emanuelli was attending tonight's meeting.
 - Jim Constantian announced that Joyce Bruce (626-445-3214), the wife of a car enthusiast who had passed away, had all his shop tools she needed to dispose of. Members were encouraged to contact her directly.
 - Bea Fruchter encouraged all ladies to attend the next Ladie's Brunch on 10/09/2023. She guaranteed that there would be no discussion of cars.
 - No guests or new members attended the meeting.
 - Bob Moore reminded the members of the East Fork Tour on 10/04/2023. Participants were to bring their own lunch, and the club would provide dessert.
 - He also reminded the members to come by the late Chuck Sharpe's garage on Saturday, 10/07/2023 for the sale of parts and tools, from 8:00am – 1:00pm at 422 North Myrtle Avenue in Monrovia.
 - He also stated that the committee to nominate board members and officers (Bob Moore, Janet Beggs, Randy Harper) was soliciting for nominations for all positions.
 - Mickey reminded the members that the date for the November General Meeting had been moved up a week to 11/17/2023, so as not to conflict with Thanksgiving.
 - He also announced the date for the Christmas Banquet as 12/16/2023. Details to follow in the forthcoming Spoken Wheels.
 - As Bob Harbicht was not present, Joe Wilson introduced the evening's program which was the continuation of last month's program, a video of the 2008 Model A Touring Clubs's tour of the Canadian Atlantic Provinces.
 - Raffle Winners were:
Arrived In a Model A – Carl Rogers
Name Badge – Chuck Davies
Club Clothing – Joe Wilson
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Warwick Nethercoat, Secretary

Santa Anita A's Promotional Items

These items are now available for purchase by members.



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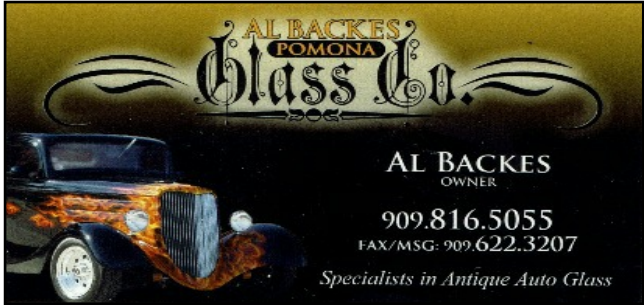
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