



December 2023

Spoken Wheels

THE NEXT MEETING

General Meeting

General Meeting - Saturday, January 27th, 9:00am, Church of The Good Shepard. 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

MEETING PROGRAM

The entertainment will be us! Bingo time, playing 3 games (or more if time permits) Each game is only \$1.00 to play. This is a winner take all. All money collected goes to the winner in each game.

NEWS BITS

Club Meeting Times Changed

In an attempt to increase participation at our general meetings, the club's board of directors has decided to experiment with the time we hold our meetings. **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 9:00 am. For the next several months we will move our meeting time. Meetings will remain at the same location. Results of the change in meeting time will be evaluated.

Club Officers and Board Members Elected for 2024

Our nominating committee presented a list of officers and board members for the calendar year 2024 to be voted on at our November 16 meeting. Here is the list of candidates elected.

President - Dino Falabrino

Vice President - Mickey Fruchter

Treasurer: Nancy Sharpe

Secretary - Warwick Nethercoat

Board of Directors:

Richard Anderson

Joe Wilson

Carl Rogers

Les Eddington

Scott Doudrick

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This will be my last President's Message and I wish to thank all the many members who have been there to support our club during this past year. The Board has been wonderful to work with, as have the many volunteers. I feel great about our new president and I know he has fantastic plans for next year.



Mickey Fruchter

We have a super-duper club and it seems to improve as time goes by. 'Covid' made our in-person meetings, seminars and tours extremely difficult to carry-on, but we're basically okay.....and we are now attracting new members who really enjoy what we have to offer.



Dino Falabrino

As your new incoming president, I would like to thank you all for approving me as your new president. The new year hopes to bring some new ideas and events that I hope you will enjoy.

I would also like to thank all that have taken positions in the club to make this all happen. I can't do it alone, but together we can. If you ever have any questions, I am here to answer them.

December Newsletter

By now you will have noticed that the December issue is late and that it is only 8 pages long rather than the usual 12. The Spoken Wheels Editor is having some eye problems which make preparation of the paper difficult. This problem may or may not be resolved in the near future. In the meantime I am looking for help in preparation of the newsletter.

CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

January

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

13 - San Antonio Winery tour. See page 5

18 - Men's Breakfast, 9:00 AM - Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport

20 - Seminar - See page 5 for details.

27 - General Meeting - Saturday, 9:00 am, Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia (Note date & time change).

-February

24 - General Meeting - Sat., 9:00 am, Auction - see page 2

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

January Birthdays

2 - Leslie Pam
5 - Nino Trapani
5 - Rob Barrosa
10 - Cheryl Manifor
11 - Olive Moore
11 - Dino Falabrino
12 - Steve Kurtz
13 - Jamie Frick
17 - Brad Balmot

Birthdays continued

18 - Bob Travis
20 - Jim Kroeger
29 - Tom Johnson
30 - Chris Wickersham

January Anniversaries

22 - Jerry & Patty Lampassi
31 - John & Marianne Spielmann

PUBLIC NOTICES

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 was moved to a skilled nursing facility at the end of November.

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

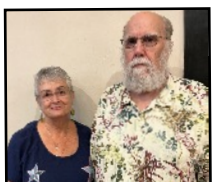
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NEW MEMBERS



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Joined 11/30/2023 29 Coupe

2024 OFFICERS, BOARD & CHAIRS

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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.

Annual Club Auction

Our Club's annual parts & goodies auction is scheduled for our meeting on **Saturday, February 24, 9:00am**. Sort out your old parts that you have hidden away. Remember one man's dredge is another man's treasure. Come early to check out the inventory. Remember, if it don't sell you must take it home.

PAST TOURS & EVENTS

Christmas /Installation Party

Saturday, December 16

It was an enjoyable event. We had an excellent sit down dinner and fine entertainment. Fifty nine club members participated in the installation of our club officers and board members for 2024.

When we arrived at the party we were greeted by singers from The Dickens Holiday Carolers, dressed in old style attire. They continued with performances at both ends of the dining hall. It was all very well done.

Arrangements for the evening were handled by our own Janet Beggs. She did a great job.

Installation of our officers and Board members was officiated by the Honorable Robert Moore, Esquire. In addition to his traditional judicial robe, this year he sported a traditional white Judicial wig, imparting a greater significance to his role.

A fun time was had by all as we finished one year and started a new one.



Janet Beggs



Dino Falabrino



Mickey Fruchter



Sir Robert Moore,
Esquire



Dickens Holiday Carolers





MEETING MINUTES

General Meeting - November 17, 2023

- The meeting was held at Church of The Good Shepherd, United Methodist Church, Arcadia, CA
- Mickey Fruchter brought the meeting to order at 7:05pm He asked Dino Falabrino to conduct the salute to the flag.
- A motion was passed to approve the October General Meeting minutes.

Announcements:

- Club member Hal Anthony has passed away, Brad Balmot is up and getting around, and John Spielmann has not been feeling up to par.
- Randy Harper introduced the evenings guests, Richard, Brett, and Donna.
- Bob Harbicht introduced the evenings program "Motoring to Yosemite in The Early Days". It was presented by Ed Andersen, President of the Arcadia Historical Society.
- Mickey thanked Dino and Gina Falabrino for providing the coffee and water, as well as the cookie bringers, Les Eddington, Carol Emanuelli, Jean Ware and Nancy Sharpe He also thanked the members who had donated nonperishable food items that will be distributed to local charities.
- Janet Beggs was on hand to take reservations and payments for the upcoming Christmas Banquet and that the banquet would open with a social hour at 6:00pm and dinner would be served at 7:00pm. She also mentioned that members could sign up to bring guests to the banquet.
- Mickey thanked all the outgoing board members for their service to the club over the past year.
- Randy Harper head of the committee to nominate board members and officers (Bob Moore, Janet Beggs, Randy Harper) was pleased to announce the slate for the club officers and board members for the upcoming year 2024:

Officers

President – Dino Falabrino
Vice president – Mickey Fruchter
Secretary – Warwick Nethercoat
Treasurer – Nancy Sharpe

Board Members

Carl Rogers
Les Eddington
Scott Doudrick
Joe Wilson
Richard Anderson

- A motion was made to accept the slate as presented and was passed by the club members present.
- Raffle Winners were:
 - Arrived In a Model A – Bob Harbicht
 - Name Badge – Jane Ware
 - Club Clothing – Jim Constantian
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted.
Warwick Nethercoat, Secretary

FUTURE TOURS & EVENTS

San Antonio Winery Tours

Saturday, January 13

by Bob Moore

We have been invited by the San Gabriel MARC to participate in their tour to the San Antonio Winery on January 13. Meet and park across Huntington Drive from the Colonial Kitchen at 10:00 AM. (Park going westbound). Departure for the winery will be at 10:15 AM. Plan on an early lunch. Modern cars are welcome to participate.



Safety Committee Seminar # 2

By Les Eddington

When: Saturday, January 20, 10:00 – 12:00 am
(9:00 am Coffee and Doughnuts)

Where: Chris Wickersham Garage 1835 East Walnut St. Pasadena.

What: Ignition, Distributor, and Electrical (Point and Plug Gapping, Distributor 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 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.

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