



January 2024

Spoken Wheels

THE NEXT MEETING

General Meeting

General Meeting - Saturday, February 24th, 9:00 am, Church of The Good Shepard. 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

MEETING PROGRAM

February is the month we hold our annual club auction. So check out your parts bins for treasures that your fellow club members are dying to have. In the unlikely event your treasure doesn't sell, be prepared to take it home again.

NEWS BITS

Club Meeting Time 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.



Sketches were made by Mikuko Hays, wife of SAA's Howard Hays.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! 2024 is here, and things are rolling along in our club. Since taking over my job as President, I am quickly getting up to speed on what the position entails.



Our first board meeting was very productive as we welcomed our new Treasurer, **Dino Falabrino** Nancy Sharpe, with two new board members: Richard Anderson and Scott Doudrick. They are up to speed and ready for the job, as well as the others I'm very fortunate to have. We discussed many subjects from tours that are upcoming to planning the next meetings.

One of the subjects discussed was forming a committee to start planning the 50th year of our club being formed. 50 years! Where did the time go?

Remember, all board meetings are open to any members that might be curious to see how things are formed and carried out, so don't forget that! Yes, we have cookies too!

At the time of this writing, we have had our January meeting. We had a turn out of 35 to 40 members, depending who is counting. We had a good turn out of Model A's. Our members had a good time with the MARC Club going to the San Antonio Winery.

February's meeting will be our auction day. Bring something that you want donated to us to auction off, As you know, if your item does not sell, you must take it home. Chris Wickersham will be joining me again to run the event.

Once again, Happy New Year and I hope we all stay healthy to enjoy life and the Santa Anita A's Model A's club!

CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

February

10 - Valentine Day Tour, see page 3
 12 - Ladies' Brunch, 11:00 am, Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport (Call Bea Fruchter to confirm your participation 626-797-2048).
 15 - Men's Breakfast, 9:00 AM - Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport.
 20- Retiree tour, see page 3

24 - General Meeting - Sat., 9:00 am, Auction, Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia (Note date change).

March

16 - Seminar - Chris Wickersham's shop. Details TBA.

April

14 - Orange County Pancake Breakfast, see page 4

May

2 - Mount Baldy - Details TBA.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

February Birthdays

2- Patty Lampassi
 8 - Myrriam Davies
 8 - Michael Flick
 8 - John Manifor
 16 - Nancy Sharpe
 21 - Lori Bonner
 21 - Beverly Kniest
 28 - Bernadette Hotaling

February Anniversaries

10 - Patrick & Martha Utter
 14 - Brad & Vicky Balmot
 14 - Tony & Kathy Catropa
 24 - Sue & Carl Rogers
 25 - Mark & Lisa Henzel
 28 - Mel & Maria Foye

PUBLIC NOTICES

Sunshine Report - Sue Chandler reports no new sickies.

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

Photos provided by - Janet Beggs, Jim Kroeger, Joe Wilson, Nancy Stancil, Dennis Chapman.

NEWS BITS

Annual Club Auction

Our Club's annual parts & goodies auction is scheduled for our meeting on February 24. Your old parts, the one's that you have hidden away, it is time you "clean house".. Remember one man's dredge is another man's treasure. Come early to check out the inventory. Remember, if it dosen't sell you must take it home with you.

Bob Moore's Model A Tip (from experience)

If you stop your Model A on an incline and set the emergency brake, after you get out to help your passengers get in, don't assume that the emergency brake will hold with the additional weight.

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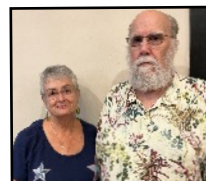
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COMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Retiree Tour to Bob's Big Boy

Tuesday, February 20

by Bob Moore

The San Gabriel MARC invites the Santa Anita A's to join them on a Retiree Tour to Bob's Big Boy Broiler in Downey on Tuesday, February 20. We will gather in the parking lot behind the North Woods Inn on the corner of Huntington Drive and Rosemead Blvd. in San Gabriel at 10:30 AM and depart at 10:45 AM. It is a 16-mile, all-surface street drive. This is a perfect tour in your Model A.

Join us in your modern car if your Model A is sick. You are welcome to join the group at Bob's; their address is 7447 Firestone Blvd, Downey. The group should arrive at Bobs' between 11:15 AM and 11:30 AM.

If you are going, let Sheri Johnson know by February 15. Call Sheri at 626-485-3073 or www.misslux844@yahoo.com.



MORE NEWS BITS

Dues are Done Due

Some members were recently sent an email reminding them that they have not yet submitted payment of their 2024 dues which were due as of December 31, 2023. We are now in the process of preparing the 2024 Club Roster.

We encourage you to submit your 2024 dues ASAP so that your membership in the Santa Anita A's will continue and you name can be included in this year's roster. Send your check for \$30, payable to the Santa Anita A's. The check should be mailed to our club Treasurer, Nancy Sharpe, 422 N. Myrtle Ave. Monrovia California, 91016

Valentine's Day Sweetheart Tour

Saturday, February 10

by Bob Moore

The Pomona Valley Model A Club has invited the Santa Anita A's, the San Gabriel MARC and the Jewel City Model A Clubs to join them on Saturday, February 10 for their 3rd annual Valentine's Day Sweetheart Tour.

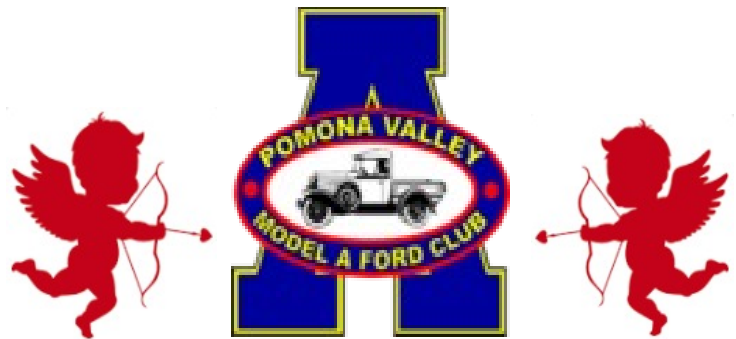
The tour will zig and zag through parts of Glendora and surrounding communities. It will start in the parking lot across the street from the Donut Man, 910 E. Route 66, Glendora at 9:00 AM.

The plan is for the Santa Anita A's, The San Gabriel Valley MARC and the Jewel City A's to caravan as a group from the Duarte Walmart parking lot to the start of the Pomona club led tour starting in Glendora. We will start assembling at the Walmart parking lot at 8:00 AM, and will depart for Glendora at **8:25 AM sharp**.

We expect the Valentine's Day tour to last about 2 hours and believe it will end near the Pomona Fairgrounds. After the tour led by the Pomona club, the Santa Anita A's will have an early lunch at Legends Classic Diner in Glendora. The address is 1155 E. Route 66, Glendora, just down the road to the east from where we started. We hope to reserve the side dining area for our group. At the end of the tour, we will probably be spread out. Use your GPS to get you to the diner for lunch.

This is a great tour and for members who are concerned about the well-running of their cars, there will be many mechanics accompanying you in their own Model A's. While not all of their suggestions may work, one will, and you will be on the road again. If your Model A is not in running condition, drive your modern car. Or just join us for lunch at Legends at about 11:30 AM.

If you have a question, call Bob Moore at 626-353-1889.



Organizer - Pomona Valley Model A Ford Club

The Santa Anita A's, the San Gabriel Valley MARC and the Jewel City Model A Clubs will gather at the Duarte Walmart Parking lot at 8:00 AM for an 8:25 sharp departure to Glendora. We will meet up with the Pomona Model A club in Glendora at the start of their tour which is in the parking lot across the street from the Donut Man, 910 E. Route 66, Glendora at 9:00 AM.

**OCMAFC - 61st Annual
Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, April 14, 2024**

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7:30am-11am

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Juice, Hot Cocoa & Hot Coffee

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For more info contact:
Aaron Magdaleno
714-862-5773

PAST TOURS & EVENTS

San Antonio Winery Tour

Saturday, January 13

by Bob Moore

The Santa Anita A's were invited by the San Gabriel MARC club to participate in their tour to the San Antonio Winery on January 13. We met across Huntington Drive from the Colonial Kitchen, then departed for the winery. As usual we had excellent food choices for lunch. A good time was had by all.



Here are two sketches that were done by Miksuko Hays, wife of Howard Hays, members of the Santa Anita A's. She is quite an artist, and from the time I first met her on Huntington Drive as we were lined up for the drive to the San Antonio Winery, to their dining room for lunch, she had a sketch pad in hand. Each is identified. Miksuko took them home after the tour to add color for a perfect result.



Test Meeting on Saturday, January 27

Consideration is being given to possibly changing the time for our General meetings from the last Friday evening of the month to the last Saturday morning of the month. The first of these "trial" meetings was held on Saturday morning, January 27. We had a good turn out of Model A's.

The Saturday, February 24 meeting which features our auction will also be part of the "trial".



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