



February 2024

# Spoken Wheels

## THE NEXT MEETING

### General Meeting

General Meeting - Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am,  
Church of The Good Shepherd. 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

## MEETING PROGRAM

February is the month for 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 it doesn't sell, be prepared to take them home.

## 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.

**The February meeting will be the club auction. Coffee and donuts will start 9:00 and tire kicking and auction to follow.**

## Club Officers and Board Members Elected for 2024

Our nominating committee presented a list of officers and board members for the calendar year 2024 that was 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 Scott Doudrick

Joe Wilson Les Eddington Carl Rogers

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Dino Falabrino**

Rain, Rain go away! Let us play with our Model A's! Yes indeed, the Weather Gods granted us a beautiful day on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> when we joined up forces with the Pomona Valley Model A Club to tour the highlands of Glendora, and then end up at the Rail Giants Train Museum for a guided tour. The tour was called the "Sweethearts Tour" with 9 cars out of our group participating. All cars ran trouble free and there was no "smooching" observed going on from any members.

Next tour, February 20<sup>th</sup> is dubbed "The Retirees Tour" to Bob's Big Boy. The MARC club invited us to join them, and I'll report back on how many "Retirees" attended. Should be great to say the least. ( Tour cancelled )

Auction anyone? Yes, it's time for our annual auction. Mark down February 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00am. Bring your checkbooks! Sorry ladies, you can't auction off your husbands!

"The Joe Wilson school of editing". With Joe's blessing, Dennis will be ready to fly solo. More guidance coming! Go Dennis! Special thanks to our 2023 recipient of the "Man of the Year Award", Joe Wilson for his guidance.

To those that feel their cars are not up to long tours, our newly formed tour committee is working on planning some tours that your car should be able to participate in. But we need your help in coming to our maintenance seminars to further learn how to keep your cars ready to tour.

I can't thank Les Eddington, Chris Wickersham, Chuck Davies, Richard Anderson, and Bob Moore enough for taking the maintenance issue so serious to insure safe, trouble-free driving. This issue is really important to me.

Before I go I want to report that the last meeting, we had 16 cars present. But I dream of more! Can you imagine seeing 30, or 40 cars at one meeting? I see no reason why we can't do this.

I cordially invite you to come to the meetings. It's time folks, time to join us, and time to enjoy.

See you at the meeting! Dino Falabrino

## February Newsletter Updates

While assisting Joe, please send info for the newsletter to Dennis Chapman at [dennisofdb@verizon.net](mailto:dennisofdb@verizon.net) Thanks

## CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

### February

- 10 - Valentines Day Tour,  
 12 - Ladies' Brunch, 11:00 am  
 Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport  
 (Call Bea Fruchter to confirm participation 626-797-2048)  
 15 - Men's Breakfast, 9:00 am  
 Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport  
 20 - Retiree's tour - Canceled because of rain  
 24 - General Meeting - Saturday, 9:00 am, Club Auction  
 Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA  
 (Note date & time change).

### MARCH

- 8-9 - CCRG JAMBOREE CLOVIS, CA  
 16 - Seminar – Chris Wickersham's shop Details TBD

### APRIL

- 14 - Orange County Pancake Breakfast – See page 8

### MAY

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

### JUNE

- 23-29 - MAFCA 2024 NATIOAL CONVENTION RUIDOSO, NM

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## PEOPLE WHO HELP MAKE IT BETTER

**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 provided by** – Lots of great Model A people

## 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

## NEW MEMBERS



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## PAST TOURS & EVENTS

### The Sweethearts Tour Feb 10, 2024 with Pomona Valley, MARC and the SAA clubs

This tour was organized by the Pomona Valley Model A Club. The Santa Anita A's and the San Gabriel Valley MARC clubs were invited to go with them on a tour in the Glendora Highlands and surrounding communities.

An estimated 25 cars were roaming about in a line around the area. The tour continued down to popular downtown Glendora where many people were out to greet us. The tour continued to the Rail Giants Railroad Museum where we had a tour guide show us some old steam locomotives and diesel/electric trains.

This exhibit includes a train station that should not be confused with the Arcadia train station that was moved to the Arboretum in Arcadia.

This station was moved to the Pomona Fairplex around 1970. It was another smaller train station in Arcadia that was built in 1887 and moved to the Fairplex in 1969. This is the first building you see when you enter the area.

A few of us brought lunches, sat on the benches, and had a good old time talking about the day's events.  
By Dino Fabrino

## SOME OF OUR SWEETHEARTS



## CHANGES IN COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Changes have been made to the heads of several committees and one position has been eliminated.  
Spoken Wheels Newsletter

Joe Wilson who has served as editor of the newsletter for over ten years is retiring. Dennis Chapman is taking over that responsibility.

Club Roster:

Joe Wilson has prepared the club's roster for many years. That job will now be performed by Randy Harper.

Sunshine Person:

Sue Chandler, who has held this position for a number of years, is retiring. Gina Falabrino is taking over that position. She will be responsible for getting out get-well and sympathy cards. Members are asked to contact Gina when they become aware that members are sick or needs some sympathy.

Refreshment Host:

This position has been left open for some time. Dino Falabrino will assume this responsibility and will bring coffee and set out the cookies.

Refreshment Signups:

This position has been left open for some time. Bea Fruchter will fill this position.

Fashion Coordinator:

This position was held by Susan Homet. Because there has been no recent activity, the position has been eliminated.



## MARCH SPEAKER

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SANTA ANITA A'S MARCH 30, 2024 MEETING

The March 30, 202 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-in-law, 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.



## MEETING MINUTES

### General Meeting – JANUARY 27, 2024

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

#### Announcements:

Prior to the meeting from 9:00am, the assembled members were treated to coffee and donuts, and admired the 15 Model A's driven this morning to the meeting.

Dino Falabrino brought the meeting to order at 9:55am.

He asked Gina Falabrino to conduct the salute to the flag.

Dino introduced Lonnie, a guest from Studio City who drove his Model A to the meeting.

He thanked Dennis Chapman for providing the donuts, and Elaine Perry and Nancy Sharpe for providing the cookies.

He asked all members present to check whether they were receiving the latest club emails, as a new master list had been prepared.

Dino also reminded members to pay their annual club membership dues if they hadn't already done so, and that Nancy Sharpe was on hand to receive any payments.

He also asked if there were any new members on hand who did not yet receive The Restorer magazine, and if not, there was a sign-up sheet in the back to receive a free 1-year membership to MAFCA.

Dino also reminded everybody that Carcadia was Sunday in Ralph's parking lot.

He also reminded members that the next meeting in February would be our annual club auction and encouraged members to bring items to raise funds for the club.

Dino also asked how many members were active on Facebook, and it turns there are only six.

#### Tours:

February 10<sup>th</sup> – The Pomona Valley Model A Club has invited the San Gabriel Valley MARC Club and the Santa Anita A's to partake in their annual Valentines Day Sweetheart Tour. It will start at The Donut Man in Glendora at 9:00am.

February 20<sup>th</sup> – The San Gabriel MARC has invited the Santa Anita A's on their Retirees Tour to Bob's Big Boy in Downey.

April 14<sup>th</sup> - Orange County Pancake Breakfast.

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Annual Car Show on the National Day of Prayer – Fair Oaks, Bradbury, CA  
Tour details will be at all club meetings.

#### Seminars:

March 16<sup>th</sup> - Chris Wickersham's shop. Details TBA.

A motion was passed to approve the November General Meeting minutes.

The meeting's program was 3 games of bingo, that was organized by Dino & Gina Falabrino. The winners received approximately \$35.00.

#### Raffle Winners were:

Arrived In a Model A – Carl Rogers

Name Badge – Joe Farino

Club Clothing – Jim Constantian

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted.

Warwick Nethercoat, Secretary

## SAFETY COMMITTEE SEMINAR #2

BY LES EDDINGTON AND CHRIS WICKERSHAM

**When:** Saturday, March 16, 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-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 email to:**

**Les Eddington (626)533-7145 [Leseddington@aol.com](mailto:Leseddington@aol.com)**

(This helps us anticipate necessary coffee, doughnuts, and chairs.)

**Sign up & checklist sheet on page 6**

## SAFETY DRIVING/TOURING CHECK LIST

### Santa Anita A's

Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Body \_\_\_\_\_

Style \_\_\_\_\_

Directions:

Check if OK.

X by number – needs attention.

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

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**OCMAFC - 61st Annual  
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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](http://www.mafca.com))



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