April 2024



Spoken Wheels

THE NEXT MEETING

General Meeting

General Meeting - Saturday, <u>April, 26th, 10:00am</u> Church of The Good Shepherd. 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

Club meeting time changed to 10:00am And car inspections will begin at 8:30am

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 10:00am. Meetings will remain at the same location.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

MAY BIRTHDAYS – MEN

Joe Escandon – 2 Richard Morgan – 2 Chuck Mauch – 3 Leroy Kehret – 5 John Spielmann – 13 Jack Conway – 16 Bill Stoner – 16

MAY BIRTHDAYS – WOMEN

Martha Utter – 2 Margaret Russel – 5 Sue Rogers – 9 Sandra Loe – 13 Cheryl Munns – 17 Nancey Stoner – 19 Marianne Barrosa – 25

MAY ANNIVERSIRIES

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Randy & Ruth Harper – 3 Richard & Jean Ware – 4 Howard & Mitsuko Hays – 11 Dave & Deborah Symons Galassi – 15 Leslie & Ann Petersen – 20 Corky & Sharon Gray – 28 Richard & Toshiko Favela - 29

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March is behind us and now we spring forward. April is now upon us and with that more activities are planned.

Looking back first, the technical seminars at Chris Wickersham's garage are great and have very good turnouts and great lessons



Dino Falabrino

learned on more than just the topic at hand.

Les, Chris and Randy are scheming the next seminar in May that deals with carburetors. Be sure not to miss (no pun intended) this one.

Our March speaker, Scott Bonner, spoke on wills and trusts. He delivered a great program and answered questions. It was very informative for us.

After April's general meeting, Richard Anderson has invited the club to a family chili cookoff. Details can be found here in the newsletter.

May 2nd will be the Mt. Baldy tour and is also the National Day of Prayer. The tour starts at Royal Oaks Manor. Cars, drivers and guests will be blessed before we start. Please keep Art Moore and Joe Wilson in your prayers.

ORANGE COUNTY PANCAKE BREAKFAST DRIVING INFORMATION (FREEWAY AND SURFACE STREETS)

Freeway travelers are to meet at the 605 southbound on ramp of the Lower Azusa entrance by promptly 6:45am.

Surface street travelers contact Carl Rogers at 626-827-5984 for departure time and directions.

NEW ENTRANCE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PARK

When arriving at the park, you can no longer enter the park on the two ramps off Glassel, they will be blocked off. You have to enter on LaVeta Ave, two streets north of the north ramp. Turn left if you are coming from the north, turn right if you are coming from the south. Then turn right on Shafter Street and it will take you to the east side and rear entrance to the park.

CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

APRIL

9 - **Ladies' Brunch**, 11:00am

Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport

14 – Antique Nationals – See page 8

- 14 Orange County Pancake Breakfast see page 8
- 18 Men's Breakfast, 9:00am
 - Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport

27 - General Meeting – Saturday 10:00am <u>NEW START TIME</u> Church of the Good Shepherd 400 W Duarte Rd. Arcadia 27 – Chili Cookoff Tour – See page 9 More details TBA MAY

2- - Annual Car Show on the National Day of Prayer Bradbury, CA Mount Baldy Tour – See page 7

5 – **40**th **Annual Monrovia Historic Home Tour** – page 9 18 – **Tech Seminar** – Watching your carbs with Randy - 7 25 – **General Meeting** – Saturday 10:00am Church of the Good Sheperd 400 W Duarte Road Arcadia, CA **JUNE**

23-29 - MAFCA 2024 NATIONAL CONVENTION RUIDOSO, NM JULY

4th– Sierra Madre Parade – details to be announced. August

Still in progress

September

7 – Heritage Museum Tour – details on page 10

PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Sunshine Report - Thinking of you card was sent to Olive and Art Moore. Also a card to Joe Wilson who is getting better.

Cookie Bringers -Dino and Gina Falabrino provided the coffee and Carol Emanuelli, Jean Ware, Patty Lutz, Bea Frutcheter brought cookies.

Photos and articles provided by – Bob Moore, Bob Harbicht, Bea Fruchter, Randy Harper, and many more.

NEW MEMBERS

Lonny & Jody Johnson 12203 Blix Street Valley Village, CA 91607 <u>lonnypauli@earthlink.net</u> Joined 1/27/2024 1930 Coupe 818-471-7444

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LOVELY 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, 11:00am - San Gabriel Valley Airport. Call Bea Fruchter to confirm your participation 626-797-2048.

SAFETY COMMITTEE SEMINAR #2

Principals of Ignition with Model A and B Distributor Theory and Function.

On Saturday, March 16th Chris Wickersham hosted our clubs second safety seminar.



This seminar was a very hands on learning experience and everyone walked away with a better understanding of the topics covered.



Members learning from members, sharing insights and learning the issues of keeping your Model A running great.

Many types of distributors systems with appropriate tools were also presented and displayed.

Seventeen members, in attendance, appreciated using an engine stand setup to practice engine timing and distributor calibration of engines.

A plus for the morning was a give away of parts, parts for sale at great discount prices and of course , coffee and donuts.

Hats off to Chris and Les Eddington and all that made this such a wonderful learning experience.

I urge everyone to make time to experience one or more of these safety seminars throughout the year. There will be one every other month throughout 2024.

Note: watch for the next Tech Seminar in May. The Topic is Carburation with Randy Harper. (More details on page 7)



GRANDPA'S 31 SPORT COUPE

When Scott Doudrick was a kid in Kansas City, MO in the late 70's, his grandpa had an errand for him. He had just bought a Model A and he wanted his help in driving it home. It was dark in color and pretty beat up but he remembers how excited he was to be sitting beside him on the way home. Grandpa had really wanted a Sport Coupe but settled for that one. He worked on it and then traded for another Model A until he finally found the Sport Coupe.

Scott remembers how excited Grandpa was one Christmas to receive a rumble seat step as a gift. Truth be told he probably picked it out himself. Christmas or large family gatherings always included rides in the Sport Coupe. Scott always loved all of his A's and would head to the garage on visits to enjoy the smells of the upholstery and fuel, sit in the cars and do drawings of them.



When he passed in 2005 he wanted the A to go to Scott's uncle. His uncle couldn't keep it so Scott's dad bought it and eventually took it to their home in North Carolina. His parents enjoyed the car until 2021 when they decided it should go to Scott and trailered it out to him in California. Scott had always coveted it but wasn't sure he could keep 2 old vehicles going. He pulled his 1939 Ford pickup out of the garage and covered it in the driveway to make room for it.

Soon after driving it in the hills of Altadena, it was clear the engine needed some attention. A valve job was first on the list. Scott had never done anything like this before but with club member Chris Wickersham guiding him the project was started. Issues with the head gasket sealing was the first thing to crop up after putting things back together. After pulling the head back off and seeing why it wouldn't seal properly, it was reinstalled and after driving it some it finally sealed. A complete rebuild is in the future and Scott's son is taking an interest in it and spent a year in the Pasadena High School Model A Club.

It looks promising that Grandpa Parson's Sport Coupe will stay in the family for another generation to enjoy.



MEETING MINUTES

General Meeting – March 30, 2024

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

There were no Model A's in attendance at the meeting. **Announcements**:

Dino Falabrino brought the meeting to order at 10:05am.

He asked all members present to sign the attendance sheet at the back of the hall.

He asked Scott Doudrick to conduct the salute to the flag.

The minutes of the February general meeting were approved.

There were no visitors at the meeting.

He thanked Jean Ware, Patty Lutz, Carole Emanuelli Bea Fruchter and Dennis Chapman for providing the cookies and donuts.

Gina Falabrino, the sunshine lady has mailed get well cards to Art Moore and Joe Wilson.

He announced the club auction had raised \$1050.00. Seminars:

Dino announced the ignition seminar conducted by Chris Wickersham was very well presented and enjoyed by all. Chris raised some funds for the club from the sale of parts and would present them to Nancy Sharpe at the next board meeting.

Dino said there was a sign up sheet at the back of the room for members that would like to participate in a safety inspection of their vehicles prior to the April monthly meeting. Interested members could contact Les Eddington, Chris Wickersham or himself.

Tours:

Bob Moore provided details of the upcoming tour to Mount Baldy. On May 2nd, the National Day of Prayer, the club would meet at the Royal Oaks in Duarte at 8:50am for a car show for the residents. Coffee and donuts will be provided and the cars will be blessed. The group will depart at 10:00am for the tour to Mount Baldy. After lunch the tour will continue to San Dimas Canyon Park for ice cream providing he can keep it on dry ice.

Further announcements:

Dennis Chapman volunteered to take over the clothing sales for the club and would be in touch with Joe Wilson to get the back orders and new orders filled. Dino announced the club rosters were available at the back of the hall and any corrections or omissions should be directed to Randy Harper. He also thanked Randy for his contribution of time and effort he took in producing the rosters.

Tour additions:

Richard Anderson invited the club to his parent's home on April 27th to their family chili cookoff. The event starts at 1:00pm with chili judging at 2:00pm.He will be cooking sausages and there will be plenty of food and beverages available. His father has a workshop to tour and the home has a display of artwork and blown glass.

It's for all ages and there will be old and classic cars along with hot rods and muscle cars on display.

The club will leave after the general meeting and tour to the event. It's roughly 24 miles to the event.

Mickey will lead the freeway tour to the Orange County Pancake Breakfast on April 14th. The tour will depart from Lower Azusa Road entrance of the 605 freeway ramp at promptly at 6:45am. Surface street drivers should call Carl Rogers at 626-827-5984 for info. **Program:**

Mickey introduced his son-in-law and fellow club member, Scott Bonner who provided the club with an informative and instructive program on estate planning, wills and trusts. He also conduted a very helpful question and answer session after the program. **Other news:**

During the meeting Chris received a call from Joe Wilson who is in the hospital and receiving dialysis. Joe said his condition is improving and he's starting physical therapy. Chris asked we keep Joe in our thoughts and prayers.

Bob Moore spoke of an uplifting experience he and the other members traveling to the CCRG Jamboree had of a complete stranger's generosity toward one of the club members who experienced engine trouble.

Raffle Winners were:

Jim Frick

Jean Ware

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02am.

Respectfully submitted. Warwick Nethercoat, Secretary

A'S AND MORE IN '24

The CCRG Jamboree was on March 8th and 9th in Clovis, CA. Here's some of the action that went on with some of our members along with lots of other Model A clubs.







APRIL SPEAKER

The April speakers will be people who have connections with the Santa Anita Model A Club.

JoAnn Formia is a former member and has painted many paintings of our tours and given them to various club members.

Mitsuko Hays is a current club member and her paintings of Model A's on SAA tours can be seen in the January Spoken Wheels newsletter.

Both will speak on their passion for their art.







SAFETY SEMINAR #3 – May 18th

Our club's third Technology Seminar will be held May 18th at 10:00am at Chris Wickersham's garage, 1835 East Walnut Street Pasadena, CA. Please sign up at the April 27th general meeting or call Les Eddington at 626-533-7145 or email to <u>leseddington@aol.com.</u>

The topic is carburation. The first three hours will be a lecture on how pressure differentiation affects the naturally aspirated carburation and how it relates to the concept of time and space.

Now that I have your attention, we will be covering the most common problems with the Zenith A carburetor, how to test and how to fix them. This will also include a demonstration on flow testing jets for maximum performance, and no not airplanes. This will be presented by our own Randy Harper.

Chris Wickersham's garage has an excellent configuration for these kinds of presentations.

The coffee and donuts are also great.

Have your questions ready.

SAFETY CAR INSPECTION

8:30am prior to the general meeting

The club has a team to inspect your Model A and make helpful notes that would enhance your driving safety. This is a program that should be taken advantage of. Please sign up by contacting Les Eddison at 626-533-7154 or email him at <u>leseddington@aol.com</u>. Our safety team is made up of Chuck Davies, Bob Moore, Richard Anderson and Dino Fabrino.

SAA CLUB CLOTHING

The Santa Anita A's Model A Club clothing ordering is undergoing a change. In the near future all backorders will be confirmed by Dennis Chapman. After that he will be taking new orders. Stand by for more

MT. BALDY TOUR – May 2nd

Incentives for first time Model A drivers

Yes it's that time again. This will be our Mount Baldy Tour, where donuts, brunch and ice cream are involved. Our day will start at 8:30am on the Royal Oaks grounds in Bradbury, 1763 Royal Oaks Drive, home to Ken Mallory, Dick and Norma Canzoneri and Bob and Judi Moore.

Our cars will be the centerpiece of a very short show for the residents. Royal Oaks will provide light refreshments. May 2nd is also the National Day of Prayer, and a minister will bless the cars, drivers and passengers before we depart. No offering plate at this event.

At 10:00am we will depart for the Mt. Baldy Lodge. It's a 25 mile drive and freeways are not involved. We will order off the menu.

After lunch we will drive down the hill to San Dimas Park, where we will have ice cream for dessert.

We are encouraging new members to get their Model A's on the road for this tour. Prizes will be awarded to first time Model A drivers to our Mt. Baldy Tour. A first time Model A driver is defined as one who has never been on a previous Royal Oaks Car Show and Mt. Baldy tour.

Modern cars are accepted if your Model A is not working and no rivers will be forged on the trip.





February, 4th., 2024

To: Southern California MAFCA Clubs

Paradise Valley Model A Ford Club of San Bernardino California, Chapter of MAFCA is once again having their Antique Auto Swap Meets on <u>Saturday= April 13, 2024 and</u> <u>September 28, 2024</u>.

Our swap meet location is at the Western Little League Regional Headquarters in Northwest San Bernardino. The Meet will be from 6am to 3p m.

20 X 20 Vendor Spaces are \$35.00. No Rain Checks.

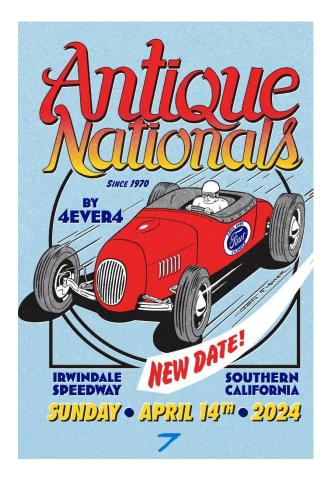
Traveling north on I-215 take the Palm off-ramp, tum right, then turn left at signal to Kendall Drive, road will curve around to Little League Drive, make a right.

Thank You and we look forward to seeing youat both of our upcoming swap meets. For more

information call Richard Bronstrup at 909-658-5914.

Paradise Valley Model "A" Ford Club P.O. Box 3982, San Bernardino, CA 92413-3982





Monrovia Historic Home Tour

Anderson Family Chili Cookoff

The City of Monrovia has invited the Santa Anita A's Model A Club to participate in the 40th Annual Monrovia Historic Home Tour. The date is May 5th, 2024.

As in past years we are the eye candy in our vintage vehicles for the Home Tour attendees and vintage costumes are welcome.

As part of the event, we are also going, by special invitation, onto lower Clamshell Truck trail into the Monrovia Wilderness area. This road is never open to public vehicles. As in prior years, this will be a short but beautiful drive up into the wilderness on a dirt road with a stop half way for photos and fellowship. Look forward to some great views.

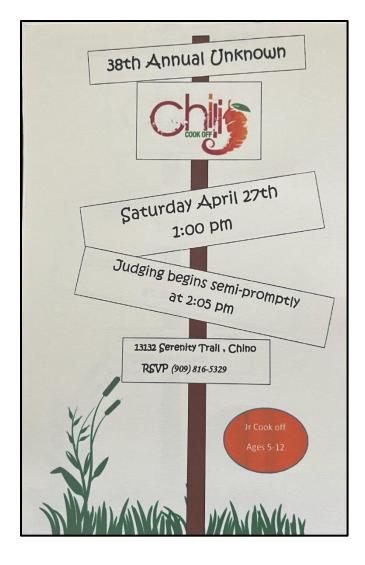
After our driving tour through the wilderness area, we will then visit the craftsman style Monrovia homes in the Wildrose Historic District. Several very interesting museums will be open during the event.

If you wish to participate in this event, it is necessary that you preregister to obtain a nametag.

Please RSVP to Michael and Janene at <u>mfkhanchalian@altrionet.com</u> They need to know:

- 1 What vehicle you will be driving .
- 2 Who the driver will be.
- 3 Who the passenger will be.

We need this no later than April 28th. Your tour tickets will be prepared at no cost to you for the tour homes and museums.



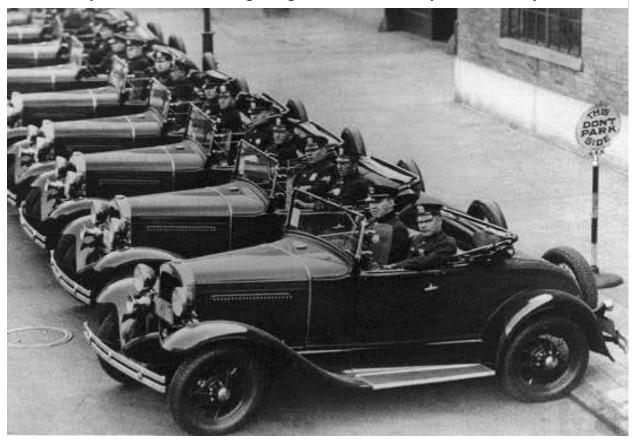
After the April meeting, we are invited to attend the 38th Annual Unknown Anderson family chili cookoff!

We will caravan our Model A's or classic car from the monthly meeting to 13132 Serenity Trail, Chino, CA 91710 It's a 24 mile trip on surface streets.

We will be able to tour the home, garage and grounds of the Anderson family. Plenty of parking is available.

If not attending the meeting but are going to the cookoff, please notify our Richard Anderson or call 909-816-5329 so they know how much food to order.

Now that the tune ups are done, watch your speed !!



Our local police force has been getting in new cars to keep us safe. Obey all laws!!

Men's Breakfast

Here's some of the guys having breakfast on the 3rd Thursday of March. 20 guys and 10 cars!



Heritage Museum Tour

The Heritage Museum Tour hasn't been done in decades so it's time we did it again. The tour date is 9/7/2024.

It will be a nice leisurely route along Huntington Drive starting at Clearman's Northwoods Inn on Rosemead Blvd, and just over 11 miles. We will gather at 9:30am and depart at 10:00am. The tour starts at 11:00am of the museum homes and buildings and will last less than an hour.

Cost is \$18 per person. Sign up sheets will be at the monthly meetings or call/text Jim Frick at 626-733-0369 by 7/31/2024.

We will stop for lunch on the way back at a location to be determined.

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FORGET!

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Model A Ford Club of America

Santa Anita A's is a chartered member of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). It is a California not-forprofit corporation and a national historical society dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Model A Ford vehicles as manufactured from 1928 through 1931.

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)



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