

July 2024

Spoken Wheels

THE NEXT MEETING

General Meeting

General Meeting - Saturday, <u>July 27th</u>, <u>10:00am</u> Church of The Good Shepherd. 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

The meeting is the last Saturday morning at 10:00am Car inspections will begin at 8:30am
See Les or Dino to sign up for an inspection of your Model A and get an answer to all your problems.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS - MEN

Mike Kniest - 2

E. J. Callahan - 13

Jerry Cleland - 17

George Hotaling - 21

Lonny Johnson - 25

Soli Soliman - 28

Dennis Chapman - 29

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS - WOMEN

Alice Mount - 1

Pam Kehret -5

Reina Rogers - 14

Barbara Dawson - 18

Sheri Johnson - 22

Betty Sullivan - 26

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Dan & Michelle Morgan Paige - 1

Marlin & Elaine Perry - 4

Mickey & Bea Fruchter - 6

Joe & Sue Guarrera – 8

Jay & Margaret Russell - 9

Larry & Gloria Metz – 10

Joe & Barbara Farino - 19

Mark & Karen Gollhardt - 19

Micheal & Betty Sullivan - 23

David & Patty Lutz - 27

Richard & Sandra Loe - 30

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Things are heating up now that summer is definitely upon us.

Before I go any further, I have to say I'm very proud of how many cars and fellow club members attended Joe Wilson's service. The parking lot was full of A's



Dino Falabrino

Our general meeting had a record number of Model A's that drove in, 17 in total and almost 50 people in attendance. One of those was a guest who drove his A.

If by chance you are reading this and you are not a member yet, and you do or do not have a Model A, come visit us. I personally regret not doing it sooner.

There are many reasons for checking out what we are up to. First, you're around people who are antique car folks with a spirit to help others and enjoy Model A fun. Second, we have some very talented mechanics that know their stuff around these cars and are willing to share that knowledge with all. I guarantee you will learn things from our seminars, shop talk with the guys and maybe share knowledge you have. Come check us out.

In closing there is no way I can write this message and brag about how great our club is without the great people who help me. Thank you.



CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

JULY

8 - Ladies' brunch - 11:00am San Gabriel Airport

18 - Men's Breakfast - 9:00am San Gabriel Airport

20 - Counting Carbs with Randy - see page 3.

27 – **General Meeting** – Saturday 10:00am Church of the Good Sheperd 400 W Duarte Road Arcadia, CA

31 - Ladies' Day Luncheon - see pages 4 & 11.

August

12 - Ladies' brunch - 11:00am San Gabriel Airport

15 - Men's Breakfast - 9:00am San Gabriel Airport

31 – **General Meeting** – Saturday 10:00am Church of the Good Sheperd 400 W Duarte Road Arcadia, CA

September

7 – Heritage Museum Tour – details on page 4.

9 - Ladies' brunch - 11:00am San Gabriel Airport

19 - Men's Breakfast - 9:00am San Gabriel Airport

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OUR 50TH IS COMING UP

In the run up to our 50th anniversary as a club in 2025, we are going to start showing historic club slide shows during our monthly meetings. If you have relevant pictures, videos, audios, etc. please contact Scott Doudrick at 626-437-0947 or email to 1939mars@gmail.com

Depending on what kind of response he gets he will put together some interesting programs.



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JULY PROGRAM

It will be a mystery program. Come and see what the mystery is!!

Eric Sandberg

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PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Sunshine Report — No news is good news, or so they say. **Cookie Bringers** -Dino and Gina Falabrino provided the coffee and donuts provided by the Santa Anita Model A Club.

Photos and articles provided by – Les Eddington, Bob Moore, Randy Harper, Tom Endy, Olive Moore, and Nancy Stancil as well as others.



SAFETY SEMINAR #4 - July 20th

CARBURETOR SEMINAR TROUBLE SHOOTING AND REPAIR

You must reply to Randy Harper in order to get placed on the sign up list. Randy308@earthlink.net



Our club's fourth Technology Seminar will be held July 20th at 10:00am at Chris Wickersham's garage, 1835 East Walnut Street Pasadena, CA. Call Les Eddington at 626-533-7145 or email to leseddington@aol.com for future seminars.

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.



CAR SAFETY 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. Everyone should take advantage of this great program. Please sign up by contacting Les Eddington at 626-533-7154 or email him at leseddington@aol.com. Our safety team is made up of Chuck Davies, Bob Moore, Richard Anderson and Dino Falabrino.

JIM FRICK SIGNED UP

Jim Frick used the club inspection for a front end issue he was experiencing. It was an occasional brake shimmy. The King Pins were inspected and the bearings were fine. A nut was missing on the light bar, a spring issue arose. The springs were frozen. Part 2 is to send the car to a shop for a closer look. At that shop it was discovered that the springs were actually digging into each other. They shaped the springs in a way they wouldn't dig into each other. They added a steering stabilizer to round out the frontend issues. The next order of repair was new brakes, the old ones were down to the rivets. Also 2 new tires and some kingpin shims, R & R front springs and lube, front shackles and alignment. While doing all that he felt the clutch pedal should be set at the right position. Now Jim has a Model A that's fun to drive down the road and he feels safe driving it.



LOVELY NEWS BITS

LADIES' BRUNCH 11am



Every second Monday of the month the ladies gather at Annia's Kitchen 4233 Santa Anita Ave. El Monte. CA

LADIES' DAY LUNCHEON

SANTA ANITA A'S LADIES' DAY

LOCATION – Marie Callender's Restaurant 220 South Atlantic Blvd. Monterey Park, CA 91754 626-281-9548

Date – Wednesday July 31st. **Time –** 12:00pm to 3:00pm

Cost - \$10.00 to the ladies. Money must be paid by July 22_{nd} and menu selection made when paid by ladies who were members as of April 30, 2024.

Sign up sheet on page 11 or at the monthly meetings.

Ladies' Day Door Prize Raffle

We will be having a Door Prize Raffle at the luncheon. Those who would like to join us in the raffle need to bring a door prize, unwrapped and cost between \$5 to \$20. This way it's fun and not too costly. Unwrapped so everyone can see the gifts and pick from them when their number is called.

Each person in the raffle will receive a raffle ticket. Everyone in the raffle will receive a gift.

We look forward to seeing everyone again.

Carol & Vicky

NOT SO LOVELY NEWS BITS

MEN'S BREAKFAST 9am

There were 18 men at the Men's Breakfast. We had 10 cars with one being a '32 and one being a '36 woody and eight being club member's A's. Tire kicking starts a little earlier. San Gabriel Airport's Annia's Kitchen 4233 Santa Anita Ave, El Monte, CA.



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 sheet will be at the 7/27/2024 meeting 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.

JUNE 29th MONTHLY MEETING MINITES

Dino Falabrino called the meeting to order at 10:00am sharp.

Board member, Scott Doudrick, led the flag salute.

Last month's minutes were approved as published.

Dino welcomed new member, Wil Heitritter and guest, Chuck Meadows, as well as his own guest, Jay.

Dino had several event reminders:

- Carcadia is a car show held on the last Sunday of each month which is the day following the SAA Saturday morning meeting—Starbucks in Arcadia.
- 4th of July parade Meet at Sierra Donuts at 8:00am to decorate your car, leaving at 9:00am for the parade lineup.
- Safety Seminar at Chris Wickersham's garage. Topic is Zenith carburetors by Randy Harper.

Dino thanked everyone who attended Joe Wilson's memorial. The number of SAA attendees showed our club's support and respect.

Dennis Chapman showed off his SAA club shirt, sporting the new 50th Anniversary logo.

Dino shared that Scott Doudrick will be putting together slide shows to be played before each club meeting during our anniversary year.

Dino reported that club members are taking advantage of the car safety inspection that takes place at 8:30am before each club meeting. He encouraged others to take advantage of this opportunity so all can have their cars in tip-top shape for tours and driving to club meetings.

It was noted that there were 16 model A's out in the parking lot, which is a record so far!

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Jim Frick reminded everyone of the up coming Heritage Museum Tour on September 7th. Deadline for signing up is July 31st.

Dino introduced Bob Harbicht who presented interesting historical facts about our country and the founding fathers. The topic was appropriate for our upcoming 4th of July holiday. His presentation included the significance of the War of 1812 and information on our original national flag as well as our national anthem. He stressed our responsibility to honor those who made this an independent country.

After his presentation, Bob shared information on Silent Movie Night at the Two Strikes Park on Rosemead in La Crescenta. Jim Constantian added some additional information.

Dino thanked Bob for the history lesson. Drawings:

Drive your Model A – Randy Harper
Membership drawing – Joe Farino
Wearing club clothing – Pat Utter
Raffle – Nancy Sharpe, Chuck Davies,
Randy Harper, and Carl Rogers

Dino shared that he was glad to see Bob Travis in the meeting. He met Bob at a car show and Bob invited him to come to a meeting. Thank you Bob!

Dino pointed out that there is a signup list for bringing donuts to the meeting. Please sign up for one meeting. Your cost will be reimbursed. It will take the responsibility off one person's shoulders.

Dino thanked everyone for coming. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:50am.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER JOE WILSON



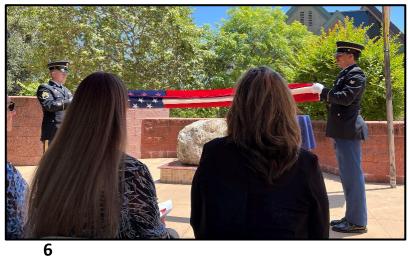












THE FORTH OF JULY

The 2024 Sierra Madre 4th of July Parade was well attended by us.



SANTA ANITA MODEL A CLUB











BLT BANNER DAY

Another banner day was observed by the BLT Guys Organization with the installation of a Mitchell overdrive in a 1931 Victoria owned by Nathan Sherry, who lives in Lomita, CA and is a member of the Orange County Model A Ford Club.

The installation took place at Tom Endy's home on Friday, June 28, 2024. They began at 8:30am and were finished by 1pm.

The owner made a \$500 donation to the Model A Youth Restoration Award program.

There was one show stopper that had to be overcome. When the torque tube was removed and driveshaft and pinion assembly was pulled they discovered someone who worked on the car in the past had welded the nut to the end of the driveshaft. They had to grind the nut off and could see a witness mark on the ring gear carrier where the weld had been rubbing on it as it rotated. However, no damage had been done.

At the end of the day the Victoria and the Mitchell Overdrive performed as Henry Ford and Steve and Cindie Mitchell had intended.

Tom Endy

Have a question ???

Have a question about a problem you're having with your machine? Ask us!!

We'd like to start a program where you may need answers to an issue and our team of club members just might have the answer. They could even have several answers.

Drop a line to me, Dennis Chapman, at dennisofdb@verizon.net and I'll publish them and see what expert advice might come your way. This will work in conjunction with the Safety Seminars and inspections before our monthly meetings on the last Saturday of the month. We want all our members to be able to take advantage of these great learning tips and tricks of the trade.

NEW MEMBERS

Dan and Marilyn Simpson Glendora, CA



Wil Heitritter 1928 Town Sedan This is a very nice car.



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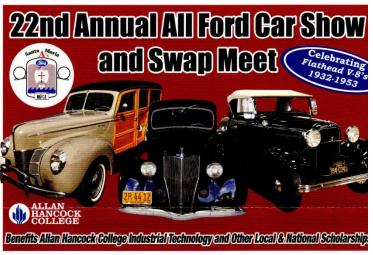
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◎ JULY 23,2022 🌲 JOE RINAUDO 🗭 LEAVE A COMMENT



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This year, the show in Orcutt is featuring Ford Flathead V8 automobiles and trucks from 1932 to 1953. The show will benefit the Allen Hancock Automotive Technology Program and other local and national scholarships. Info at SantaMariaModelAClub.com

Have ideas for tours?

The club is always looking to expand our tours. Do you have an idea for a tour? Is there somewhere you've been and would like to go back to? Maybe you like short local runs or enjoy getting out of town. The club would love to hear from you at the meetings or you can contact any of our tour people with suggestions. Or maybe the Tour Meister himself, Bob Harbicht.

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The Paradise Valley Model A Ford Club of San Bernadino, California, Chapter of MAFCA is having their antique auto swap meet on September 28, 2024.

The swap meet location is at the Western Little League Regional Headquarters in Northwest San Bernadino, CA. The meet is from 6am to 3pm.

Vendor spaces are 20 X 20 at \$35.00

There are no rain dates. For information call Richard Bronstrup at 909-658-5914

AMERICAN TRUCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The ATHS has a National Convention and Truck Show annually and each year it's in a different location. This year was York, PA and around 900 entries were there.

The ATHS was incorporated in 1971 and formed to preserve the history of trucks and the trucking industry. In 1972 it began its annual conventions to educate the public on the profound impact trucking has had on American production and consumerism.

With the establishment of the Zoe James Memorial Library in 1977, ATHS positioned itself as the world's largest historical trucking library.

It has truly been a pleasure to be a member for many years traveling the country to see the trucks and friends I've made. Last year was the first year I had an entry and was honored to be picked to display inside.

Next year in Madison, WI I will receive the Golden Achievement Award for serving in the industry for over 50 years. I'm truly humbled to be added to a growing list of fine people in the industry. Dennis Chapman



Dennis Chapman's 1931 wide bed entry in the 2023 National Convention and Truck Show in Reno, NV was picked to be displayed inside.







LADIES' DAY 2024 SANTA ANITA A'S WEDNESDAY JULY 31, 2024 LUNCH



Join us for a Ladies' Day filled with fun, food, and lively conversation!

Meet us at Marie Callender's Restaurant, 220 South Atlantic Blvd., Monterey Park, CA. 91754 Phone 626-281-9548 Enjoy a wonderful sit-down lunch including tax, tip and coffee, tea, lemonade or soft

drinks from 12:00pm to 3:00pm on Wednesday, July 31, 2024.

Menu: Marie's home-style pot roast with mashed potatoes and vegetables, Chicken Broccoli Fettuccine with Alfredo Sauce, or Ginger honey salmon with rice pilaf and vegetables

Plus a slice of Razzle Berry pie, French Apple pie or Lemon Meringue pie

The cost of lunch including all taxes and tips is only \$10/pp for Santa Anita A's members paid up as of April 30, 2024. Non-member guests may join Ladies' Day at a cost of \$28.23pp. Sorry, but there can be no refunds. Please call Vicky Balmot at 626-695-5483 or Carol Emanuelli at 626-286-5267 with any questions. To make your reservations, please mail your check payable to Santa Anita A's c/o Carol Emanuelli, 9842 Key West St. Temple City, CA 91780 no later than Monday, July 22, 2024, or even better pay at the May or June club meeting. Include your phone number on your check and be sure to include your meal preference with your RSVP.

Vicky Balmot and Carol Emanuelli

RSVP for Ladies' Day Wednesday July 31, 2024 at Marie Callender's Restaurant, Monterey Park				
Name:	Date:			
Phone Number:	Member? Yes or No			
☐ Marie's Home Style Pot Roa ☐ Chicken Broccoli Fettuccine ☐ Ginger Honey Salmon with rice pilaf and vegetables Plus	rcle One Entre Selection and One Desert Selection): ast with mashed potatoes and vegetables with Alfredo Sauce French Apple Pie or Lemon Meringue Pie			
\$10.00 per member (must be a 1	member as of April 30, 2024) attending			
\$28.23 per guest attending	g \$ Total Check Enclosed?			
Or Cash Paid at Meeting? Mail to Carol Emanuelli, 9842 l Received By:	Key West St., Temple City, CA. 91780			

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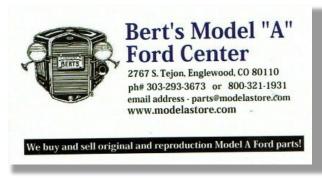














Spoken Wheels is the monthly publication of the Santa Anita A's based in Arcadia, California. The organization is dedicated to the restoration, preservation and enjoyment of the Model A Ford. It is a chapter of the national organization, MAFCA (Model A Ford Club of America). Meetings are held on the last Friday of most months at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, California.

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Santa Anita A's is a chartered member of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). It is a California not-for-profit 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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