



August 2024

Spoken Wheels

THE NEXT MEETING

General Meeting

General Meeting - **Saturday, August 31th, 10:00am**
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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS – MEN

- Gary Hunter – 1
- Jay Russell – 3
- Richard Ware – 6
- Larry Rummens – 7
- Les Eddington – 9
- John Lacey – 13
- Stewart Levin – 20
- Steve Voors – 20
- Mark Henzel - 23

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS – WOMEN

- Bonnie Nelson – 6
- Suzan Wiley – 9
- Michelle Morgan Paige – 14
- Suzanne Rummens – 14
- LaVada Hancock – 15
- Heidi Van Elgort – 15
- Sondra Kurtz – 18
- Patti Dolan - 21
- Catherine Levin – 21
- Vicky Balmont - 29



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to August!!
July was a good month for us at the club. Were you part of it?



Dino Falabrino

We started out with 9 members participating in the Sierra Madre Fourth of July Parade. All cars did fine and the best part of being in the parade was the fact of displaying our club for people to see and possibly reach out to someone that has a Model A and would want to be a part of a club in the area.

We also had a great tech seminar that had over 30 people attending. Randy Harper is a Zenith carburetor guru that took us through the ins and outs of these finicky things to make them preform like new. That's a hard task to ask from a 90 year old part! Randy performed his magic at Chris Wickersham's garage.

Ready for our 50th Anniversary? Celebrations are in the works. Event extraordinaire, Janet Beggs has some great plans to make our 50th one to be in on every event. She stopped by the board meeting with some ideas and a blueprint for us that will prove to be a wonderful year I know you'll enjoy.

We also had a great turn out for the monthly meeting. Tom Moon from In-N-Out Burgers gave a very comprehensive presentation on the successful burger chain. It was the first time I listened to a speech and felt hungry at the same time!

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Les & Lyda Eddington – 6
- Tom & Sheri Johnson – 6
- Bob & Patsy Harbicht – 8
- Art & Olive Moore – 8
- Mike & Beverly Kniest – 13
- Paul & Louise Cella – 14
- Lonny & Jody Hamillton Johnson – 18
- John & Carol Emauelli - 29

CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

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 3.
 9 – **Ladies' brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
 19 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
 28 - **General Meeting** – Saturday 10:00am Church of the Good Sheperd 400 W Duarte Road Arcadia, CA

October

14 – **Ladies' brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
 14 – **Lunch with the travelers** – See page 3
 17 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
 26 – **General Meeting** – Saturday 10:00am Church of the Good Sheperd 400 W Duarte Road Arcadia, CA

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.

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.

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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 with additional donuts brought from Nancy Sharpe.

Photos, articles and advice provided by Bob Moore, Randy Harper, Joe Farino, Olive Moore, Cliff Mount, Les Eddington, Bea Fruchter as well as others.



Mickey & Bea heading for the drive-in!

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.

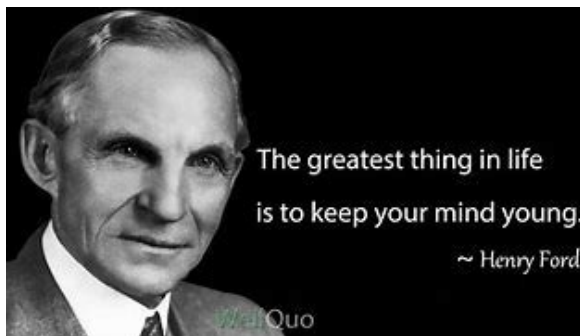
It will be a nice leisurely route along Huntington Drive starting at Clearman's Northwoods Inn on Rosemead Blvd, and just over 11 miles. We will gather at 9:30am and depart at 10:00am. The tour starts at 11:00am of the museum homes and buildings and will last less than an hour.

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.

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. You may want to contact the Tour Meister himself, Bob Harbicht.



CROSS COUNTRY A'S

Did you know there are people planning a trip across country on Route 66 from beginning to end in Model A's? That means they will be driving through our town!

Don't you think we should do something special with them? Several ideas have been mentioned. If you have an idea, send it to Bob Moore or Bob Harbicht.

They will be staying in San Bernadino on Oct. 13 and traveling to Santa Monica on Oct. 14. We could host a lunch at Legends in Glendora and then escort them on to Arcadia or beyond. Or maybe you have a thought how this should go.

Dennis Chapman has been in touch with the person organizing this and will update the club as he knows more about how many cars, etc.

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.

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. And though they never tell me what is discussed I have heard it has nothing to do with Model A's. Join them and find out the latest goings on.

AUGUST PROGRAM

LADIES WHO DRIVE MODEL A'S

We will have the ladies who drive Model A's talk to us about their experiences behind the wheel. Or maybe you'd like to learn how to drive a Model A? In the event that one would have to drive in an emergency or a situation that would put you behind the wheel, now would be the time to get your questions answered. It will be a great program.



NOT SO LOVELY NEWS BITS

MEN'S BREAKFAST 9am

There were 20 men at the Men's Breakfast and we had 8 Model A's driven. Oh and the stories these guys can tell! Phil drove his Model A and told about getting it in Kentucky in the mid 60's and working on it a few years until he drove it to California. He was pulling a trailer and when he got to the California Produce Inspection Station the attendant told him he was a little late. I can only imagine how the Model A Tudor pulling a trailer with all he owned must have looked! Tire kicking starts a little earlier. Monthly on the third Thursday. San Gabriel Airport's Annia's Kitchen 4233 Santa Anita Ave, El Monte. CA.



Could these kids be some of our members in their youth? Anyone recognize any of them?

JULY 27th MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

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

15 cars and 42 people were there.

Club member, Dennis Chapman, led the flag salute.

Last month's minutes were approved as published.

Dino introduced our guest, Carol Emanuelli's sister Patricia Sleight. Dino also introduced our 2 new members in attendance, Paul Cerra who received his new club badge from Randy Harper, and Wil and Amanda Heitritter.

Dino gave a short report on the excellent Carburetor Seminar that Randy Harper presented at Chris Wickersham's shop. There were 34 people in attendance and Chris wishes to thank Les Eddington for organizing the event.

Dino mentioned that Janet Beggs had attended the last board meeting and provided the members present with a pamphlet outlining the events she has planned to celebrate the club's 50th Anniversary next year. He also said the members will be very pleased at some of the things planned and to stay tuned for future information.

Dino thanked Scott Doudrick for continuing to prepare the slide shows that will be shown prior to the meetings. He also encouraged all members who have club photos, on their phone, hard copies, slides or film to forward them to Scott for future viewing. Scott is capable of scanning all forms.

No car inspections were carried out prior to the meeting but will resume prior to the August meeting. Three spots are available and interested members should contact Dino or Les.

The sunshine report stated that no cards were sent out this past month and Dino commented he was happy to hear that all the members appeared to be in good health.

Dino encouraged the club members to attend Carcadia. It's a car show that will take place the next day at 7:00am to 9:00am at 733 W. Naomi Ave. Arcadia, CA 91007. There are usually 8 or 9 members that go and there's coffee and donuts.

Dennis Chapman has designed a new gold club horseshoe logo for the 50th Anniversary that will be available in club blue and black for more formal events. He's also working on the 50th Anniversary pins that will look very similar. More details will come out in the August and September Newsletter.

Dennis also has some clothing from stock he'd like to sell at extremely low prices to eliminate having stock. Please see him at the next meeting for more information.

The meeting program "The History of In N Out Burger" was presented by Tom Moon, who is the historian at In N Out. It was an excellent history of the people who started it and the company as it grew. Tom graciously provided 2 company ballcaps and a water container to be raffled off to members.

Winners:

Pat Utter – Ballcap

Scott Doudrick – ballcap

John Emanuelli – water container

Dino thanked Tom for the donations and the excellent program.

Bea Fruchter announced that club member Art Moore was now being cared for at home.

Jim Constantian reminded members of the Historic Silent Cinema in the Park at Two Strike Park in La Crescenta that night at 8:00.

Raffle Winners:

Arrived in a Model A – Chris Wickersham

Wore a name badge – Dan Simpson

Club clothing – Bea Fruchter

Chris Wickersham - \$30.00 & \$5.00

Chuck Davies - \$20.00

Carol Emanuelli - \$10.00

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09am.
Respectfully, Warwick Nethercoat, Secretary

LADIES' DAY LUNCHEON 2024



The fun event was attended by the Ladies of the Santa Anita A's Model A Club. 23 in all. Marie Calendar's for lunch and pie and a raffle with really unique prizes. Many thanks to Carol and Vicky for putting together a great event. We hope to see more ladies next year.

THE CARB SEMINAR WAS WELL ATTENDED



34 people were treated to one of the most informative seminars on carburetors and fuel system delivery in recent club history.

50th CLUB PINS



Limited edition pins info coming in September.

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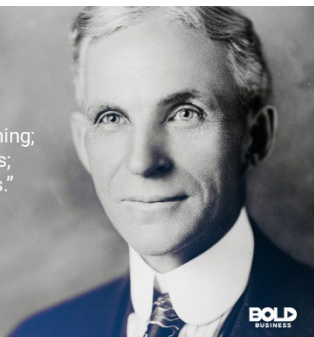
OTHER THINGS GOING ON

Long Beach Swap Meet - Aug 4th & Sept 8th
 Pomona Swap Meet & Car Show – Aug 11th
 Carcadia at 733 W. Naomi Ave – Aug 25th



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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

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Read the newsletter and sign up for everything.

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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)



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