



October 2024

Spoken Wheels

THE NEXT MEETING

General Meeting

General Meeting – Saturday, October 26th, 10:00am
Church of The Good Shepherd.
400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA

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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS – MEN

- LARRY PARE – 2
- JIM AUSTIN – 3
- BOB MOORE – 3
- MARK GOLLHARDT – 9
- STEVE NEWTON – 12
- DON McBRIDE – 14
- AUSTIN JANISCH – 15
- FRANK SEPULVEDA – 15
- MARLIN PERRY – 17
- WILBERT SMITH – 19
- RICHARD ANDERSON – 20
- SCOTT BONNER - 20

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS – WOMEN

- ELISE JOHNSON – 11
- SUE GUARRERA – 19
- MARIA FOYE – 24
- MAY PARE – 24
- JUDI MOORE – 26
- CAROL EMANUELLI – 28
- MARIANNE SPIELMANN - 28

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- TRACY PERRY & LARRY BUTKUS – 1
- JOHN & SUSIE LACEY – 15
- RICHARD & RHETA ANDERSON – 18
- STEVE & BARBARA VOORS – 22
- STEVE & KATHY CONCIDINE – 23
- CLIFF & ALICE MOUNT - 27

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

So hello to Fall and goodbye summer! If you're not a fan of hot weather your ship has come in.

We finished up the month with our general meeting and silent auction. Many members donated great items that were auctioned, and I will say, I



Dino Falabrino

was amazed that nearly everything displayed sold! I can't thank those enough who donated and made it a success.

You can thank Mickey Fruchter for putting this together. It was his great idea. Of course all the funds raised go to the upcoming 50th year anniversary celebrations for the club.

Speaking of thanking people in our group, I want to thank all the people from our club who were part of the several hundred who attended Art Moore's service. This showed the overwhelming respect he deserved.

Looking forward to October; along with the men's and ladies' gatherings, we have a very special program scheduled for October for our monthly meeting.

Wilbert Smith will bring the Pasadena High School Restoration class to us to give a demonstration of what they learn and do in class.

Please drive as many of your cars to help the students learn about Model A's.

As I end this I have met some members who haven't been to a meeting. This was a great experience for me and other members. I really enjoyed this.

But it wasn't just me. I saw other members enjoying members they hadn't seen in a while.

In November let's call it the Homecoming Month for the Santa Anita A's and get all of us together as we prepare for our big 50th celebration.

2025 will be a year to remember!!!

CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

October

10 – **Board meeting** - Church of the Good Shepherd
14 – **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
17 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
26 – **General Meeting** – Saturday 10:00am Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 W Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA

November

11 – **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
14 – **Board meeting** - Church of the Good Shepherd
21 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
30 – **General Meeting** – Saturday 10:00am Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 W Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA

December

9 – **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
11-14 - **Salt Lake City, Utah** – National Awards Banquet
12– **Board meeting** - Church of the Good Shepherd
19 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
28 – **General Meeting** – Saturday 10:00am Church of the Good Shepherd, 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 – All is well when no cards are sent out.
Cookie Bringers -Dino and Gina Falabrino provided the coffee and donuts provided by Marlin and Elaine Perry.
Photos, articles and advice provided by Les Eddington, Bob Moore, Bea Fruchter and others.

FOOD DONATIONS

In the past our club has gathered food to donate to local food banks and other charities. This year we are starting to organize another giving season.

Please let the board know if you are interested in doing this again. Discuss this with each other at the men's and ladies' gathering, monthly meeting and board meeting in October.

Maybe someone has a place in mind that could use our help. Let's talk more together about it.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

I recently visited Al Backes in his antique auto glass shop and what an eye opening experience it was for me.

Al's been in the business for 50 years and has all the patterns for car and truck glass from 1928 to 1964. He also has OEM parts and clips on hand. Over the years he's cut glass for about everything from Model A's to Packards, Lincolns, LaSalles and Cadillacs. And you truck owners, he's cut glass for you too, from Whites to Diamond T's.

Pictured below are one of the glass patterns, some of the glass in stock and a glass sanding machine that he's used for years.



THE SEMINAR

Another interesting seminar was given by Chris at his shop last month.

We were treated to some of the tricks of the trade in Model A "mechanicing". He showed us some very regular tools that are used by everyone and then some very specific tools that would be used on very specific jobs and handmade altered things that would save you time and effort.

He also showed us things from the past; rebuilt spark plugs and a light kit.



HAVE IDEA'S 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.

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.

All topics are on the table for discussion except Model A's. I'm sure once in a blue moon a Model A topic slips in. Did you know there's a blue moon this month? Show up and get all the latest!

Stop by and have a great meal and a Coke!



OCTOBER PROGRAM

The October program will be hosted by the Pasadena High School Model A Club. Wilbert Smith and the youth will give a presentation on what they do, what they learn and how it will apply to their future. It's a fun program that should not be missed.

NOT SO LOVELY NEWS BITS

MEN'S BREAKFAST 9am

There were 14 men at the Men's Breakfast and we had 7 Model A's driven.

Neither fog or clouds and drizzle will keep the men from coming to the men's breakfast! You should come join them.

Besides the great food and company, you should hear the stories they tell.

Tire kicking starts a little earlier, every month on the third Thursday.

San Gabriel Airport's Annia's Kitchen, 4233 Santa Anita Ave., El Monte, CA.



SEPTEMBER 28th MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

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

Dino Falabrino called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

12 cars and 41 people attended.

Club member, Dennis Chapman, led the flag salute.

New and Old Business:

The minutes of the August General Meeting were approved.

There was 1 member, Dan Simpson who was attending his first meeting.

Dino thanked Marlin and Elaine Perry for their donation of the donuts for the meeting. He reminded club members about the sign-up sheet in the back for future months.

Dino also thanked Chris Wickersham and Les Eddington for the seminar they provided for the members.

John Emanuelli spoke on the great celebration of life for Art Moore that was attended by many of our members. He spoke of how 3 granddaughters, his son and others gave such a great history of Art and who he was. Our own Wilbert Smith was one of the speakers.

Dino read an email from Barbara Wilson Bishop about how great the members of the Santa Anita A's have been to her.

Dennis Chapman spoke about the 50th shirts and hat pins and ordering them.

Dino mentioned that Scott Doudrick needs photos, videos, slides or any form of history of our club to archive in the computer.

Dino spoke of the last seminar at Chris Wickersham's garage and thanked him and Les Eddington for their efforts.

It was mentioned that the men may start meeting for breakfast twice a month. Randy Harper is checking with the restaurant about having it the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Both would be at the regular time.

Dino mentioned the Carcadia car show was the following day.

Carol Emanuelli ran the club awards and the winners this month are

Drove a car-----Chuck Davies

Wore a name tag---Martha Utter

Wore club clothes—Chuck Davies

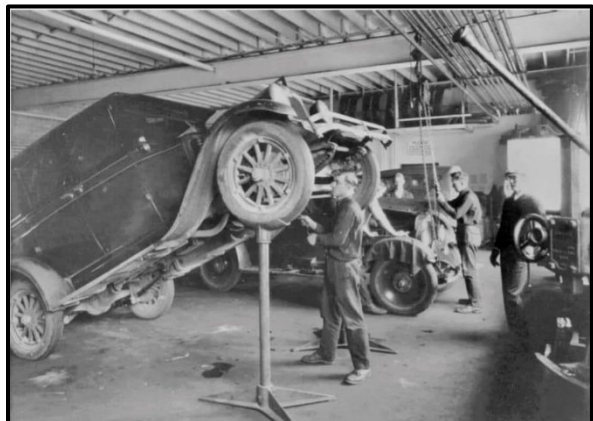
Dino asked for questions and John Emanuelli commended Scott Doudrick for his slide show presentations prior to the monthly meeting. John saw a member in the slide show that had moved to North Carolina. He called him to make sure he was ok and catch up on current events.

Vicky Bartlett spoke of 3 events she and her new dog Honey had attended. They were Art's service, the monthly meeting and the Pasadena High School Model A restoration class. She donated 270 Restorer magazines to the club and encouraged everyone to visit the school program. She also reminded everyone that the raffle of a restored Model A was coming up and that the program could always use donations to help keep the program going.

At 10:30 am the silent auction was started and it ended at 11:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am. Respectfully, non secretary Dennis Chapman

NOT OUR LOW END BOYS



MEMBER PROFILE



Lonny Johnson and Jody Hamilton

by Bob Moore

Randy Harper and I met Lonny during the Holiday Motor Excursion last December. I was riding in Randy's Model A, and we were ahead of a black 1930 Model A Coupe for most of the ride to the refreshment stop. Lonny parked the Coupe in front of us, and Randy and I introduced ourselves, knowing that the driver was not a club member. We explained the value of joining our club well, as he did at the January meeting.

Lonny and Jody live in Valley Village. Lonny is originally from North Dakota and moved to Illinois when he was nine. After graduating high school in 1986, he moved to Houston, TX, to attend art school. Lonny, a talented musician, composer, and songwriter, followed his then-current band to California in 1989. Since then, he has been part of many bands, including Steve Adler's solo band, where Lonnie was the lead guitarist. Steve Adler was formerly the drummer in Guns and Roses.

Lonny has written over 300 songs for TV, including the music for Duck Dynasty and Below Deck. He also wrote the theme song for Carol Burnett's show on Netflix, "A Little Help".

In writing this article, Lonny phoned me from Western Pennsylvania, where he is on tour with the heritage band Pretty Boy Floyd playing bass. I asked what instruments he played, and he said, "All of them."

Lonny's wife, Jody, is California-grown and in the entertainment industry. Jody was a music manager early in her career. Later, as a producer, she received an Emmy nomination for a show she produced. She is now the executive producer of the Stephanie Miller daily national radio show, which has over 6 million listeners and viewers.

Lonny's car connection started in high school with a 1975 Monte Carlo. His first Model A was a 1929 Model A Roadster. In 2020, he restored a Bugatti replica. Several years ago, he went to look at an unbelievably original black 1955 T-Bird, which he said was stunning. Lonny thought the asking price of 60K was too much and offered 27K. Six months later, the owner called and accepted his 27K. He then learned that the car had some entertainment industry connections. The first owner was Maxene Andrews of the Andrew Sisters. The second owner was cartoonist Fritz Freeling (Bugs Bunny, Yosemite Sam) of Warner Brothers. Someone saw the T-Bird, and Lonny got the \$60K. After selling the T-Bird, his wife started looking more favorably at his car hobby.

One evening at Bob's Big Boy in Toluca Lake, Lonny was driving a pristine, fiberglass T-Bucket that he had restored. A patron saw the T-Bucket, and Lonny sold it at a great price. The purchaser also bought his 1931 Model A. (Lonny has an all-steel T-Bucket at home.) We all need to learn how Lonny does it.

ANNIVERSARY SHIRTS



The 50th Anniversary shirt logos are being made now. You can get them on shirts in the club color blue or now in black for a more formal look. You can also get the club horseshoe logo on a shirt without the 50th anniversary banner.

All denim and dress shirts are \$52.00 to \$56.00. If you want your name stitched on them it's an additional \$10.00.

Polo shirts with a pocket are also available in club colors blue or black for \$50.00 and with your name \$60.00.

Ball caps can't be reproduced with the horseshoe logo and look aesthetic. Sorry

See Dennis Chapman at the monthly meetings or email him, dennisofdb@verizon.net.

LAPEL PINS



The limited-edition lapel or hat pins are about to be ordered. They will be \$15.00 each.

They are 1-3/8 inch in size and are in gold plate with 3 color enamel and raised gold in certain areas to highlight the pin.

See the sign up sheets at the monthly meetings to get on the list or email dennisofdb@verizon.net to be put on the list.

These pins will quickly become collector items and the talk of the town. Don't miss out!

Members on the Move

News Article submitted by Les Eddington

Northwest Regional Group (NWRG) Hub Tour
Redmond, Oregon September 9-12, 2024

The Manifors – John and Cheryl and the Eddingtons – Les and Lyla, trailered their Model A's up to Central Oregon to participate in this MAFCA Regional Tour. There were about fifty Model A's. Most were driven from Canada, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and California, with the largest group hailing from the Seattle area. California had representatives from Eureka, Chico, Santa Clara and of course, the Santa Anita A's.

Tours were scheduled daily (about 500 miles of driving total) plus Inspection Workshops (it is not termed judging), Swap Meet, and Hubley Races. Fires were around burning around us and smoke was an issue for many. One day the tour was cancelled because of fire and another day we drove in rain using Rain-X on our windshields. We had good basic roads featuring irrigated valleys, lakes, rivers, forests, and historic areas of Bend, Oregon.

We were impressed with the organization of this regional group. They have been conducting these tours since 1976 with each MAFCA Chapter assuming a leadership/hosting role on a rotating basis.

Please note my Santa Anita A's horseshoe logo in full view. Tour organizer Bill Worden did a great job. See his article in the latest Restorer of one of his tours.



Grand National Pickup Show

The second annual Grand National Pickup Show was held at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds in Pomona, CA on Sept. 14th and 15th and several hundred trucks attended.

One of the entries was Santa Anita A's Club member Dennis Chapman in his 1931 wide-bed pickup. Oddly enough he had the oldest truck in the outside arena; but as we all know, there's no prize for being the oldest in anything!

There was a ton of fun to be had looking at all the different ideas that people had for fixing up their trucks.

Lots of original, mild custom, full custom and the over the top wild customs.



KNOWING OUR FRIEND IS IN GOOD HANDS



On September 25th we got to say farewell to a friend who touched so many lives. I could never put in a few paragraphs the kind of person he was and how much he meant to the people who loved him, worked around him and knew him as a Model A fan. He got first A in high school and was scolded for spinning his tires in front of it. With age came family, work, and tragedy but his faith only got stronger. His belief kept him strong and his love for his wife Olive kept him striving to have the best life possible.

If you needed help, advice or just wanted to talk about Model A's he was a real go to guy. His experience with cars and mechanics was only one of the great things about him. He would talk to anyone about any issue they might have.



A special person with special skills that didn't make you think he was the king of the road but actually he was. All the things he accomplished, even though he was handicapped, only made his friends love him more. He never let his issues get in your way. Rest in peace.



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HAVE A QUESTION?

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

We have started 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.

Send your questions to Dennis 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.

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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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