



December 2024

# Spoken Wheels

## THE NEXT MEETING

### General Meeting

General Meeting –Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am  
Christmas Gala at the Almansor Court  
700 S. Almansor Street Alhambra, CA 91801

Car inspections will resume at 8:30am in January  
See Les or Dino to sign up for an inspection of your  
Model A and get an answer to all your problems.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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- LESLIE PAM – 2
- ROB BARROSA – 5
- NINO TRAPANI – 5
- DINO FALABRINO – 11
- STVEN KURTZ - 12
- BRAD BALMOT – 17
- BOB TRAVIS – 18
- JIM KROEGER – 20
- TOM JOHNSON – 29
- CHRIS WICKERSHAM – 30

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS – WOMEN

- OLIVE MOORE – 11
- JAMIE FRICK – 13
- LOUISE CELLA – 16
- JODY HAMILTON – 18
- CHERYL MANIFOR - 19



## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

SOMEBODY NEEDS TO GET MARRIED THIS  
JANUARY TO FILL THIS SPACE.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings all and happy holidays. November started out with the men having two breakfast meetings per month. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 9am at the regular place. It's posted on page 2. Ok ladies, are you going to let them get away with this? I hope to see the ladies start with two brunches to keep up with them!



*Dino Falabrino*

We had 9 cars in the traditional Arcadia Festival of the Bands this year and our cars performed excellently.

Scott Doudrick, Bob Moore, Joe Farino, Bob Harbicht, Mickey Fruchter, Tom Forbes, Randy Harper, Howard Hayes and myself escorted the dignitaries down Duarte Road. Rain was predicted but we squeaked through just fine.

While I have your attention, ( well I hope I do ) I felt very humbled that the officers and board members chose to serve another year in their current positions with only one exception. Chris Wickersham was holding Joe Wilson's spot after he passed. For 2025 Dennis Chapman will fill that spot. I truly respect every one of them for their hard work and dedication to this club.

Everyone is welcome at the meetings if you'd like to see how the board functions.

I left this message for last because I sometimes can't believe it's true and it's hard to face.

We received news that longtime member Ken Mallory had passed away on November 16<sup>th</sup>. He was Mr. Mallory to me. For me, I spent 27 years being his neighbor. When I joined the club, he was there, and what a joyful sight to see. I knew then I was in the right club.

Ken was two weeks away from turning 100.  
Take care as always, Dino Falabrino

## CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

### December

- 9 – **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport  
11-14 - **Salt Lake City, Utah** – National Awards Banquet  
12– **Board meeting – 7pm** - Church of the Good Shepherd  
14--**Christmas Party** - Almansor Court Salon – 11:00  
    Nearest to the foyer - See page 6  
18 – **Santa Anita A's Holiday Light Tour** – see page 8  
19 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport  
29 – **Holiday Excursion** – see page 7

### January

- 2 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport  
9– **Board meeting – 7pm** - Church of the Good Shepherd  
13 – **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport  
16 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport  
18 - **Tom Endy's Transmission Seminar** – See page 3

### February

- 6 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport  
8 – **Heritage Home & Museum Tour** – See page 7  
10 – **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel  
13– **Board meeting – 7pm** - Church of the Good Shepherd  
20 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport  
22 – **Temple City Camellia festival parade** - TBA  
    **Ladies Driving Day** – to be announced

## OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> IS COMING UP

In the run up to our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a club in 2025, we are 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](mailto: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](mailto:leseddington@aol.com). Our safety team is made up of Chuck Davies, Bob Moore, Richard Anderson and Dino Falabrino.

## 2024 OFFICERS, BOARD & CHAIRS

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## PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

**Sunshine Report** – A card was sent out to the Mallory's.  
**Cookie Bringers** -Dino and Gina Falabrino provided the coffee and donuts this month. Volunteers needed.  
**Photos and articles provided by** Les Eddington, Bob Moore, Bea Fruchter, Dino Falabrino, Tom Endy, Chris Wickersham.

You just can't say enough about the AA Model A trucks and how they came to move America.

From the people heading West for a better life to the goods in the stores and gas at the pumps.

These trucks sure deserve credit.



## COMMITTEE LEADERS

Do you have what it takes to be on a committee and help shape our club in the future? We have spots to be filled and we've dropped spots that we couldn't find people to take under their wings and come up with a fun plan to add to the rest of the fun this club has. Here's some openings.

**TOUR COMMITTEE** – We want someone who can organize a tour for us to go on a regular basis.

Not the same place every month but new places to go or places we used to go that we haven't been in a while. And we have annual places we go.

**FASHION** – Would you like to write an article monthly about the fashion of the late 20's and early 30's? We used to have someone who did that and are looking for someone who might enjoy doing that again. It could be fun researching and sharing some of the things you find.

**LOW END BOYS** – Our Low End Boys are always looking for people to help them out with their purpose. And their purpose is to help other members get their cars started and running.

It's as simple as that!

## JANUARY SEMINAR

**WHERE** – Chris Wickersham's garage  
1835 Walnut Street Pasadena, CA 91107

**WHEN** – January 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

Coffee, donuts and fellowship at 9:00am

Tom Endy will put on a seminar about the assembly of the Model A transmission. The Model A transmissions have a number of traps laid out by Henry Ford during it's evolution to confuse and confound the next hundred years of enthusiasts. If you are not careful you can easily fall into one of these traps and cause yourself a lot of grief.

This seminar will highlight each one of these traps with visual aids and a technical program explaining each one.

This is one not to be missed. RSVP to Les Eddington at [leseddington@aol.com](mailto:leseddington@aol.com) or call him at 626-533-7145

## 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](mailto:dennisofdb@verizon.net) and I'll publish them and see what expert advice might come your way.

## LAST MONTH'S QUESTION?

Last month's question had to do with using exhaust cement on the manifold and pipe connection. No one had an answer.

## THE LATEST QUESTION?

A reader writes, "I have an adjustable valve upgrade on my 31 coupe. What I'd like to know is does the intake and exhaust need to be removed to adjust valves or just the valve cover? Also do I need to replace the valve cover gasket?"

If you have an answer for this question please send it to [dennisofdb@verizon.net](mailto:dennisofdb@verizon.net)

## 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. Show up and get all the latest!

Maybe next month they will fine tune the naughty and nice list recipients!

## MEMBERSHIP DUES 2025

As the year comes to a close and 2025 starts, it opens up the conversation of dues for the club.

It has been decades since a price change was implemented and the club dues are \$40.00 per year starting in January 2025.

This was voted on by the members at the October monthly meeting. Please pay on time.

Going forward the dues are due before the 1/1/2025 deadline. **In order to get the roster out on time and have your info and photo in it, your dues must be paid on time.**

With this year being our 50<sup>th</sup> the roster will be a little more special than any other year. Not only in meaning but it will also have a very aesthetic look. You don't want to get left out of this one. Get your dues in on time and be part of the fun.

**It's very important that all dues are paid on time to expedite the printing of the roster.**

## A FIRST AT THE 1ST

### MEN'S BREAKFAST 9am

We had 7 guys attend our first Thursday men's club breakfast and 3 special cars driven. One in attendance was a guest who brought his '70 Torino Cobra Jet. Beautiful car!

Also at the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday breakfast our 1<sup>st</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pin was delivered to Larry Pare.

Tire kicking starts around 8:30am and food at 9:00am every month on the first and third Thursday.

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



## 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 10:05am. Carol Emmanuelli lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

9 cars and 53 people attended.

Old and new Business:

There were 2 new members in attendance, Kim Anderson and Bob Langton. Visitors included Steve Thomas and Edwin Anderson and his Grandson and wife.

Dino gave a short eulogy for club member Ken Mallory who passed away on 11/16/2024 at the age of 99.

Dino reminded members that today was the deadline to sign up for the Christmas and Installation Banquet. It will take place on 12/14/2024 at Almansour Court in Alhambra.

The club was told that 9 club vehicles were in the Sierra Madra Car Show.

It was announced that at the last board meeting and approved at the last general meeting that dues would be from 1/1/2025 to 6/30/2025 at \$40.00 and from 7/1/2025 to 12/31/2025 at \$20.00 for new members. This will apply every year from now on. To be in the roster your dues must be paid 12/31/2024. It was announced that the 50<sup>th</sup> roster would be a very special one to be in. The members approved it.

Upcoming club tours and seminars were discussed. Dinner at Legends and on to the Concidine's home for Christmas displays and the Holiday Excursion Tour at the parking lot of Arcadia County Park.

Our program was the Banjo Buddies who performed 10 different holiday classics. The 11 member performance was led by our very own Mickey Fruchter and had 2 other club members playing banjos. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Warwick Nethercoat, Secretary

## A 40 YEAR MEMBER PASSES



Ken Mallory was just a few weeks shy of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday when he passed away.

He was born in Pasadena in 1924, served our country 1943 to 1945, graduated from USC in 1950, married to his wife Betty for 70 years and lived in Arcadia for 50 years before he and his wife moved to Royal Oaks where he lives for 17 years.

He has two children, three grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

He worked in flexible sales for Dow Chemical and American Can his whole career and retired at age 65.

Ken started a local hiking group called The Arcadia Ridge Rovers. The group of men hiked together for over 28 years in the local mountains once a week.

He was a member of the Arcadia Rotary Club for over 25 years.

He loved driving, touring and working on his Model A with friends. He had stopped driving but would display the car at Royal Oaks when the club would put on a show there. Bob Moore had helped him immensely over the past few months to get his car ready to sell according to his son.

He purchased the car and joined the club in 1984. Touring locally and regionally was great fun for him and Betty. In 2001 they and other Model A'ers went on the "Over The Alps Tour" driving the A through Germany, Switzerland, Austria and Italy.

He served on the club board five different years and was vice president four times.

A treasure that will surely be missed.

***THE CHRISTMAS GALA AT THE ALMANSOR COURT***

***Santa Anita A's Christmas Party***

**Saturday**  **December 14**  **11:00 AM**

Almanson Court  
700 S. Almanson Street  
Alhambra, California



We are going to try and have special Model A parking. Don't forget to arrive on time. It's going to be fun!

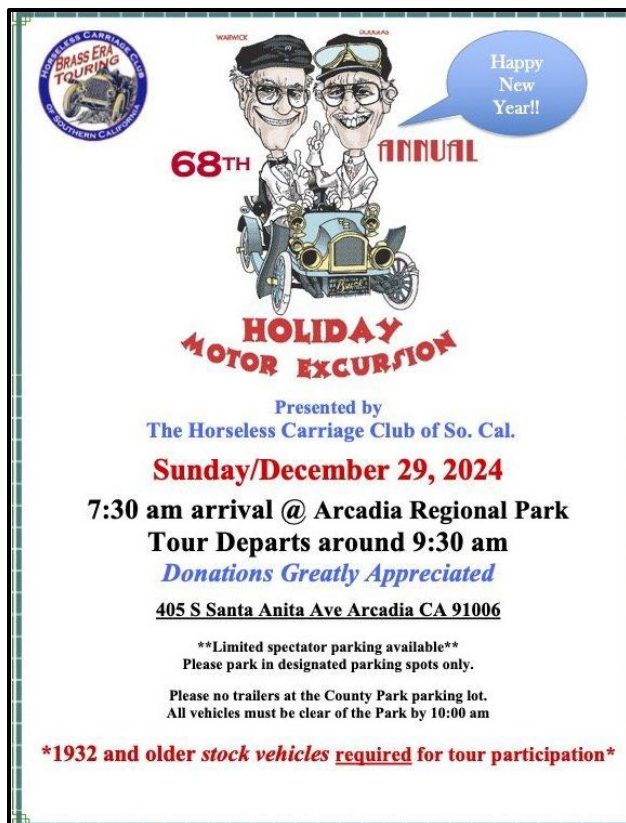
## BURTZ BLOCKS

The Orange County Model A Ford Club is considering a bulk purchase of Burtz Blocks to save on shipping cost. Others are welcome to join in.

There is some concern that the price of the Burtz Block coming from China could rise significantly by mid 2025. Also shipping fees on the Burtz Block can be significant when purchased by a single person.

In order to avoid price increases and get a break on shipping, this might be a good opportunity. If you think a Burtz motor is in your future this would be a good time to buy. US warehouses have plenty in stock.

To join in or get more details contact Dennis Kliesen by December 13<sup>th</sup> at 949-446-7475.



The poster features a cartoon illustration of two men in vintage attire driving a classic car. A speech bubble from one of the men says "Happy New Year!!". The text on the poster includes:

- Logo: HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BRASS ERA TOURING
- 68<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL
- HOLIDAY MOTOR EXCURSION
- Presented by The Horseless Carriage Club of So. Cal.
- Sunday/December 29, 2024
- 7:30 am arrival @ Arcadia Regional Park
- Tour Departs around 9:30 am
- Donations Greatly Appreciated
- 405 S Santa Anita Ave Arcadia CA 91006
- \*\*Limited spectator parking available\*\*  
Please park in designated parking spots only.
- Please no trailers at the County Park parking lot.  
All vehicles must be clear of the Park by 10:00 am
- \*1932 and older stock vehicles required for tour participation\***

## SHIRTS & PINS



The limited-edition lapel or hat pins are being sold now. They are \$15.00 each and really look great. 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

The 50<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary banner.

See Dennis Chapman at the monthly meetings, or call 909-762-5654, or email to [dennisofdb@verizon.net](mailto:dennisofdb@verizon.net).

## 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 2/8/2025 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 12/14/2024 meeting or call/text Jim Frick at 626-733-0369 by 1/8/2025. Paying at the museum is accepted.

We will stop for lunch on the way back at the Colonial Kitchen on Huntington Drive.

## MEMBERS ON THE MOVE



Several of our Santa Anita A Club members joined in on the Sierra Madre Car Show to support the Fire Department. Many other cars from other collections were on hand for viewing and fun was had by all.

Other shows are coming up you may want to participate in. A Temple City Camellia Festival parade is coming in late February. More info coming soon.

## CHRISTMAS AT THE CONCIDINES

Our plan for this excellent time out is to meet at **Legends Classic Diner 1155 Route 66 Glendora, CA 91740 at 5:00pm on December 18<sup>th</sup> for a dinner meal.** You can drive a modern car or a Model A, it's your choice.

From there maps will be provided and at 6:00pm we will convoy to the home of Steve and Kathy Concidine to view their wonderful holiday tree display.

After that we will drive through the area and view homes which are beautifully decorated outside.

There's a little more Christmas Spirit than meets the eye. Christmas Ornament collecting is Kathy's hobby. Besides buying from Hallmark, Kathy and Steve like to look through antique stores and check out yard sales for special finds. Kathy is the founding member of the San Dimas Ornametors Club and now belongs to a club in Riverside.

You will find 10 to 15 Christmas Trees of varying sizes at their home – ranging from 3 to 7 feet tall, plus many smaller trees. Each tree has a theme, and some themes change from year to year. Themes include Winter, Disney, Cat/Dog/Mouse, Birds, Santa/Elvis/Reindeer, International, Travel, Kitchen, Horses, Irish, Religious, Patriotic/History, and Teddy Bears. Kathy's favorite tree is the family tree, which has pictures of family members going back 40 years.

Steve gets in the holiday spirit putting up garland on the ceiling, plates on the wall and Santas on the mantle.

They extend a warm welcome to please come and enjoy their home and share in the Christmas joy.



Don't take too long gassing up, you'll miss the party.





# Santa Anita A's Veteran

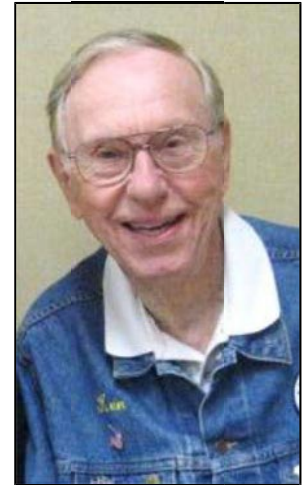


**Ken Mallory US Army 1943-1945**

**12/3/1924 --- 11/16/2024**

Pasadena, California was where I was born in 1924. I grew up in the area and was attending Pasadena City College in March 1943 when I was drafted into the army. Basic training was at Camp Roberts in Central California. I was trained as a mortar man. My first war time service was in the Aleutian Islands Campaign during 1943-1944. Upon my return to the States I was attached to the 87<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Company L of the 345<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. In October 1944 the division was deployed to France where I saw combat action in the Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge), the Rhineland, and Central Europe. In the first day of action in the Battle of the Bulge our regiment suffered 50 to 60 casualties. My company crossed the Rhine River at night in ten-man boats under fire to seize the eastern bank. Once across my squad set up a mortar position and started dropping mortar shells on a German gun emplacement overlooking the river. Many years later at an 87<sup>th</sup> Division reunion an infantryman came up to me and shook my hand and thanked me for taking that gun position out. He and his squad had been ordered to prepare to assault it. Significant campaign medals I received are the Combat Infantryman Badge, a Bronze Star, and the ETO Campaign Medal with three battle stars, the World War Two Victory Medal, and a Good Conduct Medal. I was honorably discharged at Camp Shelby, Mississippi in October 1945 with the rank of Sargent.

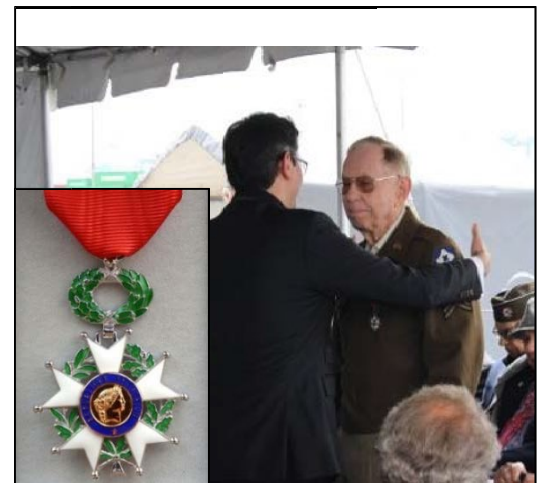
Following World War Two I obtained a bachelor's degree from USC in 1950 and spent a long business career in sales with the Dow Chemical Company. Today I live in Bradbury, California with my wife Elizabeth. We have a daughter, a son, three grandchildren, and one great grandchild.



**87<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 1945: Ken Mallory top left**

**Editor's Note:**

May 8, 2015, (the 70h anniversary of VE Day) on board the USS Iowa, Long Beach, CA: The French Council General Awarded Sgt. Ken Mallory and 19 others the French Legion Of Honor Medal, Frances highest award, for participation in the liberation of France during WWII.



**Interview and article by Tom Endy and Joe Wilson. This article was in the Spoken Wheels when we were recognizing Veterans.**

## **SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT**

### **ARIES MUFFLER**

Joe Davis and Doug Clayton spent almost a full year researching every available source of information in order to re-manufacture a Model A muffler identical to the one made by Ford between 1927 and 1931.

After finding some original mufflers they were able to duplicate some of the original features into the new mufflers. Some of those features are the mounting flange, mandrill bent tubing, assembling the components in a master fixture, which allows proper fit to the manifold and frame, tolerances levels and A-36 rolled cold steel and 304 stainless steel.

MAFCA and MARC judging standards recognize these mufflers, painted with high temperature flat black paint to be allowed.

Whether building a points vehicle, a daily driver or touring car, Aries is your go to muffler.

## **FREE TO A GOOD HOME**

### **Free**

#### **Model A Torque Tubes & Drive Shafts**

Tom Endy has accumulated a large quantity of torque tubes & drive shafts as a result of his overdrive installations.

They are rapidly multiplying on their own and must go.  
Contact Tom Endy 714-943-4555

## **WANTED**

### **1931 Ford Model A parts wanted!**

Complete differential, a gas tank without the steering column support and a front leaf spring. Contact Michael Sullivan at **805-728-5317** or **tenparry@yahoo.com**

## **FOR SALE**

Mitchell Overdrives and transmissions, New and fully synchronized with a shorter shift. Mitchell says there will be no more available for delivery for at least 6 months. If interested call Richard at 909-215-6398

### **For Sale – 1930 Model A Ford Cabriolet**

I am selling this car for the family of my good friend and SAA club member Ken Mallory who passed away just a few weeks shy of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Ken purchased the car in 1984 from a man who kept a collection of cars for use in the movies.

I know the car has been garaged since it was purchased by Ken.

The car was restored in 2000 and painted the correct colors and is still in good condition. The top was also replaced and is in good condition. It has an adjustable seat and Borg Warner overdrive.

The engine was rebuilt in 2017 by AER and has less than 1500 miles on it.

Not a perfect car but looks and drives very well.

Ken's family would be happy and give special consideration if a member of his beloved club were to purchase it.

Asking price is \$23,000  
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