



March 2025

Spoken Wheels

General Meeting

General Meeting –Saturday, March 29th, 10:00am
Church of the Good Sheperd
400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA

An annual Auto Inspection Day is being organized.
Stay tuned for more information about this.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

APRIL BIRTHDAYS – MEN

RICHARD FAVELA – 6
MICKEY FRUCHTER – 6
TOM FORBES – 12
NELSON STAFORD – 13
JOE FARINO – 17
MICHAEL SULLIVAN – 17
WIL HEILRITTER – 20
BENJAMIN STONE – 23
AL BACKES - 25

APRIL BIRTHDAYS – WOMEN

KAREN GOLLHARDT – 3
SUSIE LACEY – 4
NORMA CANZONERI – 6
DONNA MAC DONALD – 7
JACKIE GROSS – 17
PATTY LUTZ – 17
SHERYL HUNTER – 28
TRACY BUTKUS - 29



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all, it's me again.
With spring just around the corner, I bring good news. At our last board meeting, our activities director, Janet Beggs dropped by the meeting with her 50th anniversary celebration event schedule. She came prepared. WOW!!!! She has



Dino Falabrino

8 big events planned and they will be a series of events that will be great fun. This news was also announced at our general meeting and a special 2 pages are in the newsletter, so we are off and running.

Last Saturday was also our annual auction day and everything was sold. We all know the vast knowledge of Chris Wickersham and automobiles but if you attended the auction you saw a masterful auctioneer performance as well. We raised \$1200 for the club.

We also signed up some new members that day. Justin Miller, who is Ken Mallory's grandson and driving Ken's car soon and Steve Jones / Dale Nohre who have a 29 Sport Coupe. We welcome you all to the club. We have Member's Spotlight sections back in the newsletter so look for more information about them in this and next months to come.

As a reminder we have the men's breakfast the first and third Thursday and the Ladies' brunch on the second Monday at the San Gabriel Airport, Please join them.

In closing, keep your thoughts and prayers with the Sais family as they mourn the passing of Andy. He passed in February. As always, Dino Falabrino

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

FRANK AND MARY ANN SEPULVEDA - 23

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

- 6 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 10 – **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 13 – **Board meeting** – 7pm Church of the Good Shepherd
- 20 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 22 – **Ladies Tea, Gentlemen's Tech Talk and Ladies chauffeur driven through Monrovia Day** – see page 9
- 23 – **OCMAFC Pancake Breakfast** – See page 9
- 29 – **General Meeting** – Church of the Good Shepherd

April

- 3-5 - **Visalia, CA- CCRG Jamboree** – All info was emailed.
- 3 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 10 – **Board meeting** – 7pm Church of the Good Shepherd
- 14 – **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 19 – **Pioneers and Pies** – see page 7
- 17 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 26 – **General Meeting** – Church of the Good Shepherd

May

- 1 – **Annual Mount Baldy Run** – See page 7
- 1 – **Men's Breakfast** 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 2-3 – **Bakersfield Swap meet** – See page
- 8 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 12 – **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 15 – **Board meeting** – 7pm Church of the Good Shepherd
- 22 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 31 – **General Meeting** – Church of the Good Shepherd

PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Sunshine Report – Get Well Cards were sent out to Robert Langton and Barbera Farino. Sympathy card sent out to the family to the Sais family.

Cookie Bringers – Carl and Sue Rogers provided the coffee and muffins this month. Volunteers are needed.

Photos and articles provided by Nancy Stancil, Janet Beggs, Howard Hays, Tracy Perry, Mickey Fruchter, Bob Moore and Olive Moore just to name a few.

MANEUVERING OUR 50TH

As we enjoy our 50th anniversary as a club, 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

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

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FASHION 1928 - 1931

If you are in a 1929 Model A and want to know what the latest fashion looks like, well here are some of the styles for men and women. I can hardly wait to see members of our club looking like this!



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. Hoping there's someone to 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!

HAVE TOUR IDEAS?

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 run down the Old Plank Road. Hope no one is coming the other way!



HAVE A QUESTION?

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

They could even have several answers.

Send your questions to Dennis at dennisofdb@verizon.net and he'll publish them and see what expert advice might come your way.

LAST MONTH'S QUESTION?

I have a squeak issue. It seems to be coming from the motor compartment. When I start the engine there's a squeak like a loose fan belt.

I've checked the belt tension, lubed the generator bearings front and back, water pump (it's the new sealed type), front motor mounts, springs, nuts and bolts.

When I'm looking at the engine and leaning heavy on the left side fender the squeak stops or if I stand on the left running board it stops. If I sit behind the wheel or push in on the clutch sometimes it stops. When driving the car a while, it stops and doesn't come back until the next time I drive it.

QUESTION ANSWERS

No one had an answer for last month's question so my advice would be to go to the Gentlemen's Tech Talk on March 22nd and ask in person. Maybe even bring the car for a hands-on group diagnosis.

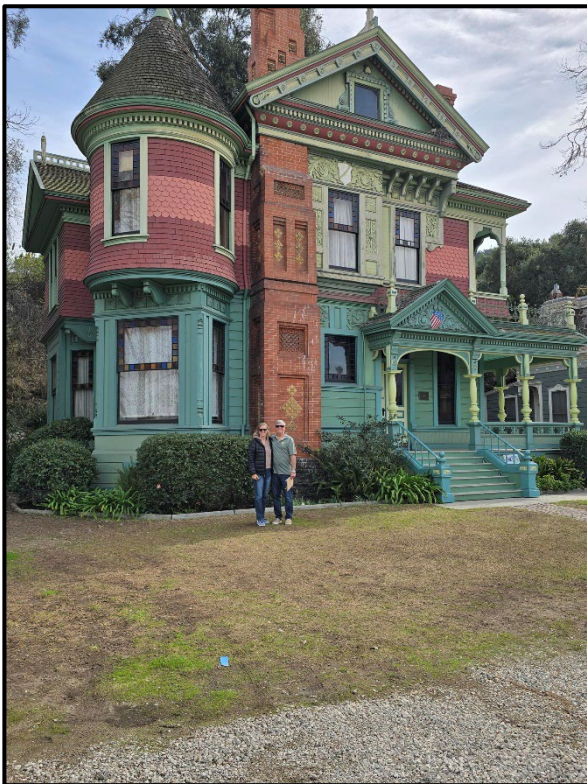
A NEW TOUR IS BREWING

A tour to Solvang is brewing for 4/22, 4/23 and 4/24 hosted by the Diamond Tread Model A Club. It's a non freeway or freeway driving expedition depending on how you'd like to travel. More info can be known by calling Gary Gaffney at 310-482-0406 or watch for more info in the April newsletter. Special hotel rates available.

HERITAGE MUSEUM TOUR

What a great tour we had with our host Jim Frick at the wheel guiding us. There were 23 people attending. 6 Model A's were driven along with 3 modern cars.

While there were some who were looking over Mitsuko's shoulder to see what she was doing with her sketchbook. Below is her artwork and a shot of one of the houses with the tour guide and his lovely wife.



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.

Last month the ladies had a great turn out and a little bird told me they are planning a tea for this month as well as a brunch. Check the upcoming schedule for details.

NOT SO LOVELY NEWS BITS

MEN'S BREAKFAST 9am

The men are really turning out for breakfast! We are getting around a dozen on the 1st and over 2 dozen on the 3rd Thursday outing. The last Thursday had 6 A's, a 36 Woody and a 40 coupe.

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 Church of The Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, Arcadia, CA.

Dino Falabrino brought the meeting to order at 10:09am and lead the salute to the flag.

New and Old Business:

There was one guest at the meeting, Gary Gaffney from the Diamond Tread Model A Club. We also had 3 new member family's at the meeting. Isaac Ramos and his son Oscar that brought their 29 Phaeton, Justine Miller who is the proud owner of his grandfather's Model A, that being Ken Mallory and Steve Jones and his partner Dale Nohre.

Dino thanked Carl and Sue Rogers for the pastries and muffins they provided for the meeting, some of which Sue baked herself.

Dino gave an update on the balance of the club's bank account. Club treasurer, Nancy Sharpe told the club that as of January 31st the club had \$13,301.00.

He also reminded everyone Carcadia was the next day at the Ralph's parking lot at 7:00am and of a new car show at The Boat on the third Wednesday of every month from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

Janet Beggs was introduced and gave an update on the club's upcoming 50th anniversary events. There were handouts of all events planned throughout the year and sign up sheets for the next two events. The first event is March 22nd at 10:00am and is called The Driving Miss Daisy Trifecta. It's a brunch and tea at the home of Nancy Sharpe for the ladies while the men gather at the home of Jim Frick for a Gentlemen's Tech Talk led by Chris Wickersham. Following these events the ladies will chose a Model A and chauffeur for a drive around Monrovia.

The second event is Pioneers and Pies that will take place on April 19th at 9:15am. This will be a Mystery Mansion Tour led by Jim Kroeger, that will include a very surprising destination.

The next announcement was about the caravanning of cars to the Orange County Pancake Breakfast on Sunday March 23rd. They will meet on the 605 south on ramp at Lower Azusa Road and depart at 7:00am sharp.

Dino then introduced Gary Gaffney, from the Diamond Tread Model A Club who is organizing a Model A Tour to Solvang, CA to take place on April 22, 23 and 24. The tour will take place on backroads away from the freeways and will include driving on sections of the original Ridge Route. More information can be found by emailing garygaffney@gmail.com. There are hotel discounts at the local casino.

There was a 10 minute break for the members to get ready for the annual club auction.

The auction was conducted by Chris and Dino with Mickey and Bea Fruchter, Nancy Sharpe and Gina Falabrino assisting in running items to buyers, recording sales and accepting payments after the auction concluded.

There were no raffles or drawings at the meeting this month and members were encouraged to use their money on the auction.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59am.

Respectfully submitted,

Warwick Nethercoat, Secretary

ESTATE SALE

The Johnson family will hold another sale of the rest of the Model A parts that are left from the first estate sale. Saturday March 15th from 9:00 to 11:00 am at 11110 East Lynrose Street in Arcadia, CA. Any questions can be answered by calling Debbie at 626-272-4265.

Some parts available are cam shafts, body parts, wiper motors, Klaxon horns, odometers, tools and accessories.

BURNT MOUNTAINS TO SEE



VISALIA, CA 4/3 - 4/5 2025

The Central California Regional Group Jamboree, hosted by the Charter Oaks Model A Club, is coming up before long. Bob Moore has all the information on this not to be missed extravaganza.

Tours, seminars, BBQ's, raffles, and a great banquet are in store. Some are leaving early to not miss any of the fun and turn the drive into an adventure in itself.

An email has been sent out with all the info on leaving time and place, stops along the way, lodging and fun stuff to be done. This Jamboree is not to be missed. It's fun!

More info on page 12

THE FORD AA TRUCK

Back in the day the Ford AA truck was voted the most comfortable truck to sleep in by drivers all over America. Maybe Mr. Sullivan can tell us for sure.



NEWEST CLUB MEMBERS



Meet our new members Steven Jones and Dale Nohre from San Marino. They just bought a 1929 Model A Sport Coupe.

Say hello when you see them at future tours or meetings and look for them in the Members Spotlight in the April edition of the Spoken Wheels.

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Santa Anita A's

A Year of Special Events

50th Anniversary 2025

**Saturday
Mar 22
10 AM**

Meet @
422 N. Myrtle
Monrovia



Ladies Brunch & Tea @ the home of Nancy Sharpe

Gentlemen's Tech Talk @ Gasoline Alley
led by Chris Wickersham
followed by Ladies choosing a Model A & Chauffeur
for a Monrovia Drive-Around

**Saturday
Apr 19
9:15 AM**

Meet @
1600 Mountain Ave
Duarte



Mystery Mansion Driving Tour
Meet @ DUARTE WALMART ♦ led by Jim Kroeger

**Thursday
May 1
Time**

Meet @
1763 Royal Oaks Drive
Duarte



Annual Mt. Baldy Drive ♦ led by Bob Moore

1. Meet at ROYAL OAKS for Car Show & Donuts
2. Drive to MT. BALDY INN for lunch
3. Stop at a picturesque park for ice cream

**Saturday
Jun 21
5:00 PM**

Meet @
717 S. Grand Ave
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Shakespeare Club Ballroom ♦ *Pasadena*
Dining & Program

**Sunday
Aug 10
8:30 – 11:00**

Meet @
400 W. Colorado Blvd
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A – August + All A's

B – Breakfast **in the Basement** ♦ **\$15**

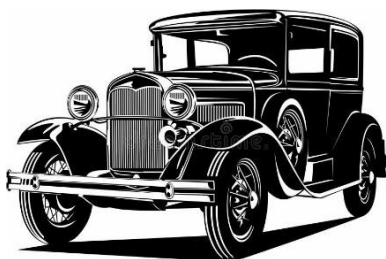
C – Car Show ♦ **meet at @ PASADENA ELKS LODGE**

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coordinated by Mark Hensel

**Saturday
Sept 13
TBD**

Meet @
5001 Via De Mansion
La Verne

International Model A Ford Day



@ La Verne Heritage Park
details pending

**Saturday
Oct 18
Noon**

Meet @
To Be Determined

HAPPY FOUNDERS DAY

Celebrate the founding day of the Santa Anita A's
50 years ago with an



hosted by Richard Anderson
Caravan of Cars – details developing

**Sunday
Dec 7
Noon**

Meet @
700 S Almansor St
Alhambra



Buffet Luncheon @ Almansor Court
followed by Installation of New Officers





A year of special events celebrating the club's 50th anniversary has come at last!

A 2-page calendar is attached to the Spoken Wheels. There are two upcoming events to RSVP to at this time. Both events are provided free of charge – although you will need to purchase your own lunch at the second event. If you have not already signed up, please **RSVP to Janet Beggs. 626-773-2806 or**

janetbeggs17@outlook.com

DRIVING Miss Daisy TRIFECTION

Meet 10:00 AM Saturday morning
March 22 at 422 N. Myrtle in the historic Route 66 town of Monrovia.

Ladies will have occasion to wear hats and pearls at an **English style tea** hosted by Nancy Sharpe. Nancy has years of professional level experience creating teas so this will surely be an occasion to enjoy.

Gentlemen will simultaneously enjoy a **Tech Talk** created by Chris Wickersham nearby in Gasoline Alley.

Then the Ladies will select a Model A and Chauffeur for a drive-around through Monrovia. This may be an opportunity to drive in a car you've only been able to admire from afar.

**OCMAFC - 62nd Annual
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NEW MEMBERS

Originally from Ventura, one of our newest members now calls Arcadia home.

Nelson VanWagoner and Shinngaram Choi joined just this year and when asked about when he got the car bug he wasn't sure but did say he was very young.

Nelson told me there was something about old hot rods that he loved and wanted to be a part of the car culture.

Now his story gets really interesting. As he exits high school and begins college, he takes up automotive design in a school in Detroit and now works for the GM Advanced Design Studio in Pasadena, CA. This is a career where you are working on advancements that will be used about 20 years in the future.

So why does he enjoy his 1930 Model A so much? Nelson replied, "I had a street rod for many years but it was always difficult to keep it running the way I wanted. With my stock Model A coupe, I love the simplicity and ease of the antique car.

You have a good point.

Welcome to the club. Dino Falabrino



NEW MEMBERS

Isaac and Kerri Ramos are originally from Arizona and now call Monrovia their home.

They have a 1929 Phaeton that he has just finished restoring the motor and upholstery and believe it or not, has also snagged a vintage Santa Anita A license plate frame for it.

Even a better part for them is that their son, Oscar, loves riding around town in it. That's what the hobby is all about and there's nothing better than that.

I asked Isaac what his favorite car movie is and his answer was American Graffiti. He is also a big fan of Steve McQueen. He likes Rock and Roll music and Neil Young is one of his favorites.

Isaac has a very interesting career working for Disney. He manages software for movie distribution. If you're curious about what that is exactly, he will explain it at the March General Meeting for our program. He will show us how the industry he works in has definitely changed with the digital age.

Welcome to the club Isaac, Kerri and Oscar.
Dino Falabrino



SAA TOUR TO THE CCRG IN VISALIA, CA

The Central California Regional Group (CCRG) Jamboree is being held on **April 3,4,5** in Visalia, CA returning home on Sunday, April 6. Members of the Santa Anita A's have been attending CCRG Jamborees for at least 15 years.

Visalia can easily be reached in one day driving a Model A. It's only 184 miles from La Canada. If you go directly to Visalia and want to be there at the start, you will leave in the morning on Thursday, April 3.

The tour that I have planned will leave on Wednesday, April 2, from the McDonalds in LA Canada, at 8:30 AM. Our destination for the day will be Taft, CA. Taft is the home of the West Kern Oil Museum. I have arranged for them to open up for us that afternoon at 2:00 PM. We will spend the night at the Best Western Plus in Taft. Taft is 115 miles from La Canada. Except for getting off the freeway to go to Taft, we will be using the 210 and the I5 Freeways.

On Thursday, we will depart Taft at 9:00 or 9:30 AM. The trip to Visalia will not be on freeways and mostly on Rt 65 which parallels Rt. 99 to the

east. Rt. 65 takes us through Richgrove, Terra Bella, Porterville, Lindsay, and Exeter before reaching Visalia. There will be a pit stop in either Richgrove or Terra Bella which are on Rt. 65. After stopping for lunch, probably in Porterville, we should arrive in Visalia at about 2 PM. It is 113 miles from Taft.

On Sunday, April 6, we will agree on a departure time and route, probably Rt. 99, I5, and the 210. It is 184 miles to La Canada.

1. Please let me know if you plan to attend the CCRG whether or not you are going to Taft. The total number going is of interest to our Board and Editor.

2. Important - If you plan to go on the tour stopping overnight in Taft, please tell me as I need to tell the museum. Those going to Taft that I know about now: Eddington, Manifor, Davies, Harper, Wickersham, Kehret, and Moore. The hotel is the Best Western Plus in Taft, CA. Call it now to make a reservation. The phone number is 661-745-5555. The only special rates are those found on their website (AAA, AARP, etc.).

They do not offer other special rates. I tried.

My email is Bobmoore1@aol.com, and my cell number is 626-353-1889. Contact me if you have a question. Thanks, Bob

MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS ARE IN

**Please make arrangements with
Randy Harper to get yours picked up.**

Have you signed up to help on a committee yet? You won't know how much fun it is till you get in the middle of it. And we won't leave you alone to figure it all out, we'll be there guiding and learning from your ideas as to how to mold the club into more fun than we imagined. Talk to us, tell us your ideas.



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