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JULY MEETING

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025 at the Long Beach Model T Club swap meet. \$5.00 admission and free Parking. Long Beach City College Veteran's Stadium 5000 Lew Davis St. Long Beach, CA. 90808 Enter from Conant St. between Lakewood Bl. and Clark St. Bring your own chair. The meeting will begin at 10 am in Clark's swap space.

NEW MEMBER

Jerry Sherman #111
1829 Mendota St. San Diego, 92106
619 348-9145 - jerry.sherman@nv5.com

Jerry bought this body and built the rest over a period of 3 years.



Sherman high compression head 8.4 to 1 - A crank and connecting rods, aluminum intake with a Stromberg 97

Jerry owns 5 Ts. His T powered sprint car was a dirt track racer in the 20's and 30's a Salt flats racer in the 40's - 50's and a dragster - hill climber since the 70's.



Sherman dual spark HC head, B crank, Stutz dual magneto, custom intake with dual Winfield SRs and tuned exhaust.

Jerry will be visiting the Speedster Reunion in Nebraska. We look forward to carrying his report in a future issue of The Overhead.



PASSING OF DICK RIHA



Long time member Dick Riha passed away at 95 in May 2025. He joined Four Ever Four in 1993 and was the 77th member.

He was a natural engineer- he could fix or build anything. He enjoyed photography, bowling, golf, and playing the banjo. In retirement, he restored Model A Fords. As a member of the Southern California Model A Ford Society, he traveled the country in his Model A, attending events in full period attire. He raced his Model A track roadster in drag races and hill climb events, winning many awards.

A funeral mass was held at Saint John the Baptist Catholic church in Costa Mesa where he was an usher.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Our thanks to Eric Engle, Editor of the Orange County Model A Ford Club newsletter for allowing us to publish his article on their clubs visit to Al Zannino's shop.

Model A Racers Tour

by Eric Engle

In what turned out to be a VERY lovely Saturday (May24th), 16 of our club members ventured out to Al Zannino's home in Hemet, Ca., some 75 miles from our Orange County homes.

Al is one of those individuals that grew up knowing basically nothing about Model A's. In his high school days he was mostly interested in "Street" machines, as were so many of us when we were teens. But through time, he came to love the old Model A's. Still having the "racing bug", he got deep into drag racing, hill climbs, and currently land speed record vehicles with Model A's. Belonging to a race club that owns a streamliner, all their members have a chance to build, install, and then drive the club's streamliner.

Al is working on obtaining his 150 MPH drivers license and head out to the famed Bonneville Salt Flats this August to go for a record. 150 MPH with a Model A engine??? Holy smokes!!! And believe it, or not, there are some Model A's that are capable of almost 200 MPH... That's cookin' !!!

Our club members all gathered around to listen to Mr. Zannino talk about all the interesting facets of how he and his other race club chums have built their cars and engines to withstand the incredible punishment of those speeds. And trust me when I say, some of the things that Al and other racers do are mindboggling!!! Think about the fact that stock Model A engines are hard pressed to turn 3,000 RPM's normally and go much over 60 MPH. But the land speed cars/engines are often capable of 5,000-6,000+ RPM's...and they do that without flying apart; or at least that's what they hope for!

Running alcohol and/or nitromethane in a rather fragile Model A engine?? How on earth do they do that?? Install a supercharger and/or a turbocharger?? Amazing!!! A whole lot of engineering, one-off custom built items to strengthen the engines, and a good bit of "Seat-Of-The-Pants" racer's ingenuity that has been gained from many years of trial-and-error experimentation.

After a very interesting and informative visit with Al, everyone loaded up and drove a short distance to Jolene's Country Restaurant and Winchester Farms Country Store for lunch. Then there were the special home made preserves, honey, baked goods, etc., in the old fashion country store. Nothing beats a small taste of "down home" food and home-made goods!

Thank you Mr. Zannino for sharing with us the interesting aspects of serious Model A racing. Good luck to you on your quest to go as fast as you can out at the Bonneville Salt Flats.



Al Zannino sharing with club members



FOR SALE

Jim Brierley has the following for sale. Jimb4e4@gmail.com

1 ea. B block, I think a B crank and double B rods, cam, etc. I believe it is all babbitt. It ran with a Cragar head years ago. No timing gear cover. May have a drilled crank? \$2500.

1 B/C engine set up for a Riley. Has 1 5/8ths exh. valves, cam etc. Full pressure oiling w/ flathead Ford pump, etc. Also included is a small crack under #1 exh. seat, no extra charge. \$5,000.

1 early B block, standard C crank, Eubanks steel rods w/ insert Perkins diesel bearings in the rods, babbitt in the mains. Flathead Lincoln oil pump for good pressure even at idle. I ran this engine at Bonneville several times. 280* cam w/ 360" lobe lift. B lifters modified for push rods. \$6,000.

All the above have B pans with the rear removed to run a Model A bell housing, I'll include a stock B pan if you prefer. Also, except for item #1, they have ARP rod nuts.

1 beautiful stock B pan, powder coated black. \$300. - 1/4" stroker, 'C' crank, drilled for pressure \$300 - several steel crank gears and aluminum cam gears.

Carol Mosher is selling her roadster \$30,000 woody29@jps.net



Steve Serr (C: 805-509-0893 R: 805-647-2766) is selling his complete, unrestored, solid 1929 Ford Phaeton for \$6,000.00. He will deliver it within a 500 mile range from Ventura, CA

It has a Kansas title, it's never been registered in CA

It is a rolling chassis with the engine, transmission, torque tube and rearend intact. He's never tried to start it. It has 1928 inside door latches instead of the 1929 through the door handles. The top bows are inside the backseat area. The wheels and tires are 1932, 18". Two extra wheels are inside the body.



Olive has decided to sell the race cars Art's yellow car is \$25,000 and her purple one is \$28,000
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John Neilson gives Al Zannino some final tips before he starts out on his licensing run in the 4E4 Lakester.
Jim Brierley's Turbo engine was in the car for Al's runs.

