



August 2025

Spoken Wheels

General Meeting

General Meeting – Saturday, Aug. 30thth, 10:00am
Church of the Good Sheperd
400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA

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 – 14
SUZANNE RUMMENS – 14
LAVADA HANCOCK – 15
HEIDI VAN ELGORT – 15
SONDRA KURTZ – 18
PAMELA MUCCILLO – 20
PATTI DOLAN – 21
CATHERINE LEVIN - 21

ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?

As we enjoy our 50th anniversary as a club, we are now on Facebook and sharing with the world what we are doing and who we are. Just search for Santa Anita A's in the Facebook search bar and you'll see all the posts of what's gone on with our club.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ready to set a record? That's what we intend to do on Sunday morning, August 10th at the Pasadena Elks Club. We have the chance to set the record for the most Model A's in a single gathering outside of a sanctioned regional event. But, we need your help to



Dino Falabrino

do this. Please say yes and join me and your fellow members for our club's historical event. Rumor has it that the Elks put on a great breakfast too. I'm also grateful that other clubs will be joining us for this.

When August is over and we're celebrating our 50+ car victory we will greet September with a Model A festival of car games, lunch and ice cream. The car games will be designed to test your driving skill and teamwork along with lots of laughter. Inside the building will be more games involving Model A fun. It's Saturday, September 13th and will be in the parking lot of the Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church 400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91007. We will need lots of volunteers to help make this a fun day for all. We are inviting other clubs to join in on the fun.

So, get the cars ready and let's set some records! If you need help getting your car ready reach out to other club members. That's what we are all about.

As always, Dino Falabrino

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

JUSTIN & BRIANNA MILLER – 2
LES & LYLA EDDINGTON – 6
TOM & SHERI JOHNSON – 6
BOB & PATSY HARBICHT – 8
MIKE & BEVERLY KNIEST – 13
PAUL & LOUISE CELLA – 14
NELSON & SHINNGARAM CHOI VANWAGONER – 15
LONNY & JODY HAMILLTON JOHNSON – 18
JOHN & CAROL EMANUELLI - 29

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

- 7 –Men’s Breakfast – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 9 –So Cal Early V-8 Ford Swap meet – See page 8
- 10 -ABC DAYS 50 cars on our 50th. See page 3 & 5
- 11 - Ladies’ Brunch – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 14 -Board meeting – 7pm Church of the Good Shepherd
- 21 –Men’s Breakfast – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 30 –General Meeting – Church of the Good Shepherd

September

- 4 –Men’s Breakfast – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 8 - Ladies’ Brunch – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 11 -Board meeting – 7pm Church of the Good Shepherd
- 13 - International Model A / Day Club See page 6
- 18 –Men’s Breakfast – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 27 –General Meeting – Church of the Good Shepherd

October

- 2 –Men’s Breakfast – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 5-13 Grand Canyon/Route 66 Tour – See page 7
- 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
- 25 –General Meeting – Church of the Good Shepherd

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PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Sunshine Report – A get well card was sent out to Mickey Fruchter. We do send thoughts and prayers out to those who are battling illnesses on an ongoing basis.

Cookie Bringers – Sue Rogers provided the goodies for us this month. As always we need volunteers for this monthly task. The club will reimburse you.

Photos and articles provided by Nancy Stancil, Janet Beggs, Randy Harper and others just to name a few.

OUR AUGUST PROGRAM

Our August program is going to be a representative from AARP to give us information on the scams being played on seniors and how to avoid them. This should be a very good program that everyone should hear.

FASHION 1928 - 1931

We had the Sugar Sisters entertain us at our 50th Gala Dinner but did you know that back in the Model A days there was a group called the Pickle Sisters that would sing and dance? I'll bet they only rode in roadsters with those outfits on.



**Sunday
Aug 10
8:30 – 11:00**

Meet @
400 W. Colorado Blvd
Pasadena



A - August + All A's

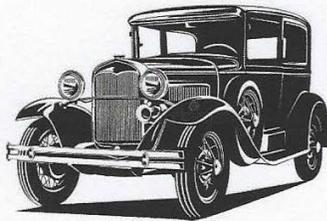
B - Breakfast in the Basement ♦ \$15

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

Let's Show The Public 50 Cars For Our 50th Anniversary!
coordinated by Mark Hensel

**Saturday
Sept 13**

International Model A Ford Day



**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 20
Noon**

Meet @
700 S Almansor St
Alhambra



Buffet Luncheon @ Almansor Court
followed by Installation of New Officers



NEW MEMBER

Bob Hatch is a lifelong Pasadena resident. He joined the club on the 26th of last month. Bob has a 1929 ford door Model A and a business restoring older homes. He also has a Guinness World Record for the loudest finger snap.

His email is bobhatchbuilds@aol.com and phone is 626-354-8339.



NEW MEMBER

William McAlexander is from Louisville, TN. Yes, you read that right. He lives 2200 miles away and wants to be a member. Randy called him to ask why he wanted to join our club and his answer was "guilt". All he really wanted to do was donate money to our club.

He and five other club members do what Tom Endy does installing overdrives for their club members and others. They have benefited so much from the tech articles written by Tom and others in our club that he wanted to give back. He said to keep the money for the club, donate to the Youth Foundation or do whatever we want.

William is a welder and is starting to build a rear end carrier like the one Tom uses. Randy got a hold of Tom and got the plans, dimensions and detailed pictures for building one and has sent them on to William. He's one happy hillbilly now!

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. Come join in the fun.



NOT SO LOVELY NEWS BITS

MEN'S BREAKFAST 9am

Club men meet up for great conversation and food twice a month. Join when you can on the 1st and 3rd Thursday for great food and conversations.

Tire kicking starts around 8:30am and food at 9:00am.

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 10:04am and the salute to the flag was conducted by Todd Dirks.

The minutes for the June meeting were approved.

The guest at the meeting was Bob Hatch who arrived in his 1929 Four Door A. He is a historical home contractor and drives the A when he goes out to meet new clients.

The men's breakfast is on the 7th and 21st and the lady's brunch will be on the 11th. Carcadia is always the last Sunday of the month.

Dino introduced Jim Kroeger who gave an update on the ABC Day – 50 Cars for 50 Years event at the Elks Lodge in Pasadena, on August 10th. He is hoping to have 50 Model A's in attendance for our 50th Anniversary, and other local Model A Clubs including Orange County, Diamond Tread, Harbor Area, Pomona, San Fernando Valley, and the San Gabriel MARC Chapter have been invited to attend to help reach that goal. Janet Beggs said that there were 34 club members already signed up and there was a sign-up sheet at the back of the hall. Jim said that Mickey Fruchter, Chris Wickersham and Chuck Davies were available to help club members get their cars on the road in order to attend this event. Jim also said that if the goal of 50 Model A's is attained it will set a record for a Model A event in Los Angeles County.

Dino then introduced Bob Moore and Chris to give an outline of the event that the club is organizing for International Model A Ford Day on September 13th. The event will take place in the church parking lot and hall, and attendees will be provided with coffee and donuts as well as lunch. There will be a Gymkhana organized for the drivers and passengers of each Model A. This will consist of five events that will test their skills and agility in performing various tasks while driving their Model A's. A team prize will be awarded for this event. There will also be games of skill or chance set up in the church hall for participants to vie for individual prizes. For this event volunteers from the club membership will be essential for the success of its outcome.

Bob asked that the volunteer sign-up sheet be passed around the hall for members to sign up. Bob also said that MAFCA produces an International Model A Ford Day patch (that Janet Beggs modeled), and that he will be selling 20 of them at the event with all proceeds going to the Model A Youth Restoration Award program.

Dino reintroduced Bob who provided the meetings program, a pictorial presentation of the Model A Touring Club's Utah Great Circle Tour that took place in the fall of 2014. This tour was organized by former club president Bob Travis, assisted by Bob Moore. Thirty-three cars participated and Five National parks, four National Monuments and various state parks were visited during the 2-week tour.

Dino thanked Sue Rogers for providing the excellent homemade muffins for the meeting and Carl Rogers for the water. He also encouraged members to sign up to provide donuts on the sign-up sheet at the back of the hall. Members can be reimbursed for the cost of the donuts.

Drawings - Carl Rogers drove a Model A, Walt Wiley wore a name badge and Dennis Chapman wore club clothing.

Raffle – Carl Rogers \$20, Walt Wiley \$20, Sue Rogers \$15 and Chris Wickersham \$25 and \$20.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted.

Warwick Nethercoat, Secretary

50 MODEL A'S FOR OUR 50TH

We have been promoting the August 10th car show at the Pasadena Elks Lodge and getting a good response from our members and from outside clubs.

“ 50 A's for 50 years”

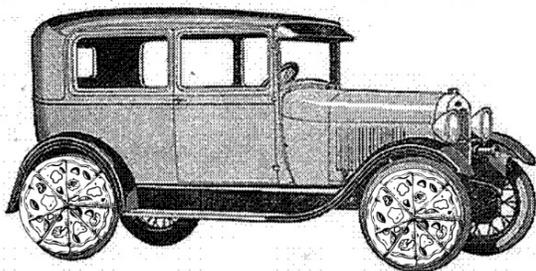
That's our goal. We've reached out to all the club presidents and newsletter editors from Conejo to Orange County. We've also been attending local parades and events and inviting every Model A we see.

Fifteen Santa Anita A's cars have signed up already. Will we make our goal? Will you help us make it?

The Elks have a great chef and a good breakfast is available for purchase. \$17.00 and RSVP is recommended so they know how much food to have on hand. Contact our Activities Director Janet Beggs at janetbeggs17@outlook.com or questions can be directed to Jim Kroeger at 626-710-6592.

SUNDAY AUGUST 10TH, 2025 8:30 TO 11:00 am
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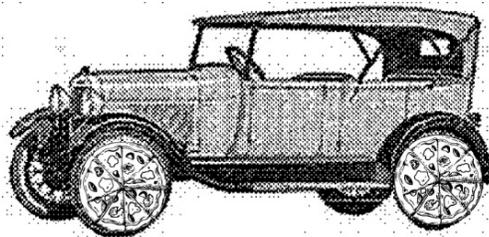
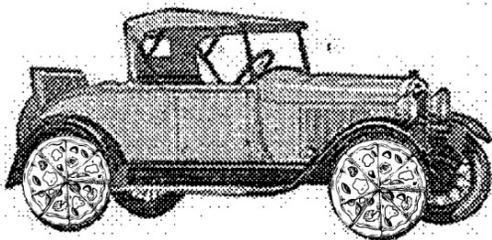
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Grand Canyon/Route 66 Tour October 5-13, 2025



Southern California Regional Group

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October 5th, Arrive at the SureStay Plus by Best Western, 71487 Twentynine Palms Hwy Twentynine Palms (760) 367-9141 total w tax \$113. To see the stars, we'll visit Sky's the Limit Observatory and Nature Center 9697 Utah Trail just outside Joshua Tree National Park. Bring chairs and blankets. \$10 donation per vehicle.

October 6th, Take Highway 62 to AZ highway 95 north to the London Bridge at Lake Havasu for lunch, then back into California on Highway 40 and north on the Needles Highway, to end after 219 miles at Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort 1650 S Casino Dr, Laughlin, NV (800) 227-3849 total w. tax \$94

October 7th & 8th, Take Highway 68 to the 93 to I-40 to Williams, 148 miles to Grand Canyon Railway and Hotel 235 N Grand Canyon Blvd, Williams (928) 635-4010 Grand Canyon Railway Tickets \$70 round trip each – park entry which is not included \$17.50 for single time entry for each adult. Lifetime National Parks military pass \$20, Senior (62 +) "America the Beautiful" lifetime pass \$90 bought online incl. fees, potentially takes longer than two weeks to arrive by mail. This pass can also allow you to Total for two days of standard room for two, train to and from park, and entrance fee totals \$708 including tax. This does not include south rim bus tour. Bus tours are available for all along the south rim between train arrivals and departures which cost \$47.50 per without lunch and \$67.50 with lunch.

October 9th, Join the Route 66 tour and drive 115 miles on Route 66 to El Trovatore Motel, 1440 E Andy Devine Ave, Kingman, AZ (928) 753-6520 \$99

October 10th, Leave Kingman to visit Oatman, and Topock (population 2) after 68 miles end at Best Western Colorado River Inn 2371 Needles Hwy, Needles (760) 326-4552 \$138

October 11th, Visit lots of towns you've never been to while driving 150 miles to Quality Inn on Historic Route 66, 1520 E Main St, Barstow (760) 307-8003 \$95

October 12th, Hotel MdR 13480 Maxella Avenue, Marina del Rey (310) 822-8555 \$250 about \$280 incl breakfast

October 13th The Santa Anita club has invited us to meet them for lunch on the 13th at the Legends 1155 E., Route 66, Glendora and some of them will drive with us to the pier.

To register, fill out this form & send it and send a check for \$20 made out to SCRG to 107 Wilton Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90004

Name _____ Additional Adult _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Circle the dates you plan to be with the tour: October 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

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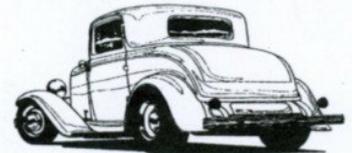
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Read the newsletter and sign up for everything.

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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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