



May 2024

# Spoken Wheels

## THE NEXT MEETING

### General Meeting

General Meeting - Saturday, May, 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am

Church of The Good Shepherd.

W. 400 Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

**Club meeting time changed to 10:00am  
And car inspections will begin at 8:30am**

Coffee, donuts and socializing at 9:00am with the meetings starting at 10:00am.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS – MEN

- Dave Galassi - 2
- Jay Munns – 2
- Bob Harbicht - 4
- Cliff Mount – 9
- Dan Paige – 12
- Corky Gray - 13
- Phil Way – 24
- Scott Doudrick - 28

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS – WOMEN

- Bea Fruchter – 12
- Sharon Gray – 15
- Patsy Harbicht – 20
- Barbara Voors – 21

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- Nelson and Susie Stanford – 3
- Steven and Sandra Kurtz – 4
- Gary and Sheryl Hunter – 12
- Jay and Cheryl Munns – 12
- Dino and Gina Falabrino – 16
- Dick and Norma Canzoneri – 17
- Jerry and Marlys Cleland – 17
- Don and Carolyn McBride – 24
- LeRoy and Pam Kehret - 26
- E.J. and Barb Vomela Callahan - 28

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all! April went by fast and went out with a bang! We had some very interesting tours and meetings.

Our monthly meeting program was a joint effort from Jo Ann Formia and Mitsuko Hays showing their artistic talents and abilities.



*Dino Falabrino*

Some of their art was watercolor pictures or oils of scenery, animals, Model A's in picturesque places, like members driveways, and other nice areas.

After the monthly meeting and Model A safety checks before the meeting, about a dozen of us journeyed out to the Anderson's Family Chili Cookoff, it is the 38<sup>th</sup> year for it but the first time the Model A Club had been invited. It was an honor to attend and everyone had a ball. Thank you again. There's more about it in the Spoken Wheels, so keep reading.

With 4 months under my belt as your president, I am truly blessed to have such great people helping me run the club. I thank each and every one for your enthusiasm and effort to help make our club the

Would you like to join in on some of the things that makes this club a well oiled machine? Maybe sit in on a board meeting? Here you'll see how your club is planning events, tours, tech seminars, and club meetings.

Drive your car to a monthly meeting. Sign up for an inspection of an issue you're having and let our safety team have a look and give suggestions.

Our meeting day being on the last Saturday is a perfect day to take a drive. Come early and enjoy.

May promises to be even better. Stay tuned.



## CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

### MAY

- 13 – **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 16 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 18 – **Tech Seminar** – Chris Wickersham & electric - page 3
- 25 – **General Meeting** – Saturday 10:00am Church of the Good Sheperd 400 W Duarte Road Arcadia, CA
- 26 – **Antique Nationals** – Irwindale, CA – See page 4

### JUNE

- 1 – **Clocker's Corner**– see page 3
- 10 – **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 20 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 23-29 - **MAFCA 2024 NATIONAL CONVENTION RUIDOSO, NM**  
See page 6 or the latest issue of The Restorer Magazine
- 29 – **General Meeting** – Saturday 10:00am Church of the Good Sheperd 400 W Duarte Road Arcadia, CA

### JULY

- 4th– **Sierra Madre Parade** – details to be announced.
- 8 – **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 18 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 27 – **General Meeting** – Saturday 10:00am Church of the Good Sheperd 400 W Duarte Road Arcadia, CA
- 31 – **Ladies' Day Luncheon** – See pages 5 & 10

### August

- 12 – **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 15 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 31 – **General Meeting** – Saturday 10:00am Church of the Good Sheperd 400 W Duarte Road Arcadia, CA

### September

- 7 – **Heritage Museum Tour** – details on page 7
- 9 – **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 19 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 28 - **General Meeting** – Saturday 10:00am Church of the Good Sheperd 400 W Duarte Road Arcadia, CA

## NEW MEMBERS



Austin Janisch  
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## MAY PROGRAM

Come and join in to watch a video of the Santa Anita Model A Club's 2010 tour of Death Valley. It's an interesting feature of members who participated. Seasoned and new members will enjoy this video.

## PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**Sunshine Report** – A happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday video was sent to Art Moore. Also get well cards were sent to Judi Moore, Randy Harper and Bob Travis.

**Cookie Bringers** -Dino and Gina Falabrino provided the coffee and Patsy Harbicht and Bea Fruchter brought cookies and Carl and Sue Rodgers brought zucchini bread.

**Photos and articles provided by** – Nancy Stancil, Bob Moore, Bob Harbicht and Tom Endy

## ***SAFETY SEMINAR #3 – May 18th***

Our club's third Technology Seminar will be held May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at Chris Wickersham's garage, 1835 East Walnut Street Pasadena, CA. Please call Les Eddington at 626-533-7145 or email to [leseddington@aol.com](mailto:leseddington@aol.com) so they know how many to plan for.

The topic will be the Electrical Systems Part 2 and other related issues, presented by Chris Wickersham.

It will be enlightening to some and shocking to others. Don't miss this seminar.

Chris Wickersham's garage has an excellent configuration for these kinds of presentations.

The coffee and donuts are also great. Come early for great deals and give away items. A 9:00am start for the early birds. Have your questions ready.

## ***SAFETY CAR 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. This is a program that should be taken advantage of. 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 Fabrino.

## ***CLOCKER'S CORNER***

Clocker's corner is one of Arcadia's best kept secret morning restaurants. Located at the final turn of the Santa Anita Race track, you can watch the handlers exercising the thoroughbred horses in a beautiful setting with the mountains as a backdrop, all while enjoying an excellent breakfast at a reasonable price. It's not white table cloth but is very adequate.

The San Gabriel MARC has invited the Santa Anita A's to join them again on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:15am at Marlin and Elaine Perry's home and depart for the race track.

You can start at Marlin's or meet at the track. The Marlin's home is at 5528 N. Lenore Ave. Arcadia, CA.

From Baldwin Ave., turn to gate 8 towards the track. Tell the guard you are going to Clocker's Corner and stay to the left. Drive ahead to the parking lot.

## ***Get Henry's Lady Running***

### **Note to new and old Model A owners by Les Eddington**

Is your car in the garage and not currently running or in need of "fix it" type repairs?

Our current board members have taken a position that they would like to see your car running and present at our 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly breakfast, our last Saturday of the month general meetings and on our tours when possible for you to attend.

Now is the best time to get your car running and there are several opportunities available for you.

Our "Low End Boys" are committed to helping you get your car running and out of the garage. They consist of Chuck Davies and Mickey Fruchter and others available on the day of the work.

The Safety Committee, involved in safety inspections, will also help in accomplishing these goals. They consist of Dino Falabrino, Bob Moore, Richard Anderson, Chuck Davies and Les Eddington. Others help too.

Chris Wickersham and Tom Endy have written extensively on theory and Model A problem solving. Randy Harper is our resident carburetor specialist and rebuilds and tests them on his own car for members. Richard Anderson is our brake and suspension expert. Chuck Davies also has a wealth of knowledge on ignitions and carburetors.

Call any of the guys for assistance. Phone numbers are listed in the 2024 Membership Roster.



## MT. BALDY TOUR – May 2nd

The Mt. Baldy tour was a great event with 15 cars at the Royal Oaks Manor and 14 of them participating in the run up and down the mountain. First timers and seasoned veterans expressed their enjoyment of Model A fun.



## OC Pancake Breakfast results!



Our club had a good turn out to the Orange County Pancake Breakfast despite the threatening weather.

**CANCELLED RAIN DELAY**  
DUE TO IMPENDING RAIN THE RACE HAS BEEN CANCELLED  
SEE THE RAIN MAKE-UP DATE BELOW

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## MEETING MINUTES

### General Meeting – April 27, 2024

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

There were 11 Model A's in attendance at the meeting.

#### Announcements:

Dino Falabrino brought the meeting to order at 10:05am.

He asked Jim Frick to conduct the salute to the flag.

Dino announced that although Randy Harper was recovering from an operation, the Safety Seminar #3 on May 18<sup>th</sup> will go on as planned with a slight change. Chris Wickersham will conduct it on Electrical Issues and Related Problems.

Les Eddington encouraged club members to sign up for the Safety Car Inspections that take place at 8:30am before the monthly meeting. The Safety team will inspect up to 3 cars per meeting from the sign up sheet. He also asked that members needing help getting their cars roadworthy to email him with their issues, and that the Low End Boys would endeavor to assist the members in getting their car up and running properly again.

#### Tours:

Bob Moore asked members who had not signed up for the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Mount Baldy Tour to do so or email him if they wanted to attend. Chris Wickersham outlined the event, starting with coffee and donuts at The Royal Oaks Manor. A blessing for the cars, drivers and passengers will be given before the trip up the mountain.

Lunch at the Mount Baldy Lodge will be enjoyed and then a trek down the mountain to the San Dimas Park for an ice cream social will end the tour. Prizes will be awarded to all first time Mt. Baldy adventurers.

Dino announced that Carcadia would be taking place Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am to 9:00am at the Arcadia Hub Shopping Center.

#### Further announcements:

The minutes of the March General Meeting were approved.

Dino introduced Erick Sandberg and his son Trevor. They maintain the club's website. Dino and the club members present thanked them for their efforts on the club's behalf.

Dino thanked Patsy Harbicht, Sue Rodgers and Dennis Chapman for the goodies for all to enjoy.

Dennis asked the members to sing Happy Birthday to Art Moore for his 80<sup>th</sup> while he videoed it and sent it to the family.

Carol Emanuelli announced that the next Ladies' Day Luncheon will take place on July 31<sup>st</sup> at Marie Callender's in Monterey Park, CA and further details would be announced.

#### Program:

Dino asked Mickey Fruchter to introduce the program that was presented by club member artist Mitsuko and former club member artist JoAnn Formia. They both outlined their creative processes and inspirations for their work, as well as displaying examples of their oeuvre.

JoAnn provided a selection of cards and 2 first day cover stamps to be raffled off to the club members that were present.

#### Winners:

Elaine Perry – Cards

Brad Balmot – Cards

Howard Hays – Stamps

Sue Rodgers – Arrived in a Model A

Bea Fruchter – name Badge

John Emanuelli – Club Clothing

After the meeting club members were invited to tour to the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cookoff at Richard Anderson's parent's home in Chino.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02am.

Respectfully submitted.

Warwick Nethercoat, Secretary

## LADIES' DAY LUNCHEON

### SANTA ANITA A'S LADIES' DAY

**LOCATION** – Marie Callender's Restaurant  
220 South Atlantic Blvd.  
Monterey Park, CA 91754  
626-281-9548

**Date** – Wednesday July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Time** – 12:00pm to 3:00pm

**Cost** - \$10.00 to the ladies. Money must be paid by July 22<sup>nd</sup> and menu selection made when paid by ladies who were members as of April 30, 2024.

Sign up sheet on page 10 or at the monthly meetings.

## LOVELY NEWS BITS

### LADIES' BRUNCH



Come and join the ladies for a Brunch on the second Monday of every month. We discuss everything except Model A's. Brunch is at Annia's, 11:00am - San Gabriel Valley Airport. Call Bea Fruchter to confirm your participation 626-797-2048. One topic will be the planning of the Ladies' Day Luncheon.

## NOT SO LOVELY NEWS BITS

### MEN'S BREAKFAST



Come join the men on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 9:00am for great food and tales by some of the best story tellers in the land. Tire kicking starts a little earlier. San Gabriel Airport's Annia's Kitchen 4233 Santa Anita Ave. El Monte, CA.



## MAFCA NATIONAL INFO

It's time to start planning your trip to the Model A Ford Club of America's Annual National Convention in Ruidoso, New Mexico June 23<sup>rd</sup> thru the 29<sup>th</sup>.

The MAFCA website has all the details and it looks to be a wonderful outing as usual.

Local tours and scenery should be great. Getting a chance to taste the local food should also be a treat.

Enter the raffle for a chance to win a beautiful 1928 Ford Tudor or other items from sponsors.

There's no time like the present to get started planning your trip.

## Monrovia Home Tour

The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Monrovia Historic Home Tour was Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and were invited to be the eye candy for some of the homes.

As part of the event we drove the lower Clamshell Truck Trail. This road is never open to the public and provided for some great photo ops.

The club hopes you enjoyed being there as part of the display or as some of the spectators.



Are we looking for big foot or did we find him?



## 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 9/7/2024.

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 sheets will be at the monthly meetings or call/text Jim Frick at 626-733-0369 by 7/31/2024.

We will stop for lunch on the way back at a location to be determined.

## Have Ideas 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, or maybe the Tour Meister himself? Bob Harbicht is at 626-484-4214 or email to [pbharbicht@gmail.com](mailto:pbharbicht@gmail.com).

# ANDERSON FAMILY ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF

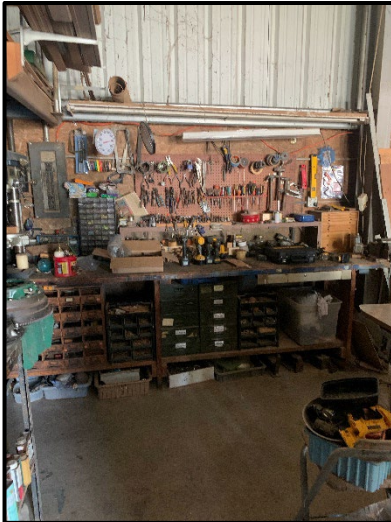
The Anderson family went all out with the chili cookoff this year, as they do every year. This year they invited the Santa Anita A's. A dozen members went.

More than 2 dozen pots of chili were on hand to sample and over a half dozen kids competed in their own competition. Awards given to some of the best, worst and honorable and dishonorable categories.

Before judging began we were treated to hot links, brats, a veggie, chip and dip and snack table, a wonderful dessert table, drinks of all kinds, whether alcoholic or not and tours of the garages and shops.

Highlights of the day include the homemade belt driven system that powered many drills, lathes and tools from the early 1900's.

The club thanks all the family for the invite.





# Model A Mystery Oil

By Tom Endy

A number of years ago a couple of Model A guys I know decided to go to Las Vegas one weekend in their Model A's. They left from Orange County in Southern California in the wee hours of a Saturday morning and planned to stop at Barstow for gas. Not a good idea, best to refuel at the top of the Cajon Pass. Barstow is more than 100 miles away and there are some pretty steep grades to climb and it is a stretch even with the gas tank topped off. To compound the situation one of the guys was a Marvel Mystery oil addict. I have never been sure what you are supposed to do with this stuff, put it in the gas tank, put it in the engine oil, put a dab behind each ear, or drink a slug of it before breakfast each morning.

Later in the morning they came breezing into Barstow on fumes almost out of gas and pulled into a gas station to refuel. The first thing the Marvel Mystery oil addict did was dump a sizeable amount of Marvel Mystery oil in the gas tank before he began refueling. When they were finished they fired up their Model A's and continued the journey. About a hundred yards down the road the Marvel Mystery oil addict's car quit running and he drifted to the side of the road.

An immediate roadside seminar went into action. The first thing they did was replace the condenser, that's what you're always supposed to do, right? Since that didn't fix the problem they replaced the whole distributor. That didn't fix it either, so they replaced the coil to no avail. Next they decided to replace the spark plugs. When they removed the spark plugs they noticed an oily substance was coating the business end of each plug. It finally dawned on them that Marvel Mystery oil may be the culprit. They removed the drain plug from the bottom of the carburetor and pure Marvel Mystery oil ran out.

The moral to the story is if you are going to put Marvel Mystery oil in your gas tank, don't do it when there is little or no gas in the tank as it will likely run down into the fuel line undiluted and allow you to travel only about a hundred yards before you run out of gas.



Gas station at Barstow, California



**LADIES' DAY 2024 SANTA ANITA A'S  
WEDNESDAY JULY 31, 2024 LUNCH**

Join us for a Ladies' Day filled with fun, food, and lively conversation!

Meet us at Marie Callender's Restaurant, 220 South Atlantic Blvd., Monterey Park, CA. 91754  
Phone 626-281-9548

Enjoy a wonderful sit-down lunch including tax, tip and coffee, tea, lemonade or soft drinks from 12:00pm to 3:00pm on Wednesday, July 31, 2024.

**Menu:** Marie's home-style pot roast with mashed potatoes and vegetables, Chicken Broccoli Fettuccine with Alfredo Sauce, or Ginger honey salmon with rice pilaf and vegetables  
Plus a slice of Razzle Berry pie, French Apple pie or Lemon Meringue pie

The cost of lunch including all taxes and tips is only \$10/pp for Santa Anita A's members paid up as of April 30, 2024. Non-member guests may join Ladies' Day at a cost of \$28.23pp. **Sorry, but there can be no refunds.** Please call Vicky Balmot at 626-695-5483 or Carol Emanuelli at 626-286-5267 with any questions. To make your reservations, please mail your check payable to Santa Anita A's c/o Carol Emanuelli, 9842 Key West St. Temple City, CA 91780 **no later than Monday, July 22, 2024**, or even better pay at the May or June club meeting. Include your phone number on your check and be sure to include your meal preference with your RSVP.

Vicky Balmot and Carol Emanuelli

-----CUT HERE AND RETURN-----

**RSVP for Ladies' Day Wednesday July 31, 2024 at Marie Callender's Restaurant, Monterey Park**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_

Menu Selections (**Check or Circle One Entire Selection and One Desert Selection**):

- Marie's Home Style Pot Roast with mashed potatoes and vegetables
  - Chicken Broccoli Fettuccine with Alfredo Sauce
  - Ginger Honey Salmon with rice pilaf and vegetables
- Plus
- A slice of Razzle Berry Pie  French Apple Pie or  Lemon Meringue Pie

\$10.00 per member (must be a member as of April 30, 2024) \_\_\_\_\_ attending

\$28.23 per guest \_\_\_\_\_ attending \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Check Enclosed?** \_\_\_\_\_

Or Cash Paid at Meeting? \_\_\_\_\_ **RSVP by July 22, 2024**  
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