



June 2024

Spoken Wheels

THE NEXT MEETING

General Meeting

General Meeting - Saturday, June 29th, 10:00am
Church of The Good Shepherd.
400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

Remember the meeting is now on the last Saturday morning at 10:00am
And car inspections will begin at 8:30am
See Les, Chris or Dino to sign up for an inspection of your Model A and get an answer to all your problems.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

JULY BIRTHDAYS – MEN

Jeff Headley – 1
Paul Cella - 7
Mel Foye – 7
Richard Tompkins - 10
Waly Wiley – 20
Brett MacDonald – 22
David Van Elgort – 22
A.C. Byrd – 26

JULY BIRTHDAYS – WOMEN

Gina Falabrino – 22
Gloria Metz - 27

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Stewart and Catherine Levin – 1
Rob and Marianne Barrosa – 7
Scott and Lori Bonner – 7
Bill and Nancy Stoner – 16
Bob and Judi Moore – 20
Rick and Melanie Anderson - 20

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We lost a very valuable friend in May. A true Model A enthusiast and valuable club member.

The family would like to know how many members will be driving Model A's to Joe's service so they can reserve spaces. Contact me to sign up if you haven't.



Dino Falabrino

More message on page 7

In Loving
MEMORY



JOE WILSON

November 18, 1932-May 18th, 2024

Please join family and friends for a
Celebration of Life

Friday, June 14, 2024 at 2:00

La Canada Presbyterian Church
626 Foothill Blvd.
La Canada

Reception immediately following



CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

JUNE

- 10 – Ladies’ brunch – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 14 – Celebration of life for Joe Wilson – See page 1
- 20 – Men’s Breakfast – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 23-29 - MAFCA 2024 NATIONAL CONVENTION RUIDOSO, NM
- 29 – General Meeting – Saturday 10:00am Church of the Good Sheperd 400 W Duarte Road Arcadia, CA

JULY

- 4– Sierra Madre Parade – See page 7
- 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 page 8

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

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

**JOHN
SPIELMANN**
05-13-1933
05-13-2024

**JOE
WILSON**
11-18-1932
05-18-2024



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JUNE PROGRAM

As Independence Day is approaching, our former President Bob Harbicht will be speaking on interesting and important events in American history. Don't miss a chance to learn (or relearn) some of the fascinating facts about our country.

PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Sunshine Report – A condolence card was sent to the family of John Spielmann and Joe Wilson. Get well cards were sent to Judi Moore, Randy Harper and Bob Travis.

Cookie Bringers -Dino and Gina Falabrino provided the coffee and donuts provided by the Santa Anita Model A Club.

Photos and articles provided by – Nancy Sharpe, Les Eddington, Bob Moore, Randy Harper, Tom Endy, Bob Harbicht, and Nancy Stancil as well as others.

SAFETY SEMINAR #3 – May 18th

Our club's third Technology Seminar was held May 18th at 10:00am at Chris Wickersham's garage. 20 club members were in attendance along with a guest from another club and a new member of our club.

The topic was electrical, voltage and amperage. Chris did an excellent job keeping us informed without shocking us too much! We all learned new things.

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

The coffee and donuts were also great.

Hopefully your questions were answered and you have a better knowledge of the Model A charging system.

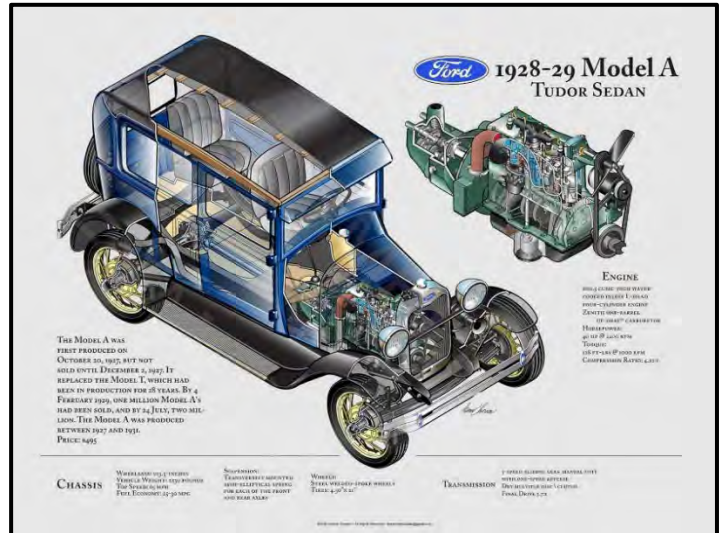
Please sign up for future safety seminars at the general meeting or call Les Eddington at 626-533-7145 or email to leseddington@aol.com.



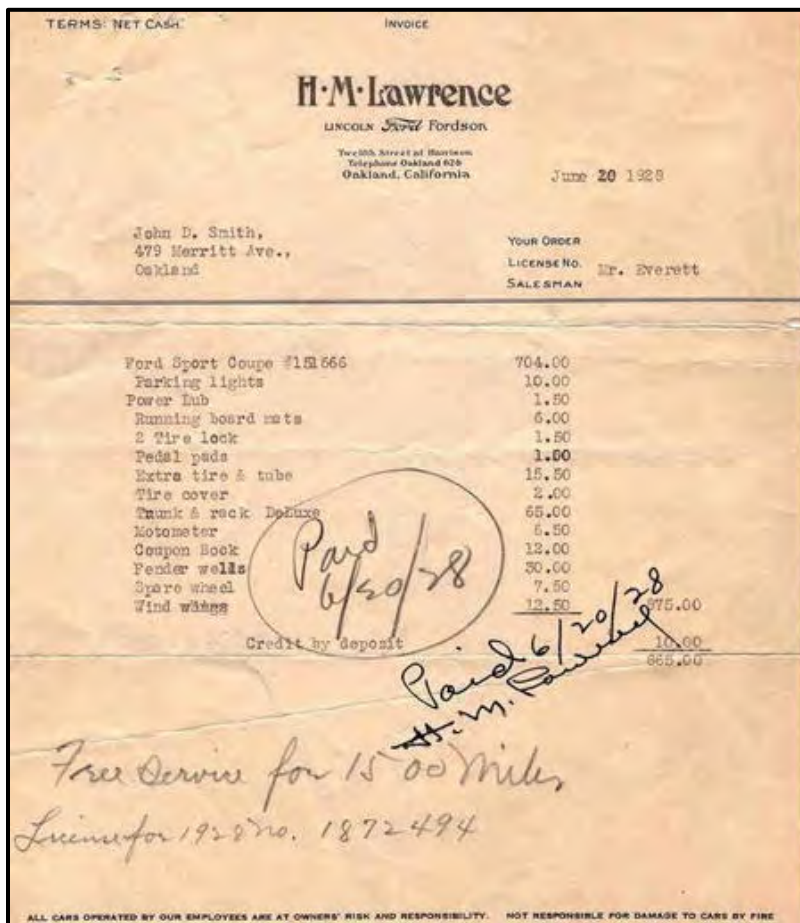
Now and then, remember when?



The facts and figures of the 28-29



The invoice tells it all



The 50th Anniversary Logo

We have a big anniversary coming up in six months. There's lots of talk about. Special celebrations, tours and events and a new logo for shirts and hat pins. Below you'll see the new design. More information will be coming out in the next few months. Stay tuned!



MEETING MINUTES

General Meeting – May 25, 2024

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

There were 41 people and 15 Model A's in attendance at the meeting. The meeting minutes will be emailed out this month but I encourage everyone to come to a meeting and see what's going on. It would be great to see more members come to the meeting.



LOVELY NEWS BITS

LADIES' BRUNCH



Want to know why these ladies are so happy? Then 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.

NOT SO LOVELY NEWS BITS

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Come join the men on the 3rd 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 National Convention in Ruidoso, New Mexico June 23rd thru the 29th.

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

The 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.

President's Message

Message continued from page 1

While I didn't know Joe as long as most club members, I was able to learn in a short amount of time Joe's energy and effort he gave to our club. To Joe the Santa Anita A's was a home away from home. You don't put as much work into something and not love it. He loved being a part of this organization and it was evident.

We also lost another club member last month, John Spielmann. This was a member I didn't get the chance to know well due to his health but other members have told me what a good guy and Model A Club member he had been in the past. RIP John.

In other May news we had our monthly ladies' brunch and the men's breakfast at the San Gabriel Airport restaurant. Us older folks remember it as the El Monte Airport. If you haven't attended one of these get togethers I urge you to do so. The men gather in the parking lot and discuss all things car related. The women won't say what they discuss with us guys so you ladies will have to go and find out for yourselves.

Our May seminar was very informative and an excellent presentation was given by our own Chris Wickersham on the electrical end of the engine. I could sit all day and listen to him share his vast knowledge on automobiles that he's learned over the decades. Many thanks to him for opening his shop and to Les Eddington for organizing and co-hosting the event.

Our May monthly program was a video of a trip to Death Valley taken back in 2010. For some of us who weren't members back then it was a real treat to see. For those who took the trip, it was also fun to look back and talk of the good times that were had on it.

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.

The 4th of July Parade

This Fourth of July we are going to be in the Sierra Madre parade again. There will be a signup sheet at the monthly meeting and Dino can help you with any questions you might have.

For those who want to signup on their own, register at www.sierramadreevents.org. For questions about the parade or signing up email parade@sierramadreevents.org

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 31st.

Time – 12:00pm to 3:00pm

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

Sign up sheet on page 11 or at the monthly meetings.

Ladies' Day Door Prize Raffle

We will be having a Door Prize Raffle at the luncheon. Those who would like to join us in the raffle need to bring a door prize, unwrapped and cost between \$5 to \$20. This way it's fun and not too costly. Unwrapped so everyone can see the gifts and pick from them when their number is called.

Each person in the raffle will receive a raffle ticket. Everyone in the raffle will receive a gift.

We look forward to seeing everyone again.

Carol & Vicky

Clocker's Corner

MARC and SAA had 12 people and 4 cars gather in the cool damp morning for breakfast.



NEW MEMBERS



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Also members of MAFCA and Pomona Valley Model A Club

REMEMBERING JOE WILSON

Joe Wilson left us with a sense of Model A pride that only comes around on rare occasions.

After 18 years as a member and 16 years as being our editor Joe changed the way the members participated, read about and even dressed in the club.

Joe wore many hats while in the club and preformed all tasks with pride.

REST IN PEACE JOE

See page 10 for Joe's time as a veteran as published previously in this newsletter.



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Santa Anita A's Veteran

Joe Wilson US Army 1956-1958



An inconvenient Learning Experience

Cincinnati was the center of my universe when I was born there in 1932 and it more or less remained that way until December 1941. World War II changed things a bit as my uncles and older cousins were called up for service and my father was transferred to Memphis, Tennessee to build B24 Bombers. I bought war stamps. By 1945 the war was over and we were back in Cincinnati where I grew up in the fabulous 50's. I was too young for WWII, too old for Vietnam and a bit late for the combat part of the Korean War.

I entered college a few months after the Korean War broke out. If I kept my grades up and joined ROTC I would be able to get a deferment. That was my introduction to the military and it didn't go well. I joined the Air Force ROTC but because I didn't draw my uniform quick enough I was fired then rehired by the Army. Things went OK until I changed my school major in my third year. That added a year and put me out of phase with my ROTC class so I was told to leave. Not to worry, the war was about over and I had been deferred..... But not forgotten.

1956 was a significant year. I graduated on June 8th, was married on June 9th, drafted on July 25 then left the states on December 25. My deferment had expired and I began my inconvenient Army experience.

The highlight of my basic training in Fort Smith, Arkansas was learning that Joy, my new bride, was pregnant. The second highlight occurred at the end of basic training when I was the only recruit, married with a pregnant wife, selected from our company to be shipped overseas to Japan (Code word for Korea). So, I flew out of Travis AFB in California on Christmas eve, had Christmas lunch in Hawaii, Christmas dinner on Wake Island then spent a few days in Tokyo before arriving in Korea in time for New Years Eve. Thus began my 16 month overseas deployment. I was assigned to the 7th Infantry Division Civilian Labor Office which was in Tongduchon at the end of the rail line just, South of the DMZ and North Korea. Yea, you know Tongduchon, it's 15 miles North of Uijombu. Never heard of Uijombu? That's 15 miles North of Seoul. Relatively speaking, for Korea it was, not the worst place to be. I was assigned to the 7th Military Police Company for rations and quarters. Since I was not qualified to carry an MP's 45 service weapon, I didn't have to stand revelry or do guard duty. I just ate, slept and watched movies after work.

Our office hired all of the Korean Nationals for the Division. I lived in a quonset hut with the drivers for the Provost Marshal and Company Commander. That meant I got to go on weekend rides with them using their officers' jeeps. We almost made it

to North Korea one weekend but fortunately were stopped by a South Korean soldier with a big gun.

I was able to squeeze in three R & R (Rest and Recuperation) one week trips to Japan. I didn't have to spend much money in Korea, drinks at the enlisted men's club and an occasional haircut were cheap. We had a house boy who made up our bunks, shined our shoes and did our laundry. I paid him with two cartons of Old Gold Cigarettes and five bars of Lux soap

each month. Because I was married I was paid an extra \$25 per month to take care of Joy. I always thought she was worth much more than that. On April 17th, 1957 the Red Cross advised me that our first daughter had arrived on this good earth.

At that time the tour of duty in Korea was 16 months. That put me back in the USA with less than 3 months left on my two years of active duty assignment and an early discharge.

I was re-designated a civilian in May 1957, but that deferment thing had another string attached. I was required to serve several years in the active reserves which included monthly meetings and summer camps. For various reasons I was never quite able to make it to summer camp.

I also missed many of the reserve meetings because I was traveling on business. So, I was relieved of duty; fired again. I just couldn't hold a job in the service.

I wasn't too happy about being drafted. It really was at an inconvenient time. I was just married, just started a new job and wasn't able to meet my daughter until she was over a year old. Yes, it was very inconvenient. But, in retrospect it was a very valuable learning experience, one which really put things into proper perspective and one I am glad I did not miss. It was an experience that I should have had a few years sooner.

Over 40 years later, I returned to the Army base in Korea with my wife, Joy, and was given a warm welcome. We were assigned an MP driver who took us anywhere we wanted to go on the base. I have a great respect for the armed services and am thankful that I did not miss the opportunity to serve.

If I were King, I would require every kid, boys and girls, to go into some sort of government service immediately after high school, away from home for one year. This would turn those boys and girls into young men and women. It would provide our young people an excellent "attitude adjustment" experience resulting in better students, better citizens, better employees and maybe even better politicians. Yes, if only I were King.



The 38th parallel, 3 miles north of our base, 1957



**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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Read the newsletter and sign up for everything.

Model A Ford Club of America

Santa Anita A's is a chartered member of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). It is a California not-for-profit corporation and a national historical society dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Model A Ford vehicles as manufactured from 1928 through 1931.

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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