



September 2024

Spoken Wheels

THE NEXT MEETING

General Meeting

General Meeting – Saturday, September 28th,
10:00am

Church of The Good Shepherd.
400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA

The meeting is the last Saturday morning at 10:00am

Car inspections will begin at 8:30am

See Les or Dino to sign up for an inspection of your
Model A and get an answer to all your problems.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS – MEN

- TONY CATROPPA – 1
- LARRY BUTKUS – 7
- ROB JOHNSON – 12
- CHARLES DAVIES – 17
- PETER GUTIERREZ – 19
- GARY M. LARSON - 23
- JIM DOLAN – 30
- JIM FRICK – 30

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS – WOMEN

- KATHY CATROPPA – 2
- TOSHIKO FAVELA - 2
- MARLYS CLELAND – 11
- MARY ANN SEPULVEDA – 16
- ANN PETERSEN – 17
- VICKY BARTLETT – 21
- SUE CHANDLER – 25
- JEAN WARE – 25
- LISA HENZEL - 28

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- DAVID & HEIDI VAN ELGOR – 9
- ERIC & JENNIFER SANDBERG – 20
- CHARLES & MYRIAM DAVIES – 22
- WIL & AMANDA HEITRITTER – 25
- BRETT & DONNA MAC DONA - 30

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Yes it's me again, your President to report on the club happenings and as usual, the month of August was a warm one. But that didn't stop the social activities of fellow Model A folks from enjoying the comradery of one another over breakfast, lunch or any other social gathering that took place.



Dino Falabrino

With the fun and joy that comes with our club, sometimes we experience sadness. I'm talking about the passing of Art Moore. Since I only joined this club a handful of years ago I missed out on knowing Art. I do know he must have been a special person from all the things I have heard about him. Car people are special, remember that! Read about him on page 6 to know a little more about him.

Our monthly meeting was very special. We had 5 ladies speak about their experiences learning to drive and driving Model A's. Sue Rogers, Vicky Bartlett, Barbara Bishop, Olive Moore and Elaine Perry gave a very interesting program. And if that wasn't enough, to my surprise I learned that our club invented a ladies' patch that was adopted by the MAFCA and is now used throughout the organization. It says, "This Lady Drives A Model A".

If any lady would like to learn how to drive a Model A this club will help you accomplish it. Just let one of the board members or officers know.

As I say goodbye until next month, stay healthy and well. Your Model A needs you!



CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

September

- 7 – **Heritage Museum Tour** – details on page 3.
 - 9 – **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
 - 14 – **International Model A Ford Day** – Celebrate!!
 - 19 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
 - 21 – **Tech Seminar** – At Chris Wickersham's shop
 - 28 - **General Meeting** – Saturday 10:00am Church of the Good Sheperd, 400 W Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA
- At this month's meeting will be a **Silent Auction**

October

- 14 – **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
 - 17 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
 - 26 – **General Meeting** – Saturday 10:00am Church of the Good Sheperd, 400 W Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA
 - 26 – **Vintage Car Show** – Riverside, CA – See page 9
- The **SCRG** will be holding a raffle at this show – page 8

November

- 6-10 – **PSP / Calico Ghost Town Tour** – see page 8
- 11 – **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 15 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 30 – **General Meeting** – Saturday 10:00am Church of the

OUR 50TH IS COMING UP

In the run up to our 50th anniversary as a club in 2025, we are going to start 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.

CAR SAFETY 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. Everyone should take advantage of this great program. Please sign up by contacting Les Eddington at 626-533-7154 or email him at leseddington@aol.com. Our safety team is made up of Chuck Davies, Bob Moore, Richard Anderson and Dino Falabrino.

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PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Sunshine Report – Get well card sent to Bob Travis and Judi Moore and thinking of you and condolences card sent to Olive Moore.

Cookie Bringers -Dino and Gina Falabrino provided the coffee and donuts provide by Carl and Sue Rogers.

Photos, articles and advice provided by Bob Moore, Olive Moore, Bea Fruchter and others.



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 sheet was at the last monthly meeting. To see about last minute add ons call/text Jim Frick at 626-733-0369.

We will stop for lunch at Colonial Kitchen 1110 Huntington Drive San Marino, CA 91108 on the way back from the tour.

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. You may want to contact the Tour Meister himself, Bob Harbicht.

MONTHLY QUESTION

The question of the month from one of our members is: One of my headlights is dimmer than the other whether they are on high beam or low beam. What can cause this?

Email your thoughts of what's wrong to dennisofdb@verizon.net

CROSS COUNTRY A'S

Some people planning a trip across country on Route 66 from beginning to end in Model A's have said they will wait to do this next year instead of this year.

Don't you think we should do something special with them when it does happen? Several ideas have been mentioned. If you have an idea send it to Bob Harbicht.

We could host a lunch at Legends in Glendora and then escort them on to Arcadia or beyond. Or maybe you have a thought of how this should go.

Bob Harbicht and Dennis Chapman have been in touch with the person organizing this and will update the club when more info is known about how many cars, etc.

HAVE A QUESTION?

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

We have started a program where you may need answers to an issue and our team of club members just might have the answer. They could even have several answers.

Drop a line to me, Dennis Chapman, at dennisofdb@verizon.net and I'll publish them and see what expert advice might come your way. This will work in conjunction with the Safety Seminars and inspections before our monthly meetings on the last Saturday of the month. We want all our members to be able to take advantage of these great learning tips and tricks of the trade.

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.

Do these ladies look "all shook up"? Well at this month's brunch they experienced an earthquake! You never know what's going to happen when these ladies get together. Join them and find out first hand.



Did you enjoy the August program at the monthly meeting? The ladies sure did a great job. I hope everyone had a good time.

I may have found a photo of Nancy back in the day just driving all the boys crazy.

NOT SO LOVELY NEWS BITS

MEN'S BREAKFAST 9am



There were 16 men at the Men's Breakfast and we had 10 Model A's driven.

Besides the great food and company, you should hear the stories they tell.

Tire kicking starts a little earlier, every month on the third Thursday.

San Gabriel Airport's Annia's Kitchen, 4233 Santa Anita Ave., El Monte, CA.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

The September program will be a White Elephant Silent Auction. Please bring donated items to be auctioned off to raise money for the club. All items that are not sold will be sent to Mickey and Bea Fruchter's home for a fundraiser yard sale the next day.



AUGUST 31th MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

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

Dino Falabrino called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

12 cars and 41 people attended.

Club member, Howard Hays, led the flag salute.

New and Old Business:

The minutes of the July General Meeting were approved.

There was 1 guest in attendance, Jim Ayerson who was born in Monrovia.

Dino thanked Sue and Carl Rogers for their donation of the donuts for the meeting. He reminded club members about the sign up sheet in the back for future months.

Dennis Chapman announced that the Celebration of Life for club member Art Moore will be held at the Hillside Community Church, 5354 Haven Ave., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91737 on September 25th at 1:00pm. Dennis encouraged members to wear club shirts and if some wanted to drive their A's to coordinate with one another. He also gave a brief history of his relationship with Art over the years and how Art was always willing to provide help and guidance to him as well as many others in the Model A community. He will be sorely missed by all.

The Sunshine lady mailed out cards to Bob Travis, Olive Moore and Judi Moore.

Dino asked any members that would like their cars inspected at 8:30am prior to the September meeting to contact him or Les Eddington.

The next club tech seminar will take place at Chris Wickersham's shop. The date is September 21st and the topic is to be determined. The meeting will be preceded with a swap meet and coffee and donuts.

Jim Frick reminded the members who signed up for the tour to the Heritage Museum that it will take place September 7th and to bring \$18.00 cash for the admission.

The tour would leave from Clearman's Northwoods Inn at 10:00am. Lunch will take place at the Colonial Kitchen in San Marino following the tour.

Dino said that he had met club member Dan Paige at the last Carcadia show and instead of him being in his Model A he was in his recently restored LaSalle. This got Dino thinking about perhaps a future club program that would be on members cars that were not Model A's. The subject was left open for future discussion.

Our program:

The meeting's program, "Ladies Driving Model A's" was introduced by Mickey Fruchter. He asked Elaine Perry to explain the origin of the patch, "This Lady Drives A Model A". She explained the Santa Anita Model A Club designed the patch to acknowledge the women in the club that drove Model A's and that MAFCA adopted it for the entire organization. Mickey then introduced Sue Rogers, Vicky Bartlett, Barbara Bishop and Olive Moore to discuss their experiences in driving Model A's.

Bea and Nancy conducted Raffle Winners:

Arrived in a Model A – Les Eddington

Wore a name badge – Carl Rogers

Club clothing – Lyla Eddington

Mickey Fruchter - \$25.00 & \$40.00

Elaine Perry - \$30.00

Brad Balmot - \$25.00

Other announcements were:

Coffee and Cars on the second Sunday at the Elk's Club on Colorado in Pasadena. Free to attend but a charge for breakfast.

Wilbert Smith suggested a possible club tour of the car collection of Aaron Weis on Walnut Street in Pasadena.

The 27th Annual Orange County Model T Ford Club parts exchange and car show Saturday October 5th, 2311 East Chapman Ave., Fullerton, CA. 92831

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Art Moore at 11:17am.

Respectfully, Warwick Nethercoat, Secretary

ART MOORE WILL BE MISSED

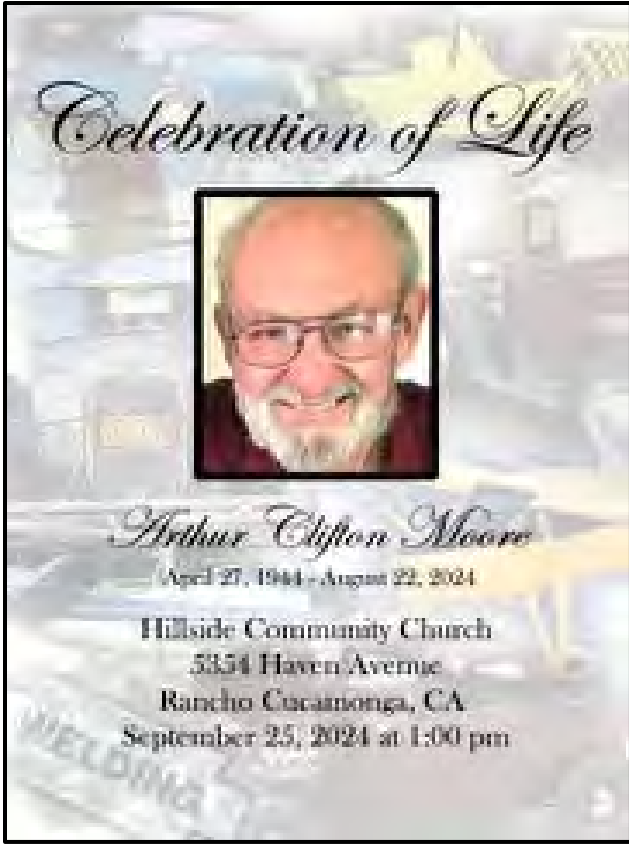
We've lost a dear friend and fellow car enthusiast. Art Moore at age 80 passed away on August 22nd after a long struggle with issues related to being a paraplegic. Art and Olive joined the Santa Anita A's in 2010. The club was planning a trip to Death Valley and they joined so they could go along.

Art was known for many things; one of which was accomplishing so much living life in a wheelchair. He loved helping other car buddies with their Model A's. He never hesitated to share anything he knew to help someone else and was always eager to learn from others.

Probably more than anything else, he was known for racing in his 1930 yellow speedster with racing flags painted on the tail and a big 44 on the side (which was the year he was born). He was known by some as "Art '4 port' Moore" because most of his cars sported a Riley 4 Port overhead on a four-cylinder Model B block. He got everything tuned just right and loved to be in competitions – hill climbs and drags. He won nearly every race he was in except a few times when his wife beat him. He got teased about that but his comment was always, "Well, either I win, or I win" since he also built Olive's purple car which had a Riley 4 Port as well.

He loved to go on Model A tours. In later years he purchased a '32 – 3 window coupe and because the door opened wide, it was much easier for him to get in and out of his wheelchair. But it still had that 4 banger and clubs weren't hesitant to have him tag along in a "modern" car.

Everyone loved Art and his endless story-telling. He has left a lasting impression on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. His boundless energy inspired so many to accomplish things they had set aside or projects they were hesitant to tackle. May his memory live on in the hearts of those he touched. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.



ANNIVERSARY SHIRTS



The 50th Anniversary shirt logos are being made now. You can get them on shirts in the club color blue or now in black for a more formal look. You can also get the club horseshoe logo on a shirt without the 50th anniversary banner.

All denim and dress shirts are \$52.00 to \$56.00. If you want your name stitched on them it's an additional \$10.00.

Polo shirts with a pocket are also available in club colors blue or black for \$50.00 and with your name \$60.00.

Ball caps are \$50.00 and with your name \$60.00

See Dennis Chapman at the monthly meetings or email him, dennisofdb@verizon.net.

LAPEL PINS

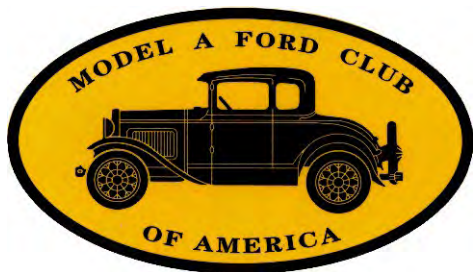


The limited-edition lapel or hat pins are about to be ordered. They will be \$15.00 each.

They are 1-3/8 inch in size and are in gold plate with 3 color enamel and raised gold in certain areas to highlight the pin.

See sign up sheets at the monthly meetings to get on the list or email dennisofdb@verizon.net to be put on the list.





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THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE CAR SHOW
WILL BE ELIGIBLE. The number of tickets you
receive depends on how far you live
from the Elks' Lodge in Riverside.

1 ticket for 1 to 15 miles distance

2 tickets for 16 to 30 miles

3 tickets for 31 to 45 miles

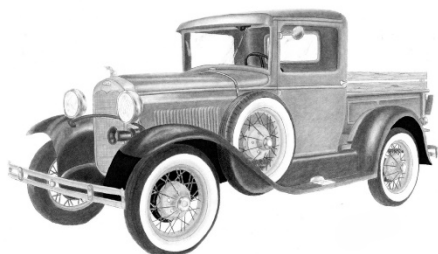
4 tickets for 46 to 60 miles

5 tickets for 61 or more miles.

(You can only win once, and must be in attendance to win

SCRG 2558 Arroyo Canyon Rd. Escondido, CA 92025

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Palm Springs / Calico Tour

Palm Springs Vicinity and Calico Tour. Could
be limited to one overnight stay in Barstow.

Palm Springs & Vicinity Tour - \$150-\$200 per
night

Day 1 - (Wednesday, November 6) - Tour
Palm Springs & vicinity — from Temecula 67
miles; Thousand Oaks 146 miles, Arcadia 100
miles. Possible group dinner to be planned.

Day 2 - (Thursday, November 7) - Tour Palm
Springs & vicinity – Take the tramway and
have lunch on top - Dinner on your own,

Day 3 - (Friday, November 8) – Zoo, airport,
movie set, or Palm Desert. Group dinner.

Day 4 - (Saturday, November 9) - Drive to
Barstow Holiday Inn \$120 per night. (Note:
all of the 10 cabins in Calico are already
booked for that weekend) 144 miles through
Big Bear and Mentone for lunch at A&W
Restaurant from Palm Springs or there
directly from Esc. 150 miles, Temecula 121
miles, Thousand Oaks 147 miles, Arcadia 125
miles through Palmdale missing freeways.
Dinner on your own. Possible to attend
“Calico Ghost Tours” at 6:00 or 7:30 PM
\$22.00 for Adults.

Day 5 - (Sunday, November 10) – Morning
drive to visit Calico Ghost Town (opens at 9)
then drive home. (See distances above)



Saturday, October 26th, 2024

Show Car Check-in: 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Show Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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- For more info & map: <https://obamodela.wixsite.com/riverside>

PRE-REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN October 12, 2024

PRINT CLEARLY – ONE CAR PER FORM – Confirmation will only be emailed



Mail form to: Riverside Orange Blossom A's – P.O. Box 20792, Riverside CA 92516

Enclose Check or Money Orders payable to: Riverside Orange Blossom A's

Participant Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: () - _____

Car Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Color: _____

Shirt Size (circle only one) S M L XL XXL XXXL Trailing show car? YES NO (trailer parking is not guaranteed)

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

TERMS: The show organizers ("organizers") reserve the right to choose and adjust car classes and awards. Cars will be placed in classes by the organizers based on their model year and/or other class requirements. Trophies and awards will be announced at approximately 1:00pm. Winners must be present at announcement to win. Organizers reserve the right to refuse registration for vehicles that do not meet the show car classification requirements. All such mail registrations will be returned. There will be 50-50 opportunity drawings throughout the day and the winner will claim 50% of the opportunity donations collected for the event. The opportunity drawings will occur approximately on each hour from 10:00 – 1:00 pm. The winner must be present at announcement to win.

In consideration for accepting my entry to this car show, I the undersigned, intending to legally bind myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, next of kin and assignees, do hereby wave any and all rights and claims against any person, persons, and/or organizations affiliated with the Orange Blossom Vintage Car Show. I agree to indemnify, save and hold harmless, the Riverside/Corona Orange Blossom A Ford Model A Club, Riverside Elks Lodge, Model A Ford Club of America, any and all other related sponsors and organizations from any claims, actions, damages, liability and expenses, including but not limited to attorney fees on account of injury to my person/property, or results in death, while observing, or participating in any way in this car show including travel to and from this event. This registration form must be signed above as part of the registration to be accepted.

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Contact Jay McCord (805) 598-8133 • Curt Warner (805) 478-1231

This year, the show in Orcutt is featuring Ford Flathead V8 automobiles and trucks from 1932 to 1953. The show will benefit the Allen Hancock Automotive Technology Program and other local and national scholarships. Info at SantaMariaModelAClub.com

WANTED

1931 Ford Model A parts wanted!

Complete differential, a gas tank without the steering column support and a front leaf spring. Contact Michael Sullivan at 805-728-5317 or tenparry@yahoo.com

Free

Model A Torque Tubes & Drive Shafts

Tom Endy has accumulated a large quantity of torque tubes & drive shafts as a result of his overdrive installations.

They are rapidly multiplying on their own and must go. Contact Tom Endy 714-943-4555



The Paradise Valley Model A Ford Club of San Bernadino, California, Chapter of MAFCA is having their antique auto swap meet on September 28, 2024.

The swap meet location is at the Western Little League Regional Headquarters in Northwest San Bernadino, CA. The meet is from 6am to 3pm.

Vendor spaces are 20 X 20 at \$35.00

There are no rain dates. For information call Richard Bronstrup at 909-658-5914

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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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