



November 2024

Spoken Wheels

THE NEXT MEETING

General Meeting

General Meeting –Saturday, November 30th, 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.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS – MEN

- DAVID LUTZ – 3
- KEN MALLORY – 3
- PATRICK UTTER -5
- JIM BORTOLOTTI – 6
- ANDY SAIS – 11
- ERIC SANDBERG – 16
- DAVE HANCOCK – 17
- HOWARD HAYS – 21
- RICHARD LOE – 28
- JOE PRINCIPE – 31
- CARL ROGERS – 31

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS – WOMEN

- KATHY CONCIDINE – 8
- DEBBIE RODRIGUEZ – 16
- BARBARA FARINO – 17
- ELAINE PERRY - 31

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- A C & JOSIE BYRD – 8
- JOHN & CHERYL MANIFOR - 27



AND ANNIVERSARY TOO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi again fellow club members. It's just me again with the latest activities and club news.

The ladies had another great meal at Annia's and I'll bet they didn't discuss Model A's at all. You'll never know what they discuss unless you join in.



Dino Falabrino

And speaking of the men, they have decided to have the men's breakfast twice a month. It will now be on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 9 am. Tire kicking starts a little earlier.

You have always heard me mention the car show in Arcadia called Carcadia. If you wonder why I support this event it's because it's a great chance for us to show up and have a good time together. We bring a car but it's more about bringing ourselves. If you have a chance come join us, have a donut and some coffee and visit with friends.

Arcadia's annual event, Festival of the Bands is set for Saturday, November 23rd and our club members are always happy to drive the dignitaries in the parade. It's nice to give back to our city and it's fun too!

Since Thanksgiving is just around the corner I want to wish you all a very happy holiday.

We all have something for which to be thankful.



CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

November

- 7 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 9 – **Sierra Madre Car Show** – See page 6
- 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** – Saturday 10:00am Church of the Good Sheperd, 400 W Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA

December

- 5 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 9 – **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 11-14 - **Salt Lake City, Utah** – National Awards Banquet
- 12– **Board meeting – 7pm** - Church of the Good Shepherd
- 14--**Christmas Party** - Almansor Court Salon – Noon
Nearest to the foyer - See page 9
- 18 – **Santa Anita A's Holiday Light Tour** – see page 8
- 19 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport

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 MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Sunshine Report – All is well when no cards are sent out.
Cookie Bringers -Dino and Gina Falabrino provided the coffee and donuts this month. Volunteers needed.
Photos, articles and advice provided by Les Eddington, Bob Moore, Bea Fruchter, Olive Moore and others.

FOOD DONATONS

In the past our club has gathered food to donate to local food banks and other charities. This year we are starting to organize another giving season.

Please let the board know if you are interested in doing this again. Discuss this with each other at the men's and ladies' gathering, monthly meeting and board meeting in November.

Maybe someone has a place in mind that could use our help. Let's talk more together about it.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

EARLY FORD STORE OF CALIFORNIA

To say this store is a family affair is really an understatement. Michael McGrath remembers as a high schooler helping his father set this location up in San Dimas. Michael's sister did the bookkeeping then and still does. Michael's brother in law also plays a big part in running the store too.

Several years ago Michael's father passed and with the team that was assembled before his passing the store has a brisk business specializing in rare parts and accessories for Fords from 1928 through the 60's for passenger cars and pickups.

The store also does a mail order shipping service and is very successful with that as well as counter orders.



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.

Send your questions to Dennis 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.

THE LATEST QUESTION?

This month's question is about sealing exhaust leaks. Does using the exhaust cement between the exhaust manifold and the exhaust pipe really do a good job or just create more problems down the road?

Thanks to Tom Endy for the answer to last month's question. It was a bad ground.

HAVE IDEA'S 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.

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.

All topics are on the table for discussion except Model A's. I'm sure once in a blue moon a Model A topic slips in. Show up and get all the latest!

The above photo is the great gentleman who takes such good care of us.

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2025

As the year comes to a close and 2025 starts, it opens up the conversation of dues for the club.

It has been decades since a price change was implemented and the club dues are \$40.00 per year starting in January 2025.

This was voted on by the members at the October monthly meeting.

NOT SO LOVELY NEWS BITS

MEN'S BREAKFAST 9am

There were 16 men at the Men's Breakfast and we had 8 Model A's driven.

We're starting a new program of meeting the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month! You should come join us!

Besides the great food at 9:00am and company, come for the stories they tell.

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

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



NOVEMBER PROGRAM

We will be treated to a banjo symphony by the Banjo Buddies. A group of over a dozen banjo players playing some of our favorite holiday music.

Some of the musicians may look familiar to you, and they should. They are members of the Santa Anita Model A Club.

You're not going to want to miss this one.



I can't wait to see how they tune those banjos and how they sound.

OCTOBER 26th MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

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

Dino Falabrino called the meeting to order at 10:02am. Scott Doudrick lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

9 cars and 28 people attended.

Old and new Business:

There were 2 new members in attendance, both from Monrovia. Issac Romas has a 1929 Phaeton and Kim Anderson. Look for more on these people in the Spoken Wheels in the months to come.

Dino announced they were still accepting applications for the Sierra Marde Firefighters Association annual car show on November 9th. It's from 8:00am to Noon. Club members attending are encouraged to meet at Sierra Donuts prior to the show so we can drive in together and park as a club. Sierra Donuts is in the shopping center at Michelina and Sierra Madre Blvd.

Dino also encouraged club members to attend Carcadia that takes place the Sunday after the monthly meetings at the Arcadia Hub Shopping Center.

He also encouraged members to sign up for the club's Christmas and Installation Banquet at the table at the back of the room.

The banquet will take place on December 14th starting at 11:00am and food served at noon. The place is the Almansour Court in Alhambra. The club is subsidizing the cost of each banquet ticket so that a \$75.00 ticket will only cost club members \$50.00. The deadline to sign up for the banquet is November 30th.

At the last board meeting on October 10th the board unanimously passed a motion to raise the annual club dues to \$40.00 per year pending approval of a motion at the next general meeting. This motion was presented to the members at the meeting and passed unanimously by the members.

Dino then asked the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, Bea Fruchter to present to the club members a slate of Officers and Board members proposed for the upcoming fiscal year election that will take place at the November general meeting.

President-----Dino Falabrino

Vice Present--Mickey Fruchter

Secretary-----Warwick Nethercoat

Treasure-----Nancy Sharpe

Board Members—Les Eddington

Scott Doudrick

Carl Rogers

Richard Anderson

Dennis Chapman

Bea said that she was still looking for another board member and encouraged those in attendance to volunteer for this position.

THE PROGRAM

The meeting program was a slide show presented by Todd of the Pasadena High School Model A Club. The club will be holding its fourth drawing for a Model A that the club's students restored. Tickets were \$100.00 and club tee shirts \$20.00.

RAFFLE AND DRAWING

Arrived in a Model A----Carl Rogers

Club Clothing-----John Emmanuelli

Name Badge-----Scott Doudrick

Warwick Nethercoat----\$25.00

Chris Wickersham-----\$30.00

Issac Ramos-----\$20.00

A few other announcements were made. The minutes from the last general meeting were approved and going forward the men will gather on the 1st and 3rd Thursday's of each month at the San Gabriel Airport for the men's breakfasts. Times stay the same as always.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.

Respectfully submitted,

Warwick Nethercoat, Secretary

SIERRA MADRE

NOVEMBER 9, 2024



CAR SHOW REGISTRATION FORM CHECK IN : 6:00 – 7:30 AM

OWNER

INFORMATION

NAME: _____

CAR: _____

CLUB: _____

PHONE _____ : Email _____

SHOW 8AM TO NOON

VEHICLE INFORMATION

YEAR: _____ MODEL: _____

MAKE: _____ COLOR: _____

SUGGEST DONATION \$25 Donations are appreciated, but not required.

My \$25 check donation made out to the Sierra Madre Professional Firefighters Association is enclosed. Donors will receive an event T-Shirt.

_____ T-Shirt Size

I do not wish to make a donation.

Please mail check donations to: Sierra Madre Professional Firefighter Association
80 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. #72, Sierra Madre, CA 91024

For questions or additional information, please email jacobknapp72@gmail.com

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 can't be reproduced with the horseshoe logo and look aesthetic. Sorry

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

These pins will quickly become collector items and the talk of the town. Don't miss out!

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE



The Disney Brothers Cartoon Studio Square Dedication and Block Party in Los Feliz, CA Sept. 16, 2024 at 10:52 am.

Our own Mickey Fruchter and a neighboring club member Bob Reeves attended the open-to-the-public dedication of the Disney Bros. Cartoon Studio Square at the site of Walt and Roy Disney's original 1923 studio at the corner of Kingswell and Vermont Avenues in Los Feliz, California.

Along with all the other festivities going on the Model A's were the eye candy of the celebration.



Roy Disney and Bob Reeves at the dedication.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CONCIDINES

Our plan for this excellent time out is to meet at **Legends Classic Diner 1155 Route 66 Glendora, CA 91740 at 5:00 pm on December 18th for a dinner meal.** You can drive a modern car or a Model A, it's your choice.

From there maps will be provided and at 6:00pm we will convoy to the home of Steve and Kathy Concidine to view their wonderful holiday tree display.

After that we will drive through the area and view homes which are beautifully decorated outside.

There's a little more Christmas Spirit than meets the eye. Christmas Ornament collecting is Kathy's hobby. Besides buying from Hallmark, Kathy and Steve like to look through antique stores and check out yard sales for special finds. Kathy is the founding member of the San Dimas Ornamentors Club and now belongs to a club in Riverside.

You will find 10 to 15 Christmas Trees of varying sizes at their home – ranging from 3 to 7 feet tall, plus many smaller trees. Each tree has a theme, and some themes change from year to year. Themes include Winter, Disney, Cat/Dog/Mouse, Birds, Santa/Elvis/Reindeer, International, Travel, Kitchen, Horses, Irish, Religious, Patriotic/History, and Teddy Bears. Kathy's favorite tree is the family tree, which has pictures of family members going back 40 years.

Steve gets in the holiday spirit, putting up garland on the ceiling, plates on the wall and Santas on the mantle.

They extend a warm welcome to please come and enjoy their home and share in the Christmas joy.



Could this be Santa Anita A's club member Jim Constantian while waiting on a train to pass before he continues on to play old time music for a special someone?

THE CHRISTMAS GALA AT THE ALMANSOR COURT

Santa Anita A's Christmas Party

Saturday 🎄 **December 14** 🎄 **11:00 AM**

\$ 50 per person

select (1) Prime Rib, (2) Sea Bass, or (3) Mac & Cheese

Almanson Court
700 S. Almanson Street
Alhambra, California

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Make check payable to the Santa Anita A's for \$50.00 per person attending. Please give the names of your party for the place settings. Make food selections per person . (1) Prime Rib (2) Sea Bass (3) Mac & Cheese.

Mail checks to; Santa Anita A's c/o Janet Beggs 1701 N. El Molino Pasadena, CA 91104

We hope to have special Model A parking and food will be served at Noon. We hope to see everyone there.

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**

Mitchell Overdrives and transmissions, New and fully synchronized with a shorter shift. Mitchell says there will be no more available for delivery for at least 3 months. If interested call Richard at 909-215-6398

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

FOR SALE

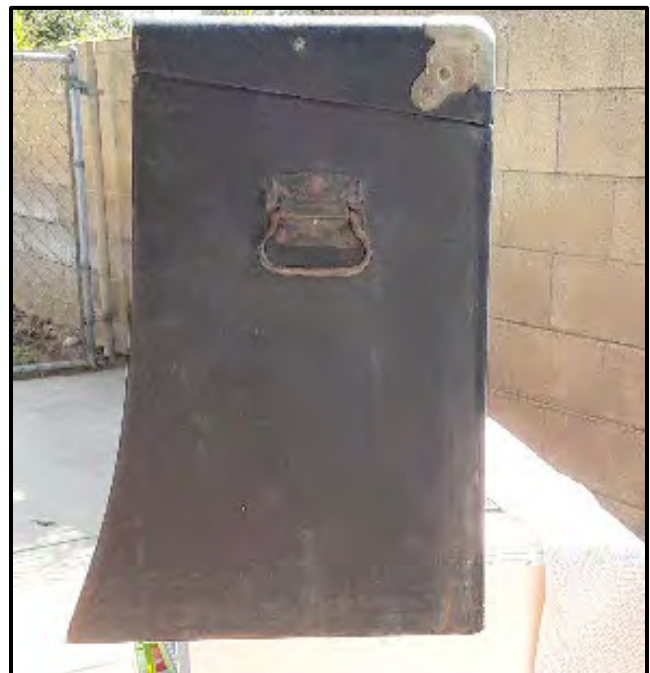
Coming soon and for sale is one of the nicest Model A's in the land. One of our members is doing a little maintenance work to make sure it's in tip top shape before he sells it.

I do know photos and descriptions will be in the next newsletter of a fine 1930 Cabriolet.

Price and phone numbers will be available also, stay tuned!!

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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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