



January 2025

Spoken Wheels

THE NEXT MEETING

General Meeting

General Meeting –Saturday, January 25th, 10:00am
Church of the Good Sheperd
400 W. Duarte Road Arcadia, CA

**Car inspections will resume at 8:30am in January
See the Low End Boys to sign up for an inspection of
your Model A and get an answer to all your problems.**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS – MEN

MICHAEL FLICK – 8
JOHN MANIFOR – 8

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS – WOMEN

MYRIAM DAVIES - 8
RHETA ANDERSON – 10
AMANDA HEITRITTER - 12
NANCY SHARPE – 16
LORI BONNER – 21
BEVERLY KNIEST - 21
BERNADETTE HOTALING - 28



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

PATRICK & MARTHA UTTER – 10
BRAD & VICKY BALMOT – 14
TONY & KATHY CATROPPIA – 14
CARL & SUE ROGERS – 24
MARK & LISA HENSEL – 25
MEL & MARIA FOYE - 28



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, I want to start off by thanking all of you for a great year at the Santa Anita Model A Club.

We had a great turnout for our holiday luncheon. Thanks to Janet Beggs for organizing this great event. The holiday spirit was in the air as we enjoyed the food and fellowship before the new board members were installed. We thanked Chris Wickersham for filling Joe Wilson's board position in 2024. Bob Harbicht, the talented speaker he is, swore in the 2025 board with his great wit and humor.

The board for 2025 added Dennis Chapman to fill the opening created with the passing of Joe. Dennis was also named our "Man of the Year". Dennis stepped up to take on several jobs for the club to keep it running like a well oiled machine. How about adding a "Woman of the Year" in 2025?

The year 2025 is a very special one for us as we plan the events to celebrate our 50th year of being an organization, dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of our beloved Model A's.

When our club started in 1975 I was a young boy of 15 dreaming of the day I could drive a Model A. Well, I would have to wait a few years until I could get one and terrorize the streets of Arcadia. I still have that Model A today but my terrorizing the streets is a leisurely drive now.

So here we are, 2025 and I'm honored to be your president. More importantly, I'm honored to be surrounded by a great board, officers and volunteers that make our club fun and successful.

My real message is that I hope we all will be in good health and continue to enjoy each other in 2025 and beyond. Good health is so important.

Let the new year and our 50th begin!

Take care, Dino Falabrino



Dino Falabrino

CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

January

- 2 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 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
- 18 - **Tom Endy's Transmission Seminar** – See page 3
- 18 – **San Antonio Winery with MARC** – see page 7
- 25 – **General Meeting** – Church of the Good Shepherd

February

- 6 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 8 – **Heritage Home & Museum Tour** – See page 7
- 10 – **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel
- 13– **Board meeting – 7pm** Church of the Good Shepherd
- 20 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 22 – **General Meeting** – Church of the Good Shepherd
- 22 – **Temple City Camellia festival parade - TBA**
Ladies Driving Day – to be announced

March

- 6 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 13– **Board meeting – 7pm** Church of the Good Shepherd
- 10 – **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 20 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 29 – **General Meeting** – Church of the Good Shepherd

OUR 50TH IS HERE!!!

As we enjoy our 50th anniversary as a club, we are 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 the Low End Boys at our monthly meetings or contact one of the team. 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 – A card was sent out to the Mallory's.
Cookie Bringers -Dino and Gina Falabrino provided the coffee and donuts this month. Volunteers needed.
Photos and articles provided by Nancy Stancil, Janet Beggs, John Emanuelli and others.



Jim Kroeger has found Tom Endy's electrical trouble shooting card very, very helpful.

The club members are eager to help anyone with any project, problem or situation they may have gotten themselves into.

COMMITTEE LEADERS

Do you have what it takes to be on a committee and help shape our club in the future? We have spots to be filled and we've dropped spots that we couldn't find people to take under their wings and come up with a fun plan to add to the rest of the fun this club has. Here's some openings.

TOUR COMMITTEE – We want someone who can organize a tour for us to go on a regular basis.

Not the same place every month but new places to go or places we used to go that we haven't been in a while. And we have annual places we go.

FASHION – Would you like to write an article monthly about the fashion of the late 20's and early 30's? We used to have someone who did that and are looking for someone who might enjoy doing that again. It could be fun researching and sharing some of the things you find.

LOW END BOYS – Our Low End Boys are always looking for people to help them out with their purpose. And their purpose is to help other members get their cars started and running.

It's as simple as that!

JANUARY SEMINAR

WHERE – Chris Wickersham's garage
1835 Walnut Street Pasadena, CA 91107

WHEN – January 18th at 10:00am
Coffee, donuts and fellowship at 9:00am

Tom Endy will put on a seminar about the assembly of the Model A transmission. The Model A transmissions have a number of traps laid out by Henry Ford during it's evolution to confuse and confound the next hundred years of enthusiasts. If you are not careful you can easily fall into one of these traps and cause yourself a lot of grief.

This seminar will highlight each one of these traps with visual aids and a technical program explaining each one.

This is one not to be missed. RSVP to Les Eddington at leseddington@aol.com or call him at 626-533-7145

HAVE A QUESTION?

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

. 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.

LAST MONTH'S QUESTION?

A reader writes, "I have an adjustable valve upgrade on my 31 coupe. What I'd like to know is does the intake and exhaust need to be removed to adjust valves or just the valve cover? Also do I need to replace the valve cover gasket?"

If you have an answer for this question please send it to dennisofdb@verizon.net

QUESTION ANSWERS

No, you do not have to remove the intake or exhaust adjust the valves. I would change the gasket and if the old one looks good keep it as a backup spare.

THE LATEST QUESTION?

I have a squeak issue. It seems to be coming from the motor compartment. When I start the engine there's a squeak like a loose fan belt.

I've checked the belt tension, lubed the generator bearings front and back, water pump, it's the new sealed type, front motor mounts, springs, nuts and bolts.

When I'm looking at the engine and leaning heavy on the left side fender the squeak stops or if I stand on the left running board it stops. If I sit behind the wheel or push in on the clutch sometimes it stops. When driving the car awhile it stops and doesn't come back till the next time I drive it.

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.

Last month they were putting together Santa's naughty and nice list. There must have been an executive decision not to show any of their faces because all I got was the front door photo.

When this group says what is said at brunch stays at brunch, they ain't fooling.

Maybe we can get one of the men to go in a dress and find out what goes on at these brunches.

MONTHLY PROGRAM

Mark Henzel will entertain us with a world of knowledge about his experience and times being a part of the Rose Parade and Tournament of Roses.

1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS

MEN'S BREAKFAST 9am

What a treat at the Men's Breakfast! Mr. Sullivan brought his AA truck out for the first time. What a grand machine.

Lots of great stories and Model A advice are given free with your meal.

Tire kicking starts around 8:30am and food at 9:00am every month on the first and third Thursday.

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



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

The meeting for December was our Christmas Luncheon and board installation so there are no minutes.

I'd like to take this spot to thank our secretary for the great job he does 11 months out of the year at the board and monthly meetings.

Thanks Warwick Nethercoat, our secretary.

FASHION 1928 - 1931

In general, the biggest difference in women's dresses from 1928-1931 was the moving waistline. In 1928 and 1929 the waistline was at the widest part of the hipline.

A spring 1930 catalog showed the new waistline halfway between the hipline and natural waist. By the end of 1930 the natural waistline was shown.



NEW MEMBERS

Kim Anderson



If you see these fellows say hello, introduce yourself and get to know the new members. They have interesting stories to tell.

Bob Langton



SANTA ANITA MODEL A CLUB



2024 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



The Christmas Gala at the Almansor Court was another spectacular Club function thanks to Janet Beggs. The board was brought on board for 2025 with one slight adjustment. The spirit of the holidays filled the room and I think a great time was had by all.



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 2/8/2025. 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 at the museum homes and buildings and will last less than an hour.

Cost is \$18 per person. Call/text Jim Frick at 626-733-0369 by 1/8/2025. Paying at the museum is accepted.

We will stop for lunch on the way back at the Colonial Kitchen on Huntington Drive.

SAN ANTONIO WINERY

The MARC club has invited us to join them for a San Antonio Winery tour on Saturday January 18th.

They will meet across the street from the Colonial Kitchen at 1110 Huntington Drive in San Marino at 10am and depart for the winery at 10:15.

Lunch will be at the Winery.

HAVE TOUR IDEAS?

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.

LAPEL/HAT PINS & SHIRTS



The limited-edition lapel or hat pins are being sold now. They are \$15.00 each and really look great. It's the 50th anniversary!

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.

See Dennis Chapman at the monthly meetings, or call 909-762-5654, or email to dennisofdb@verizon.net.

VISALIA, CA 3/3-5/2025

The Central California Regional Group Jamboree, hosted by the Charter Oaks Model A Club is coming up before long. Stay tuned for more information on this not to be missed extravaganza. Tours, seminars, BBQ's, raffles, and a great banquet are in store.

MAYBE A TOUR WEST?



MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

Almost a dozen members attended the Holiday Tour. Great show, tour and garage tour.



Below is MAFCA President Ed Tolman and our very own Bob Moore discussing the future and the past.



CHRISTMAS AT THE CONCIDINES

After a dinner at Legends our host, the Concidines went over the top to give us a wonderful holiday celebration. A couple dozen of us were treated to a evening to remember.

Model A liquor decanters were given to lucky ticket holders.



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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

For Sale – 1930 Model A Ford Cabriolet

I am selling this car for the family of my good friend and SAA club member Ken Mallory who passed away just a few weeks shy of his 100th birthday.

Ken purchased the car in 1984 from a man who kept a collection of cars for use in the movies.

I know the car has been garaged since it was purchased by Ken.

The car was restored in 2000 and painted the correct colors and is still in good condition. The top was also replaced and is in good condition. It has an adjustable seat and Borg Warner overdrive.

The engine was rebuilt in 2017 by AER and has less than 1500 miles on it.

Not a perfect car but looks and drives very well.

Ken's family would be happy and give special consideration if a member of his beloved club were to purchase it.

Asking price is \$23,000

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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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