



January 2026

Spoken Wheels

General Meeting

General Meeting – Saturday, Jan. 31th, 10:00am
Church of the Good Shepherd
400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS – MEN

STEVEN JONES – 5
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 HOTILING - 28

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?

As we enjoy our 51st anniversary as a club, we are now on Facebook and sharing with the world what we are doing and who we are. Just search for Santa Anita A's in the Facebook search bar and you'll see all the posts of what's going on with our club. It's exciting and fun and you can join in the comments.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year and believe it or not it's 2026!

As I write this, we just had our Christmas / Holiday party that had some special things in it. Over 60 members witnessed us honor 3 members that have spent 50 years of club membership. The founding members Brad Balmot and Marlin and Elaine Perry and also 50-year members Carl and Sue Rogers. All can say they are part of this great milestone.



Dino Falabrin

We also had the honor of having a "Member of the Year Award". This award was given to Janet Beggs who navigated, organized and followed through with her usual professionalism of being the great event director she is. She made the 50th celebration of events a great success. One person can make a difference.

2025 also saw a new event that worked very well. It was the International Model A Day event. Bob Moore and his sidekick Chris Wickersham made it a success with the help of many club members who with their talents, made the games or manned the event.

Now looking ahead to 2026. We will start off the new year with some fresh faces and familiar faces to plan our year. New ideas are coming in, I see it but for now the club is in good shape because many people here are making things happen. Some give more, some less but all help is welcome.

You are also welcome to attend our board meetings if you want to see how things are done.

Take care, Dino Falabrin

THANK YOU SO MUCH KAREN!

The club and I would like to thank Karen Gollhardt for proofreading pages of the newsletter that Olive couldn't do while she was on a well-deserved vacation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2026

1 –Men’s Breakfast – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
8 - Board meeting – 7pm Church of the Good Shepherd
12 - Ladies’ Brunch – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
15 –Men’s Breakfast – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
17 – Product Line Seminar – see page 8
24-25 – Modesto Area A’s 59th Annual Swap Meet
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds 7 to 5 Sat. & 7 to 3 Sun.
31 –General Meeting – Church of the Good Shepherd

February

5 – Men’s Breakfast – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
9 - Ladies’ Brunch – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
12 - Board meeting – 7pm Church of the Good Shepherd
19 – Men’s Breakfast – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
21 – The Red-Carpet Tour – See page 7
28 – General Meeting – Church of the Good Shepherd

March

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PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Sunshine Report – We sent cards to Mickey and Bea Fruchter, Vicky Bartlett and Bob Travis this month. We do send thoughts and prayers out to those who are battling illnesses on an ongoing basis.

Cookie Bringers – With the Christmas Luncheon this month we didn’t need a volunteer. As always, we need volunteers for this monthly task. The club will reimburse you.

Photos and articles provided by Janet Beggs, Jim Kroeger, Nancy Stancil and others just to name a few.

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THE LOW-END BOYS

Our low-end boys could use a hand. Are you interested in becoming one? What does it entail you may be wondering?

In the past it has been made up of members who would help other members get their Model A’s running. No major repairs but general maintenance and troubleshooting issues.

If this is something that you’d be interested in, reach out to any of the board members.

Helping others and getting your hands dirty are some of the things this club is all about.

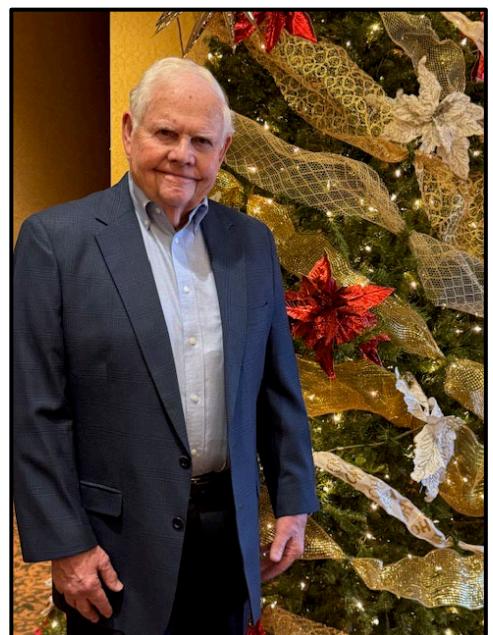
THE SANTA ANITA A'S 50TH HOLIDAY CELEBRATION 2025

The following few pages are only a glimpse of the celebration of our club on the final event of its 50th year.



Our founding members, Marlin & Elaine Perry and Brad Balmot, Brad who was also our 1st President and his award for that, our person of the year Janet Beggs and her partner in crime and the wonderful holiday singer and our dining hall.







MORE HOLIDAY PARTIERS



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. At the last brunch the planning for 2026 took a secretive turn! Come join in the fun.



NOT SO LOVELY NEWS BITS

MEN'S BREAKFAST 9am

Club men meet up for great conversation and food twice a month. Join when you can on the 1st and 3rd Thursday for great food and conversations.

Tire kicking starts around 8:30am and food at 9:00am. One never knows what or who you'll run into before you eat. Some of the cars in the parking lot are amazing to see.

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



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

With our holiday gathering there will be no meeting minutes in this edition. The meeting minutes will return next edition.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE

Membership dues are due in December for the upcoming year 2026 and become past due on January 31st. **The dues are \$40.00.**

Membership is defined by Family Units, which include either a single person and their children under the age of 18, or a couple and any of their children under the age of 18.

The dues cover membership for the club from January 1st to December 31st.

Make your \$40.00 check to:

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The National dues for MAFCA are the responsibility of the individual members and shall be paid to MAFCA directly.

Dues can be paid at the meeting in JAN.

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Thank you for understanding and being patient when going there. It could take a few minutes for Richard to come to the office when paged depending on what he's working on at the moment.

THE RED CARPET-TOUR

Before there was radio, television and the internet, America received its information from newspapers and newsreels shown in movie houses. Please join us as we explore one of those movie houses when we visit the historic Fox Theater in Pomona, CA on Saturday, February 21st.

We will meet at 9:15am in the Walmart parking lot located at 1600 Mountain Ave. in Duarte.

This is our first tour of the new year and the theater owners are literally "rolling out the red carpet" for us.

Members will be able to take photographs of their cars in front of the marquee; a docent will give us a historical tour of the building followed by a rooftop champagne toast complete with dessert. Lunch will follow at a Norm's restaurant nearby.

Look for the sign-up sheet at the January 31st general meeting as this will be your only opportunity to reserve your spot. After that please call our 2026 tour director Jim Kroeger at 626-710-6592 to attend.



PRODUCT LINE SEMINAR

Santa Anita A's Seminar Randy Gross Model A Product Line

WHEN : Sat. Jan. 17th, 2026 – 9:00 to 10:30am

Where : Chris Wickersham's Garage
1835 Walnut Street
Pasadena, CA 91107

Presenter : Richard Anderson

This demonstration/explanation seminar details new and traditional parts offered to and used by the Model A community. Randy Gross, and before him Mel Gross (father), long time members of the Santa Anita A's, developed the use of the F-100 steering units and special bonded brake linings. Additionally, new propriety Model A parts, overdrive units, and fully assembled brake backing plate systems will be displayed and discussed.

Attendees should sign up at the monthly meeting or RSVP Les Eddington at leseddington@alo.com or call or text to 626-533-7145.

Coffee, doughnuts and water will be provided.

SCRG BBQ RAINED OUT

Stay tuned to the newsletter for new details. As soon as we are notified, we will post it.

Another option would be to join the SCRG and notify me when you know.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

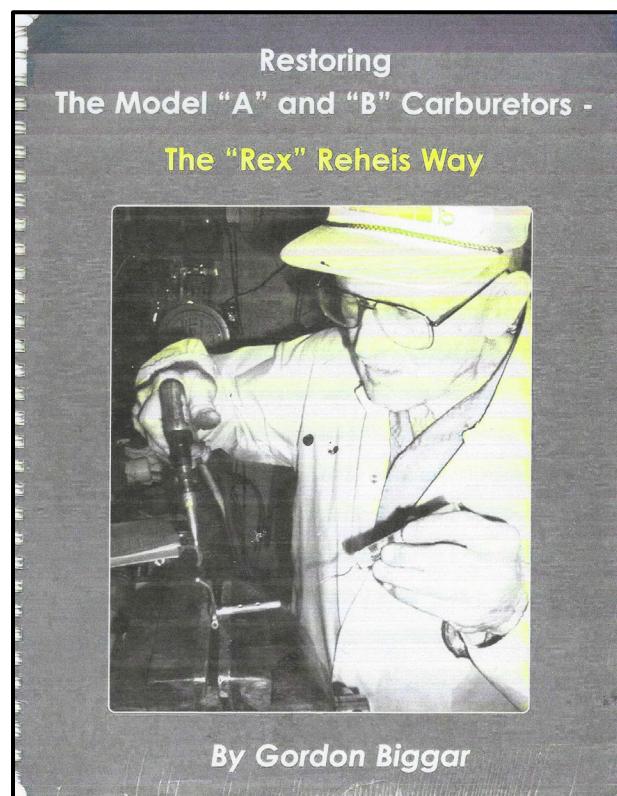
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Model A Torque Tubes & Drive Shafts

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

THIS BOOK IS WANTED!!

Mark Muccillo, a club member, is looking for this book. He would love to purchase it from you if you have a copy or get some information on where to buy one. His contact info is markasito70@yahoo.com or you can call his cell at 626-831-7916



GOT CLUTCH CHATTER?

It's been brought to our attention that some V-8 clutches and pressure plates purchased from several shops are defective. There is a fix that can be done at some shops or by very skilled home mechanics. For more information speak to Richard Anderson at one of the meetings or seminars for more information.

FOR SALE

Trevor Sandberg has a new project. He got a Model A and in the rebuild process. He has old parts for sale. Here's a shot of just some of them. For a full list contact Trevor or Eric at sandbug7@gmail.com or call them at 818-429-7490 for complete details.

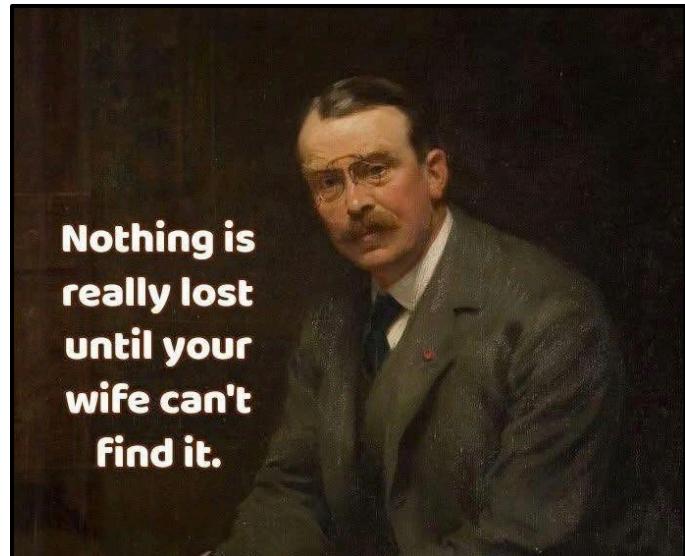
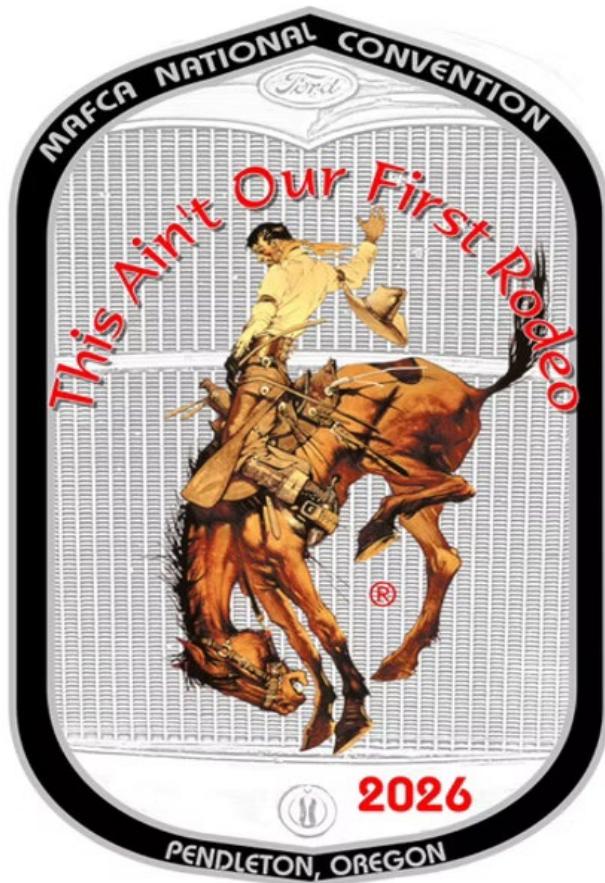
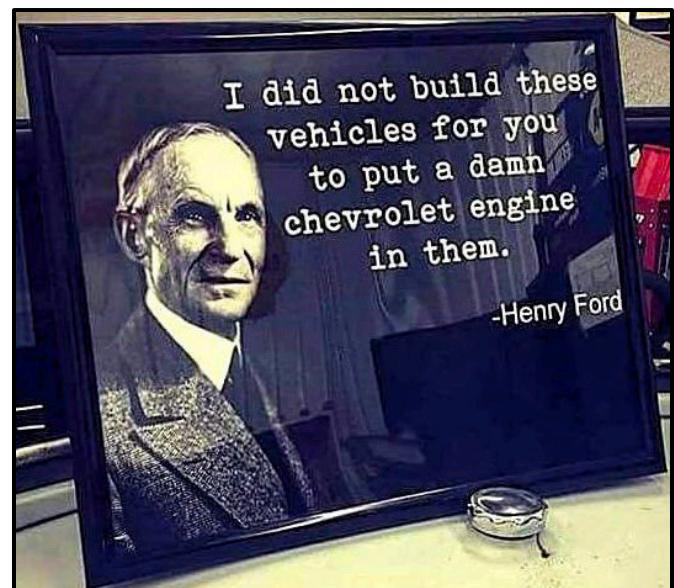


FOR SALE

7 brand new Excelsior 475-19 tires. They are \$60.00 each. That's half of the retail cost. 5 for \$300.00, 6 for \$360.00 or 7 for \$420.00.

I also have a set of Ford 17-inch wire wheels. \$125.00 for the set.

Contact Mike Sullivan @ 805-728-5317



FOR SALE



1928 FORD MODEL A ROADSTER
Fresh engine new paint and interior
Contact Bob at 626-241-7686 \$17,000

FOR SALE



1930 MODEL A PHAETON

New clutch and battery. \$18,000 Contact Cliff for more information at 626-833-8991. The backseat passenger **does not** go with the sale of the car.



1930 Ford Model A Coupe with a rumble seat. It was restored in the mid 90's and has beautiful paint and interior. It's all steel except for the front fenders. There are steel unrestored ones if you want them. I also have all the restored original bumpers, spare and spare tire mount. 16-inch Kelsey-Hayes wheels all around with Firestone 750-16 in the rear and 600-16 in the front. Runs and drives as good as it looks. Contact Nelson VonWagoner at 805-746-6825 or at nelsonvanwagoner@gmail.com \$17,000 or best offer



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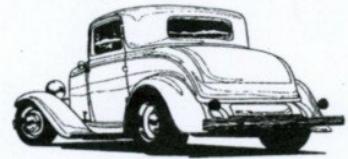
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Read the newsletter and sign up for everything.

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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.

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