



December 2025

# Spoken Wheels

## General Meeting

Holiday Luncheon –Saturday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am

Almanson Court / Salon 1

700 S. Almanson Street Alhambra, CA

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS – MEN

NINO TRAPANI – 2  
DINO FALABRINO – 5  
BOB TRAVIS – 5  
TOM JOHNSON – 9  
FRANK GALASSI– 11  
RONALD LARSON – 12  
CHRIS WICKERSHAM – 18  
STEVEN KURTZ – 20  
LESLEI PAM – 26  
JIM KROEGER – 29

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS – WOMEN

OLIVE MOORE – 11  
JAMIE FRICK – 13  
LOUISE CELLA – 16  
JODY HAMILLTON – 18  
CHEYRL MANIFOR - 19

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

MARK & PAMELA MUCCILLO - 6

## ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?

As we enjoy our 50<sup>th</sup> 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

Hi all! We had another great month in November 2025 with the two men's breakfasts plus the ladies' brunch. The numbers in both groups seem to be growing and doing well.

November's also the month of the annual Arcadia Festival of the Bands in which we always come through for them in supplying our cars to carry city officials down the parade route! Again, we were lucky there was no rain. Every year we seem to be dodging rain on that date. Organizers couldn't thank us enough for our part in the festivities. Job well done Santa Anita A's!!

By the time you read this, we will be close to our Christmas Party and Member Installation Event. I hope everyone can make it as it'll be a grand event to cap off our 50<sup>th</sup> year as a club. It's always a nice way to join in and make it even more of a celebration.

A special special thanks to the people that volunteer their time to help run one of the biggest Model A Clubs in the region. It's no small task! To those that do I salute you and thank you from the bottom of my heart. We have a great car club that is active on the streets and in each other's breakdowns when they happen. Help is a phone call away here.

We have a great car club and with everyone's help, together we will make it better for 2026!

Merry Christmas, Dino Falabrino



**Dino Falabrino**

A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities and an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties.

Harry Truman

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### December

9 - **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport  
 11 - **Board meeting** – 7pm Church of the Good Shepherd  
 18 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport  
 20 - **Annual Christmas Party** – Luncheon at noon with officers installation following. Almansor Court located at 700 S. Almansor Street Alhambra, CA – See page 4

### 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 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet**  
 Stanislaus County Fairgrounds 7 to 5 Sat. & 7 to 5 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  
 28 – **General Meeting** – Church of the Good Shepherd

## PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

**Sunshine Report** – We sent cards to Carl Rogers for shoulder surgery and Evalyn Vaughn on the passing of her father this month. We do send thoughts and prayers out to those who are battling illnesses on an ongoing basis.

**Cookie Bringers** – Gina and Dino Falabrino provided the goodies for us this month. As always, we need volunteers for this monthly task. The club will reimburse you

**Photos and articles provided by** Randy Harper, Les Eddington, Nancy Stancil and others just to name a few.

## 2025 OFFICERS, BOARD & CHAIRS

### OFFICERS

**President:**  
 Dino Falabrino 626-664-6065  
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 Warwick Nethercoat 818-979-1296

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 Nancy Sharpe 626-359-1751

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 Scott Doudrick 626-437-0947  
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### COMMITTEE CHAIRS continued

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 Issac Ramos 215-490-2801

**Webmaster:**  
 Eric Sandberg 818-330-9311

## 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.

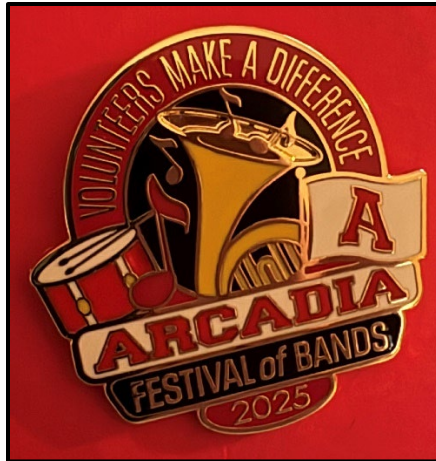


## 72nd ARCIADIA FESTIVAL OF THE BANDS 2025

Our club showed up in style when asked to be a part of Arcadia's big event and many thanks were given out to the ones who drove the dignitaries.

The organizers, city leaders and public always enjoy seeing us at the beginning of the parade.

Let's plan on doing it next year.







*You are invited to the  
Santa Anita A's  
Christmas  
Holiday Luncheon  
and  
2026 Installation of Officers*

**Saturday**



**December 20, 2025**

**at Almansor Court / Salon 1**

**700 S. Almansor Street, Alhambra, Calif**

**11:00** Holiday music by  
Leticia The Velvet Voice

**12:00** Luncheon served

**1:00** President's Remarks and  
Installation of 2026 Officers

Kindly RSVP @ Meeting Signup  
or to Janet Beggs by mail  
with check payable to Santa Anita A's.

Janet Beggs  
1701 N. El Molino  
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**\$50 per person**

Include names of attendees + menu selection for each.

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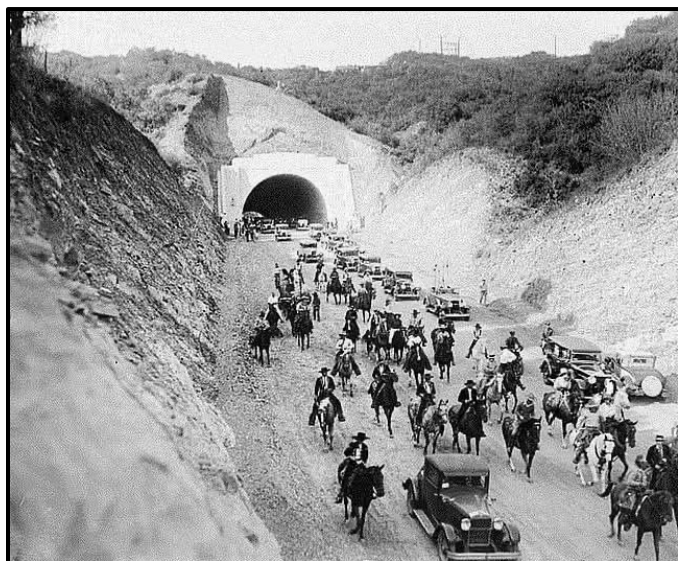


## THINGS FOUND ON THE INTERNET

I found a video of a man making snow art with a can of fake snow, edges of cards, Q-Tips and many other things to produce the masterpiece. I wonder how many of our members have memories of driving their Model A's in the snow?



The Sepulveda tunnel opens in September 1930



I wonder how many ways these three guys had thought about how to fix one problem.



Could this be Chris Wickersham leaving Arizona?





## NEW MEMBER

Welcome Ed Roth as our newest member. Ed is living in Brea and has a 1929 Tudor. He's also a member of the Orange County Model A Club. If you catch him at a meeting or event, say hi.



## MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE

Membership dues are due in December for the upcoming year 2026 and become past due on January 31<sup>st</sup>. **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 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Make your \$40.00 check to:**  
**Santa Anita A's Model A Club**  
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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 meetings in NOV and DEC.

## 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. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday for great food and conversations.

Tire kicking starts around 8:30am and food at 9:00am.

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



## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

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

Dino Falabrino brought the meeting to order at 10:00am and Bryan Butler conducted the salute to the flag.

The minutes for the November meeting were approved.

The visitors to the meeting were Denis Kerechuk, Bryan Butler, and a friend of theirs from England.

Dino spoke on the Arcadia Festival of the Bands and what a great job our members did chauffeuring people in the event. The organizers thanked us again for our support.

Randy Harper spoke on the 2026 dues and deadlines to make payment. Discussed was the explanation of solo and family memberships. He also said he would be at the back table for people wanting to pay at the meeting.

Janet Beggs spoke of our Christmas Luncheon and the fact that we are a few people short of making our quota for minimum attendees. She also was at a table in the back accepting reservations.

Dino updated everyone on Mickey and his progress on getting back in the swing of things. He is at a rehab facility and doing quite well.

Les Eddington spoke of an upcoming seminar to be given by Richard Anderson at Chris Wickersham's garage on the products from Randy Gross. It includes steering boxes, brake linings and backing plates and many other Model A parts.

Jim Kroeger spoke of 2026 and upcoming tours and plans for some very fun events.

Dino announced the proposed officers and board members for 2026. He asked if anyone wanted to nominate someone for the positions of President, Vice President or board member. With no one responding he asked for a vote to approve the nominating committee's suggested

nominees and it was approved by the membership. They are as follows;

Dino Falabrino – President  
Scott Doudrick – Vice President

The 2026 board are;  
Carl Rogers  
Isaac Ramos  
Olive Moore  
Howard Hays  
Dennis Chapman

The program was then introduced. Our visitors, Dennis and Bryan along with the help of Scott Doudrick, had a slide show presentation of the T.A.T. "The Trans American Trail". This is a trail across America from North Carolina to Oregon that they rode on motorbikes.

Gina and Dino then did the raffle drawings. The raffle winners were:

Brad Balmont - \$20 Elaine Perry - \$35  
Paul Cella - \$30 Sue Rogers - \$40

Drawings for clothing, name tags and who drove a Model A will resume in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Chapman, for  
Warwick Nethercoat, Secretary

## 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

## PRODUCT LINE SEMINAR

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

**WHEN :** Sat. Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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

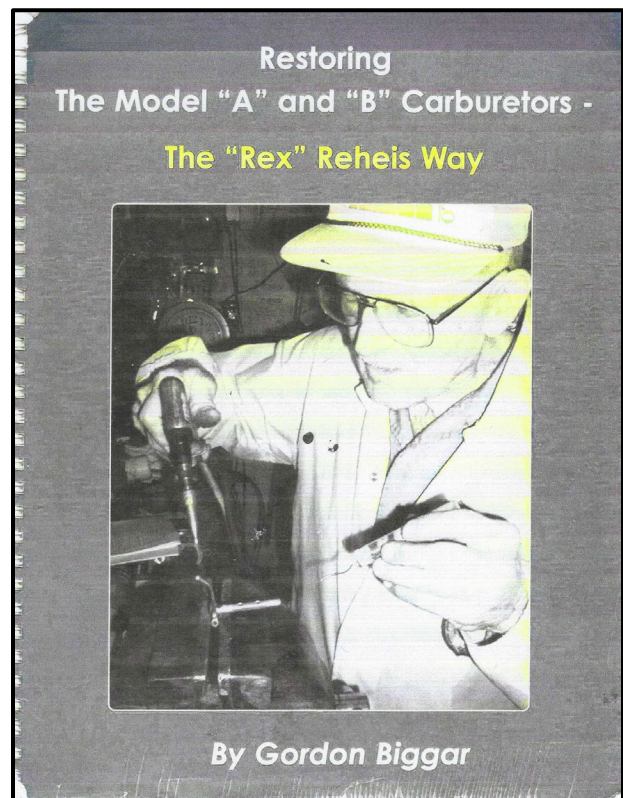
### **Free**

#### **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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:sandbug7@gmail.com) or call them at 818-429-7490 for complete details.



## FOR SALE



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](mailto:nelsonvanwagoner@gmail.com) \$17,000 or best offer

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**FOR SALE**



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Address: PO Box 660904, Arcadia., CA 91066. Website:



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](http://www.mafca.com))



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