



November 2025

Spoken Wheels

General Meeting

General Meeting –Saturday, Nov. 29th, 10:00am
Church of the Good Sheperd
400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS – MEN

DAVID LUTZ – 3
PATRICK UTTER – 5
JIM BORTOLOTTI- 6
ANDY SAIS – 11
ERIC SANDBERG – 16
DAVE HANDCOCK – 17
HOWARD HAYS – 21
RICHARD LOE – 28
JOE PRIINCIPE – 31

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS – WOMEN

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

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?

As we enjoy our 50th 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

Hello all, by the time you read this October will have come and gone and we enjoyed Oktoberfest at the Anderson's family home. Richard and family put on a very festive time with brats. Several flavors of sausages and veggies cooked on the chuckwagon while members brought side dishes, desserts and drinks. And no Oktoberfest would be complete without beer! I can't thank Richard and the Anderson family enough for their generosity and know all the club members treasure having him as a member.



Dino Falabrino

Ok, now on to November. Here's our chance to give back to the city that our club is based in. We do this annually and it's the Arcadia Festival of Bands Celebration and Parade. We need 14 cars to haul the dignitaries in the parade. It's on November 22nd and is an easy route that's only a half a mile long.

We will meet at the Good Sheperd Church parking lot at 8am and there will be coffee and donuts served. I'm working with the organizer of the parade and would appreciate help in this. Be sure to call me or email me to participate ASAP. They have always counted on the Santa Anita Model A Club to deliver.

Christmas is coming! Janet has a wonderful luncheon, music and officer/board induction planned for us. There will also be some very special recognition paid for some of our members who have been around since the very start. This is one holiday party you don't want to miss!

Take care, 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

November

- 6 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 11 - **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 15 - **SCRG Picnic** – 11:00am to 2:00pm See page 7
- 13 - **Board meeting** – 7pm Church of the Good Shepherd
- 20 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 22 – **Arcadia Festival of Bands** – see page 7
- 29 – **General Meeting** – Church of the Good Shepherd

December

- 3-6 – **National Awards Banquet** – Mobile, AL
- 4 – **Men's breakfast** - 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 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 700S. 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
- 31 – **General Meeting** – Church of the Good Shepherd

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PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Sunshine Report – We send cards to Bonnie Nelson and Randy Harper this month. We do send thoughts and prayers out to those who are battling illnesses on an ongoing basis.

Cookie Bringers – Carol & John Emanuelli 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 Nancy Stancil, Janet Beggs, Bob Moore, Les and Lyla Eddington, Tom Endy and others just to name a few.

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.

OKTOBERFEST 2025

A fun time was had by all at the 2025 Oktoberfest held at the Anderson place. There were 50 people who enjoyed the smoked brats, sausages, and vegetables done up by Richard along with some helpers. Desserts and side dishes were supplied by various members. Drinks were supplied by members and Richard. And beer! Beer was used to smoke some of the food. Rumor has it some was left over for the crowd to enjoy.

Members really need to take advantage of the events this club puts on. What a fun event this was.



Richard and one of his helpers cooking up great food and great times at the celebration.



Dick Anderson explaining his belt pulley system for running the machines in his shop to Walt and Randy. What a treat to get a guided tour of the shop.





*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
Pasadena, CA 91104

\$50 per person

Include names of attendees + menu selection for each.

Select: Prime Rib
Sea Bass
Vegetarian

MEMBERS TRAVEL TO THE GREAT NORTHWEST

Two of our Santa Anita Model A Club families recently participated in the Northwest Regional Group Hub Tour in Long Beach, Washington from September 21st thru the 26th.

John & Cheryl Manifor and Les & Lyla Eddington trailered their A's there and joined in on the fun. The NWRG Tour covered about 400 miles in total.

Many of Western Canada, Oregon, Washington and Northern California clubs had anywhere from one to nine vehicles on this tour. The clubs' participants drove or trailered a total of 89 Model A's to Long Beach, a resort town that boasts of the longest contiguous sandy beach in North America. It's 28 miles long.

The itineraries included forts (six around the mouth of the Columbia River), museums, a covered bridge, lighthouses, a ferry crossing the Columbia River, logging camps and a cranberry bog with a museum. The region's heavily forested valleys are interspersed with tidal rivers, small towns and pastureland.



BODY & PAINT SEMINAR

Let me say in the beginning, Carl Rogers, a longtime member (50 years) of our club, is a consummate model guy. He does body work, engine building, sands, primes and paints his own cars. From that knowledge and firsthand experience, he led the attendees (16-some of whom drove their Model A's) in the relevant prep procedures of metal straightening, sand blasting, sanding, priming and painting. Relevant tools were demonstrated and Carl's 29 Chevy body was used as a prop, which he is currently restoring.

Two handouts were prepared and distributed. Hopefully they will be added to the website.

Thank you, Carl, for a great seminar,
Les Eddington



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 1st and 3rd 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 10:15am and conducted the salute to the flag.

The minutes for the September meeting were approved.

The visitors to the meeting were Ed Roth, a soon to be member and Harrison Taylor. Harrison was visiting from Kansas and is a friend of Jim Constantian. A third visitor was supposed to be there but didn't show.

Dino told about the Oktoberfest and thanked Richard Anderson and his family for a wonderful event. He explained the shop tour of the vintage work machines that Dick Anderson did for us.

Dino then spoke of an upcoming parade in Arcadia and asked for volunteers to haul the dignitaries.

Dino spoke of the Christmas luncheon and the installation of board members and officers for 2026. He noted that Janet was at the table in the back for RSVPing and for menu choices. The price is \$50 per person. He also told the members there was a sign-up sheet for nominating people to the board and to be officers. He will announce all people nominated at next month's meeting.

Dino reminded that Carcadia was tomorrow at the Von's parking lot and would start at 8am.

Then he introduced our guest speaker, Greg Vigen who spoke to everyone about online and telephone scams and fraud and how to avoid them. Greg is with AARP and does presentations all over the Southland. It was a very interesting program with many questions and answers after.

Howard Hayes reminded everyone that the Sierra Madre Car Show was coming up on November 18th and how good of a show it is.

Dino alerted the members that we had a birthday in the crowd. Jean Ware was wished a happy birthday by everyone.

Dino then introduced Carol Emanuelli who conducted the raffle and drawings. Club winners:

Carl Rogers – Drove a Model A

Patty Lutz – Badge

Jim Constantian – Club clothing

Raffle winners:

Richard Ware - \$28, Jean Ware - \$28

Nelson Stanford - \$28 and Suzanne Rummens - \$28

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Chapman sitting in for

Warwick Nethercoat, Secretary

ARCADIA FESTIVAL OF BANDS

Saturday, November 22nd we are being asked to supply 14 cars to haul the dignitaries in the Arcadia Festival of Bands. We have always enjoyed this venue and have always stepped up in the past for the city.

We will meet at 8am in the Church of the Good Shepherd parking lot. Coffee and donuts will be served. The parade is only a half mile long.

Call Dino at 626-664-6065 to sign up.

SCRG FALL BBQ



**Southern California Regional Group (SCRG)
Model A Ford Club of America
Fall BBQ**

Sat Nov 15th 2025
11AM-2PM (Lunch will be served)
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All Club Members Are Welcome

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The flyer features a background of autumn leaves. On the left is a small image of a red Model A Ford car, and on the right is a larger image of a blue Model A Ford car.

WANTED

Isaac Ramos is looking for a closed Model A panel truck, station wagon or Tudor. Something under \$20,000. If you have one or know of one call 215-490-2801 or email ramochan@gmail.com

VISITORS FROM THE EAST

We had a group come from Chicago, IL to Santa Monica, CA by Model A's. Quite a feat to overtake. But this group took it in stride and style. They met up with several Model A Clubs as they crossed America and as they got close to the end they were greeted by the Santa Anita Model A's. From Glendora to Old Town Pasadena some of us escorted them, took photos and had dinner with them at Bubba



ROUTE 66 TOTALLY

Gumps on the Santa Monica Pier. The finale dinner was full of laughter and surprises. Goodie bags were handed out; a little personal roasting went on and the end of a long trip was history in the books.

If you would like to see their blog that has the complete trip day by day it's available at <http://route66modela2025.wordpress.com/> I can tell you these people had "A" blast!



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Over the years he's crafted paint on hot rods, trucks, boats, motorcycles, race cars, show cars, customs, vintage vehicles, airplanes, show signs, air and fuel tanks, etc.

Dennis Chapman had him repair his Model A pinstripes that were marred from years of abuse.

The A sedan delivery below is another vehicle most club members will recognize. It belonged to Stephen Salazar.

Larry doesn't do house calls. He works from his shop in San Dimas and will schedule appointments for work to be done. His phone is 909-592-4841. This phone does accept text messages.

For a brief look at some of his work go to www.quicksilverart.com



THE BLT GUYS RIDE AGAIN

It was another banner day for the BLT Guys on October 6, 2025. A group of them installed a Mitchell Sync transmission in a 31 roadster and raised \$660 for the Model A Youth Restoration Award program.

The effort began at 8am and was finished just a little after noon. There were no show stoppers and at the end of the day Steve Mitchell and Henry Ford would have been proud.

The owner is Gary Gaffney of Prescott, AZ.



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

1931 Ford Phaeton. Glass body but all else is steel. Not running perfect but does turn over. Some parts rebuilt. New battery. Nice car for the price with very little to get it back on the road. Best offer over \$7500 Call Doug at 626-827-5984 for more info. Car stored in Redlands, CA.



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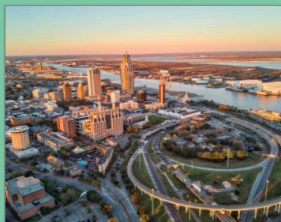
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Read the newsletter and sign up for everything.

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(www.mafca.com)



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