

September 2025

Spoken Wheels

General Meeting

General Meeting –Saturday, Sept. 27th, 10:00am Church of the Good Sheperd 400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS - MEN

GARY HUNTER -1
JAY RUSSELL - 3
RICHARD WARE - 6
LARRY RUMMENS - 7
LES EDDINGTON - 9
JOHN LACEY - 13
STEWART LEVIN - 20
STEVE VOORS - 20
MARK HENZEL - 23

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS - WOMEN

BONNIE NELSON – 6 SUZAN WILEY – 9 MICHELLE MORGAN – 14 SUZANNE RUMMENS – 14 LAVADA HANCOCK – 15 HEIDI VAN ELGORT – 15 SONDRA KURTZ – 18 PAMELA MUCCILLO – 20 PATTI DOLAN – 21 CATHERINE LEVIN - 21

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 gone on with our club.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello again! We all have heard the cliché "One person can really make a difference." Well, it's true at the Santa Anita A's! Our event director, Janet Beggs pulled off something that will be talked about for a very long time. Her goal was 50 Model A's for our



Dino Falabrino

50th anniversary. She got us 85! Take a victory lap Janet, you deserve it. Also a special thanks to Jim Kroeger for the assistance he put into making it work.

Some facts about the event:

38 vehicles were from the Santa Anita A's.

37 other vehicles attended from 6 other clubs.

10 Model A street rods attended making **85** vehicles.

I can't thank enough the clubs that were instrumental in helping us achieve our goal.

They are: Diamond Tread, Orange County, Jewel City, Pomona Valley, Harbor Area and San Fernando Model A Clubs. We were honored to have MAFCA President Ed Tolman join us as well. It appears with the 85 cars we set a record for a non-sanctioned event in California. We're checking to see if maybe the USA! One person can make a difference.

Want more? Join us September 13th for our Model A Day event. Another fresh idea to celebrate our love for Henry's Lady. Yours truly, Dino Falabrino

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

JUSTIN & BRIANNA MILLER – 2
LES & LYLA EDDINGTON – 6
TOM & SHERI JOHNSON – 6
BOB & PATSY HARBICHT – 8
MIKE & BEVERLY KNIEST – 13
PAUL & LOUISE CELLA – 14
NELSON VANWAGONER & SHINNGARAM CHOI – 15
LONNY JOHNSON & JODY HAMILLTON – 18
JOHN & CAROL EMANUELLI - 29

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- 4 -Men's Breakfast 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 8 Ladies' Brunch 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 11 -Board meeting 7pm Church of the Good Shepherd
- 13 International Model A Ford Day See page 8
- 18 -Men's Breakfast 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 27 **General Meeting** Church of the Good Shepherd **October**
- 2 -Men's Breakfast 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 4 Body & Paint Seminar See page 6
- 5-13 Grand Canyon/Route 66 Tour See page 9
- 9 -Board meeting 7pm Church of the Good Shepherd
- 13 Ladies' Brunch 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 13 Legends Diner on Route 66 in Glendora See page 7
- 18 Founder's Day Oktoberfest Details coming soon
- 16 -Men's Breakfast 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 25 **General Meeting** Church of the Good Shepherd **November**
- 6 -Men's Breakfast 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 11 Ladies' Brunch 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 13 -Board meeting 7pm Church of the Good Shepherd
- 20 -Men's Breakfast 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 29 **General Meeting** Church of the Good Shepherd **December**
- 3-6 National Awards Banquet Mobile, AL
- 20 Annual Christmas Party Luncheon at Almansor Court

PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Sunshine Report – There were no cards sent out this month. We do send thoughts and prayers out to those who are battling illnesses on an ongoing basis.

Cookie Bringers – Frank Galassi 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, Jim Kroeger, Randy Harper and others just to name a few.



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NEW MEMBERS

Meet Douglas and Arlene Highlen, our newest members. They live in Lake Arrowhead and have a 1931 Phaeton they call Goliath. His cell is 951-775-8629 and email is cawdorwestlaird@gmail.com Be sure and welcome them when you see them at a meeting or tour.



75 Model A's Attend Celebration!

The Model A is the most collected car in the world with numerous chapters across Southern California. Those chapters united at the "50 A's for 50 Years" celebration hosted by the Santa Anita A's.

Overwhelming the Pasadena Elks Lodge and its parking lot, members from Pomona Valley, San Fernando, Orange County, Harbor Area, Jewel City, Diamond Tread and Santa Anita chapters helped set a record for the number of Model A's assembled by a MAFCA chapter in Los Angeles County; excluding National Conventions. Santa Anita brought thirty-seven A's while the other chapters combined for thirty-eight. We were hoping for 50 but we got 75! Even current MAFCA President Ed Tolman was in attendance and shot drone footage showing the size and scope of the event.

Almost every style of Model A was represented but one that stood out was Al Magee's 1930 fordor from Jewel City. Most Model A's have a trunk in the back but this one has a kitchenette manufactured by the Tourist Supply Co. Inc. called the Tourist Kitchenette. They were produced starting in 1922. This extremely rare accessory folds out into a small kitchen pantry complete with ice box, water storage and sliding drawers. It is a show stopper.

Behind every successful event there are volunteers that make it happen. A special shout out to Chris Wickersham for parking assistance and signage, Janet Beggs for day of event coordination, (those golden horseshoes were a great parting gift) and Dino Falabrino for greeting attendees downstairs. Finally, I'd like to thank Mr. Bob Moore for coming up with the idea of 50 A's for 50 years. We were able to make his vision a reality. Well done everyone!

By Jim Kroeger









50 FOR OUR 50TH

PASADENA ELKS LODGE









OTHER CLUB'S VEHICLES

& OUR MEMBER'S VEHICLES











BODY & PAINT SEMINAR

On October 4th at 9:00 am there will be a body and paint seminar held at Carl and Sue's place. The location is 1145 South Meeker Ave. West Covina, CA 91790.

We will discuss various methods of bodywork, preparation for painting and the products used.

Preferred parking for Model A's. Coffee, drinks, doughnuts and cupcakes will be served.

Please sign up at the monthly meeting or contact Carl at FCR31CHEVY@AOL.COM

HELP FROM MY FRIENDS

As most of you know our club will be having visitors from the East. The Route 66 tour is going to be quite an adventure for the travelers. Some of our club will be joining them in Williams, AZ and caravaning back to California with them. On Oct. 13th more of our club will be having lunch with them at Legends Classic Diner 1155 E. Route 66 Glendora, CA and escorting them on West through Arcadia. Some of us will maybe even travel to Santa Monica to help them celebrate the finish line!

My plan is to pack up my Tundra with supplies, hook up my 16 foot open trailer, meet them in Santa Fe, NM and be a support vehicle to them as well as our club members who go to Arizona.

My question to you is what things should I take and do you have new parts to loan out for me to have in the event of a mechanical issue? If parts were used you would be reimbursed or parts would be replaced, which ever you'd prefer.

So far, the truck and trailer are stocked with the following items: a 2 gallon can of gas, 4 gallons of water, an air tank and an air pump, a come along, various straps, emergency triangles, a fire extinguisher, jumper cables, various wrenches, screwdrivers, pliers, battery operated drill with back up battery, allen wrenches and a big dang hammer!

So, do you have new parts you haven't put on your carl can take? A water pump with 3 or 4 bolt, points, distributor, radiator cap, or carb? Maybe you could suggest other items to be taken.

See me, Dennis Chapman at the monthly meetings and tell your thoughts or call 909-762-5654 or email me at dennisofdb@verizon.net

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.

17 men and 7 cars on the 3rd Thursday this month and 1 visitor.

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 10:05am and the salute to the flag was conducted by Bob Moore.

The minutes for the June meeting were approved.

A new member in attendance was Doug Hyland. Dino said that Randy Harper had club badges for new members at the back table, as well as new rosters.

Dino thanked club member Frank Galassi for bringing the donuts this month.

Dino introduced Jim Kroeger to give a report on ABC Day at the Elks Lodge in Pasadena - 50 Cars for 50 Years event on August 10th. He said there were 75 Model A's in attendance, 37 from our club and 38 from 7 other Model A Clubs. He said this set a record for a Model A event in L A County. Dino also thanked Jim and Janet for their hard work in organizing this event. Isaac Ramos mentioned that there were also 10 modified Model A's in attendance.

Dino then introduced Bob Moore, Chris Wickersham and Isaac Romas to give an outline of the event that the club is organizing for the International Model A Ford Day on September 13th. The event will take place in the church parking lot, yard and hall. Attendees will be provided with coffee and donuts between 9:00 and 10:00 am and lunch between 12:00 and 1:00pm. There will be a Gymkhana organized for drivers and passengers of each Model A. A team prize will be awarded for this event. There will also be five games of skill or chance set up in shaded areas of the church yard for participants to vie for individual prizes. These will take place between 10:00am and Noon. They need a club member to volunteer to serve as a food chairperson to coordinate the coffee and donuts, ice delivery and act as liaison with the pizza provider. They also need somebody to volunteer to act as event photographer. Interested members can contact Bob, Chris or Isaac.

Frank Galassi said he put a box of plates from various Model A events on the back table and invited members to help themselves.

Dino warned about scams that are going

around. Someone posing as him or other club members wanting help with gift cards is a scam. **Don't** send money and delete it immediately.

Program:

Dino asked Gina to introduce her friend Robert Ell who is a friend of the Castle Green in old town Pasadena, and the activities that the friends organize to help contribute to the restoration.

Other news:

Dino introduced Don Ford, a guest who will hopefully soon be a new member from West Covina.

Dennis Chapman announced that he was preparing a support truck and trailer for the group making their way across route 66 from end to end. He asked if any members who have new parts, tools, advice and ideas to contact him. All members would be reimbursed or given their new parts back after the trip. Our Club will have lunch with them in Glendora and can escort them through our great city.

Bob Moore reminded the members that the club is organizing an Oktoberfest on October 18th at Richard Anderson's family compound. Information will be provided in the upcoming Newsletter.

Dino then introduced Gina and Bea who conducted the raffle and drawings.

Randy Harper - Drove a Model A

Howard Hays – badge

Jim Kroeger – club clothing

Raffle winners: Carl Rogers -\$25, Paul Cella – \$30,

Ken Anderson - \$25 and Chris Wickersham - \$25

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted,

Warwick Nethercoat, Secretary

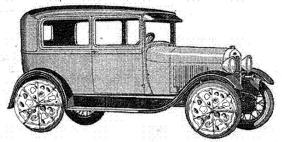
SEEING THE ROUTE 66 TOUR

We have visitors from the East coming on Route 66 from one end to the other.

Our group will be planning to join them for lunch at the famous Legends 1155 E. Route 66 Glendora, CA and after we will escort them through our beautiful city and beyond. Some may go to the finish line with them in Santa Monica. More news to follow and sign up sheets will be at the meetings.



CELEBRATING OUR 50th ANNIVERSARY THE SANTA ANITA A's PRESENT



INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY

Model A Gymkhana, Lunch & More Fun!

Car games designed to test driving skill, teamwork, and make you laugh.

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13 9am til 1pm

Church of the Good Shepherd 400 W Duarte Rd, Arcadia, CA 91007

ONE DAY being enjoyed by Model A Ford Enthusiasts around the world



www.santaanitaas.org Good idea to bring a lawn chair



Grand Canyon/Route 66 Tour October 5-13, 2025



Southern California Regional Group

The SCRG would like to invite you on a fall tour, guaranteed for adventure. We will **CENTENNIAL** be meeting up with a group going from Chicago to Santa Monica and seeing sites in our own backyard that most of us have never seen before. You'll need to make your own hotel reservations, but mention that you will be on the Model A Tour in case a discount has been arranged at that hotel.

October 5th, Arrive at the SureStay Plus by Best Western, 71487 Twentynine Palms Hwy Twentynine Palms (760) 367-9141 total w tax \$113. To see the stars, we'll visit Sky's the Limit Observatory and Nature Center 9697 Utah Trail just outside Joshua Tree National Park. Bring chairs and blankets. \$10 donation per vehicle.

October 6th, Take Highway 62 to AZ highway 95 north to the London Bridge at Lake Havasu for lunch, then back into California on Highway 40 and north on the Needles Highway, to end after 219 miles at Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort 1650 S Casino Dr, Laughlin, NV (800) 227-3849 total w. tax \$94

October 7th & 8th, Take Highway 68 to the 93 to I-40 to Williams, 148 miles to Grand Canyon Railway and Hotel 235 N Grand Canyon Blvd, Williams (928) 635-4010 Grand Canyon Railway Tickets \$70 round trip each – park entry which is not included \$17.50 for single time entry for each adult. Lifetime National Parks military pass \$20, Senior (62 +) "America the Beautiful" lifetime pass \$90 bought online incl. fees, potentially takes longer than two weeks to arrive by mail. This pass can also allow you to Total for two days of standard room for two, train to and from park, and entrance fee totals \$708 including tax. This does not include south rim bus tour. Bus tours are available for all along the south rim between train arrivals and departures which cost \$47.50 per without lunch and \$67.50 with lunch.

October 9th, Join the Route 66 tour and drive 115 miles on Route 66 to El Trovatore Motel, 1440 E Andy Devine Ave, Kingman, AZ (928) 753-6520 \$99

October 10th, Leave Kingman to visit Oatman, and Topock (population 2) after 68 miles end at Best Western Colorado River Inn 2371 Needles Hwy, Needles (760) 326-4552 \$138

October 11th, Visit lots of towns you've never been to while driving 150 miles to Quality Inn on Historic Route 66, 1520 E Main St, Barstow (760) 307-8003 \$95

October 12th, Hotel MdR 13480 Maxella Avenue, Marina del Rey (310) 822-8555 \$250 about \$280 incl breakfast

October 13th The Santa Anita club has invited us to meet them for lunch on the 13th at the Legends 1155 E., Route 66, Glendora and some of them will drive with us to the pier.

To register, fill out this form & send it and send a check for \$20 made out to SCRG to 107 Wilton Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90004

| Name | Additional Adult | | | | |
|----------------|------------------|--------|---------|-----|---|
| Address | City _ | | _ State | Zip | |
| Cell Phone | Email ac | ddress | | | _ |
| MAFCA Member # | Chapter | | | | _ |

Circle the dates you plan to be with the tour: October 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

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

ALUMINUM CAN TABS

Sheri Johnson has been collecting the aluminum can tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities for several years. The recycled aluminum is sold and the money goes to support the mission of providing a home away from home for families with sick children.

Bring them to the monthly meeting or contact Sheri at 626-485-3073 or misslux844@yahoo.com



MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE?

Have an idea for the newsletter? Maybe a photo or an interesting tidbit you think the members would enjoy. If so, contact Dennis Chapman at the monthly meeting, a club event, or email at dennisofdb@verizon.net or by phone at 909-762-5654. This phone will accept text and photos.

Thanks in advance, Dennis

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1931 FORD PARTS

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- *Front and rear fender braces

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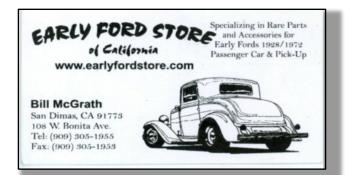


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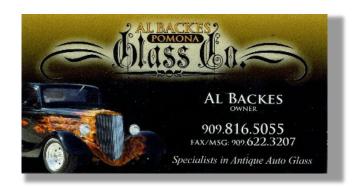
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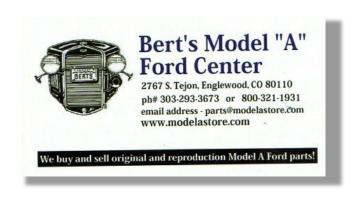
















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Model A Ford Club of America

Santa Anita A's is a chartered member of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). It is a California not-forprofit 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 technical activities, organization, references and instructions on how to join the organization.

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