



April 2025

Spoken Wheels

General Meeting

General Meeting –Saturday, April 26th, 10:00am
Church of the Good Shepherd
400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA

An annual Auto Inspection Day is being organized.
Stay tuned for more information about this.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

MAY BIRTHDAYS – MEN

JOE ESCANDON – 2
RICHARD MORGAN – 2
CHUCK MAUCH – 3
LEROY KEHRET – 5
JACK CONWAY – 16
BILL STONER - 16
JUSTIN MILLER – 20

MAY BIRTHDAYS – WOMEN

MARTHA UTTER – 2
MARGARET RUSSELL – 5
AMY THOMKINS - 8
SUE ROGERS – 9
SANDRA LOW – 13
CHERYL MUNNS – 17
NANCY STONER – 19
MARIANNE BARROSA - 25

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

RANDY & RUTH HARPER – 3
RICHARD & JEAN WARE – 4
DODD & DAWN DIRKS – 5
HOWARD & MITSUKO HAYS – 11
DAVE GALASSI & DEBORAH SYMONS – 15
LESLIE PAM & ANN PETERSEN – 20
RICHARD & TOSHIKO FAVELA - 29

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everybody, our 50th anniversary events began in March and our first one was a great one. While Nancy Sharpe had the girls over for a tea & brunch social at her home, just across the way Jim Frick opened his home for a seminar with the talented



Dino Falabrino

Chris Wickersham. Along with the tea, Nancy served mini quiches, fruit parfaits, chili rellenos, pastries and other items for the ladies to enjoy. Chris did his magic with a seminar on tires, rims and fan blades among other important topics. Bob Moore's donuts were also a success and thanks go out to all involved especially Janet Beggs for masterminding it.

The ladies' brunch is growing and I'm happy to see that. They have room for more so come out and join them. Show the men that they aren't the only ones that can fill more than one table. And speaking of the men, their breakfast 1st and 3rd Thursday get together is really going full speed. They asked for it and they got it.

Our speaker this month is one of our new members and he did an excellent presentation on his career with Disney. Issac really got a workout with all the questions at the end of the program. Thanks so much for volunteering on such short notice.

Along with all the regular things going on in April we have the Pies and Pioneers event. I guarantee you will enjoy this one. It's a local mystery mansion tour and then off to Marie Callender's for pie! Even if your Model A is not running come and enjoy the fun.

As always, Dino Falabrino

AN APRIL BIRTHDAY MISSED

I apologize for a birthday I missed in the March newsletter. Please wish a belated birthday to EVALYN VAUGHN – APRIL 19th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

- 10 – **Board meeting** – 7pm Church of the Good Shepherd
- 14 – **Ladies' Brunch** – 11:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 17 – **Men's Breakfast** – 9:00am San Gabriel Airport
- 19 – **Pioneers and Pies** – see page 6
- 22,23,& 24 – **Solvang Tour** – see page 8
- 26 – **General Meeting** – Church of the Good Shepherd

May

- 1 – **Annual Mount Baldy Run** – See page 7
- 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

June

- 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- - **Golden Gala** – Shakespeare Club –more info coming
- 28 – **General Meeting** – Church of the Good Shepherd

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PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Sunshine Report – No cards sent this month. No news is good news. We do send thoughts and prayers out to those who are battling illnesses on an ongoing basis.

Cookie Bringers – John & Carol Emanuelli provided the tasty donuts this month. Volunteers are needed.

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

MANEUVERING OUR 50TH

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.

FASHION 1928 - 1931

I keep asking for someone to do a fashion piece but all I hear is "I want to be alone!"



MONROVIA HOME TOUR

Save the date! Sunday May 4th 2025. It's the 41st Monrovia Home Tour. Our cars are the eye candy for Home Tour attendees, and vintage outfits are welcome.

As part of the event we are also going, by special invitation of the City of Monrovia, onto the Clamshell Truck Trail into the Monrovia Wilderness area. This road is never open to the public vehicles. As in prior years, this will be a short but beautiful drive up into the wilderness on a vintage dirt road with a stop half way for photos and fellowship. It always feels like a trip back in time. Look forward to some great views from up in the hills.

After driving through the wilderness area we will enjoy the privilege of touring 5 private historic homes and a brand new authentic Craftsman style bungalow court. Several very interesting Monrovia museums will also be open during the event. Throw in some great food as well as craft and artisan booths and you have a great day.

Because both we and our cars add beautiful ambiance to the event, we are given free passes to the event and museums along with the dedicated parking in front of the homes.

Pre-registration is necessary to obtain your name tag. RSVP to Michael and Janene Khanchalian at mfkhanchalian@altrionet.com as soon as possible. List vehicle, driver and passenger no later than April 27th. We will meet at their home for coffee, donuts and tour guides before hitting the trails. The address is 320 Melrose Ave. Monrovia, CA at 8:30 am.



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. Hoping there's someone to come up with a fun plan to add to the rest of the fun this club has. Here's some openings.

Tour committee, Fashion Article and The Low end Boys. Ask about helping out. It's as simple as that!

APRIL MEETING SPEAKER

Our speaker for April is 100-year-old WWII veteran, Joe "Pepe" Sciarra.

He will talk to us about serving in the 25th Infantry division at only 18 years old and making platoon sergeant at 20 despite being the youngest in the platoon.

He was awarded the two Bronze Stars for bravery. He's quite a phenomenal person and speaker. I'm sure everyone will enjoy listening to him. Don't miss it!!!

HELPING OTHERS

Did you know there are people in our club along with people in the MARC club that collect the tabs off aluminum drink cans? They also collect shampoo, soap, lotions and other things from hotel and motel stays. Now you might be saying "well what do they do with them?"

The aluminum is sent to recycle and sold to raise money for the Ronald McDolald House Mission that provides a home away from home for families with sick children. The other things are provided to the families who need them.

Contact Sheri Johnson - 626-485-3073 or misslux844@yahoo.com or the monthly meeting Marlin & Elaine will collect them.

LADIES' TEA & MEN'S TALK

What a great time that was had by the members that went to the Driving Miss Daisy Trifecta. The ladies looked as lovely as ever and Chris Wickersham put on a great tech talk in Jim Frick's back yard area.

After the events some of the ladies were chauffeured around in the Model A's.



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 the ladies had a great turn out and a little bird told me they are planning a tea as well as a brunch.



NOT SO LOVELY NEWS BITS

MEN'S BREAKFAST 9am

The men are really turning out for breakfast! We are getting around a dozen on the 1st and over 2 dozen on the 3rd Thursday outing.

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

Dino Falabrino brought the meeting to order at 10:02am.

New and old business:

There were 3 guest at the meeting. Larry, Gary and Norm of the Diamond Treads Model A Club from Downey, CA.

The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

Dino thanked Nancy Sharpe for hosting the Ladies' Tea and Jim Frick for hosting the Men's Tech Talk on Saturday March 22nd. He also thanked Janet Beggs for organizing this, the first event in the yearlong calendar of events celebrating our 50th Anniversary of the Club. He also thanked Bob Moore for providing donuts to the gentlemen.

Dino thanked Carol and John Emanuelli for providing the impressive selection of donuts for the monthly meeting.

Dino encouraged the club members to prepare for the ABC Day, held on Sunday August 10th between 8:30am to 11:00am at the Pasadena Elks Lodge. This event will be our clubs 50th Anniversary Celebration and is coordinated by Mark Hensel. Our goal is to have 50 Model A's there for our 50th. Other clubs are encouraged to attend.

Janet Beggs announced the Annual Christmas Party and Installment Banquet will now take place at Almansor Court on Saturday December 20th at 11:00am.

Janet introduced Jim Kroeger who encouraged members to sign up for the Pioneers and Pies event that will take place on April 19th at 9:15am. The tour will depart from the Duarte Walmart. This will be a Mystery Mansion Driving Tour of about 12 miles, led by Jim, that will include a very surprising destination. Lunch will follow at Marie Callender's.

Bob Moore outlined the details of the 17th Annual Mount Baldy Tour on the National Day of Prayer, Thursday May 1st. The club will meet Royal Oaks at 8:30 for refreshments & donuts.

The cars, drivers, and passengers will be blessed and the group will depart at 10:00am for Mt. Baldy for lunch. This will be followed with ice cream sandwiches at San Dimas Park. There are prizes for first time attendees.

Bob also told of other events. SCRG is going to the Grand Canyon and escort a group coming across country exploring Route 66 from end to end. Bob also said the SCRG is planning a Ridge Route tour.

The Diamond Tread Club gave the details of a tour we are invited to join that goes to Solvang.

We had a wonderful program and several lucky raffle and drawing winners.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:11am.

Respectfully submitted, Warwick Nethercoat, Sec.

MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT



Steven Jones and Dale Nohre live in San Marino in a home built in 1935 and are 2 of our newest members. They have just purchased a 1929 Model A Sport Coupe. It is the first Model A they have owned and are enjoying the experience.

Steve is a huge historian from Abe Lincoln to historic homes. He was a bond trader for 22 years and now is a licensed contractor focusing on the restoration of old historic homes. See how the Model A fits into the picture?

Dale works at a Los Angeles law firm and likes running when he's not in the office. Steve is a triathlon runner and swimmer.

They met 10 years ago and have been married for the last 9 years. They have lived in San Marino for 4 years moving from Pasadena. Steve moved from New York City 26 years ago.

Say hi when you see them out and about.



If you have not already signed up, please **RSVP to Janet Beggs. 626-773-2806 or janetbeggs17@outlook.com** for our upcoming tour:



Meet 9:15 am Saturday morning **April 19** at 1600 Mountain Avenue in Duarte (the Walmart parking lot).

Tour leader Jim Kroeger has done it again! He has found a location that has never been visited by a car club and also found a 6th generation descendant who knows ALL the secrets to open the gates and lead us through this significantly historic mansion tour. Modern cars will park in the lot BUT we have charmed the proprietor into allowing our Model As to park in front of the mansion for photographs! Oh my goodness! Although we have arranged no fee for this tour, we will be passing the hat to help toward restoration efforts. And then – off to lunch and pie! This driving tour is reasonable mileage with only 6 turns. Drive your Model A! Maps distributed during the Driver's Meeting.

I think I've discovered a picture of some of our members on tour from back in the day. But do you know where they are? It would fit right in with our 50th anniversary. Do you know the place?



17th Mostly Annual Mt. Baldy Tour
Car Show, Brunch, and Ice Cream in a Park
Incentive for first-time Model A drivers.

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Yes, it's that time again for the mostly annual Mt. Baldy Tour, where donuts, brunch, and ice cream are involved. Our day begins at 8:50 am at Royal Oaks in Duarte, 1763 Royal Oaks Drive North, home to Dick and Norma Canzoneri, myself and Judi. Our cars will be the centerpiece of a very short car show for the residents. Royal Oaks will provide light refreshments. May 1 is also the National Day of Prayer, and a minister will bless all the cars, drivers, and passengers before we depart. And no offering plate.

At 10:00 am, we will depart for the Mt. Baldy Lodge. It is a 25-mile drive, and freeways are not involved. We will order off the menu. After lunch, we will drive down the hill to Sam Dimas County Park for ice cream.

New members are encouraged to get their Model As on the road for this tour. We will award prizes to first-time Model A drivers. A first-time Model A driver has never been on a Royal Oaks Car Show and Mt. Baldy Tour. **If your Model A is not working, call Mickey Fruchter, Chief of the Low-End Boys, who will help you get it running.** Modern cars are OK.

If you have any questions, call me at 626-353-1889. **If you are going, send me an email.** So that it stands out in my inbox, **show "MOUNT BALDY" in caps** as the subject. I would like to have the headcount for Royal Oaks by April 27.

Bobmoore1@aol.com.

Bob Moore

Itinerary for 3 days in Solvang
April 22,23,24 Tue. Wed. Thu

Stay at Chumash Casino, 3400 Ca 246, San Yenz 9346 Chumashcasino.com

Options Stay anywhere you like

Options Some (restaurants) for dinner in San Yenz
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April 23 Wed

Breakfast Options Casino, hotel or Paula's Pancake House (early)
Paula's opens at 7:00, parking lot across the street

Meet up Meet at the Veterans Memorial Hall Solvang 1745 Mission Dr.93463
Meet at 9:30 for photos meet and greet with other club, then a short drive
around Solvang to Gary's Hotel, Hadsten Solvang 93463

Tour Options Tour downtown Solvang or the Casino
La Purisima Mission 2295 Purisima Rd. Lompoc 93436 and
Lompoc Flower Fields 3314, 3568 Central Ave Lompoc 93436

Lunch TBD on your own

Dinner Meet at (4:30) Firestone Walker Brewing Co Buellton, 620 McMurry Rd. Buellton
93427 off the 101 Buellton Firestonewalker.com Leave by 6PM drive back.

Hootenanny Meet at Gary's Hotel at 6:30 Hadsten Solvang 1450 Mission Dr. Solvang 93463

Drive to La Purisima Mission off 246 at roundabout take Purisima Rd. parking \$6, admission free
Drive to Flower Fields at roundabout take 246 west to Lompoc, it becomes Ocean Ave. right
turn at Union Sugar, right turn at Central Ave. right turn south to PCH (1) left turn back no 246
east, return to Buellton, Solvang and Santa Yenz

April 24 Thu

Breakfast Casino, hotel or Paula's Pancake House (early)

Meet up Meet again at the Veteran's Memorial Hall at 9AM leave by 930
On 246 west to 101, pass over 101 left on to Ave. of Flags, right on Zaca St.

Museum Be at Mendenhall's Museum by 10:00, Buellton 24 Zaca St. Buellton 93427
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