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(except December) at 7:30 PM.

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Fourth Sunday of the month
or as voted by the
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Gaslight Theatre

Sunday July 24

Freedom League of America



On July 24, fifty-one Model A members and guests congregated at the Gaslight Theatre for an evening of popcorn, bad puns, funny costumes and, for some of us, an ice cream sundae. We watched the current production, "Freedom League of America".

The trio of heroes known as Mega Man, Lady

Liberty and The Streak, vowed to fight for Truth, Justice and the American Way. {Hey superman, they are trying to horn in on your catch phrase.} Evil aliens and their powerful army are trying to take control of Gigantopolis as a prelude to conquering the world, ("The Wrebulon Destiny!" -- Strike a pose with arm raised). Our heroes had to overcome all sorts of adversity, such as sophisticated toy guns and mind control rays. Also, our heroes wanted to be sure they had a lot of audience support by saying their names with a lot of conviction and striking a pose of their own numerous times! Guess they did not want us to forget who they were.

It goes without saying that all was well, except for the bad guys whose ship exploded thanks to Mega Man. Of course, what would saving the human race be without a hero or heroine finding true love, or at least a smooch or two once the evil villains have been vanquished? Mega Man got his chance at a smooch. Sorry, Streak and Lady Liberty, better luck next time.

Special thanks to Shorty for driving his Model A. That made it a Model A (singular) outing. Also thanks to Chuck and Lynn for reclaiming their time-honored place at the head of the line. As always, "A good time was had by all," since the ingredients were all there for a laugh-filled night. We hope everyone enjoyed the evening as much as we did organizing the event. Hope to see you all, and many more, next year for another fun evening at the Gaslight Theatre.

Gary and Laura Roberts, July Outing Chairs



MEETING MINUTES

August 2, 2016



- Meeting brought to order 7:30 PM by President Osterman.
- Badge money was collected.
- July meeting notes were accepted and approved.
- Treasurer's report accepted and approved (M. Liebert)
- Refreshments provided by: Kelly and Joe Findysz, Scott Parsons.

Correspondence: The Desert A, Community Food Bank, MAFCA Board election letters from Jay E. McCord, Jim Cannon, Kay C. Lee. Thank you note from Molly Ramsower. Lou Fuchs selling a 1931 pickup 505-980-7114.

Door Prizes: Thanks to those who donated door prizes: Eugene Murphy, Ann and Mike Liebert, Ron and Fran Sotardi, Kelly and Joe Findysz, Betty Trimble.

Old Business:

- Fred Zumwalt is making bumper flag holders, they are for sale at Star Auto for \$20.00 each
- July 24, 2016: Gaslight Theatre report (L. Roberts)

New Business:

- Parking for the Meetings: An alternative is to park across 22nd street.
- MAFCA offer for new members — join now & membership will be extended through the end of 2017 for free (offer expires this month).

Car Shows:

- September 8, 2016: Fellowship Square, 8111 E. Broadway, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- October 15, 2016: Sunrise Senior Living Center, 4975 N. 1st Ave., 9 AM to 1 PM.
- November, date and time to be arranged: La Posada, Green Valley.

Optional Outings:

- August 20, 2016: car show at Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 400 N. Toole 11 AM (J. Findysz)
- November 28 through December 3: Tentative dates set for a movie production that is needing Model A and T cars (D. Osterman)

Outings:

- August 27, 2016: Fashion event, Christ Church United Methodist, 655 N. Craycroft, 10 AM to 1 PM (C. Laukaitis)
- September 11, 2016: Garage tour for Model A Day at Don Vagasky's and Ernie Williams' garages. Meet at Ernie Williams' at 9:30 AM to Noon (C. Thim)
- October 28-30, 2016: Overnight tour to Bisbee, Sierra Vista and Tombstone (C. Thim, D. Ramsower)

Adjourn: 8:00 PM. Next Meeting: September 6, 2016

EVENTS CALENDAR

Tuesday August 2 — Regular meeting. See minutes on page 4.

Saturday August 20 — Tucson's 241st Birthday Celebration, Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 11 AM. See page 12.

Thursday August 25 — National Park Service Birthday Party at Tumacacori, 10 AM to 2 PM. See page 11.

Saturday August 27 — Fashion Event.
Contact: Christina Laukaitis 219-8440. See page 8.

Tuesday September 6 — Regular meeting.

Thursday September 8 — Car Show, Fellowship Square.
Contact: Ray Feierstein 531-9724. See page 10.

Sunday September 11 — All Ford Day Garage Tour.
Join us for a tour of Don Vagasky's and Ernie Williams' garages.
Contact: Chuck Thim 749-3790. See page 9.

Tuesday October 4 — Regular meeting.

Saturday October 15 — Car Show, Sunrise Senior Living.
Contact: Ray Feierstein 531-9724. See page 10.

Conversations and adventures shared at MAFCA Convention in Loveland, Colorado

At the Banquet, we sat at a table with two couples who drove their Model A's from south of Indianapolis, Indiana. The intrepid group had 4 couples who planned the trip. Before leaving one guy decided on having an EKG done. He was happy that the EKG was normal but as he stood up he had a massive heart attack and was rushed to emergency room for multiple bypass surgery. That couple had to stay home. A second traveler from the group got up the morning before, had a sudden leg cramp and fell, breaking his toes and hitting his head. Off to the hospital for him. That couple, too, had to stay home. The remaining two couples decided to go anyway, and got through the first day. After trying to start out the next day, one Model A could not start and had to have a spare distributor installed. Finally, after arriving in Loveland and trying to participate in the first tour, one of the small group's Model A's burned out the center main bearing and had to be shipped home, leaving the couple to finish out the meet in a rental car. Maybe that should have been the hard luck group.

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We did get an emergency overheating cure tip from them, however. On a previous trip, after experiencing an overheated engine, he purchased a hand pump lawn chemical spray set up, with a length of rubber tubing. He attached the tubing to the sprayer and ran the other end to the front of the radiator and attached it to the cross bar. Then he filled the spray container with water. His wife was tasked with watching the temperature gauge and if it rose to a certain level she would pump a few squirts right on the radiator. Cooled it right down every time.

Our motel was very tour friendly and accommodating to everyone. It was only about two miles from the event center and had a gas station, an Arby's, and an excellent Mexican restaurant just a few steps away. It seemed like the parking lot was a garage, as there was always someone working on their car — wheels were off, carburetors were disassemble all over, and timing gears were being changed. We even had a long, deserted section of frontage road for test drives right next door. Every evening, advice and stories could be heard in every corner of the lobby. An excellent parts source in Burt's Model A Store was an hour away in Denver. Rumor has it they sold 8 radiators to meet participants.

Both tours, one of which was the Grand Tour to Estes Park, were really fun and presented a challenge to navigators and cars as well. The roads climbed 5000 feet or so, and of course down, too. This stressed both cooling systems and brakes. The food was excellent, the scenery unbeatable with Rocky Mountain Park and Longs Peak always close, and the cool mountain temperature very welcome. All week there were hundreds of Model A's motoring throughout the Front Range.

It was a wonderful, well prepared and managed meet. The bus tours were very informative with lots of laughs along the way. Who knew Colorado mining baroness Molly Brown of "Unsinkable Molly Brown" fame was actually Margaret Brown and was never called Molly during her lifetime?

A good time was had by (almost) all with many memorable events! We hope the next one is as good!!!

Submitted by
Ernie "Cowboy" Williams



Ernie demonstrates that Jackalopes do exist!

AUGUST



- Aug 2 – Andy Duvall
- Aug 3 – Richard Kunz
- Aug 4 – Iola Stroehlein
- Aug 10 – Bev Brown
- Aug 10 – Ron Uhle
- Aug 14 – Charles Etchells
- Aug 15 – Carolyn Stinn
- Aug 16 – Suzanne Fehniger
- Aug 16 – Carol Lange
- Aug 16 – Robert Magill
- Aug 17 – Paul Wesner
- Aug 21 – Harvey Ross
- Aug 22 – Nancy Gurley
- Aug 24 – Ann Williams
- Aug 26 – William Mencinger
- Aug 27 – Virginia Elliott
- Aug 27 – Lora Frazer
- Aug 29 – Betty Trimble
- Aug 29 – Anita Neal
- Aug 30 – Dorothy Nelson
- Aug 31 – Bill Fellner

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday September 6, 2016

*Meeting Refreshments
will be provided by:*

Sam Logan & Linda Willmore
Fritz & Jeanne Mietzner



- Aug 5 – Dick & Pauline Upton
- Aug 6 – Dan & Sindy Osterman
- Aug 16 – Charles & Mary Lee Etchells
- Aug 19 – Ron & Fran Sotardi
- Aug 21 – Richard & Lora Frazer
- Aug 30 – Ron & Pat Jensen

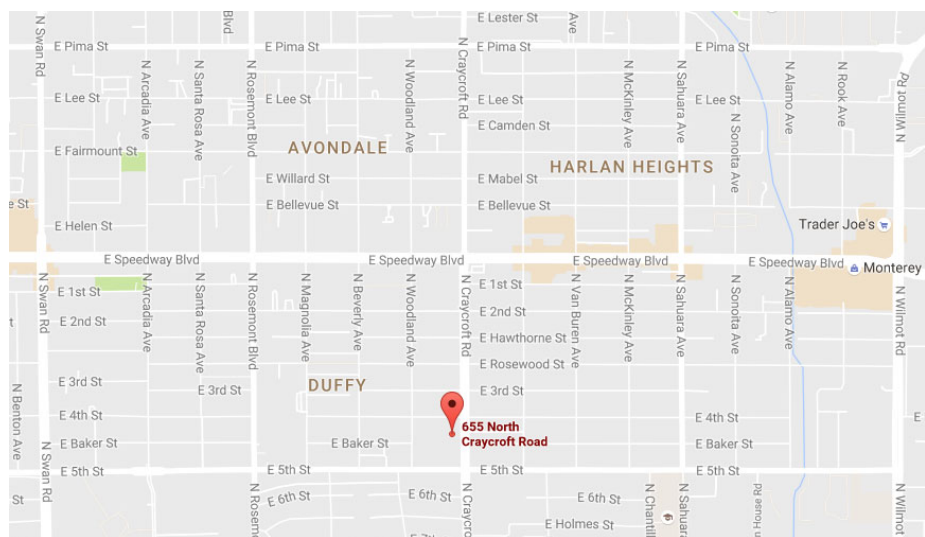
Fashion Event

Saturday August 27

Our Model A era fashion event will be held from 10 AM to 1 PM on Saturday, August 27. Fashion trends from 1928 to 1931 will be illustrated with examples and photographs. Personal fashion consultations and opportunities for buying, selling and trading vintage fashion items may also be available. The event will be held at Christ Church United Methodist at 655 N. Craycroft (Craycroft and 4th). Lunch of lasagna, salad, bread and dessert will be provided.

In preparation for the event, Rincon Cleaners at 8323 E. Broadway will provide free cleaning for vintage clothing, with a signed release.

Contact: Christina Laukaitis 219-8440



All Ford Day Garage Tour

Sunday September 11

Chuck Thim and I thought it would be fun and useful to have a series of garage seminars. We could learn more about the workings of our Model A's and maybe some things that would appeal to Model T and V8 folks as well.

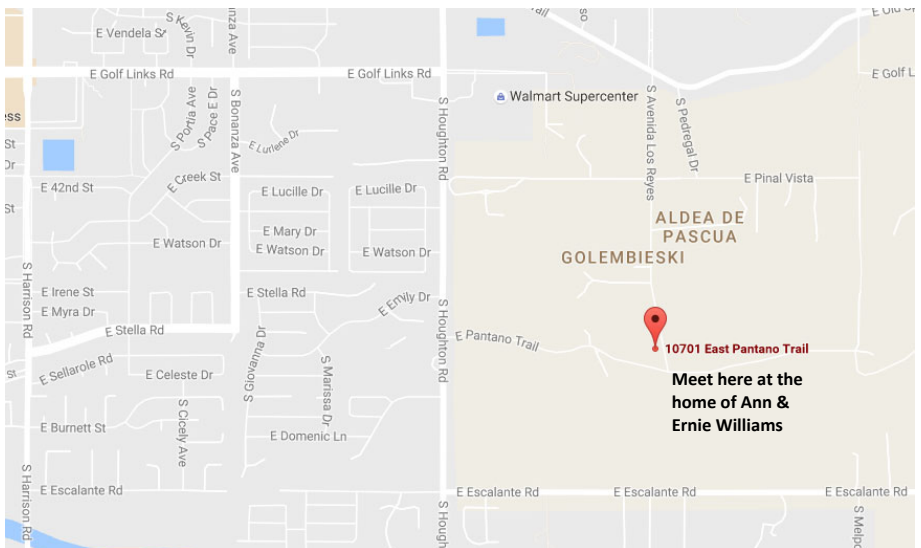
The first of these is planned for All Ford Day, September 11, starting at 9:30 AM at the home of Ernie and Ann Williams, 10701 E. Pantano Trail. We will provide cool drinks and snacks and a tour of our garage and the many unfinished projects within.

Following this, at about 10:30 we will walk across the road to Don Vagasky's home and garage. There he will demonstrate the technique of applying wood grain finish to instrument panels and garnish moldings. You will see his well-equipped shop in which he fabricates Model A and T parts. Don has some original Mustangs, Model T's, and a Model A to show, plus a wonderful 1930 Victoria under restoration. This promises to be a very interesting seminar.

Following Don's presentation, we will retire to a local restaurant for lunch.

Submitted by Ernie Williams

Contact: Chuck Thim 749-3790



UPCOMING CAR SHOWS

FELLOWSHIP SQUARE THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8

Hello Model A'ers and T'ers,

We have been invited to spend some time at The Fellowship Square on THURSDAY, September 8, 2016 at the Fellowship Square at 8111 E. Broadway, from 10 AM to 1 PM. Any vintage vehicle is welcome, and we need 20-plus vehicles. This is a great fund raiser for the club. Please let me know if you can attend.

Thank you,

Ray Feierstein 531-9724 😊😊



SUNRISE SENIOR LIVING SATURDAY OCTOBER 15

Hello model A'ers and T'ers,

I know it's early, however Sunrise Senior Living would like us to come out with our antique vehicles SATURDAY, October 15, 2016 from 9 AM to 1 PM. It is located at 4975 N. 1st Avenue (River and First, N/W Corner). We will need 10-plus cars. They are real excited about having us there, and will be a great fund raiser for the club. If you know you can make it, let me know. I am sure they will have lunch for us.

Thank you all,

Blue man \$\$\$\$, Ray Feierstein 531-9724 😊😊



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On August 25, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed the act creating the National Park Service, a new federal bureau in the Department of the Interior, responsible for protecting the 35 national parks and monuments then managed by the department and those yet to be established. Throughout 2016, the National Park Service (NPS) has been celebrating its 100th anniversary with a series of centennial events. Parks across the country have been engaging communities through recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs.

As the official founding date of the NPS approaches, Tumacácori prepares for its birthday party. “We invite friends, neighbors, and everyone who appreciates public land to find their park and discover the national parks and programs in their own backyards,” says Superintendent Bob Love. “Birthdays are significant and a 100th birthday deserves special celebration.”

All national parks will be offering free entrance from August 25 to August 28, 2016. In addition, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on August 25, Tumacácori will offer visitors a slice of birthday cake, a frozen treat, and a chance to play a variety of NPS birthday games. Pin the bison on the arrowhead, play Stump the Ranger, browse the Find Your Park map, or share stories of your national park experiences.

For more information, call Tumacácori National Historical Park at 520-377-5060.

TUCSON'S 241st BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY AUGUST 20, 2016

11:00 AM

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum

❖ Master of Ceremonies -
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Model A Vocabulary

The little boy was caught swearing by his teacher.

"Jeffrey," she said, "you shouldn't use that kind of language. Where did you hear it?"

"My daddy said it," he responded.

"Well, that doesn't matter," she explained, "you don't know what it means."

"I do, too," Jeffrey corrected. "It means the Model A won't start."

MAFCA Membership Deal Expiring Soon

Back in January, MAFCA announced a special membership offer for anyone who has never been a member of MAFCA. If you join now at the regular price of \$40, your membership will be extended through the end of 2017 for free. More details were included in our January newsletter (available on our website if you missed it; the link to our website is at the top of page 2).

This offer is valid only through the end of this month (August), so now is the time to take advantage of it if you haven't already. Note that a special mail-in form is required. Contact our club treasurer, Mike Liebert, **before August 27th** if you need an application form or have any questions about the offer.

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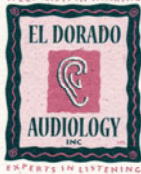
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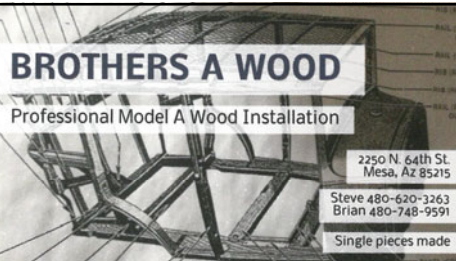
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