

## George Pope 1926 – 2016



It is with deep regret that we have to announce the passing of a MAFCA pioneer. George Pope, MAFCA President in 1964-65 and Life Member (1977) of MAFCA passed away on July 11, 2016. The love of his life, Annabelle, the first MAFCA Executive Secretary (1963-1975) and also a Life Member of MAFCA, passed away in February 2016.

George and Annabelle joined MAFCA in 1959 and have been members for 57 years. They have been members of the Bakersfield, Pomona Valley, and Visalia Charter Oak A's Chapters.

Together with Annabelle, George attended nine National Meets: 1964 Louisville, 1966 Albuquerque, 1968 Dallas, 1970 Milwaukee, 1972 Seattle, 1974 Long Beach, 1980 Reno, 1990 San Diego, and 2002 Riverside. They also attended many of the National Banquets and hundreds of Chapter events.

Other than family Model A's when George was a child, he and Annabelle have owned and restored about 20 Model A's over the years. George was a very good Model A mechanic and did most of his restorations by himself with Annabelle's help. He was very good at putting together basket cases.

Their first Model A was a 1930 Coupe purchased for \$70 in 1957 that served as second car. Upon moving to the Central Valley in 1958, they joined the Bakersfield Chapter and decided a coupe didn't work very well for two children. They bought an original 1930 Deluxe Town Sedan near Sequoia National Park in 1958 for \$200 and George restored it about 1964. The Town Sedan attended the 1968 Dallas National Convention. They also bought a 1929 Standard Roadster in 1958 for \$400. These two cars are still in the family collection today. Their 1929 Roadster was frequently the tow car behind their motorhome on trips around the U. S.

George and Annabelle will always be remembered as one of the hardy couples of the H&P Not-So-Rapid Transit bus trip from Pomona, CA to the 1964 National Meet in Louisville. The 1930 AA School Bus won the "Hard Luck" trophy for suffering the most trouble in reaching Louisville.

George and Annabelle attended the Grand Opening of the MAFCA Museum at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan in May, 2013 to see their Huff & Puff displayed in a prominent location.

While George and Annabelle have owned many other antique/classic cars, Model A's were their favorites.

