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Special points of interest:

- Here is a rare opportunity for you to visit Randy Ema's Deusenberg shop
- No General Meeting in July, but Potluck in August

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**Thanks to all those
super stars who made
the Progressive Brunch
so much FUN!!**



**Rick Hall
President**

President's Message

You won't get bored in our Model A club! Just check out the next page for a host of opportunities to socialize, eat, learn, drive you A's, and pick up a few rusty parts. And last month was amazing - we had seventeen events listed on the calendar page, plus a couple of swap meets. Join in, get active and have fun!

Since I'm writing this with a tummy full of wonderful food from our progressive brunch, I want to say a special thanks to our hosts, Trish and Pete Cruz, Patty and Ed Cote, and Cathy and Jerry O'Brien. There was a great turn out for this very nice event. Thanks, Sheila.

A unique offering this month will be a tour of Randy Ema's restoration shop. Randy is a great guy and does Pebble Beach concourse quality restorations of rare, high end cars for the rich and famous (Jay Leno, etc.)

Lastly, I would like to encourage you to attend the Henry Ford Picnic on Sunday June 29, hosted by the Diamond Tread Chapter. This club has always attended our Pancake Breakfast and it would be a good thing to support their activity. We will discuss this event at the meeting and try to set up a meeting place and tour together.

Drive those Model A's. See you at the meeting.

What You Missed—Progressive Brunch

By: Esther Goff

May 24 started out a culinary delight for 50 Model A members. Leading the gourmet dining, was at the home of Pete & Trish Cruz starting with a bountiful array of appetizers.

The clan feasted on shrimp cocktail, assorted fruit platter, pasta salads, coffee, tea and juices.

Did you know Pete plays many guitars and every year attends guitar camp? We have an aspiring virtuoso among us. Trish loves to cook and her appetizers proved it. Her hobby is collecting aprons. How appropriate for her hobby.

From there we headed out for the main course at the home of Ed and Patti Cote. A fiesta of Mexican food awaited us. A huge pot of chili, freshly made steaming warm, empanadas (prepared by Lupe) with either pork or shrimp filing, salads and fruit platters along with beverages. Plus authentic Mexican tortilla chips, which were fantastic with the different dips. (These were not the gringo chips you get at stores). Patti is a teacher and loves working with children. Ed is an industrial engineer and worked on space balls assembly that were to be dropped on the moon to determine how hard the moon's surface was. But, in error, they were dropped on the wrong side of the moon!!!!

Our final and decadent stop was for desserts at the home of Jerry and Cathy O'Brien. We were treated to carrot cake, assorted pies, cookies and candies, oh my! Jerry loves to do woodworking and Cathy is a quilter with a room dedicated to a large Gammill quilt machine. Many of her gorgeous quilts are displayed throughout the home. In addition to these hobbies, both are gentlemen farmers and raise chickens on their 5/8 acre homestead.

Clarification: We had 49 signed up members plus a gate crasher, Domonic, who showed up at the Cruz home. The group decided to let him continue on with us. By 3pm we were all stuffed and headed our different ways. Another great event by the members. Thank you to all the chefs!!

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Submit all articles and ads to
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or mail to P.O. Box 10595
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Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Jun 7 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange



Jun 12 (Thu) General Meeting at 7:30PM, details on back page. Guests are always welcome.

Board meeting at 6:15PM

Jun 15 (Sun) Cruisin' Brea Oldies Car Show & Live Music Festival, 330 W Birch St, Brea 92821, OC Mustang Club, contact Alan Reese 949-584-5111



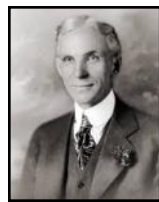
Jun 21 (Sat) Technical Seminar/Tour to Randy Ema's Duesenberg shop. Meeting at 9:30AM at Panera Bread parking

lot, Orange Mall, then leaving at 9:45AM for the tour; after the tour, those that want to will head out to lunch

Jun 21 (Sat) CCRG Meeting, home of John & Dianne Frazee, 2410 Ap-pian Rd., Carlsbad, 760-729-4865



Jun 26 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast Brunch ~ at 8:30am. Ruby's Diner, 186 N Atchinson St, Orange 92866; 714-639-7829 (in the Orange MetroLink station). For info contact Terry Collings (714)970-7194



Jun 29 (Sun) Henry Ford Picnic, Downey MAFC, Diamond Tread Chapter, Santa Fe Springs. Promises to be a very fun event.



Jul 5 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange

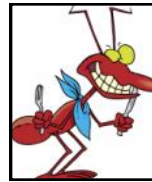


Jul 10 (Thu) NO GENERAL MEETING

Jul 11-13 Wings & Wheels, Solvang

Jul 14-18 MAFCA National Convention, Puyallup, WA, contact

www.2014mafcanational.org



Sep 13 (Sat) International Model A Ford Day Picnic, Mason Regional Park, Irvine (all day). Save the

Date.

Oct 26 (Sun) Wings, Wheels & Rotors, Los Alamitos Airfield, 11200 Lexington Dr, Los Alamitos, 9a-4p, Info call: 562-598-6659 or 562-598-7035

Dec 14 (Sun) Installation Banquet, Angelo's & Vinci's, 550 N Harbor Blvd, Fullerton. More details to follow.

August General Meeting will be a Potluck

(6:30PM)

Bring your favorite dish
A-M Bring salad or dessert
N-Z Bring main dish

Please bring your own utensils and drinks

The regular General Meeting will follow at 7:30PM

Many thanks to Marilyn Hawkins for taking over the position of Sunshine & Sorrow. We are still looking for someone to do Election Committee.

Swap Meets

Jun 8 (Sun) - Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach 90808

Jun 14-15 - LA Roadster Car Show & Swap Meet, Fairplex in Pomona; www.laroadsters.com/shownews.html

Jun 28 (Sat) - 17th Annual OC Model T Ford Club Parts Exchange & Car Show, 6am-2pm, El Dorado High School, 1651 Valencia Ave., Placentia, 92870

Jul 13 (Sun) - Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach 90808

Jul 26 (Sat) - Long Beach Model T Club's 60th Annual Swap Meet, Los Alamitos

Aug 3 (Sun) - Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach 90808

Sep 20 (Sat) MAFFI Museum Model A Swap Meet in conjunction with Model A Day



General Meeting Minutes

Orange County Model A Ford Club Meeting,
May 8, 2014

Location: Children's Hospital of Orange County, Wade Education Center

The meeting was called to order by President, Rick Hall and the flag salute was said. There were 50 people present.

Club Greeter, Doris Marshall entertained us with a joke and introduced visitors.

President, Rick Hall announced that Club Historian, Dick Smith has multiple copies of old Restorer magazines available. He also announced that Merchandise Directors, Cathy and Jerry O'Brien have pancake breakfast T-shirts available.

Approval of Minutes: Secretary, Pam Heiland thanked Kathie McCall for taking minutes at the April meeting while she was ill. She also thanked the club members for the cards and calls during her illness. Pam asked that the April minutes be approved as printed in The Distributor. Colleen Schmidt made a motion and Dale McCall seconded the motion to approve the minutes as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer, Joe Goff reported that the club is in good shape financially. He reported that the club made approximately \$4000 on the pancake breakfast. Rick Hall noted that even though attendance and revenues were down this year, it was a good breakfast and everyone seemed to enjoy it. He reported that the board had discussed more advertising in newspapers, etc. but had decided that was not the thing to do as we continue our efforts for car enthusiasts and not the general public. He also thanked everyone who worked so hard to make the breakfast the success that it was.

Rick presented a request from an art teacher in Garden Grove for some cars to be displayed for his students during the month of July. Anyone interested can get the information from Rick.

Technical Chairman Pete Cruz announced the seminar on May 17 at his home. He also gave a video presentation on Model A wheels including hub caps, lug nuts and wheel care.

VP/Activities Frank Mowrer gave information about the tour to Mt. Baldy this Saturday. The progressive brunch will be May 24. Cost is \$5 per person which will be refunded if all stops are attended. May 26 is the Memorial Day Celebration at Fairhaven Memorial Park. Frank will check with Fairhaven for parking instructions and arrival time. He also mentioned the event at Muckenthaler Center and the Cruisin' Brea event. July 1 is the Veteran's event at Wilshire Ave. Community Church. Contact Pam Heiland for details. International Model A Day is Sept. 13 at Mason Park in Irvine.

We will be honoring all of the Pancake Breakfast workers with a pizza party in the park. Details will follow soon.

Election Chairman Kathie McCall is still seeking someone to take this position.

Kathie reported that she has booked Angelo and Vinci's Restaurant in Fullerton for our holiday party on Dec. 14. She also suggested that we cancel the July meeting due to the national meet and so many people being on vacation. Sheila Plotkin made a motion to cancel the July meeting which was seconded by Mark Schwing. The motion passed unanimously. The August meeting will be a potluck.

Membership Drawing: Don Ratzlaff conducted the membership drawing. Bob and Patty Jeffries were the names drawn, however, since they were not in attendance, the prize will roll over to next month.

Sunshine and Sorrow: Bruce Harris is slowly improving but still has a long way to go. Please keep he and Joanie in your thoughts and prayers. We thank Jeannie Parrish for the awesome job she has done for the past 18 years as the Sunshine and Sorrow person. Marilyn Hawkins volunteered to take over this position.

Pancake Breakfast: Frank Reese thanked everyone who worked so hard to make the breakfast a success. He thanked Don and Carolyn Ratzlaff for taking care of all the food, Richard Bolls and Colleen Schmidt for taking care of the kitchen and Tom Weaver for driving the golf cart. Tom thanked his crew. Mark Schwing, co-chair, thanked everyone and reported on the raffle prizes. The most popular and best money makers were the cast iron brake drums from Randy Gross and the men's and ladies bicycles. (Cont'd Page 10)

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**ROSTER DRAWING**

Okay, I heard Bob and Patty Jeffries were planning on attending the May general meeting, but something came up and they missed out on BIG BUCKS (\$120 to be exact).

Ah June, the time we all look forward to going on vacations. What do we need for vacations? Money!!



COME TO THE JUNE MEETING. YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN \$130. We have watered this money tree long enough.

You know the rule — Must Be Present To Win!!

Historian's Corner OCMAFC Members' Project

By: Dick Smith
Club Historian/Librarian

The goal is to assemble a complete "The Restorer" magazine collection.

This permanent collection will be available to all OCMAFC members. The collection will be stored and maintained by our club Historian/Librarian.

Magazine background

"The Restorer" published originally by the Model A Restorers Club of Southern California then headquartered in Glendale California. The magazine started distribution to members with Volume One, Issue One, May-June 1956. These early magazines are very scarce as the membership distribution was low. In December of 1972 MAFC reprinted Volume 1 Issue 1 thru Volume 3 Issue 6 for a total of 18 Reprint issues at a cost of \$1 each. Now, due to their age, these reprints have become hard to find.

Original Source of our club collection.

The permanent collection is from the numerous donated magazines from many past and present club members. Since about 2005, these magazines have been donated to be shared and distributed to our OCMAFC members at a no cost basis by our Historian/Librarian. The donated magazines have come from the large collections of Vince & Joan Mariola, Doc & Darlene Ingwersen, and recently from Phillip Joujon-Roche and many others. Our collection has grown much faster than the requests for them, creating a large surplus and a storage problem.

Assembling our collection.

All our donated magazines have been sorted by volume & Issue, and then marked off on the check list of Restorer's. This check off list is then used to identify the missing issues needed to complete our collection.

[Our Collection to Date](#) [Just Some of our Duplicate Issues](#)



Future Source of our club collection

From you and I, and all other members of our club. These missing issues may be found as a spare duplicate copy in your personal collection, if so we may have early duplicate copies that can be traded. Be imaginative, you may find these missing copies at car swap meets, etc.

What missing issues are needed?

Any and all issues from 1956 thru 1968, that's Vol. 1 Issue 1, thru Vol. 13 issue 4. Who to contact to participate, or to request your free issues? Dick Smith, Historian/Librarian, modeladick@yahoo.com, 949-770-6847

June 21st (Saturday) Technical Seminar and Tour Randy Ema Inc.

We will be touring Randy Ema's Duesenberg shop in Orange. Randy is the ultimate authority when it comes to Duesenberg cars. He is always working on something interesting and has graciously agreed to open his doors to us for this tour. We will meet in the Panera Bread parking lot at the Orange Mall at 9:30 and plan on leaving there by 9:45. After the tour, those that want to will head out to lunch.



Technical - Evolution and Revolution of Model A Engine

By Pete Cruz
Technical Director

From the vantage point of modern day automotive engineering it is easy to identify the shortcomings of the Model A Ford Engine. In 1928 the engine certainly had improvements over the those found in "T's" yet it also maintained many of the drawbacks. The most significant of those revolved around (pun intended), the crankshaft. As we all know instead of having "insert" bearings as modern day engines do, the Model A engine crank spins in poured Babbitt main bearings (rod and end bearings are also Babbitt). The Babbitt bearings are small in diameter and longer (my guess is to add stability) than modern insert bearings. In addition the engine uses a "gravity and dip" (mains and connecting rods respectively) oiling system as opposed to a fully pressurized system as found in modern engines. The Babbitt bearings and non pressurized oil system are the biggest contributors to the fairly short life of the Model A engine when compared to modern engines.

Two other significant drawbacks in the Model A engine "bottom-end" are:

1. The crank rides on three main bearings as opposed to the five found in modern engines (one main bearing on each side of every piston)
2. The crank has no counter weights

While these features keep the weight of the engine down, they also make the bottom-end more fragile than a modern engine.

As time has gone on enthusiasts have made adjustments to address these shortcomings. The most significant of those in terms of not only engine life but in ease of repair/replacement is to add insert bearings. While this solution isn't a "super-easy" fix it does provide the most "bang-for-the-buck" in terms of increasing engine life.

So what else can be done to the Model A Ford engine without replacing it wholesale with some other engine type? Well a guy by the name of Terry Burtz out of Campbell CA, is developing an engine, built from the ground up, as a replacement for the stock Model A Ford engine. While the stock Model A Ford engine produces 40hp @ 2200rpm Terry is designing his engine to produce 150hp @ 5000rpm! (Better start working on those brakes guys!)

While designing an engine that will produce more horsepower than the stock Model A Ford engine and rev higher is a relatively easy task for a modern day engine builder Terry's project is doing so with some VERY interesting *constraints* we should ALL stand up and take notice of:

1. The external appearance cannot change from the appearance of a completely stock Model A Ford engine.
2. All internal and external interfaces where mating parts attach cannot change from the interfaces on a completely stock Model A Ford engine.
3. All basic engine dimensions cannot change and must remain equivalent to the dimensions found in a stock Model A Ford engine.
4. The engine cost should be in the vicinity of \$3,000 to \$4,000

If you'd like to keep on the progress of this project go to <http://www.modelaengine.com>

The site provides the entire story along with some amazing CAD/SolidWorks drawings and great information on the engineering going into this project. To help whet your appetite he has also posted some videos of the casting process!

You can sign up to receive updates by sending your contact info to model.a.engine@hotmail.com



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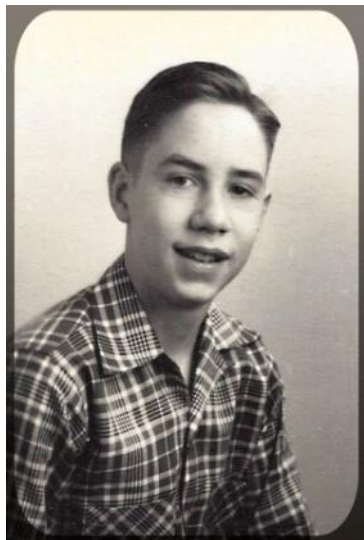
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Do You Recognize Me?

By Esther Goff

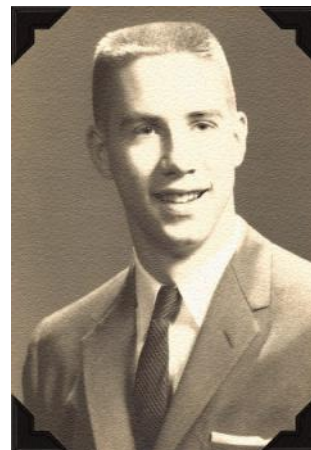


Our mystery person has only been married a short time, 15 years, but we will not hold that against him. He met his wife in Fullerton. Currently he owns a 1931 Town Sedan but previously had a 31 Roadster and a Model A Coupe as a teenager. So he is not a stranger to this hobby. Other hobbies include radio control model airplanes, he builds his own, and building model railroading layouts at Christmas. For the past 44 years he has been involved with making electronic accessories for radio control boats, cars, and airplanes.

His tour in the Navy brought him to California. He served as a nuclear submarine officer, but says he never had to launch a nuclear missile. He retired a full Commander and is a graduate from Annapolis Naval Academy!! Over a period of 4 years he spent 19-2 week periods at Cape Canaveral. This was a "Demonstration & Shake Down Operation" for all missile subs and our mystery person was the

navigation expert. It was a test of our sub and missile system. He states he would return to Navy life in a "Heartbeat"!!

Other big clues to our mystery person: He served as president of our club four years, and chaired the annual pancake breakfast for many years and doing a stupendous job! He is currently on Yorba Linda City Council and served three times as their Mayor. He confided in me that he hates politics but loves public service. This is one person who loves being involved and doing for/with others. We are honored to have him as a member of our club. (Answer on Page 10)



New/Returning/Changes to Roster

Jim & Kathy Glendinning, 31526 West St, Laguna Beach, CA 92651; Hm 949-499-3002; email: jmgInd2@gmail.com; 1929 Special Coupe

*Best Wishes to
Marilyn Singer
and
Bob Hawkins
Wed on May 17th*



Mark Your Calendar

The **International Model A Day Picnic** promises to be a fun day. There will be food, drinks, games and just a day to enjoy an old fashioned picnic with lots of friends and

Model A's. You won't want to miss out.

When: September 13th

Where: Mason Regional Park

18712 University Dr, Irvine, CA 92612

(949) 923-2220



If you have tools you are willing to loan other members, please let Don Ratzlaff know and he will include the info on the Members' Only section of our club's website.

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Fourth Thursday Breakfast: Terry Collings announced that the breakfast will be at Kathy May's Lakeview Cafe in Huntington Beach on May 22.

Model A Driver's Drawing/Name Badge Drawing: Ed Cote conducted the drawings. The Model A Driver was won by Rick Chambers. The name badge drawing was won by Marilyn Chambers.

Old Business: Bev Marsh has club business cards for anyone who needs them.

Dick Smith has a lot of old Restorer Magazines available for club members.

New Business: There was no new business.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm and refreshments were furnished and served by Kathie McCall and Trish Cruz along with Carolyn Ratzlaff and Esther Goff. During the refreshment time, Don Ratzlaff showed slides of the pancake breakfast.

Respectfully Submitted:
Pam Heiland, Secretary



Our club continues to support RMCD House located nearby on Batavia Street in Orange.

The house provides a home away from home for families of children being treated in nearby hospitals, including Children's Hospital of OC, where our club meets monthly. A very small fee of \$5 daily (or even at no cost in some instances) includes a private room with bath and access to a large community room and fully stocked kitchen.

The house accepts donations of all kinds, but especially personal hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, razors and similar items, all unopened of course.

Bring any such donations to club meetings where a box will be provided and delivery made in the name of MAFCA.



Answer to Do You Recognize Me?: Mark Schwing



EDITOR'S NOTE

Do you want to receive your newsletter by email? Just email me at tismith@cookseylaw.com.

I want to thank those of you who have elected to have the Distributor delivered this way — Go GREEN.

Car Barn Specials

FOR SALE: 1930 Deluxe Coupe (Rick Hall was the previous owner) runs and looks good, reliable daily driver; good tires; cast iron drums. Contact Frank Reese 714-348-2507 \$10,800 OBO

Do you collect the MAFCA Restorer magazines? If so, I have many copies from the mid-70's too current, that was donated by our members to be shared with our Orange County Model A members at no cost. Just contact me with your issues desired. I also have older issues at a minimal cost from some members. Contact: Dick Smith, club historian at modeladick@yahoo.com or call 949-770-6847.



Request from Model A'er: I hope someone in your club might be interested. I have a Model A 1928AR Tudor. I've been looking for the interior cloth for years (Gray-Blue with a white stripe). In the recent "Model A News" in the March-April issue, there is an article on page 20 that mentions this early cloth. I contacted the weaver and he said that the cloth was made seven years ago but would make a limited supply again. I've been told that it takes 10 yards per car and that he would do 60 yards. I'm looking for a partner to take some of this cloth. Are you interested or do you know someone that would want this cloth? Please let me know. Art Onweller, 5052 S. Syndt Rd., Evergreen Colorado 80439, [303-670-1540](tel:303-670-1540), aonweller@msn.com



Join us for good food and company

**Fourth Thursday
Breakfast Bunch
June 26 8:30 am**

**Ruby's Diner
186 N Atchison St
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(In the Orange MetroLink Train Station)

**Info: Terry Collings
714 970-7194**

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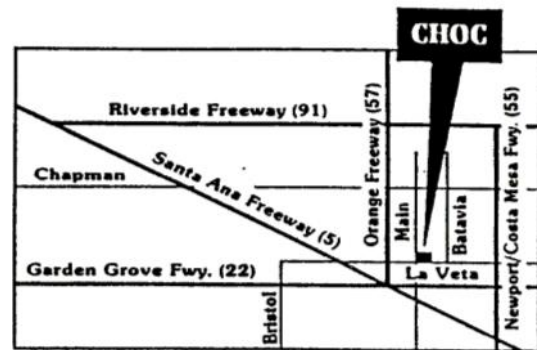
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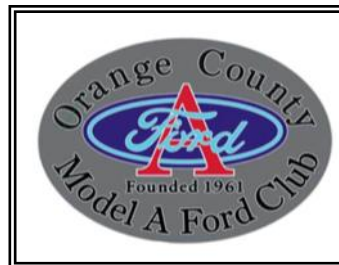
June 12, 2014 - No July Meeting

CHOC Hospital Complex

455 South Main Street, Orange, CA



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