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What a great, fun-packed summer we are going to have

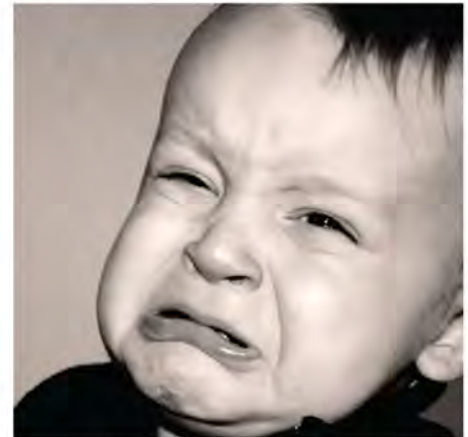
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July 4th
1pm

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July 9



No general or board meetings in July!
We're sad about it too. Join us in August for our general meeting potluck. YUM

BS Breakfast Word Search



**Bacon Juice
Cereal Milk
Eggs Toast**

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CONGRATULATIONS



Joe & Esther Goff
were the lucky ones to have
FINALLY WON the monthly
roster raffle (\$250!!)



Don Ratzlaff
President

President's Message

Okay, so summer is here; guess the hot weather we have been having should validate that. Maybe we should restrict summer tours to beach-front drives where the cooler temperatures prevail?

Turns out we had a nice crowd at Zito's pizza parlor last Thursday night. I believe there were about 60 people in attendance and it appeared they were all enjoying themselves. Sounds like we should consider doing a similar event next year.

There is NO GENERAL MEETING scheduled for July however; we will be having an ICE CREAM SOCIAL on July 4th, 1pm-3pm at Ed and Patty Cote's home in Santa Ana. Ed will be conducting an impromptu auction of various items of interest to club members. Based on last years' event this promises to be an entertaining afternoon. You won't be sorry you came.

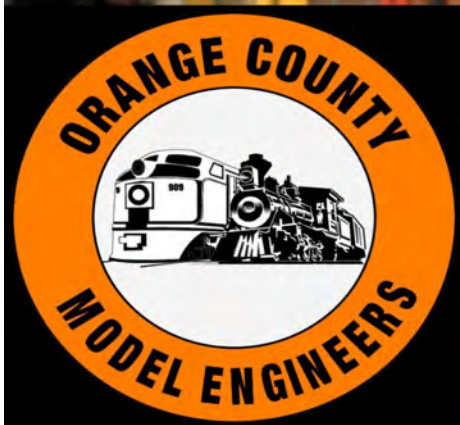
I should mention that the August General Meeting is traditionally a POT LUCK Meeting and will be held in the normal meeting room at CHOC.

The annual Diamond Tread Club's "Henry Ford Picnic" is just around the corner, Sunday June 28th. I hope you have sent in your registration and that we'll see you there. And then there is the Annual Wings n Wheels event in Santa Ynez Ca set for July 17-July 20; where is your spirit of adventure? The registration form can be found on the club Web Page www.ocmafc.com

How is your model A running? What's that you say; you haven't driven it lately? Well the solution to that is get in and start it up; a drive to the market or elsewhere is just what you need.

Don

Upcoming Tour to OC Model Engineers



SAVE THE DATE ~ August 15th
2500 Placentia Avenue
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Jul 4 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange

Long Beach, 90803, 562-430-3495 at 8:30am. For info contact Terry Collings (714)970-7194



Jul 25 (Sat) Tour of Orange County Plating facility; we will be meeting at Panera

Bread at the Orange Mall at 8:30am and then traveling to OC Plating & Powder Coating, 960 N Parker St, Orange



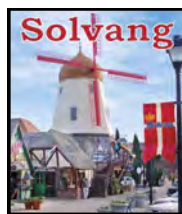
Jul 4 (Sat) Ice Cream Social at the Cotes' home., 1pm-4pm, 2435 Bonnie Brae, Santa Ana 92706; we encourage you to bring Model A

items for the auction

Jul 11 (Sat) SCRAG Meeting, Vicky Bartlett's home, 1625 Fletcher Ave, South Pasadena, 10AM. Info 626-799-6338



Aug 1 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange



July 17-19 Wings & Wheels tour to Solvang. Registration packets and additional info may be found on our website



Aug 13 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM



Jul 23 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast Brunch ~ Schooner or Later, 241 N Marina Dr,



Aug 15 (Sat) Tour of Orange County Model Engineers, 2500 Placentia Ave, Costa Mesa, 92626 . More

details to follow.



Aug 27 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast Brunch ~ at 8:30am. Loca-

tion to be determined. For info contact Terry Collings (714)970-7194

Sep 14 (17-Day Tour) Model A Touring Club. Starts in Reno, NV and tours 4 states. Info contact Brad Richter 559-255-0121

Jan 3, 2016 (Sun) Annual Installation Banquet at Fullerton Elk's Club., 1pm-5pm Save the date.

Want to know what you missed when you couldn't make it to a general or board meeting? The minutes will now be published on the website, so check them out.

Swap Meets/Car Shows

Jul 25—Los Alamitos Swap Meet, Long Beach Model T Club, Los Alamitos Race Track, info call 562-597-5936

Aug 15—Rock 'N Roll Car Show, 2335 208th St, Torrance, Rock Ola Jukebox Factory, 10am-2pm

Aug 22— 18th Annual El Segundo Main Street Car Show, 100-500 Main St, El Segundo, 10am, Free Admission

Aug 23—San Fernando Valley Model A Club's 50th Annual Swap Meet, Rancho San Antonio, 21000

Plummer, Chatsworth, 6am-12pm, \$5 donation, Info: Alan at 818-317-2531

Sep 27—Paradise Valley Model A Club Antique Car Swap Meet, 6AM-3PM, Free admission, Western Little League Regional Headquarters, 6707 N Little League Dr., San Bernardino, 92407

Feb 26-28, 2016 - Big 3 Swap Meet, Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego

What You Missed — Thank You Pizza Party



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**Association of California Car Clubs (ACCC) Update****By: David Knapp**

This month the ACCC reported on three legislative issues. AB23 and SB1 both concern exemptions surrounding the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. These bills are intended to exempt certain categories of people and entities that did not have compliance obligations. It extends compliance requirements to the year 2020 (AB 23) and the year 2025 (SB 1). (I didn't really see anything too concerning here and the ACCC did not have any stated position on these)

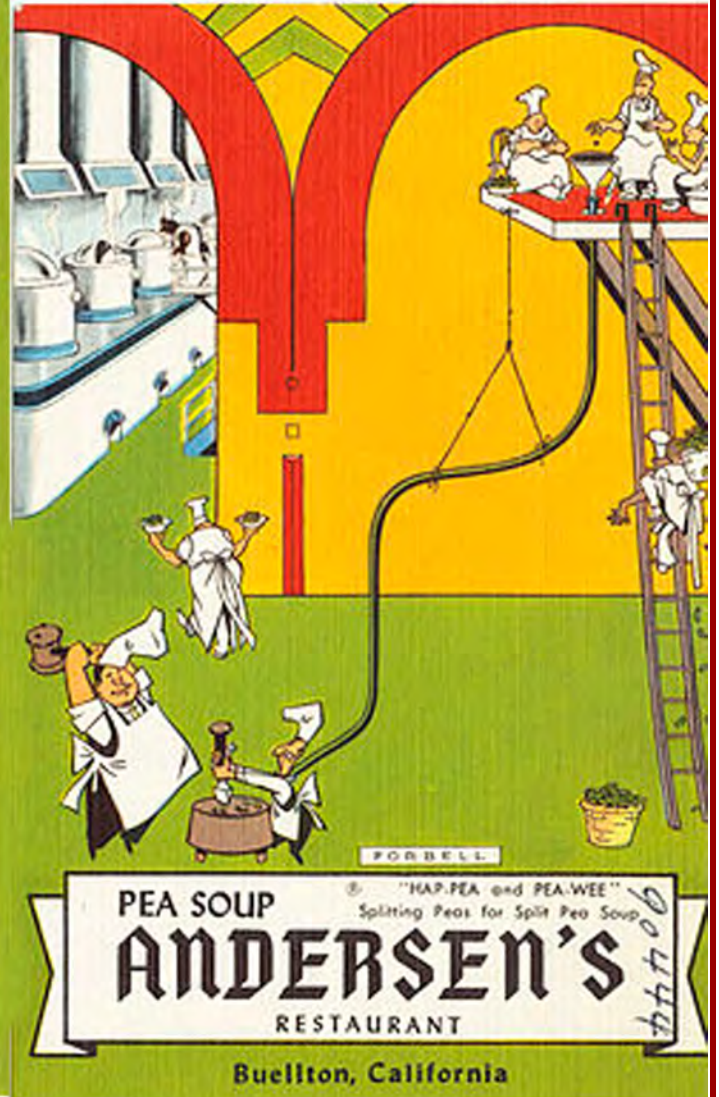
The third legislative issue, SB 16 was introduced by Senator Jim Beall (Bay Area). The ACCC is in strong opposition to this legislation. SB 16 is an act to increase fuel taxes by \$0.10 per gallon of gasoline and \$0.12 per gallon of diesel. In addition, vehicle license fees would be increased by \$35.00 per vehicle. The intended use of revenues collected through these fees is to improve and repair California's roads. The bill declares that it would take effect immediately as an urgency statute. The ACCC is in strong opposition of this bill and indicated that California currently has a \$4.0 Billion surplus in funds for road repairs and maintenance.

Further research on SB 16 on the internet yielded an article Beall's proposed legislation. Details can be found at <http://sd15.senate.ca.gov/news/2015-04-15-beall-s-sb-16-paves-way-california-s-future>. In summary of the article, the bill was introduced in April 2015 as a plan to restore California's crumbling roads and freeways to make them durable and safe for the 21st century. According to Senator Beall "Senate Bill 16 solves a crisis that threatens our deteriorating streets and highways." Beall stated that "California faces a \$59 billion backlog in deferred maintenance that will grow by billions every year. Our cities and counties have a backlog of \$40 billion in repairs." Beall's logic is that gas tax (Cont'd on Page 7)

JULY 17TH - 19TH
21ST ANNUAL LEO GAY
MEMORIAL WINGS AND
WHEELS
TOUR TO SOLVANG

"WINGS AND WHEELS" HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION TO USE THEIR HANGAR AT THE SANTA INEZ AIRPORT FOR THE SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST. THE STAGING AREA WHERE THE AIRPLANE RIDES WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WHO WANT TO FLY, WILL BE AT THE WEST END OF THE AIRPORT. IT WILL BE APPRECIATED IF THE MODEL A DRIVERS WILL GIVE THE PILOTS RIDES ON THE SATURDAY TOUR. CONTACT CAROLYN RATZLAFF FOR RESERVATIONS AT PEA SOUP ANDERSEN'S IN BUELTON. USUALLY WE HAVE A COCKTAIL PARTY NEAR THE POOL ON FRIDAY NIGHT. BRING SNACKS TO SHARE AND YOUR OWN BEVERAGE.

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General Meeting Minutes

Orange County Model A Ford Club Meeting
 Thursday, June 11, 2015
 Wade Education Center @ CHOC
 President Don Ratzlaff opened the meeting at 7:32 pm



53 people were in attendance and 3 Model A's.

Greeter: Doris Marshal, said she didn't have any "funny jokes", so decided to share a "not so funny joke," but we still laughed. No new members or guests were present.

Minutes: Approved as printed in the Distributor.

Finance: Tom Weaver reported that our budget is in good shape, with totals above last year at this time.

Activities: Frank Reese, Richard Bolls, and Mark Schwing thanked everyone for their hard work on the Pancake Breakfast. There were 240 Model A's and over 300 cars total. Frank thanked Don Ratzlaff for a great job on the Mt. Baldy tour. June tours were announced. Greg Earhart encouraged members to attend the Henry Ford Picnic June 28. Other coming events include O. C. Model Train tour Aug. 15 and Disneyland Marathon Sept. 6. Sign-up sheets made available on front table. Pam Heiland invited people to participate in honoring our veterans at the Wilshire Ave. Community Church in Fullerton July 1. The Blacktop Depot, a vintage auto/cycle memorabilia consignment shop within C. W. Moss, opens June 17.

Technical: Pete Cruz discussed the Jump-N-Cary jump starters available at Amazon for \$125. It takes about 6-7 hours to charge and will do 5 or 6 jumps. He also entertained us with a short video on "How to Make a Model A Pancake."

Sunshine and Sorrow: Only sunshine this month. The Ratzlaff's celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary on Carolyn's birthday.

Hard Luck Trophy: Goes to Carl and Ellie Pease whose generator cut out, shorted a fuse, and started smoking on the Mt. Baldy tour.

ACCC Rep: David Knapp, reported on Senate Bill 16, introduced by Senator Beall, which will increase tax and license fees.

Name Badge Drawing: Mark Schwing

Membership Drawing: The #50 was drawn and the lucky winners of \$250 were present at the meeting. Congratulations to Joe and Esther Goff.

Distributor articles are due June 25th.

Announcements: No meeting in July. A potluck will be held before the meeting in August.

Bill Shaner notified Rick Hall that he has two 1929 restored license plates available for \$250/ea. and one 1930 plate for \$300.

Refreshments provided by Pam Heiland and Louise Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Colleen Schmidt, Acting Secretary

(Cont'd from Page 5) revenues have dwindled over the years due to the proliferation of fuel-efficient vehicles and electric cars, which do not contribute to the gas tax. The tax has not been adjusted for inflation since 1994.

The details of the proposed increases are:

- The gas tax increase is intended to make up for the decline in value lost to inflation.
- Vehicle license fees would increase annually 0.07% over five years.
- Vehicle registration fees would be increased by \$35.00.
- Zero-emission vehicles would be subject to an annual \$100 fee

California drivers pay two types of state taxes at the pump: a sales tax, which is a percentage of the price, and an excise tax, which is a set amount per gallon. Before 2010, drivers paid the full sales (Cont'd on Page 11)

Historian's Corner

By Dick Smith,
Club Historian

Towing your Model A has always been a risky undertaking. Nowadays most of us use a towing service that offers a variety of options. I chose a roadside and battery service that will tow my Model A on a flatbed truck for up to 200 miles.

However, for you old school types that would rather tow your Model A, here is a article just for you.

TOWING YOUR MODEL A

The Restorer Vol. 16, Issue 4, by Richard Tucker.

Recently I was faced with the prospect of a long distance move. I wasn't worried about packing up my family and all our possessions, but what was I going to do with my Model A? Selling was out. My car is one of our family.

The only other option was to tow my "A" 2,000 miles between my home in Corpus Christi, Texas, and my new assignment near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I took several precautions and the pleasant result was that I had no difficulties. I did the speed limit on many roads and on an especially smooth highway could easily cruise at 65 miles per hour.

The success of my move was the result of preparation. For those of you contemplating towing here are some of the important tips.

1 Be sure your towing car is heavy enough and powerful enough to do a safe job. Also make sure the rear of your towing car is weighted so that a fast stop will not result in a jackknife.

2 Have a good trailer hitch on your car. Get one guaranteed for the weight of the car you are towing.

3 Build or buy a tow bar for your car. There are some commercially made tow bars available for the Model A or, for the "do it yourself" type, weld one out of angle iron. Be sure the tow bar bolts to the frame of your "A" or to the bumper supports with the bumper left in place for rigidity.

4 To be safe as well as legal you will need tail lights on your "A" that operate from your tow car. I bought two trailer type lights from an auto supply store and clamped them to the rear bumper of my "A." This is much better than trying to wire the taillights already on your "A".

5 Next, begin preparing your Ford for the trip. Be sure to have good tires and tubes. Have a spare tire ready to mount and maybe an extra tube. Don't overlook a jack. My modern car's jack won't work on my Model A.

6 Inspect and repack all four wheel bearings. If your bearings or axles are bad you could break down in some desolate spot and never find a replacement part.

7 Inspect and fill up your differential housing.

8 Lubricate the entire car and oil the springs.

9 Now the tough decision that only you can make concerning your Ford. This involves the transmission. A standard transmission is lubricated when it is running in gear. It uses a splash lubrication system that requires the engine to be turning over in order to lubricate the moving parts. During a tow the transmission will not be lubricated and may burn itself up. You have three basic alternatives. First, you may disconnect the transmission at the drive line. As any Ford owner knows, this is a big job. Second, is to periodically lubricate the transmission during your tow. During my 2,000 mile trek I stopped every 100 miles and started my Ford's engine. While my wife pulled me I ran the Ford through all three gears for a short distance. This should thoroughly lubricate the transmission. The third possibility is to fill your transmission housing to the very top with transmission oil, using the inspection plate cover. This should keep all bearings under steady lubrication. I have not met anyone who has tried this third method and I welcome any thoughts or experiences the reader may have.

10 Last is a decision concerning the drag link. Since every Ford is a little different you will have to experiment with this on your own. My "A" would not negotiate a corner with the drag link connected. When disconnected, I could easily make every corner without dragging the Ford's front wheels; however, I could not back up. Any attempt to back up resulted in the wheels swinging to the extreme left or extreme right position. (Continued on Page 11)

Restoration Tip—Chassis Paint

By Rick Hall

I recently overhauled a starter for my '31 Roadster and converted it to 12 volts. In the process, I painted the housing and band, so it would look nice and new when completed. I used Iron Armor brand Chassis & Grill Paint and it turned out very nice. It dried quickly with no runs or drips, and it had a little less sheen than a gloss black. It's made in the USA and has a spray head that is adjustable for vertical or horizontal painting.

This pain is available at Harbor Freight for less than \$5.00 per can. Use your 20% coupon, and it's less than \$4.00 per can. By the way, the 12 volt conversion cost less than \$50 in parts, along with several homemade tools. I used Dan Adelman's instructions from a seminar he hosted a couple of years ago. This conversion will help prevent damage to the started, drive gear and ring gear on a 12 volt system.

Technical Seminar

We will be meeting at Panera Bread at the Orange Mall on July 25 at 8:30am and then traveling to Orange County Plating and Powdercoating



See the Calendar for additional details



David and Barbara Knapp's sons, Preston and Andrew, have both qualified to race in the All-American Soap Box Derby World Championships in Akron, Ohio the week of July 20-25. The race draws about 500 racers from throughout the United States and as far away as Germany, Japan, and New Zealand. Andrew will be competing as the Victorville, California Super Stock "Local Champion" after winning the qualifying race on May 30. Andrew is also the regional "Stock" division rally point leader and this is his second consecutive year as a Local Champion. Preston Knapp will be competing as the Region 2 Super Stock "Rally" Champion. Preston has competed in over 36 races so far this season and is excited about his first trip to compete in Akron.

Good Luck Preston and Andrew!

**WE MISSED YOU SO MUCH.
WELCOME BACK!**



Joanie & Bruce Harris

Doris & Drain Marshall



Join us for good food
and company

Fourth Thursday
Breakfast Bunch
July 23rd 8:30 am

Schooner or Later

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Joe Goff's 80th Birthday



Let us acknowledge
significant events in your
life, such as marriages,
births, or anniversaries

A Short Discussion About Welding . . .

By Pete Cruz
Technical Director

Welding fuses metal pieces together usually (but not always), adding a filler material to the mix. The downside is that the high heat needed to melt the parent material (the pieces being welded) and the filler material, distorts the pieces. The thinner the parent material the more exaggerated the problem becomes. With that being said do not assume that thicker material, such as frame stock, is not susceptible to distortion due to the heat applied during welding. In truth the actual cause of the distortion is not a result of the heat applied but rather the uncontrolled realignment of the molecules in the metal during cooling. Basically as the metal cools it shrinks. If the physical configuration allows it, place the pieces in a jig or clamp them to a rigid panel such as a welding table in order to control the cooling process. Unfortunately sheet metal does not generally lend itself to this type of control.

While the cooling process is the actual culprit, clearly the more heat applied the more significant the damage as the pieces cool. So how do we control the amount of heat applied? For this discussion we'll skip over issues related to poor welding technique, specifically using too much heat for the thickness of the metal being welded. We'll also say that the processes used; Oxy-Acetylene torch, MIG, and TIG welding all use "roughly" the same amount of heat to do the job. I know that is going a stretch but I want to get to other issues specifically the time spent heating the metal.

As you can imagine the longer the weld pool sits in one spot the more that spot is heated. For this reason "stitching" or tack welding small spots along the seam, leaving gaps between the welds, is a great way to control the way the heat is distributed. You simply skip back and forth "stitching" the pieces together until the entire seam is welded. A huge issue that determines the amount of time spent moving the weld pool is the "purity" of the pool itself; the more contaminants in the pool the slower the welding process. Contaminants also cause gaps or holes in the welds making them weak and potentially dangerous. One of the most destructive contaminants is rust (one form of oxidation).

Oxidation is a chemical reaction that causes the loss electrons when they bond to oxygen molecules in the atmosphere. This loss eventually destroys the steel. Superheated oxygen really does a number on steel as evidenced by the ever popular cutting torch which is oxidation on steroids. Some "Stick" and "Flux-cored" electrodes have special additives that combat rust and other contaminants however, just like a good paint job a good welding job starts with good prep. So stitch weld sheet metal when you can and make sure to grind, sand or use a wire brush on all materials to prep 'em and ensure a good clean weld pool!

(Cont'd from Page 7) tax rate (then 8.25 percent), and an excise tax of 18 cents per gallon. But a fuel tax swap in 2010 lowered the sales tax rate to 2.25 percent on gasoline only. California currently has the highest total per gallon gas tax in the country at \$0.71 per gallon.

Not happy about SB 16? Write your Senator and tell them NO ON SB 16!

(Cont'd from Page 8) In conclusion, begin your preparation for towing early enough to allow for a trial run. Also remember that your rig will be under the scrutinizing eye of the law so be sure your tow bar, chain and lighting system is beyond reproach. Have a nice trip •

MODEL A
Roster Raffle
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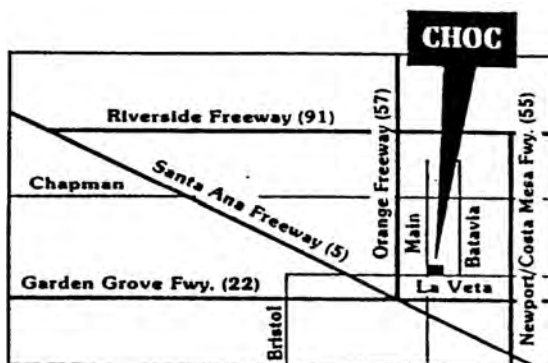
7:30 PM

[Second Thursday of every month]

August 13, 2015

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