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Model A Ford Club



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The Idyllwild Tour sounds like it is going to be a great, fun packed weekend

## Don't Miss Out on the Idyllwild Tour October 23-25



Something for Everyone

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**Don Ratzlaff**

## President's Message

Well the "International Model A Day" is history. The club acknowledged the event with a "Model A Drive"; starting with coffee at Panera Bread, brunch at the Silverado Café and finally a sweet-treat at a Ruby's. In all, 10 Model A's were on tour with about 20 club members participating. Kudos to those participating; nice to see the cars out and about.

We have a "seat belt" tech seminar scheduled for Sept 26<sup>th</sup>; should be interesting to see how the attachments are made for the various Model A body styles. Model A safety issues are a necessary part of the hobby for today's traffic extremes. By the time you read this we'll know what the interest was.

The hot weather has taken some of the enjoyment out of driving the "non-air-conditioned" Model A's but, I noticed several of you drove your cars out to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday brunch at Pop's restaurant in Santa Ana yesterday. **Many thanks to Terry Collings** for her tireless efforts in setting up this monthly activity, good job!

Sounds like the club has a great "overnight" tour planned for October. Arthur Wright and Frank Reese have joined efforts to plan a tour to Arthur's spread near Idyllwild, CA on the weekend of October 21 - 23. Additional information will be available at the October Club Meeting.

So there you have it; sounds like a good month coming up. Oh yes, here is your reminder for the General Club Meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm. The roster drawing will be for \$40 if I remember correctly. Let's get together and talk Model A! Remember the hard luck trophy; your story is a learning experience for all of us!

Don

Join us for another enjoyable  
morning event!

**4th Thursday Breakfast**  
October 22nd 8:30 am

**Monkey Business Cafe'**  
301 E. Amerige Avenue  
Fullerton 92832  
714 526-2933

Info: Terry Collings  
714-970-7194

**Do you know me? I'm important to you.**  
**Answer on Page 6**



Born: April 4, 1878 in Paris, France  
Died: October 26, 1927 in Paris France

## Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



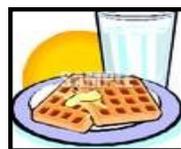
**Oct 3 (Sat)** First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange

**Oct 4 (Sun)** Frazier Park Gathering hosted by Bakersfield Model A, Frazier Park Recreational Building, 3800 Park Drive, Frazier Park, 93225, 10:30AM-3PM. Info: Paula Poole 661-333-4990



**Oct 8 (Thu)** General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM

**Oct 11-20** CCRG Grand Tour— Avenue of the Giants



**Oct 22 (Thu)** Fourth Thursday Breakfast Brunch ~ Monkey Business Café, 301 E Amerige

Ave, Fullerton, 92832, 714-529-2933 at 8:30am. For info contact Terry Collings (714) 970-7194



**Oct 23-25** Tour to Idyllwild, including tour of Arthur Wright's place. Meeting at 8:15AM

and leaving from Carl's at Santa Ana Canyon/Roosevelt, lunch along the way, and dinner BBQ (\$20 per person). Sack lunch at the lake and then pig in the ground for dinner on Saturday. Bring folding chairs and jackets. Breakfast on Sunday and then return home. Must be road-worthy car. Make hotel reservations at the Blue Bird Cottage Inn. For additional info, contact Frank Reese at 714-348-2507 or Arthur Wright at 714-878-6536

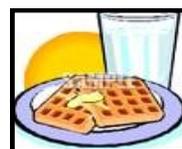


**Nov 7 (Sat)** First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange



**Nov 12 (Thu)** General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. Guests are always welcome. Board

meeting at 6PM



**Nov 26 (Thu)** **NO FOURTH THURSDAY BREAKFAST** For info contact

Terry Collings (714) 970-7194  
**Dec 2-5** MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Medford, Ore-

gon. Info contact Rick Black  
**Jan 3, 2016 (Sun)** Annual Installation Banquet at Fullerton Elk's Club., 1pm-5pm Save the date. \$15 per person.



**Apr 10 (Sun)** Pancake Breakfast, Hart Park, Orange

**Jun 16-24, 2016** MAFCA National Convention, Loveland, Colorado

**Jun 25-Jul 1** MARC National Meet, Perrysburg, Ohio

**Reminder—No December General Meeting and Installation Dinner will be On 1/3/16**



**Don't forget to renew your membership next year in MAFCA. We will include an application with the November/December newsletters.**

## Swap Meets/Car Shows

**Oct 3**-Redondo Beach Union High School Classic Car Show, 1 Sea Hawk Way, Redondo Beach, 90277, 9am-3pm, Info [www.runscarshow.com](http://www.runscarshow.com)

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

## Association of California Car Clubs (ACCC) Update

By David Knapp  
ACCC Representative

September seems to be a busy month for politicians. We had Republican debates and Democrat campaign moves all gearing up for a Presidential bid for 2016. For those of us who prefer to play with cars than hold public office, it was a busy month from an automotive legislation standpoint as well. The ACCC newsletter contained five issues that should be on radar screen.

The first item was reported three months ago—SB 16 which is also known as SBX1-1. Status is “Active”. SB16 is a bill introduced by Senator Jim Beall (Bay Area) to increase fuel taxes. Apparently the SBX 1-1 just “increased” the amounts they want the taxes to go up! SB16/SBX1-1 now is asking for \$0.12 per gallon of gasoline (was \$0.10) and \$0.22 per gallon of diesel (was \$0.12). In addition, vehicle license fees would be increased by \$35.00 per vehicle and is now referenced as “road access” fees. 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. In reading a bit more detail about this on line the taxes also would be set to recalculate based on the consumer price index every few years. Not happy about SB 16? Write your Senator and tell them NO ON SB 16!

The second legislative item is SB8—status is “Active”. This is a bill asking to apply a new tax to automotive service labor. Currently, when you get your car repaired you pay tax on parts and materials only—labor is not taxed. Under this proposal, you would now pay taxes on the entire bill for any automotive service work, both mechanical and body repairs. The impact of this can be significant as on a typical collision repair job half of the repair is labor. Restoration work is even higher at an average of 80%. As an example, if you get your car repainted at a total cost of \$10,000, you would pay about \$2,000 for materials and \$8,000 for labor. Under SB8 you would pay an additional \$600 in taxes on the labor where under current law you would only pay taxes on the materials. For a typical \$600 brake job—add about \$32 in new taxes. This will clearly hurt small business and consumers.

SB350 was introduced with a goal of reducing petroleum usage 50% by the year 2030—about 15 years away. Since introduction, this bill has been withdrawn. Good thing too—it was written to provide the California Air Resources Board (CARB) full decision making authority for rules and regulations with absolutely no oversight. CARB would have been able to make any rules they wanted with no accountability. Now the bill calls for preparation of some economic and feasibility studies.

At the Federal level, Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA) introduced a bill to repeal the ethanol mandate. The use of ethanol in fuel has widely been reported to increase both gasoline prices and agricultural prices. The current ethanol mandate costs consumers more for both fuel and food. Refiners say that buying ethanol or fuel credits increases their prices and they must pass those prices on to consumers. The bill introduced by Senator Cassidy is in response to a recent EPA proposal to increase ethanol levels because they have had trouble keeping up with annual volume mandates amid a decrease in overall fuel use. Hawaii has already passed a bill removing the State’s ethanol mandate. This makes Hawaii the second state (after Florida) to do so assuming it is signed by Governor Ige.

On a more positive note, HR2675, or the Low Volume Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Act of 2015 was introduced in the House of Representatives to permit small companies to produce and sell ready-to-drive replicas of classic cars without subjecting them to the prohibitively expensive safety and emissions tests the major automakers’ vehicles must undergo. This bill allows registered companies to build up to 500 cars (to be sold in the U.S.) using modern engines that have already been certified by their suppliers to meet current emission standard but exempts them from the most stringent federal safety regulations. The cars would have to be exact visual replicas of vehicles that are at least 25 years old (Cont’d Page 5)

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CHANGES  
CORRECTIONS**

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92651; Home 949-499-2320; Cell  
760-644-1299; 1930 Deluxe  
Coupe driver

**Ernie Kell**, 3471 Marna Ave, Long Beach,  
CA 90808; Ph 562-594-5963; email:  
ekell28@gmail.com; 1929 Ford (unknown)

*Sunshine and Sorrow*

by Marilyn Hawkins

Frank Reese's sister, who lives in Montana, passed away on September 24th. She had that dreaded disease, cancer. An e-card with the club's heartfelt sympathy was send.

May you always have love to share, health to spare, and friends that care.

(Cont'd from Page 4) and the original manufacturers must license the designs. Legislation of this sort was attempted in the past, but was stymied by opposition from some major automakers.

October means more Model A'ing for us. Other parts of the country are putting their cars away for the winter. That gives them time to write letters to their Senators and Congressman about important issues like what we face above. Hopefully we can keep driving our A's in the California sunshine without paying more taxes and without the ethano! So take a moment and write some letters to a few politicians, then get in your Model A on November 3 drive to the polling place to vote!

# *Election Form*

## *Now is your time to VOTE*

Please complete your ballots, one per person, and mail to your club at P.O. Box  
10595, Santa Ana, CA

OR

Bring to the November General Meeting at CHOC Hospital  
Complex

PLEASE BE SURE TO VOTE!!

BALLOT		BALLOT	
Technical Director (2-year position)		Vice President/Activities Director (2-year position)	
(Write in)		(Write in)	

### **Answer to Photo on Page 2**

#### **ALBERT JOSEPH CHAMPION**

Inventor and businessman. Founder of both Champion and AC spark plug companies. As a professional cyclist, he won the 1899 Paris-Roubaix bicycle race in a time of 8h 22m 53s. He developed an interest in ignition systems while bicycle racing behind motorcycles, called motorpacing. Sometime before 1905, he started the Champion Ignition Company, where he manufactured spark plugs and magnetos. His spark plugs were the first to use a ceramic core surrounding the center electrode, the design in use today. In 1905, his investors forced him out of the company. In 1908, he joined Buick Motors and began manufacturing spark plugs again under the name AC. His spark plugs were used by both Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart. He died in Paris, at a banquet in his honor, of a pulmonary embolism.

Source: <http://www.findagrave.com>

## General Meeting Minutes

**Orange County Model A Ford Club Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 10, 2015**  
**Wade Education Center @ CHOC**  
**42 in attendance. 4 Model A's**



President Don Ratzlaff called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

Terry Collings led the flag salute with special attention to the 9/11/01 Twin Towers catastrophic event.

**Greeter** Doris Marshall was at a loss for a new joke, but Richard Parrish and Marilyn Hawkins stepped up eliciting the usual guffaws.

**Financial:** Treasurer Tom Weaver provided overview of finances which currently is below budget. New member Ernie Kell has been added.

**Activities:** Frank Reese provided information for International Model A Day (9/19) with a "Secret Mystery Tour" planned. Details listed separately.

Also discussed was the 2-night tour to Idyllwild, hosted by member Arthur Wright for October 23-25. See calendar of events.

**Technical:** Rick Hall announced a seatbelt installation seminar at his garage for 9/26.

Sunshine/Sorrow: Marilyn Hawkins read thank you notes from family of Joan Mariola, Mimi Sickman and Gary Chambers.

**ACCC:** David Knapp reviewed proposed legislation for increased fees and tax on service and labor. Oppose Senate Bills 8 and 16.

**Announcements:** Kathie discussed parking validation, which is now \$2.00 for 4-hour period. \$100.00 in stamped validation was provided by the private parking company in exchange for the stamp previously purchased by the club. Of note is that the attendant leaves at 9:00, so it is only an issue for those leaving prior to that time.

Richard Parrish reported on the tire order. Delivered to garage of Don Geisen in Lake Forest.

**4th Thursday Breakfast:** Terry Collings. See newsletter for details.

**Hard Luck Trophy** was presented to Jerry O'Brien for the sad story of his exhaust manifold dysfunction.

**Model A Driver** cash award went to Ed Cote.

**Name Badge** cash award went to Marilyn Hawkins.

**Membership Drawing:** # 95 was drawn, Jeanne McMillan; however, she was not present to receive it.

**Election Chairman:** Joe Goff announced BOD openings for Technical Director and VP/Activities. Contact Joe if interested in serving your club in this capacity.

**Refreshments** were provided by Diane Runyon. Thank you.

Ratzlaffs continue to bring ice and beverages to each meeting. Thank you.

The meeting was adjourned 8:45 PM.

Submitted by Kathie McCall, Secretary





## IT'S TIME !! SAVE THE DATE

### *OCMAFC Annual Banquet*

*Sunday January 3, 2016 from 2:00 pm to 6:00pm*

*To be held at Elks Club in Fullerton*

*Price will be \$15.00 pp, making it affordable for everyone  
Easy parking on a Sunday afternoon. Families encouraged  
for a fun time and great food. Sign up at October/November  
meetings or mail check to club PO address.*

*More information: Kathie McCall (email [dkmccall@socal.rr.com](mailto:dkmccall@socal.rr.com))*

## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

**Hey Out There!! Are you looking for an easy way to meet other members and participate in club activities? How about volunteering for VP/Activities Director or Technical Director? You won't be "on your own"; others will always help out. Want to know more? Just ask Joe Goff!**



**MANY THANKS TO  
TONY & SHEILA CHANCE  
FOR RECEIVING THEIR  
NEWSLETTER VIA  
EMAIL. SAVES TIME  
AND MONEY FOR THE  
CLUB.**



**Looking for Christmas gifts?  
How about a Model A cap or T-shirt?  
So much better than a holiday sweater!!**

# Great Stocking Stuffers!!



# Check with the O'Briens for Additional Items



Steering Box Lube \$18.00



Soluble Oil \$4.00



Slip Plate \$7.00



Orange Cap \$9.25



Orange Cap \$9.25



Lg Patch \$15.00



Blue Cap \$9.25



Denim Cap \$12.00



Polo Shirt \$23-\$25

# People Getting Out and About This Month



**FOR SALE:** 1931 Model A Deluxe Coupe, stock engine and 714-524-2140, Email: ifowo@earthlink.net



**FOR SALE:** 1929 Model A engine. Complete with clutch assembly and transmission. It was indicated to me that it had been overhauled 1000 miles ago. The head and manifolds are nearly new. The man who overhauled the engine became crippled and put a four cylinder escort engine with an automatic transmission in his A. \$600 Contact Hal Noring at 310-880-5494.



## What You Missed

By: Esther Goff

Our club celebrated International Model A Day on Saturday, September 19. The tour was talked up as a "Mystery Tour". Panera Bread was the starting point. (As if there was any other place to begin?)

We meandered through numerous hills and switchback turns on true country backroads. Those Model A's took it all in true fashion and hugged the curves and grades with ease. Henry Ford knew a good thing when he invented this car.

Our first stop was at the infamous Silverado Café in Silverado Canyon.

Everyone bellied up to the tables and indulged ourselves in a hearty breakfast. Huge portions and fair low prices. Unheard of in this day and the food was good. After two hours here, we left.

Did you know that Don Ratzlaff personally visits the tour stops, on his own free time, prior to club visits? He checks the places out and depends on his canny knowledge of what the members would like and dislike. Good food and lots of it, fair prices and nice ambience are high on his checklist. Next time you see Don, give him a big high five.

When then left for our next stop. Frank Reese led this part of the tour onto another interesting route to Ruby's Diner at the Orange Train Depot. Frank made it clear he wanted us to drive through the ritzy areas of Villa Park and Orange Park Acres along with the renowned Orange Circle, where merging onto traffic is a challenge. But, most of the other motorists were waving to us and letting us in. Won't see that often.

Guess what? We had desserts here. Huge ice cream sundaes, sodas, malts, and whatever else the men could consume. YES, we ate again!!

As the day got really hot and no one has any air conditioning, it was decided the cut the tour off here. It was already 2pm. But, what a fantastic time we had. The whole day was in a relaxed manner, no rushing, giving us time to share stories, mechanical info and to enjoy our friendships.

Deadline for submissions for the next **Distributor** is October 25, 2015  
Submit all articles and ads to  
tissysmith1@gmail.com  
or mail to P.O. Box 10595  
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## Next General Meeting

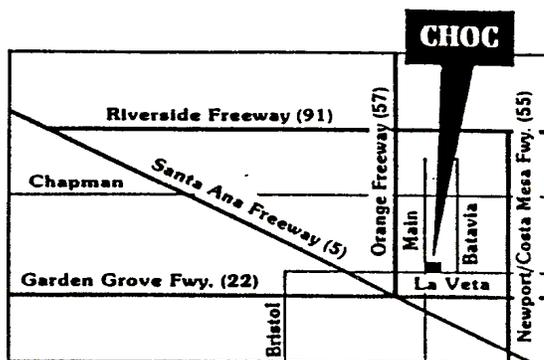
7:30 PM

[Second Thursday of every month]

October 8, 2015

CHOC Hospital Complex

455 South Main Street, Orange, CA



From Main Street, turn east on to Providence Ave. and immediately on your right, enter the structure and park on the second level. Meetings are held in Building 2 in the Wade Education Center-2nd Floor. Access meeting room through the double door entry off the 2nd Floor parking structure

We are on the Web!  
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