

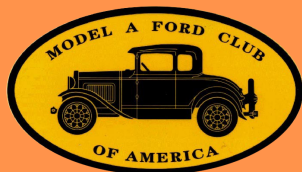
Orange County Model A Ford Club

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55 Years



The friendships formed at meetings, tours, seminars and everything in between last forever for Model A'ers



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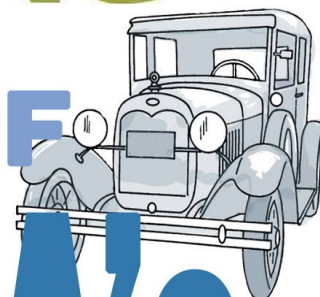
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55 Years SHARING

Orange County
Model A Ford Club

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Join us for the dessert potluck to
celebrate at the Aug. General Meeting



Don Ratzlaff
President

President's Message

Whew! It sure has been hot! It's only July 25th; what will it be like in August and September? Then again, did you know that Christmas is only 152 days away from today? You can thank me later for that thought.

Hey, hope you benefited from the glass installation session held at Don Geisen's shop on 7/16. And don't forget, we had a nice 'Pot Luck' dinner over at Hart Park on 7/14. It was well attended with food for all. Curtis Buck even drove his 1932 Packard

that he has been restoring; nice. Then there was the Lyon Museum display of vintage Mercedes Cars on 7/22. If you missed those events you can view pictures posted on the club web site. I know the hot weather takes some of the fun out of driving your Model A; if that is the case, drive your modern car and enjoy the outing!

So, what's coming up? I see we have the 4th Thursday Breakfast, scheduled for 7/28, at the "Old World Restaurant" in Huntington Beach. Should be fun, a good breakfast set in a replica of small European village with lots of shops, etc. Remember, only 152 days away! Of course there will be the BS Breakfast on the 6th of August followed by the Club meeting at CHOC on the 11th. Then there will be a Tech Seminar on Fly Wheel and Housing installation at Rick Hall's home in Orange on the 13th of August. If you plan on attending the tour to/of Idyllwild for the weekend of October 14-16 make your reservations now. I'm told the rooms are filling up fast. Be sure to check the newsletter and website for other activities.

There is some thought about having a 'pot-luck' dessert table at the August Club Meeting. It would be something like "bring your favorite dessert (serving for six)" to be enjoyed at break-time. Watch for additional information (email, newsletter, web-site) as time passes.

Now I'll repeat myself: Remember, it's not too early to start thinking about next year; who will be the new club president, club treasurer, club secretary or club chair-person, etc. Let's keep the club robust, viable and active; don't be shy, talk to Joe Goff; share your ideas.

Thaaaaaat's all folks,

Enjoy, Don R



Interested in volunteering for a single event? How about the Progressive Brunch on October 8th? We are looking for someone to host the dessert course. If that's your "sweet spot", please call Sheila Plotkin (714-962-2117) or Karen Gaynor (714-964-0072).



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Welcome!

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar

Aug 5 (Fri) San Diego Auto Museum, Star Car Exhibit includes display of cars from blockbuster movies and movie "Almost Famous", Balboa Park, 2080 Pan American Plaza, San Diego, 92101 \$5, R-rated, no children, bring lawn chair, tickets at door or Sally at 619-398-0301, 8PM



Aug 6 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange



Aug 11 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. In celebration of our 55th year, we will be sharing a potluck dessert at the break. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM

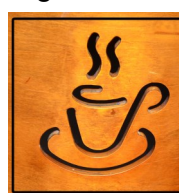
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Marywood Dr, Orange 92867



Aug 13 (Sat) Technical Seminar 10AM Flywheel and Flywheel Housing Installation at Rick Hall's home, 3532 E Marywood Dr, Orange 92867



meeting at 6PM

Sep 10 (Sat) International Model A Day

Aug 25 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast 8:30AM at Schooner or Later, 241 N Marina Dr, Long Beach 90803, 562-430-3495. For info contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194

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

Sep 8 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. Guests are always welcome. Board



Sep 17 (Sat) Technical Seminar—Auto Detailing at 9AM at Don Geisen's shop, 2301 I Moulton Parkway, Suite H-1, Laguna Hills, 92653

Sep 19-22 MARC Tour, Hudson Valley tour, Newburgh, NY



Sep 22 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast 8:30AM TBD For info contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194

Oct 8 Progressive Brunch hosted by Sheila Plotkin and Karen Gaynor. More details soon.

Oct 14-16 Idyllwild Tour hosted by Arthur Wright Currently, the plan is to leave on 10/14, check in to motel and spend that afternoon and evening in Idyllwild. On 10/15, after breakfast, there will be a short tour of the area, (Continued Page 9)

Swap Meets/Car Shows

Aug 7 (Sun) Long Beach Hi Performance Swap Meet & Car Show, Veterans Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St., Long Beach, 6am-1pm

Aug 13 (Sat) 12th Annual Rock 'n Roll Car Show. Rock-Ola Juke Box Factory, 2335 208th St, Torrance. 10am to 2pm.

Aug 14th (Sun) 9th Annual Wounded Warrior Car Show. Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center, 1935 Manhattan Beach Blvd, Redondo Beach, CA. Open to all pre-1974 Show Cars. 9am—3pm. Gates open 7am.

Aug 14 (Sun) Pomona Car Show & Swap Meet at the Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave., Pomona, 91768, 5am-2pm

Aug 21 (Sun) 51st Classic Car Show & Parts Exchange, Rancho San Antonio Boys Home, 21000 Plummer St, Chatsworth, 6am-12pm

Sep 11 (Sun) Santa Margarita Ford Car Show

Sep 25 (Sun) 55th Annual Antique Car and Swap Meet, Western Little League Regional Headquarters, 6707 N Little League Dr, San Bernardino, 6am-3pm, admission free



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Please Note: Some information contained in our newsletter has been reprinted from other newsletters; we thank and acknowledge them.

A Model A Reflection**By: Curtis Buck**

Today I went to the Model A tech seminar on windows. It was a well-attended event and I knew many of the people there, even though I've been mostly absent for several years. I drive a non-Ford, but was welcomed just the same and the window technology applies to my car as well as the Model A Ford.

Many thanks to Don Geisen for sharing his man cave with the bunch of us. He had all the necessary tools and work areas as well as enough floor space for the bunch of us to gather around the work and instruction moments to see and participate and take notes.

Today the group worked on a window for 3 cars. First was a driver's door window for a 2 door sedan, second was the windshield for a coupe and third was the windshield for a station wagon. In all three cases I can definitely say many hands made a difficult job pleasurable.

Watching the work on the 2 door sedan exposed me to many of the frustrations and successes one discovers while restoring an old car. This activity required the window regulator to be removed from the door multiple times and the regulator to be adjusted lubricated and even altered. Some of the frustration with the parts coming out and the ones going in were typical for such a restoration. In this case the old regulator had a broken spring hub shaft making it difficult to raise and lower the window. The new part needed much altering and shaping and ultimately didn't fit the repair that was desired. At the end of the moment the original regulator returned to the door only this time very well lubricated and the window operated satisfactorily until other restoration arrangements could be made.

The coupe windshield needed help fitting screws through the new rubber seal. Windshields are heavy and awkward and breakable and so this is a repair that one person really shouldn't try to tackle by themselves. Today there were many willing and knowledgeable hands to help with this task. Even though all the screws were not completely installed today's help got the most of them in and the car owner can complete the task on his own.

The station wagon is being completely restored and today got a new windshield glass installed into a fully restored windshield frame. Again many hands really helped in this effort. Again new materials didn't work the first time and in this case the rubber that wraps around the glass in the frame was the wrong size the first time and so the glass had to come completely out and a different rubber seal installed with the glass.

Today's adventure was a clear reminder to me that a restoration process is not a clearly defined science. Often the tasks of fitting and replacing parts and modifying old parts are required. This means that frequently things must be assembled and again disassembled until the right fit and the correct operation are achieved. Restoration of anything can be very frustrating with little to show for the effort, but with so many supporters around courage is rallied and tasks become possible and resulting smiles on the project owner's faces makes it all worth the effort.

...and me. I took home a bunch of notes so when it comes to my turn I have a better idea of what to expect and also a better idea of what should be tackled by more hands than only mine.

Historian's Corner

Dick Smith, Club Historian/Librarian

This month we continue the three part look at the 1931 160 A, B, C series. Today we feature the **160 B DeLuxe Slant Window Town Sedan**. The purpose of this series of articles is to highlight the differences between the 160 A, B, C. To accomplish this we looked last month at **Gerry and Sherry Reid's** restored 160 A Standard Sedan. This month we will feature **Dick and Carmen Smith's** restored 160B.



1931 Model 160 B Slant Windshield

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In 1931 Fords sales were plummeting, Ford was losing about \$75 every time it sold a car. Ford tried desperately to cut his losses. He tried styling changes to some models. He decided to introduce more Deluxe models and expand its truck and commercial lines. **The 160 A Std** interior came with front rubber floor material, no interior sun visor. All window trim was painted a maroon color. There were no arm rests, the upholstery was a check wool and did not have a seat strap for rear passenger lap blankets. The dome light was in the ceiling center.



160 A front seating compartment

The 160B Town Sedan has additional exterior features. It features cowl lights, and many additional color combinations. In June, Ford began to offer colored spoke wheels to match the body stripe on all DeLuxe closed passenger types, but not including the Victoria, Town Sedan or Cabriolet. On those models, as well as the Standard types, a charge for color was \$5.00. The standard colors were black, Chicle Drab, Kewanee Green, Maroon, Brewster Green Medium, some other colors were available thru the dealer; this 160 B as shown in



160A Standard Sedan exterior

Rubelite Red, a color requiring special order. This color became available on COMMERCIAL vehicles after Sept. 1930 through 1931. (Continued on Page 7)



New Members: Please consider joining Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) at www.mafca.com/membership.html. MAFCA's members are dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of Ford vehicles of that era.



(Cont'd from Page 6) the interior now featured mohair upholstery, Arm rests, lap robe strap on the rear of the front seat. The dome light was moved to the rear. Front and rear carpet.

Next month we finish the series with the 160C Blind back Town Sedan.

Andy Rooney wrote "I've learned...That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks."

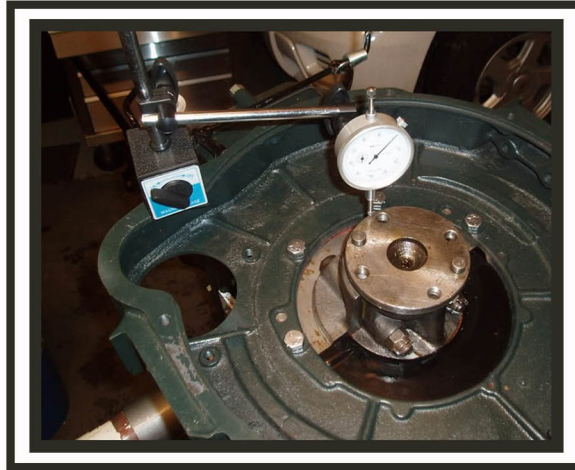
We had fun... That is a polite way of saying we didn't win! Preston raced against the car that won 2nd place overall in his very first heat—and literally lost by inches. If only it was a double elimination race! Andrew also lost his first heat of the day and was out. On a positive note, the boys finished 1st and 2nd in the "mini-car" race, an event similar to Cub Scout pinewood derby racing. Now we need to figure out how to win in the big cars!

Dave is working on starting up a Soap Box Derby Race program in Orange County. If you have kids or grandkids ages 7-19 that may be potential racing drivers, please contact Dave. He is going to need lots of help and support, so anyone that can pitch in would be very appreciated. He can be reached at [949-243-5210](tel:949-243-5210) or dknapp@dslextreme.com

Knapp Boys Soap Box Derby Update



Don't Miss This Month's Seminar on Flywheel & Flywheel Housing Installation



Reference: Les Andrews Vol. 1 p.2-22

Saturday
August 13th
10:00am

Rick Hall's House
3532 E. Marywood Dr
Orange 92867



SUNSHINE & SORROW

By Marilyn Hawkins

July was a sad month as we lost two of our members. **Mike Watson** passed away July 3rd due to heart complications. His celebration of life was attended by the OCMAF club and Mike's hot rod club members. A beautiful floral basket was delivered for the services.

Then on July 7th **Eleanore Shaner** passed away. She and her husband are long-time members (1986) and now reside in Colorado. A sympathy card and plant were sent to their home.

Bill Hatcher spent a couple of days in the hospital on July 14-17 due to kidney problems. The Hatchers missed the picnic but were there in our thoughts and concerns. A comical get well card was mailed to his home.

Step back and remember what's most important...you!
Take care of your health.

Join us for good food
and company

Fourth Thursday
Breakfast Bunch

August 25th 8:30 am

Schooner or Later
241 N Marina Dr
Long Beach, CA 90803
562-430-3495

Info: Terry Collings
714-970-7194

Auto Detailing Seminar



Saturday, September 17th 9:00 am
Don Geisen's Shop
23011 Moulton Parkway, Bldg H-1
Laguna Hill, CA 92653

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then travel out to Arthur Wright's home for a light lunch. Spend the afternoon with planned activities followed by dinner. Then enjoy evening activities and a return to the motel. On the morning of 10/16 we will have breakfast and check out of motel. Set up for the tour back to Orange County. Hotels are filling up fast so make your reservations asap. Recommended motels are Bluebird Cottage Inn (Model A discount) or Fireside Inn

Dec 5-8 National Awards Banquet, Reno, NV

October 8th 10:30am Progressive

Appetizers Main Course Desserts



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The Model A Touring Club is planning a great California Lost Coast Tour— September 11th to 19th and will showcase the coast of Northern California and Southern Oregon. You will enjoy the quaint towns, the exquisite redwoods of the rain forest, the wine country, the jet boats of the Rogue River, delicious food and incomparable fellowship of Model A companions. See <http://modelatouring.club/schedule.html> for Application or Contact Gil Sissons, 707-462-0344 or gsissons@comcast.net



Fun Fact: In the late 1960s and 1970s, there was an influx of hippies in Idyllwild, which changed the nature of the town and alarmed many longtime residents. Timothy Leary lived on a ranch in nearby Garner Valley, with the ranch serving as the headquarters of The Brotherhood of Eternal Love. Currently the ranch encampment in Garner Valley is operated by Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times as a year-round retreat for children with cancer and their families.



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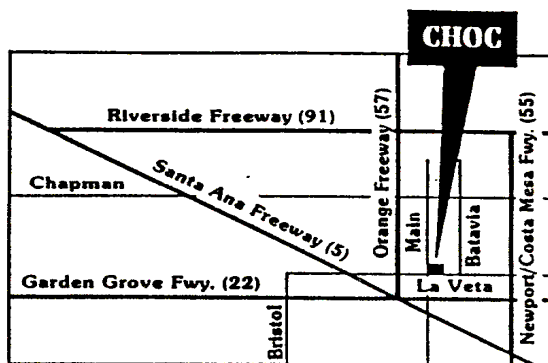
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[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting August 11, 2016

CHOC Hospital Complex

455 South Main Street, Orange, CA



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