

Orange County  
Model A Ford Club



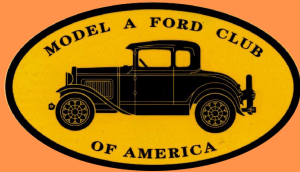
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Our new Technical Director is planning an educational seminar on the 2nd Saturday of the month—mark your calendars



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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**55<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Pancake Breakfast**  
**Sunday, April 10, 2016**  
**Hart Park, 701 S Glassell St., Orange, CA**

Breakfast from 8am-11am  
Pancakes, sausage, eggs  
juice & hot coffee

Bring your Model A,  
family & friends for  
a great time  
Expecting 300+  
Model A's on display  
Many opportunity drawings

For more info contact:  
Frank Reese at 714-348-2507  
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**COME TO THE  
GENERAL MEETING  
on 2/11 at 7:30pm  
Hear our Guest  
Speaker from  
HAGERTY  
INSURANCE**

## President's Message



**Don Ratzlaff**  
**President**

So how is the new year treating you? So far, so good? Is the Model A running okay? We had our "first-of-the-year" seminar on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of January. Who would believe that we had almost 40 participants attending? Actually, it went pretty smooth, no 9-11 calls were made and the donuts and coffee rationed well. We accomplished an electrical wiring overhaul and there was no smoke at the completion. Leonard Nettles brought quite a few Model A items, FREE, to the attending members. That went over WELL as you can imagine. Those members benefiting generously made donations to the club treasury in Leonard's name. Let me note here that the February Technical Session is scheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup> and will

be on distributors. Additional information is contained within the newsletter.

We will be having a speaker from the Hagerty Insurance Co. at the February Club Meeting. If you have specific questions you would like answered, please submit them to Scott Limbrock at [sbl@cox.net](mailto:sbl@cox.net) and he will coordinate with the speaker. For the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will have a speaker from the California Highway Patrol and again, if you have specific questions, please submit them to Scott as above.

As you know, there are only the February and March meetings before the Pancake Breakfast occurs (April 10, 2016). That is not a lot of time so, please consider helping Frank Reese, Richard Bolls and Mark Schwing with their planning and scheduling.

The Orange County Fair Event-Center will again be sponsoring the "IMAGINOLOGY" event. It takes place at the Orange County Fairgrounds on April 15, 16 and 17. It features exhibits in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. The event provides "free" family-friendly activities for Orange County youths of all ages. The OCMAFC has again been invited to showcase member Model A's and car information for the youthful attendees. Club members Chris Guntz and Colleen Schmidt are the chair persons for this event and are actively soliciting members to sign up to display their cars. Unfortunately, the CCRG Jamboree will also be held on the weekend of April 15, 16 and 17. Decisions! Decisions!

And last, but not least, there was a driving tour to the Toyota Museum in Torrance, scheduled for Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. By time you read this it will be history; I know you will have had a good time so, tell me about it.

Now then, keep driving the Model A's; keep your good humor and let's make 2016 a fun year.

Don

The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI) is starting a free membership program for one young person (under 21) from each local Model A Club. Membership includes the quarterly MAFFI newsletter sent by email, an iron-on museum patch for jacket or cap and one year FREE admission to the Model A Ford Museum and the Gilmore Car Museum in Michigan. Check [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org) and click on "Become a Member" for more information and the application. This offer is good through 2016 for a year from the date the application is received and is limited to one free membership per club.

## Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



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

contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194



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



**Apr 10 (Sun)** Pancake Breakfast, Hart Park, Orange. See Frank Reese if you would like to volunteer.



**Feb 11 (Thu)** General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. Guest speaker will be a representative from Hagerty Insurance. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM



**Mar 10 (Thu)** General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. Guest speaker will be a representative



**Apr 15-17** Imaginology [STEAM] at Orange County Fair-



**Feb 13 (Sat)** Technical Seminar on distributor rebuilding, to be held at Rick & Louise Hall's home, 3532 E Marywood Dr, Orange, 92867. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

from the California Highway Patrol. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM



**Mar 24 (Thu)** Fourth Thursday Breakfast ~ location to be determined at 8:30AM.

grounds. Looking for volunteers to stimulate interest in Model A's. Contact Colleen Schmidt at 724-524-2659. Event is free.

For info contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194

**Apr 7-9** MARC Membership meeting, Flint, Michigan

**Apr 15-17** CCRG Jamboree - a full weekend of activities, tours, great food, moonlight boat rides and entertainment. The host hotel is The Homewood Suites in Clovis, CA. 559-292-4004 Ask for "Sierra Model A Ford Club" to receive the Group rate. Info: Bill Jones, 559-355-3994



**Feb 25 (Thu)** Fourth Thursday Breakfast at Ruby's Diner, 186 N Atchinson St., Orange 92866, 714-639-7829 (at the train station) at 8:30AM. For info

## Swap Meets/Car Shows

**Feb 14 (Sun)** Long Beach Hi Performance Swap Meet & Car Show, Veterans Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St., Long Beach, 6am-1pm

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

**Mar 6 (Sun)** Pomona Car Show & Swap Meet at the Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave., Pomona, 91768, 5am-2pm

**Mar 13 (Sun)** Long Beach Hi Performance Swap Meet & Car Show, Veterans Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St., Long Beach, 6am-1pm

**Apr 10 (Sun)** Long Beach Hi Performance Swap Meet & Car Show, Veterans Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St., Long Beach, 6am-1pm

**Apr 17 (Sun)** Pomona Car Show & Swap Meet at the Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave., Pomona, 91768, 5am-2pm

**May 8 (Sun)** Long Beach Hi Performance Swap Meet & Car Show, Veterans Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St., Long Beach, 6am-1pm

## What You Missed—Installation Banquet

By Esther Goff

Out with the old, and in with the new year, was highly celebrated by our members at our installation and banquet dinner held at the Elks Lodge in Fullerton. What a truly rousing crowd of 76 people enjoying a very festive meal. The Lodge went all out in providing a wide assortment of appetizers to stimulate our taste buds, that was followed by a main course of a mixed green salad, pasta salad, salmon, roast beef, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies and rolls. It was good!!

So now we can start our diets. Have I mentioned before that our club travels on our stomachs along with the Model A's? Dessert was cheesecake - need I say more?

A couple of games were played and one that required some physical ability. Can you believe a genie appeared and covered the floor with bubble wrap, and many joined in stomping the bubbles till they popped with a loud bang! Now close your eyes and in your wildest imagination, envision all these adolescents (grown ups) jumping up and down, laughing and poking fun with one another. Yes, this is the mindset of our members and your friends! Who says the graying generation doesn't know how to have fun?!!

A special thank you to our illustrious leader, Don, who made the Model A standards raffled off at each table. He tells me many long hours went into crafting each one. He has a lot of imagination and talent.

As an afterthought, the first Saturday breakfast is really bringing the group together. During the past months, we have been having 29-30 men show up and 6-8 women. So get on out there and enjoy the friendship of your fellow club members; this is a truly relaxing way to start the day.

## History of the Automatic Transmission

By Rob Wagner  
eHow Contributor

An automatic transmission allows a vehicle to change gear ratios from a gearbox without requiring its driver to use a shift lever or a clutch. Its origins date to 1894, when the modern automatic transmission was introduced by Frenchmen Louis-Rene Panhard and Emile Levassor. Ten years later, the concept was improved by the Sturtevant brothers in Boston, Massachusetts.

(On right, General Motors, Mercedes-Benz AG, BMW AG)

### Sturtevant's Transmission



The Sturtevant brothers developed the two-forward-speed automatic transmission, but metal technology at the time was primitive and the gearbox was prone to failure due to the stress of changing gear ratios.

### Reo Tries It

Automaker Reo developed the Self-Shifter in 1934 that basically used two transmissions: one used at ordinary speeds and the second when low gear was required to

slow the car.

### Breakthrough

In 1940, General Motors' Oldsmobile marketed a reliable version, the Hydra-Matic, which combined a fluid coupling with three planetary  
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**Please Note: Some information contained in our newsletter has been reprinted from other newsletters; we thank and acknowledge them.**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**OCMAFC General Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 7, 20165**  
**Wade Education Center @ CHOC**  
**48 in attendance**



President Don Ratzlaff called the group together at 7:30 pm.

Terry Collings led the flag salute.

**CLUB GREETER:** Doris Marshall had no joke for the first time and there were no visitors. Doris reminded the group that this is her 12th year as Greeter and if there is anyone else who would like to do this, step up. (No one did).

November MINUTES were approved, Rick Hall motion, 2nd Carol.

No meeting in December.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Tom reported a year-end net gain of \$469.11 with sufficient funds to meet 2017 budget and pancake breakfast expenses.

**ACTIVITIES:** Frank Reese provided an overview of plans for 2017, listed separately in newsletter. Pancake Breakfast plans going forward for April 10, sign up sheets for various areas of need available tonight and at Feb and March meetings. Members are encouraged to participate in the Central California Regional Group (CCRG) event the weekend of 4/17 as a club tour. Host hotel is The Homewood Suites in Clovis, (559-292-4004) Sponsored by Sierra Model A Ford Club.

**HARD LUCK TROPHY:** Phil Joujon-Roche shared his tale of woe with his fan belt and fan blades. There were no other candidates; therefore, Phil took the coveted trophy home once again.

**TECHNICAL:** Ken Blankshain, newly elected Director announced his first seminar to be held at Richard Parrish's garage in Anaheim on 1/16 on electrical/wiring issues. Others listed in newsletter.

**SUNSHINE/SORROW:** Marilyn Hawkins reported ongoing health issues with Ed Cote' and Esther Goff. Dale McCall is recovering from surgery.

**4TH THURSDAY BREAKFAST:** Terry Collings has made arrangements with "WINGS" Restaurant at the Fullerton Airport, 8:30 am.

**NAME BADGE DRAWING:** Marilyn Hawkins' name was drawn.

**MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:** Currently @ \$20.00. Dave Rivard's name was drawn, but he was not present. Members are encouraged to call Dave who is going through some health issues and could use help with his car.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Bev Marsh reported that long time member Richard Krist has died recently.

**Web Page:** Don R. reports the Web Provider has gone out of business and help is needed to make the web page more user friendly. Contact Don if you can help with the calendar page. Currently Pete Hyland manages the membership section. **REFRESHMENTS** were provided by Joanie Harris & Louise Hall.

**BANQUET:** Sunday January 8 h has been confirmed to be held at Fullerton Elks Club.

Submitted by Kathie McCall, Secretary

*happy valentine's day*

**HISTORIAN'S CORNER****By Dick Smith**

This month, the **"Historians Corner"** will look at an easy solution to a common problem.

Does my over-drive have enough oil for my planned outing?

This month let's look at a solution regarding the amount of oil in my overdrive, or lack of oil.

We all know that when our Model A engine stops dripping oil on the garage floor, it's time to add another 5 quarts. I know that's an old joke, but it's kind of a truism. But what about the overdrive?

Here is one inexpensive way to solve that issue.



This is a picture showing the ease of seeing the oil level in the sight gauge. This is a different brand, but the same principal.

Purchase a Model T oil sight gauge from (example) Snyder's, [www.snydersantiquequto.com](http://www.snydersantiquequto.com), part # T-3079-SG, currently under \$15.00 plus tax & shipping. The only other part you will need is a 1/4 inch street el. The fitting it's a 90 NPT (National Pipe Thread) fitting that has a male on one side, female on the other; this el can be purchased at any ACE hardware or Home Depot or other hardware stores. The Kit pictured below comes from Snyder's.

To install the oil sight gauge kit.

\* Raise the car safely onto jack stands.

\* Drain the overdrive oil into a clean pan.

\* Remove the bottom overdrive cover.

\* Drill and tap for the 1/4 inch male street el.

\* Teflon tape or use pipe thread sealer on the male thread of the el and tighten the fitting. Be easy on the tightening as some adjustment for location of the sight glass may be desired.

\* Now attach the 2 1/2 inch nipple and sight glass again using your chosen thread sealer.

\* Silicone the edges of the bottom cover and re-install with your cleaned or new bolts.

\* Refill the unit and check for leaks.

That's all there is to it. No more fingers in a fill hole to check fluid levels. Just look under the car (see first picture)

If you need to see one installed, come on over, as the picture shown is of my car.

Dick Smith, Club Historian

To suggest stories or articles you would like to read, or to submit a story or article, please e-mail me at [modeladick@yahoo.com](mailto:modeladick@yahoo.com)



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### Fourth Thursday Breakfast Brunch

February 25th 8:30 am

Ruby's Diner, 186 N Atchison St, Orange 92866 (714-639-7829)

Info: Terry Collings (714-970-7194)

## A Day at the Movies (Making Movies with Model A Fords)

By: Rick Hall

Last fall, our club was contacted by a representative from MovieCars, a company that arranges for privately owned cars to be used as props for the movie industry in the Los Angeles area. Frank Reese, Terry Carey and I (Rick Hall) signed up and were called to work on Dec. 16.



The film will be called "Live by Night" starring and directed by Ben Affleck. It's set in the 1930's in locations like Tampa, Florida and Connecticut. The scenes we were called for were filmed at the docks in San Pedro. We traveled in the wee hours of the morning to arrive by the 5:00 a.m. start time. This is a Sony Pictures – MGM Studios (Burbank) production. Everything was first class, including the set design and filming equipment, complete era outfits for all drivers and about twenty dock workers and a cruise ship quality buffet breakfast and lunch. There were about twenty era cars used. Great attention to detail was evident on the sets, including "dusting" of the cars to reflect the roads of the day and era/location correct license plates. Mine were changed three times that day!



There was a lot of standing around time, but we had a good time visiting with drivers from other Model A and T clubs, and the filming process and preparations were fascinating to watch. I was truly impressed with the professionalism of the MGM employees. They were friendly, patient and kind to us "newbies." These people loved what they were doing.

We did get to see Ben Affleck up close. His car in the movie is a 1930 Lincoln dual cowed phaeton. He arrived and departed the sets in a long black custom built limousine.

Filming was completed at three different sets around the docks that day. My car was used in only set, while Frank's and Terry's were used in two. We finished up around 3:00 p.m. that day and set out on busy roads to find our way home. It was a fun day, and they paid us to boot!



### February Technical Seminar Distributor Rebuilding

February 13th at 9:30am

At Rick Hall's House

3532 E. Marywood Drive

Orange, CA 92867



# Photos by Christine Gunst and Ken Blankshain



# January Technical Seminar







**IMAGINOLOGY:** Encouraging young people to explore, discover, and connect with Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM). This is a 3-day, family-friendly event featuring S.T.E.A.M.-related exhibits, hands-on activities for all ages, contests, entertainment, food and more.

The Club will be participating again with a Model A Ford exhibit at the OC Fairgrounds.

This is an opportunity for our club to stimulate interest in the Model A Ford and share its history with today's youth and families. We will be provided with space to exhibit 3 Model A's and will need volunteers to help man the booth each day, or for part of a day. Please contact Colleen Schmidt at 714-524-2659 or, just come and enjoy the day. *Admission is free.*



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

## NEW MEMBERS CHANGES CORRECTIONS

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**DeBeikes**, Richard & Bryn: 1929 pickup (rather than 1930); ph 949-854-5340

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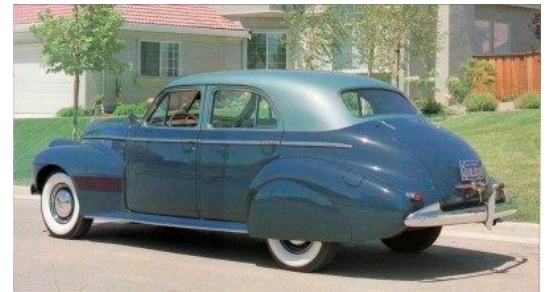
gearsets that were hydraulically controlled.

### Breakthrough

The Hydra-Matic was soon offered in Cadillacs and Pontiacs, but World War II interrupted mass production for all civilian models and was converted to military uses.



[http://www.ehow.com/facts\\_5019874\\_history-automatic-transmission.html](http://www.ehow.com/facts_5019874_history-automatic-transmission.html)



### Sunshine and Sorrow



working, fun-loving guy.

Delivered pink daisy mums to Sue Brand as her husband Hal Brand passed away December 17<sup>th</sup>. He had a heart attack and went very fast, which is a blessing. Member since 1998.

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

### By Marilyn Hawkins

Visited Ed Cote in the hospital in early December when he was diagnosed w/ pneumonia. After extensive tests and being in the hospital for more than a week, he was released w/an oxygen tank. We all saw him at our annual awards banquet...he tires easily and will need some time to recover. He would love to hear from you; send cards and/or call him.

Richard Krist, better known as "RAK" recently passed away of bone cancer. RAK was president of OCMAFC in 1970. He and his family were very involved in club for many years. Those who knew him, have fond memories of a hard-



**FOR SALE:** 1931 model A coupe~It's kind of a barn find (not registered since 73 ). Clear title and extra parts. \$4,000 Call Don Geisen at 949-690-2828

**FOR SALE:** Model A-1931 Standard Coupe that is Washington blue with black reveals and black fenders. Cream pinstripe and cream wheels. Medium brown cloth interior. Standard model with trunk. Spare tire in rear. The paint has a nice patina with some checking and some very light cloudiness. The cowl lights are



wired as turn signals. Turn signals also installed in bumpers. Third brake light in rear window. 12 Volt system with halogen headlights. LED taillights. Completely serviced recently by Jim Nichol. Brake floater kit added to front brakes. Body panels and fenders are all Henry Ford steel. There is no rust in the body or frame. The leatherette top insert on the roof is slightly lifting at the corners and needs to be reaffixed. This is a very solid and good running driver which has been stored in the garage all of its life. Includes Year of Manufacture license plates and clean California title. A very nice car that I hate to part with, but I just bought a 1930 Roadster Pickup and I can't keep them all. Call Harley Broviak at 949-433-3303 in Corona del Mar. Asking \$13,500. Make me an offer.

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### Next General Meeting

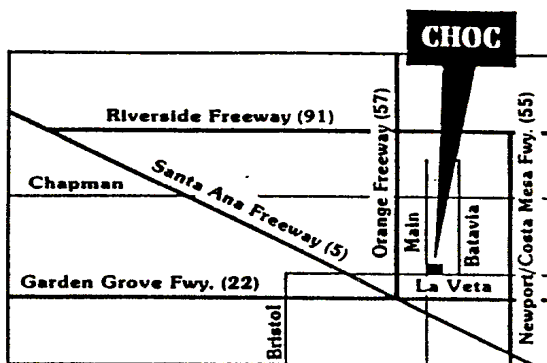
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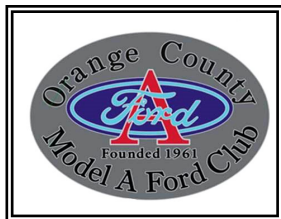
CHOC Hospital Complex

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

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